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Set Your Sails

for the

122nd Annual GFWC Illinois Convention

May 18 – 20, 2017

Hilton Lisle / Naperville, Lisle Illinois

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TO: CLUB PRESIDENTS

FROM: PHYLLIS SKUBIC, GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT

RE: REQUEST FOR PROJECT IDEAS FOR PUBLICATION

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

The next issue of the Clubwoman Magazine will feature GFWC Illinois Clubs and the wonderful programs and projects they're doing to change lives each and every day.

Club Presidents: Please start collecting project and program information (don't forget photos!) for publication and send them to your District President/District Director of Junior Clubs. Each District will have at least a full page to share information and photos.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE TO DISTRICT PRESIDENTS/DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS
APRIL 15, 2017**

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CAPTAIN

Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Illinois President

Ahoy GFWC Illinois!

The calendar reads January, but my thoughts are focused on May and our 122nd Annual Convention in Lisle. Hard to believe that 2017 is here but I will admit to counting the days till spring. It is getting closer every day and by the time you are reading this, it will be here. Spring means District Annual Meetings / Conventions and the opportunity to spend a wonderful day with District friends, celebrating the accomplishments of 2016. Spring also means “Blue Ribbon Fashion Show & Luncheon” slated for April 2nd at the Bolingbrook Golf Club. Chairman Karyn Charvat and her committee are planning a wonderful day for us with many new features. Reservations are due by March 24th. Registration form can be found in this issue of the Clubwoman Magazine (page 26), on the GFWC Illinois website or from GFWC Illinois Headquarters.



The 122nd Annual Convention will quickly follow and is set for May 18th – 20th at the Hilton Lisle / Naperville. Bonnie Heydorn, Convention Chairman, Jeanette and I have spent many hours planning this convention with you in mind. We have included a few changes so check out the daily schedule included in this issue of the GFWC Illinois Clubwoman. Registration, meal reservation and hotel information can all be found on the following pages. Workshop topics, Service Project details and other information pertaining to convention will be shared through the monthly President’s Letters, Key Notes, and on the GFWC Illinois websites.

GFWC Illinois members work like Sailors . . . now it’s time to ‘Party like a Pirate’. Grab your GFWC sisters and SET SAIL for Lisle, where we will celebrate Living the Volunteer Spirit by Designing Better Lives, each and every day!! Thank you for all that you do for others.

I look forward to celebrating the many accomplishments of our members in May!

Phyllis

FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRST MATE

Jeanette T. Wells, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Hello Illinois Juniors and Federation Friends!

I am sure you are all breathing a little easier now that reporting is complete. You should be very proud of the way you participated in helping design better lives. I know I am proud of GFWC Illinois! Thank you for all of your hard work.

Well now that reporting is done, what is left to do? *Celebrate your accomplishments, of course!*

Where should we do that? *At the 122nd Annual GFWC Illinois Convention, of course!*

Who should attend? *Everyone, of course!*

Please make plans to attend this year and bring some members with you. You will not be disappointed and you all have plenty to celebrate. Convention is one of my favorite Federation Events because you get to meet or reconnect with friends across the state, visit with some GFWC Officers, and re-energize your batteries with all things FEDERATION. Be sure to bring this copy of the GFWC IL Clubwoman—Convention Issue along with your enthusiasm.

Cannot wait to see everyone in May! Thank you again for Helping Design Better Lives!

In Federation Friendship and Service,

Jeanette



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20TH ANNUAL GFWC ILLINOIS BLUE RIBBON FASHION SHOW

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND TICKETS: \$40.00 ADULT / \$18.00 12 OR YOUNGER

DOORS OPEN @ 11AM / LUNCHEON @ 12PM / FASHION SHOW @ 1PM

BOLINGBROOK GOLF CLUB- 2001 RODEO DRIVE, BOLINGBROOK, IL

Plans are underway for another wonderful GFWC Illinois Blue Ribbon Fashion Show...our 20th Annual! Can you even believe it!? Let's make sure we honor our commitment to Prevent Child Abuse Illinois by making this year's show bigger and better than ever before!

