



The GFWC GLR Communiqué

*"Turning Disabilities
to Abilities One Heartbeat
at a Time"*



Summer 2017

GFWC GLR Officers

President

Lin Wilken
616 North Main Street
Celina, OH 45822
419/586-1228
gobows@bright.net

Vice President

Paula Schlice
2315 Conant Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-344-0637 (Day)
715-341-1235 (Eve)
PS@BusinessConsultantsSTPT.biz

Secretary

Patricia Heitman
24959 S. Gougar Rd.
Manhattan, IL 60442-9311
Home: 815-478-3084
AuntPatty44@gmail.com

Treasurer

(unfilled at this time)

Great Lakes Meetings Coming Up

By GFWC Great Lakes President Lin Wilken (OH)



Congratulations to all of the Great Lakes Leaders for successful conventions celebrating their many fantastic volunteer efforts. I enjoyed the opportunity to attend GFWC Ohio and GFWC Indiana this year and was very impressed. I look forward to attending more GLR state conventions next year.

Summer is here and we are soon headed to Palm Desert, California for the GFWC Convention. I hope to see you at the GLR Luncheon on Sun., June 25.

Unfortunately, I need to share with you that our GLR Treasurer Darlene Berent of GFWC Michigan has submitted her resignation so she may attend to the health of her husband. GFWC Michigan, in keeping with our Standing Rules has proposed a nominee to fill the remainder of the term for GFWC GLR Treasurer and we will introduce the nominee at our luncheon meeting in Palm Desert.

Even though summer is fast approaching we are busy planning for Fall 2017. GFWC Illinois will host the GLR Conference Sept. 14—17, 2017 in Oak Brook, IL. Come early to participate in the murder mystery, "Mystery on the High Seas". Or perhaps you'd like to shop at the premier shopping just across the street. The hotel offers free shuttle ser-

vice to shopping...all you need is time! Additionally, GLR Vice President Paula Schlice has lined up stellar vendors so don't spend all your "mad" money in the mall. A service project with the St. Jude Hospital Partner is planned for Friday afternoon and then on to Illinois State Night. We will be inviting Partners again to give you a better perspective on the myriad of volunteer opportunities GFWC has available for you and your clubs. We also look forward to the information and inspiration provided by our GFWC International President Sheila Shea and GFWC President Elect Mary Ellen Brock.

This Conference will decide our future leadership, celebrate the wonderful Jennie Candidates of the Great Lakes Region, and greet the newest LEADS graduates. So arrive early and stay through Sunday. We'll finish by noon to allow all the sports fans to be home before dinner...well most of you, so you can cheer on your favorite team.

Thank you all for your generous support for the Autism Spectrum project in our region.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you at the Great Lakes Region Luncheon in California.

Lin



*"Turning Disabilities to Abilities One
Heartbeat at a Time"*

GFWC GLR Correspondents

Illinois Shelli R. Fehr, Chairman
GFWC GLR Communiqué Editor
shellifehr@hotmail.com

Illinois Teresa Sanford-Shippett
sanford@abingdon.net

Indiana Joan Wesolowski
ibeski@outlook.com

Michigan Diane Follis
wdfollis@aol.com

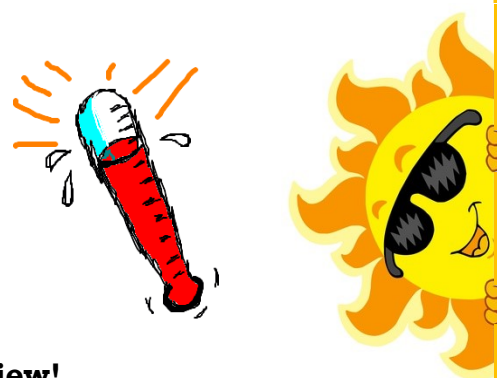
Ohio Yvonne Ford
yvonnemin41@aol.com

Inside this Edition:

- ♦ GFWC Convention
- ♦ State LEADS Candidates
- ♦ Bylaws, Protocol, and Resolutions
- ♦ Campaign for the Future
- ♦ WHRC and GFWC's Strategic Plan

PLUS!

Great Lakes Region Conference Preview!



GFWC Convention—It's Our Time to Shine!