How can your club help? Make reservations for yourself, fellow club members and guests! AND we've got an incentive for you:

Every club that makes 10 reservations or more will be entered into a prize drawing for a cash prize of \$100.00 for your club! You can use this cash to stock up on items needed to carry out club business or to subsidize a club project.

STREET OF DREAM ITEMS

If you can assist the committee in obtaining unique items (trips, jewelry, and tickets for concerts/events, restaurants, etc...) that can be used in our Street of Dreams Raffle Baskets, please let us know ASAP! Or if you'd like to just send a monetary donation and have us create a basket on your club's behalf, just indicate that on the form below. PCA ILLINOIS depends on our annual support through funds raised at our Blue Ribbon Fashion Show and we want to continue to help assist them in their commitment to the prevention of child abuse.

RAFFLE BASKETS

We are once again requesting that each club donate a themed basket worth a minimum of \$50.00. It can be worth more, but it needs to be at least \$50.00 in value. If your club cannot support this request, we would like to ask the clubs to please make a monetary donation (made payable to GFWC ILLINOIS) and the committee will use the donation toward building baskets.

DEADLINE: Please bring your completed raffle basket to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting, March 3 & 4, 2017 at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville. OR if you do not plan to or cannot attend the Spring Meeting, please deliver your club's basket and the completed Raffle Basket Form to your District President prior to the dates noted above, or ship to Raffle Chairman Gerri Eck no later than March 10, 2017. (Gerri Eck, 1608 Campbell St., Unit C, Joliet, IL 60435).

Please adhere to these deadlines so that the committee receives the baskets in time to prepare them for the show. Please let me know as soon as possible if you need to make other arrangements, and we will work through any challenges. Thank you for all of your efforts and the efforts of your club members over these past 20 years!

Karyn M. Charvat
2016-2018 GFWC IL Blue Ribbon Fashion Show Chairman
DrakeU92@aol.com

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH RAFFLE BASKET

Club: _____ District: _____

Raffle Basket Theme: _____ Value: _____

Donors Who Contributed to the Basket: _____

Basket Delivered to: _____ Submitted By: _____ Date _____

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GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs
in partnership with Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
Proudly Presents the 20th Annual

GFWC IL Blue Ribbon Fashion Show: **Project Catwalk**



Sunday, April 2, 2017
Bolingbrook Golf Club
2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, IL

\$40.00 Adult/\$18.00 Child 12 years or younger

Doors Open	11:00am
Luncheon	12:00pm
Fashion Show	1:00pm



Club Name: _____ District: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$40.00 per adult = \$ _____

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$18.00 per child under 12 = \$ _____

I am not able to attend; please accept this monetary donation = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to GFWC Illinois

Complete and mail by March 24, 2017 to: Amy Vicioso, 3402 Wells Way, Joliet, IL 60431

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Save the Date!



2017 REGION SUMMER SEMINARS

**SOUTHERN REGION –
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017**

Holiday Inn
222 Potomac Boulevard, Mount Vernon 62864

**CENTRAL REGION –
FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017**

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
3202 E. Empire Street, Bloomington 61704

**NORTHERN REGION –
SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017**

Lemont Township Community Center
16300 Alba Street, Lemont 60439

Great Lakes Region 2017

September 15 – 17

DOUBLETREE by Hilton

Chicago – Oak Brook

1909 Spring Road

Oak Brook, IL 60523



GFWC Great Lakes Region

Executive Committee

Lin Wilken, President (Ohio)

Paula Schlice, Vice President (Wisconsin)

Pat Heitman, Secretary (Illinois)

Darlene Berent, Treasurer (Michigan)

Special Guests

GFWC International Officers

Sheila Shea, GFWC President

Mary Ellen Brock, President Elect

Deb Strahanoski, Second Vice President

GFWC Illinois 2017 Great Lakes Region Conference

Kathy Koran, Chairman



2017 GFWC ILLINOIS SUMMER ART CAMP 2017

July 16 - 22, 2017 @ Eastern Illinois University

Students will reside in one of the EIU residence halls
and classes will be held in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Classes this year will include:

Metal Smithing / Still Life in Red Chalk / Painting / Sculpture

Registration fees this year will be **\$490** total which includes all instruction, six nights lodging, 18 meals in the residence hall, and the \$49 non-refundable art materials fee. EIU remains one of the most reasonably priced quality summer art camps in the state. We hope to see you at EIU!