By Debra Strahanoski, GFWC Second Vice President (IL)



It's Our Time to Shine at the 2017 GFWC Annual Convention at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa from June 23-26.

GFWC Clubwomen have had a lot to shine about throughout the year! Join us to celebrate our accomplishments, learn about new initiatives, and participate in the advancement of the organization.

2017 Service Project

The Service Project will be in cooperation with the United Service Organizations (USO). Club members will assist in creating 800 Rack Packs for our veterans returning from deployment. The purpose is to provide our soldiers with the basic necessities needed for their first 48 hours after returning home. The kits will be assembled on Monday, June 26 during the Awards Brunch. **GREAT LAKES REGION members are asked to bring travel-sized Toothpaste.** If you are unable to attend Convention you can still participate. Please consider sending a donation to GFWC Headquarters, checks made payable to GFWC, on your check memo line indicate 2017 Service Project.

Your donation will be used to purchase supplies at the Sam's Club or Costco in Palm Desert at the time of Convention.

Highlights at Convention

Fun events have been planned with interesting speakers and presenters.

- ⇒ California State Night Banquet is Friday, June 23.
- ⇒ Opening Ceremony, Partner Workshops, and Junior Awards Banquet on Saturday, June 24.
- ⇒ GFWC Gala Banquet, GFWC Workshops and Service Project on Monday, June 25.

California Here We Come!!!



GFWC Convention—Junior Events Preview

By Trisha Schafer, GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs (IL)



On Friday, June 23, 2017 the 2016-2018 GFWC JUNIOR BOARD will have its first official gathering of the Convention. The theme for this meeting is: *"Making Connections that Build a Future."*

Later in the day, the Junior Board & State Directors of Junior Clubs meet with the meeting agenda theme of "Even the Hardest Puzzles

have a Solution...." This meeting will include updates from GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Jolie Frankfurth on REPORTING 101 and the MILLIE CROM AWARD.

WORKSHOP—"Using the Strategic Plan" presented by Trisha Schafer and Yvonne Ford, GFWC Strategic Planning Committee Members.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 at 7:30pm is the Junior "ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN BANQUET" where attendees will honor the first recipients of the Millie Crom Award for Excellence in Junior State Leadership and receive awards from our Advocates for Children Partners.



Following the banquet, will be the dessert bar & Junior Fun Night "Dice, Dice, Baby!" sponsored by March of Dimes. MOD has been a GFWC Partner for many years!

There will be fun surprises at the USO event – Monday, June 26th Award Brunch!

We hope to see many of our Great Lakes Region Federation Sisters in California in June!



In the winter... Do you wish you were somewhere warm? The GFWC Junior sponsored trip—Volun-TOUR Aruba is set for January 25-28, 2018. The trip website has been updated with the pertinent information and we would love for you to consider joining in this wonderful interaction with our GFWC Affiliate Club, the Women's Club of Aruba. Reserve your room! Check out: www.gfwcuniortour.com

GFWC LEADS—Bringing Women Together

By Elena Lipinski, GFWC Illinois LEADS Candidate



Attending the GFWC LEADS Seminar in June promises to be an exciting experience. It will afford each state candidate the opportunity to **meet and greet** other GFWC club women from across the nation for the first time as we all gather together in Desert Palm. As we discover how other clubs, districts and states approach leadership, membership, communications and public relations, this can **spark new ideas** to help our own clubs, districts and states continue to grow and remain strong and healthy. Listening attentively to speakers who are experts in many different fields

such as time management, conflict resolution, how to revitalize stagnant or shrinking clubs, and characteristics of the different generations of clubwomen will **give us new insights and perspectives** on these and other pressing issues. As

*"[GFWC LEADS] will afford each state candidate the opportunity to **meet and greet** other GFWC clubwomen from across the nation for the first time as we all gather together in Palm Desert."*

we brainstorm and exchange ideas with other club women who are living the volunteer spirit in their state, we will be **energized into action**, thus propelling us forward.

Just like the afternoon tea of old used to be a time for gathering together to share the news of the day, the GFWC International LEADS Seminar is the **social networking** of the present. This allows us to expand our number of social contacts as we **make connections** with people that we would be unlikely to have met otherwise. These connections can lead to **collaboration** on projects, both one time and ongoing, and programs which will enhance our individual clubs, districts and states as well as our GFWC organization as a whole. After all, Together Everyone Achieves More through TEAMwork!

Elena Lipinski
GFWC Illinois LEADS candidate

GFWC LEADS—What I Hope to Learn

By Diane LaBree, GFWC Michigan LEADS Candidate



Hello! I am Diane LaBree, the Michigan GFWC LEADS attendee at Convention. Our club, Flushing GFWC, is a small but very dedicated group. One of our members is the President of the East Central District of Michigan, and I learn so much from her about leadership and "how it should be" in Club.

I am hoping to become more active within our club and to get involved with the Board for our District (and hopefully at the State) level in the future. I am looking forward to attending the Convention so that I might learn innovative new ways to help our Michigan clubs acquire new members, as well as suggestions and ideas regarding member retention, which is always challenging in organizations these days. I am excited to learn how to better utilize the resources that are available to us in all aspects of Club.

I am looking very forward to interacting with other LEADS attendees and sharing some meaningful conversations regarding procedures and activities within their clubs. It is my belief that anytime we have the opportunity to share ideas and skills with others, we walk away better informed and with useful information

"It is my belief that anytime we have the opportunity to share ideas and skills with others, we walk away better informed and with useful information we can apply to not only our clubs, but in our own lives."

we can apply to not only our clubs, but in our own lives.

I am currently the Vice President of my chapter, scheduled to become the President for 2018-2020, and I want to learn more

about policies and procedures, as well as parliamentary laws, so that I can better lead my fellow Flushing Women's Club members in their club lives.

I am very motivated for the Convention to begin and for all of the knowledge that I KNOW I will receive there! I am so honored to represent my state of Michigan, and I can't wait to bring back new data and creative ideas to our Michigan clubs!

GFWC LEADS—Learning and Leading

By Brenda Underwood, GFWC Indiana LEADS Candidate



I am the GFWC LEADS attendee from Indiana. My name is Brenda Underwood. I am married to a Vietnam Veteran and have three sons, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

It is an honor to represent Indiana in the LEADS program. I have wanted to attend the LEADS training for several years. I am thrilled to be able to attend this year. My hope is that I can gain insight with the confidence I need to be a good leader. This is my third year as President of my local club, GFWC Fayette County ESO, and my first year as GFWC Indiana Federation of Clubs Secretary. I want to gain the capabilities that I need to serve with commitment and distinction.

I hope to learn how to speak with confidence, how to dress appropriately for all occasions and learn more about the duties I need to be able to have the knowledge to be a good officer.

I would like to be inspired to be able to inspire others as members. I feel GFWC is a great organization and we need new members. I would like to inspire others to be members that take part

"I hope to learn...to be a capable, confident, and committed officer who can inspire others to be good members."

in the programs that would help our communities through volunteer service.

In other words, what I hope to learn at LEADS is to be a capable, confident, and committed officer who can inspire others to be good members.

GFWC LEADS—Creating Opportunities

By Mary Meek, GFWC Wisconsin LEADS Candidate



There are many aspects of attending International Convention that I know will be amazing. However, there are three components that I believe I will find especially beneficial. Let me start by saying that the opportunity to

attend convention as a LEADS candidate is a tremendous honor and very exciting for me. I look forward to learning from the experience of our leadership development team and upon completion of the seminar, I look forward to creating opportunities to share what I learn with fellow clubwomen throughout the state of Wisconsin.

I also look forward to expanding my knowledge about GFWC and the impact that our organization has in communities across the nation and around the world. I appreciate the tremendous impact that

the Rhinelander club has in our community and insight into GFWC's national and global mission will help me to better understand the value of our partnerships and how we can more efficiently and effectively serve our community, our state and our nation addressing both domestic and global concerns.

The opportunity to build community and impactful relationships with women from across the nation for me is very meaningful. I admire the unity and diversity of our organization. I treasure the fellowship shared within our local club and appreciate the collective efforts that come from our shared desires and common goals.

To quote from women who have attended LEADS before me, I know this experience will be invigorating and insightful yet humbling. It is truly an honor to participate.

"...insight into GFWC's national and global mission will help me to better understand the value of our partnerships and how we can more efficiently and effectively serve our community, our state and our nation addressing both domestic and global concerns."