Questions? Please contact:

Dee Lenzi, Federation Art Chairman

deelenzi@yahoo.com

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CELEBRATING CLUB SUCCESS

Shelli R. Febr, President Elect/Dean of Chairmen & *Loretta Revesz*, Junior Dean of Chairmen

To most people, spring means longer days, the earth comes alive, and temperatures rise. That holds true for GFWC Illinois members but we rejoice in other things as well. Club reports have been completed and our members are ready to celebrate another successful year with banquets and conventions!

We know our clubs have been active because they sent their reports to district and state chairmen for tabulation and we've read all about you. A huge thank you for telling us all you did in 2016! We love reading what you've accomplished and will spread the word of your successful projects so other clubs can benefit. You can receive these new and successful ideas at the GFWC Illinois Annual Convention in May. For those clubs that didn't send any reports this year, you too are celebrated! You are a valued part of GFWC regardless so let the party begin!

In the meantime, is there anything you can do between now and State Convention with those reports you wrote? Absolutely! Now is the perfect time to share a report or two at your next few club meetings. Read a portion, make handouts, or publish excerpts in your club newsletter. Make sure all your members know exactly what they accomplished. Tell your community members as well by posting successful activities on your website or Facebook page. Tweet your successes! Get the word out about what your club did by inviting business and civic leaders to your club's Annual Banquet. Let them know how active you were by sharing your total volunteer hours, monies donated, etc. Don't be afraid to brag! We guarantee these community leaders will be floored by how much you did in 2016. And then, brag about what you're going to do in 2017! Sail into the new club year with your heads held high. You are a valuable community asset, and you've written the reports to prove it! Let the celebration begin!

GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE: "LET'S MAKE CHANGE" 2016-2017

Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Illinois President

My challenge is a donation of little more than a 'penny-a-day' ... \$4.00 to be exact. If **Every Member of Every Club** donates \$4.00, it would generate approximately a \$4,800 donation to each of these four organizations:

EASTER SEALS

ILLINOIS LEADERSHIP SEMINARS (ILS)

CHILDREN'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CRF)

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL



GFWC Illinois "Let's Make Change" 2016—2017 Member Contribution Form

Amount of Donation \$ _____ Date _____

Club _____ District _____

Member _____

Email Address _____

Home Address _____

** Can include multiple names/clubs on one form— please use reverse side to list member's name/email/address individually.

** Make Checks Payable to GFWC Illinois and Mail to: GFWC Illinois, 5 E. Van Buren Street, Ste. 208, Joliet, IL 60432

** DEADLINE: April 1, 2017. All funds will be evenly distributed to these organizations at the GFWC Illinois 122nd Annual Convention in May

THANK YOU for helping to "MAKE CHANGE" in the lives of others!!

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GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs

OFFICAL CALL

One Hundred Twenty-Second Annual Convention

"Anchors Aweigh"

May 18, 19, 20, 2017

Hilton Lisle / Naperville

3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle IL 60532

(630) 505-0900



The One Hundred Twenty Second Annual Convention of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs is hereby called for May 18, 19 and 20, 2017 at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, Lisle, Illinois. Session I, Business, will be called to order at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 18, 2017 by Phyllis J. Skubic, 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

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 at 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.

E. Members paying daily registration shall have no voting privileges.

Section 3. NON-VOTING MEMBERS / VISITORS

GFWC Illinois club members who attend in addition to the

voting delegates shall be considered non-voting members and 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. Visitors badges shall be issued at registration.

BRING TO CONVENTION

Delegates are requested to bring The Convention Issue of the *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine*. Limited copies will be available at Convention. Delegates may also wish to bring their 2016-2017 GFWC Illinois Yearbook and Resolutions Booklet.

CREDENTIALS/MEAL RESERVATIONS

The GFWC Illinois Convention Registration Form can be found on pages 26 & 27 of this magazine. The Credential and Meal Reservation Forms have been combined.