GFWC Convention Fundraising

By Tric Heepe, GFWC Fundraising Committee Member (IN)



If you are lucky enough to be attending GFWC International Convention in Palm Desert, then you may be lucky enough to win a fabulous prize or two! Hopefully, you purchased your California Dreamin'

Raffle tickets when you registered for convention, but if not, you can purchase them at convention. Winners will be announced on Monday morning so you will have time to pack your winnings. There will be an array of prizes ranging from jewelry, wine, maybe a trip or two, GFWC fashion wear, and a whole lot more!

Separate opportunities are available during other functions. Sensational purses (including one from our own Great Lakes favorite vendor Cherie Ditto will be available, along with baskets of California wine, Vera Bradley items, and many other items.

"There will be an array of prizes ranging from jewelry, wine, maybe a trip or two, GFWC fashion wear, and a whole lot more!"

of the opportunities! It will be a lot of fun and very rewarding! Just look for me in the lovely purple apron!

So, support our beloved GFWC and your Fundraising Committee Member and take advantage



Bylaws—Day-to-Day Rules

By Patrice Booze, GFWC Bylaws Committee Member (OH)



What are bylaws? Bylaws are the most important legal document of any organization, whether it is a corporation, association, partnership or not for profit

club. Bylaws outline in writing the day-to-day rules for your organization and provide comprehensive guidelines to keep things running smoothly.

Should every club have bylaws? YES!!!! Let's think of bylaws as government by impartial law, not the changing whims of leaders or members. Bylaws enable members to determine what rules they can all agree with and abide by, and yet allow the members to make amendments when the organization grows and changes. These rules ensure stability, continuity, and structure, especially during times of rapid growth or when there are not many veteran members to guide the new members in the business of the club.

Every member who joins the club should be given a copy of the bylaws and it should be impressed upon them to read and understand them. All members should obey the bylaws. This prevents many problems. If there are bylaws the members are opposed to, it is better to change them than not to obey them.

"Let's think of bylaws as government by impartial law, not the changing whims of leaders or members."

Same is true with our GFWC organization. The GFWC Bylaws are available to all members on the GFWC website <http://www.gfwc.org/>. On the home page go to the tab "What We Do," on the drop down menu go to "Governance" then go down and click on the link "Bylaws." The most recent version of the GFWC Bylaws is available to read, download, and/or print.

The GFWC Bylaws Chairman and Committee are tasked with reviewing annually and making recommendations

to the GFWC Executive Committee any proposed amendments. The proposed amendments are reviewed by the GFWC EC and approved for presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting (Convention).

The GFWC Annual Meeting is being held June 23-26, 2017 in Palm Desert, California. The proposed GFWC Bylaws amendments are located in the Call to Convention in the April+May 2017 GFWC Clubwoman Magazine on pages 18 and 19. Please take time to read the proposals and discuss with your club members so you can be prepared to VOTE.

The Bylaws Committee is looking forward to a productive meeting. See you there!



Protocol—Running Meetings Smoothly

By Marianne Potter, GFWC GLR Protocol Chairman (WI)



The role of the Protocol Chairman at any level is to make sure that the presiding officer's meeting runs smoothly. Little things are important, like ensuring the microphone works properly, the banner is secured, the gavel is available for the presiding officer, the flags are in the correct position, and all special seating is clearly marked by place cards. Work in conjunction with the

Meeting and Convention Chairman to make certain the head table is served first, the room temperature is comfortable, and nothing is impeding the members' view of the head table.

Protocol is in place to eliminate conflicts. Rules of thumb for a head table are as follows:

- The presiding officer is always seated to the right of the lectern.
- The parliamentarian is seated to the left of the lectern unless the presiding officer has a special request.
- Any guest speaker or GFWC officer is seated to the right of the presiding officer.
- All those seated at the head table should have a reason to be there.
- Alternate those seated at the head table according to rank. If there is more than one GFWC officer to bring greetings, the lowest ranking officer should give greetings first.
- Introductions of those seated at the head table should begin to the far left.
- Messages for those at the head table should be delivered

"Little things are important, like ensuring the microphone works properly, the banner is secured, the gavel is available for the presiding officer, the flags are in the correct position, and all special seating is clearly marked by place cards."

discreetly from behind and usually by a page or aid.

The region luncheon is a wonderful opportunity to get together with the members of the region. Since the region members only get together twice a year, the luncheon can be challenging for the Region President to plan for the completion of the necessary business and provide the opportunity for fellowship. All members in attendance need to be cognizant of clues from the president. During the GFWC Annual Convention, the GFWC International President and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs will be

visiting each region to bring greetings. Although the Region President knows this will happen, she is not always aware of exactly when. Be prepared to stand to greet these GFWC officers at a moment's notice. Also, please be prepared to listen to the speakers and reports. There is nothing more frustrating than

preparing a report only to hear side conversations during the presentation.

Protocol and common courtesy go hand in hand to ensure the success of a meeting. The protocol chairman will do her best for the luncheon to run smoothly. Members must also do their best to honor the wishes of the presiding officer and all those in attendance.



Resolutions—Process and Proposals

By Becky Weber, GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman (IL)



The GFWC Resolutions Committee met in December at our Headquarters to review the resolutions for consideration in 2017. Each year 1/4 of the resolutions are reviewed, each resolution is reviewed every four years. Resolutions are divided into each of the six Community Service Programs according to their content.

There were 21 resolutions reviewed without changes, 17 resolutions have proposed changes, seven resolu-

tions were reviewed and recommended to be rescinded and there are four newly proposed resolutions.

The GFWC Resolutions can be found on the website under Resources, click on R and click on the tab for the Resolutions.

The complete list of the proposed changes to be voted on are in the GFWC Clubwoman Convention Issue, pages 20-33. Please review them before the Convention.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: mweber@mtco.com or 309-369-1133.

Campaigning for the Future

By Carol Rich, GFWC Capital Campaign Team Member (IL)



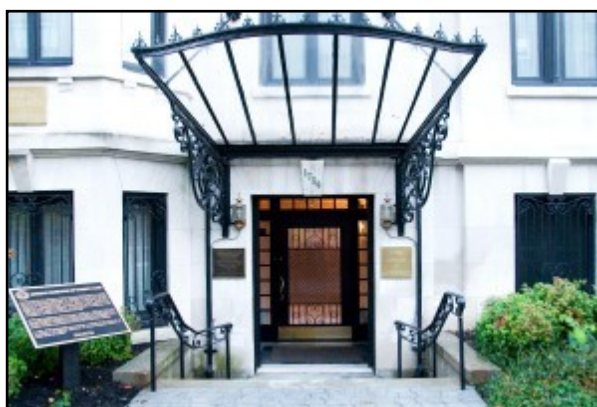
Dear GFWC Great Lakes Region Sisters:

Exciting news from the Campaign for the Future! Our Committee is hosting a booth at the upcoming GFWC Convention in Palm Desert, California! **We will be operating the same days as the vendors starting on Friday, June 23rd and will be available until Monday, June 26th.** Please stop by and visit with whichever one of our team will be there; however, we will be unavailable during the time of the actual Convention, since we don't want to miss a minute of the meetings and presentations.

We are offering GFWC Campaign for the Future flyers as well as Pledge Cards. Each visitor to our booth will receive a sticker to show you are a valued promoter of our GFWC future. In addition, anyone who has contributed to the Campaign will be given a Donor Ribbon; this ribbon will be avail-

able with the other assorted ribbons made available at the Registration Desk. We want to be sure that those who have contributed to this very important fundraising endeavor are recognized as contributing to the future of GFWC.

Why is this Campaign so important you ask? If we want our Federation to continue to be a healthy, active and important organization, it is imperative that we have the funds to continue to be the force in the



world that we currently are. We need the funds to be able to continue operating at a top level, and with the help of all of our members, including you, we can do so! If you have not personally contributed to this most worthwhile cause, please consider donating whatever amount you can. Every little bit can make

all the difference in the world. Please show you care about the future of GFWC and I hope to see you all at Convention in Palm Desert! Travel safely!

Subscribe to the WHRC Newsletter

Fran Leonard, GLR WHRC Chairman (MI)



The Women's History and Resource Center is excited to announce that it will now be opening up its quarterly newsletter to all clubwomen. The WHRC newsletter provides an in-depth look at the celebrated history of GFWC on the national, local, and individual levels. A publication primarily written by clubwomen, the newsletter proudly publishes articles written by you and about your history. The WHRC newsletter is also the best way to stay up-to-date on the latest events and happenings in the Women's History and Resource Center.

To sign up, please visit www.gfwc.org. An enrollment box is located at the bottom on the website, underneath the *News & Notes* sign up. You can also sign up by providing your name, mailing address, email, and club name to GFWC Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org



GFWC Strategically Planning

By Barb Whitaker, GFWC Strategic Planning Committee (OH)



How lucky we, the GFWC Great Lakes Region, are to have not one, but four members serving on the GFWC Strategic Planning Committee. Deb Strahanowski and Trisha Schaffer

issues facing the organization with clear goals, objectives and strategies for achieving each. These six areas, not in any particular order, are Membership, Leadership, Public Awareness, Special Programs and Community Service Programs, Financial Stability, and Management and Governance. The GFWC Core Values of Stewardship, Empowerment, Respect, Vision,

sections of the plan and then, as a whole, the entire plan was discussed and recommended updates were incorporated. These updates will be presented to the GFWC Board of Directors in June for approval. Then the revised plan will be presented to you for implementation.

Please review the GFWC Strategic Plan and the GFWC Core Values Implementation Toolkit and spend some time "dreaming" of the future of your club, your state, and yes, your region. Now is the time to look to the next club year and envision, plan and prepare to implement projects that will

serve by virtue of their positions within the GFWC officer hierarchy. Barb Whitaker was asked to serve and was then joined by the Junior representative Yvonne Ford late summer when the first Junior member had to resign for health reasons.

But, it is not just the four members from Great Lakes and the few others on the committee that will see this through. YOU are part of the success of the GFWC Strategic Plan. A GFWC Core Value Implementation Toolkit, as well as the Plan is available on the GFWC website. The Toolkit gives you suggestions for projects that will enable accomplishment of the goals of the Plan at club through state levels. Without the work of the clubs and states, the Plan cannot succeed.

The Strategic Plan identifies six major

"Now is the time to look to the next club year and envision, plan and prepare to implement projects that will not only strengthen your clubs and states, but will spell success for GFWC."

Integrity, Collaboration and Excellence (SERVICE) guided the committee as they worked. These can also guide you as you do your part for the success of the Plan.

The committee met at GFWC Headquarters in January to review and refine the Plan and develop measurable goals so that we may all see what progress has been made and where we/YOU need to focus future efforts. The weekend was full of serious work as the committee was broken into groups of two to review the

not only strengthen your clubs and states, but will spell success for GFWC. With the vision of providing opportunities to the members to serve their communities effectively through organized activities, develop leadership skills, participate in continued learning and enrichment, and cultivate lasting friendships, you can make your club, your state, and your region the GREAT part of GFWC Great Lakes Region.

Women's History and Resource Center

By Fran Leonard, GLR WHRC Chairman (MI)



The Women's History and Resource Center's (WHRC) March Newsletter referenced a variety of articles about state clubwomen who contributed to history in a variety of ways. Remember when they asked the states if they had any state historical women/events which would be good to have stored in our archives? Many states responded and the articles selected are published on the GFWC.org "BLOG" page. They are very interesting reading. Take a few minutes to read them; here are some hints to entice you....

Rebecca Douglas Lowe and the Georgia Federation

by Cimi Douglass and Leigh Reynolds

Rebecca Douglas Lowe was an Atlanta Clubwomen around the turn of the century, who worked tirelessly towards women's education and the betterment of her community.

Lizzie Crozier French and the War of the Roses

by Nancy Carmon

Lizzie Crozier French, a clubwoman from Tennessee, was an influential force in the final vote which led to the 19th Amendment.

Mina and Delany: The Mina Edison Connection

by Lilly Hart

Mina Edison was not only an active clubwoman, but also helped to inspire and establish the LaBelle Community Woman's Club in Labelle, Florida.

Ahead of the Changing Tides

by Stephanie Everett, WHRC Intern

Stephanie looks at the role of the conservation movement in GFWC, and the contradictions that arose between supporting conservation and progress in manufacturing.

GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference

September 14-17, 2017

ALL ABOARD

Sailing the Great Lakes . . . Red, White and You

Come aboard! We're expecting you. The U.S.S. GFWC Great Lakes is set to dock at Port Doubletree in Oakbrook, Illinois on Thursday, September 14th.

A send-off reception Thursday evening will begin our voyage, an event you won't want to miss. Come join us for a "Whodunit at Sea". Everyone has a part and everyone is a suspect. You might even be the Victim! If you're still alive on Friday you might enjoy an excursion across the street to the Oak Brook Shopping Mall or any number of the other nearby attractions.

Friday afternoon we reach our first Port of Call, the beautiful **St. Jude's Island of Hope**, we will go ashore and participate in a Service Project for the ALSAC (the fundraising and awareness organization for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital). Itinerary and details will be shared in June at the GLR meeting at the GFWC Convention in California.

After re-boarding we are off to the next stop on our journey, **Port Illinois State Night** to recognize the Great Lakes Naval Base, home of the United States Navy's only boot camp. Please join us at the Captain's Dinner where Admiral Wilken, Captain Skubic, First Mate Miss Jeanette, and all the crewmembers of Illinois, will salute the Great Lakes Naval Base. After dinner, entertain yourselves by either watching or participating in the **Inaugural Lip Sync Challenge**! We may need to send up flares after the on-board performances rock the ship! Nautical and R-W-B attire optional, and costumes are encouraged for Lip Sync performers.

It's **All Hands on Deck** early Saturday morning while we are docked as there will be several informative workshop excursions. Get all the current information so you can take it back to your Districts and Clubs . . . "Souvenirs" for them from you. Admiral Wilken will be at the helm of our business portion of our trip. We did tell you it was a working cruise, didn't we?

And now the event you have all been waiting for . . . Saturday night's **Admiral's Ball**. Put on your Cocktail Bling and meet and greet Admiral Wilken and her honored GFWC guests: President Sheila Shea, President Elect Mary Ellen Brock and 2nd Vice President Deb Strahanoski, as we celebrate **"The Great Lakes Region, the Heartbeat of GFWC"**.

Sunday morning, before we pull up anchor to set sail back home, please join us as we enjoy breakfast together and tackle a few items left on our ship's manifest, including the invitation to the 2018 Conference by GFWC Indiana. There will be hugs for all as we disembark and head to our home port.

Don't miss the boat! Send in your reservations now and get ready for a trip filled with lots of GLR memories. You know, the kind you never forget!

Bon Voyage!

Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Illinois President

Email: pjskubic@gmail.com • Cell: (815) 735-9947

Jeanette T. Wells, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Email: gfwc.jtw@gmail.com • Cell: (630) 865-4765

Kathy Koran, GLR Conference Chairman

Email: georgekoran@aol.com • Cell: (708) 516-8259

REGISTRATION FORM
GFWC – GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE
September 15 – 17, 2017

DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago – Oak Brook
1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook Illinois 60523
Phone (630) 472-6000 Fax: (630) 573-1909

Name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

____ Home

Phone: ____ Cell _____ Officer/Chairman: _____

Club/District/State Affiliation: _____/_____/_____

Registration Fee \$25.00 _____

A late fee of \$25 will be added with a postmark after the due date

Thursday Night – "Cruising For Murder" \$40.00 _____

Check your bags and Set Sail for a Sinuous Night of Secrets, Scandals and Seafaring Scoundrels
Help us solve the murder aboard the "Mystery of the Seas" – You may be the Victim or the Murderer
Happy Hour Hors D'ouvres included Cash Bar

Friday – Illinois State Night – \$49.00 _____

Pan Roasted Chicken Breast, Baby Spinach Salad, Eli's Cheesecake

Saturday – Lunch \$39.00 _____

Soup & Sandwich, Fresh Seasonal Berries

Saturday – Banquet \$60.00 _____

Smoked Beef Tenderloin, Bibb & Iceberg Salad, Crème Brulee

Sunday – Breakfast \$31.00 _____

American Breakfast with Bacon

Mini Mart Space -FOR STATE FUNDRAISING ONLY- \$10.00 _____

Opportunity Basket Tickets (Quantity of 20) \$20.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____

Please indicate any dietary, food allergies or medical restrictions:

Make Checks Payable To: GFWC Illinois
Send Registration To: Karen Meyer
10011 S. Claremont Avenue, Chicago IL 60643
(773) 619-3050 kmeyer5396@aol.com

GFWC Great Lakes Region Lip Sync Battle 2017



Ladies of the Great Lakes, this is your time to shine! Grab your gal pals or hit the stage solo to compete for the inaugural title of GFWC Great Lakes Lip Sync Battle Champion(s)!

You and/or your group will have no more than 5 minutes to wow the judges with your lip syncing and performance ability!

*HINT: Creativity and originality count toward your final score, so costumes may be a good idea!

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

STATE DELEGATION _____

SOLO ACT? Y or N

GROUP ACT? Y or N

RULES

Only the first 10 acts to turn in their registration forms will be allowed to compete due to timing of the event. Email this form to Karyn Charvat – DrakeU92@aol.com by September 1, 2017.

All songs and performances must be in good taste.
Please try to keep your performance under 5 minutes.
Performances will be judged on the following criteria:
 Originality & Creativity
 Appearance (Costume/Props)
 Lip Sync Ability





DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago - Oak Brook
1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook, IL 60523
Phone: (630) 472-6000
Central Reservations: (866) 812-3959
www.DoubleTreeOakBrook.com

ROOM RATE

\$119.00 per night plus applicable tax
Rooms are Double/Double Beds
Reservation Deadline: August 24, 2017
Group Code: **FOW**

ROOM AND HOTEL FEATURES

- Cable TV with movies and complimentary HBO®
- Complimentary USA Today® and The Wall Street Journal®
- Iron with board and hairdryer
- Individual climate control and Electronic door locks
- Aroma Actives Essential Bath Products
- Check-in: 3:00 P.M. Check-out: 12:00 P.M.
- All rooms and public space are non-smoking
- Complimentary on-site and covered parking
- 24-Hour complimentary business center
- Heated indoor swimming pool and whirlpool
Open from 6am – 11pm
- DoubleTree Fitness by Precor-cardio equipment with personal TV screens, free weights and room to stretch Open from 6am – 11am
- Golf courses, putting green, tennis courts, and hiking trails nearby

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

- **Atrium Cafe, American:**
Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
(6:30am – 9:00pm)
- **Foxes Sports Bar and Grille, American:**
Open for lunch and dinner
(11:30am – 1:00am)
- **Room Service:**
Available 6:00am – 11:00pm

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Oakbrook Center Mall - 1 block
- Drury Lane Dinner Theater - 1/2 mile
- Brookfield Zoo - 7 miles
- The Morton Arboretum - 12 miles
- United Center Chicago Bulls & Blackhawks - 15 miles
- Rivers Casino - 15 miles
- Downtown Chicago - 18 miles
- Navy Pier - 19 miles
- Wrigley Field Chicago Cubs - 20 miles
- US Cellular Field Chicago White Sox - 20 miles



Hoosier Happenings

By Joan Wesolowski, GLR Correspondents Committee (IN)



I am writing about just one event in Indiana this time. During the Indiana Federation of Clubs (IFC) convention in April the IFC presented a check for \$10,000 to the Fauntleroy House in New Harmony, Indiana.

The Fauntleroy House was the place where women service clubs began in Indiana. The beginning! In 1859 a woman's club called the Minerva Society was conceived in the parlor. It was atypical for the time as the intent was to cultivate the minds of young, well-educated women. The name "Minerva" was derived from the Roman Goddess of Wisdom, and the organization's motto was "Wisdom is the crown of glory."

Why did the IFC give the Fauntleroy House \$10,000? The IFC bought the house in 1924 and operated it as a

tourist site until 1939 when it deeded the property to the State of Indiana. In 2013, restoration of the house was completed by the state. The \$10,000 was money that was left in the Fauntleroy House account when it was deeded to the state. The IFC held the money in a restricted account (only using the interest) until the day the house would be reopened. Since the house is now reopened, the IFC presented the money to the Fauntleroy House. Only a woman's club would keep a promise for so many years!

If you would like to visit the house, it is located in New Harmony, Indiana between Evansville and Mount Vernon on the Wabash River at 403 North St., New Harmony, IN 47631. It is very close to Illinois and Kentucky as it sits in the far southwestern toe of Indiana. You can contact them at: 800-782-8605.