Please fill out both sides of the form and mail, with check payable to GFWC Illinois, to:

Michelle Schultz, Treasurer

828 West Reynolds Street

Pontiac, IL 61764

Forms must be postmarked by April 15, 2017.

Registration Fee is **\$25.00**. Late registration fee (postmarked 4/16 or later) **\$40.00**

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

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All delegates must pick up their credentials by 7:00 pm on Friday, May 19, 2017.

Registration fees for the GFWC Illinois Past Presidents and Past Directors of Junior Clubs shall be waived.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All sessions of the One Hundred Twenty Second Annual Convention of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

Hotel reservation information can be found on page 25. Reservations may also be made by calling (630) 505-0900. Please use code **CFED** when making reservations.

Per night rates are \$103.00 plus applicable taxes and fees for all rooms.

Deadline for hotel reservations is April 25, 2017.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Pre-Convention Meeting for the 2016-2018 Board of Directors will be held in the Cypress Room on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 4:00-5:30 pm.

PRE-CONVENTION DINNER

The theme for the evening is "Welcome Aboard". Nautical themed wear is encouraged. Dinner will start at 7:00 pm. Hostess for the evening is the Convention Committee, Bonnie Heydorn, Chairman.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The One Hundred Twenty Second Annual Convention will officially open with **Session I – Business**, on Thursday, May 18, 2017, beginning at 9:00 am in Maple/Elm/Ash.

Session IV – Business, will begin at 9:15 am on Friday, May 19, 2017 in Maple/Elm/Ash.

Session VI – Junior Business, will convene at 3:15 pm on Friday, May 19, 2017 in Cypress.

Session VII – Business on Saturday, May 20, 2017, begins at 9:15 am in Maple/Elm/Ash.

Admittance for Business Sessions will be by Credential Badge only.

FOOD FUNCTION SESSIONS

Food Function Sessions are open to all Delegates and Non-Voting Members who purchase a meal ticket for that event and have a credential badge.

Opening Luncheon – Session II

"Set Sail" will begin at Noon on Thursday, May 18, 2017 in Pine/Spruce/Walnut. Keynote Speaker will be GFWC Second Vice President Debra A. Strahanoski.

Federation Banquet – Session III

"Bon Voyage Roy . . . Smooth Sailing into Retirement" will begin at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 18 2017 in Pine/Spruce/Walnut. The evening will be hosted by the Manhattan Woman's Club, Patricia Heitman, President. We will celebrate our 23 year partnership with Prevent Child Abuse-Illinois. Please join us afterwards in the President's Suite for a reception honoring Debbie Strahanoski and Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC Officers.

Unity Luncheon – Session V

"Designing Better Lives", Jeanette T. Wells, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs, presiding. Keynote speaker will be GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, Jolie Frankfurth. The session will begin at Noon on Friday, May 19, 2017 in Pine/Spruce/Walnut.

Fun Night – "Sailing to Fun in The Sun"

Friday evening, May 19, 2017, will be hosted by Argo Summit - Bedford Park Woman's Club, Betty Koran, Chairman. We will start with Social Hour at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm in Pine/Spruce/Walnut.

Partners' Luncheon – Session VIII

"Let's Make Change" We will begin at Noon on Saturday, May 20, 2017 in Pine/Spruce/Walnut.

We will recognize and present the funds to the four organizations in the "Let's Make Change" challenge. Other highlights will include honoring our 100th Anniversary Clubs, welcoming our new clubs and the 1st Annual Juniorette Awards.

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BYLAWS The GFWC Illinois Bylaws Committee recommends the following amendments for adoption:

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. CLASSIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

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In sentence after 3. Juniorette Clubs strike ‘the respective meetings are held, GFWC Illinois and GFWC.’ and insert ‘they chartered.’

To read: All member clubs shall be members of the District in which they chartered.

Rationale: To clarify current practice.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. ADMISSION OF NEW CLUBS TO GFWC ILLINOIS

GFWC Illinois Yearbook 2016-2017 Page 29

A.2 Strike ‘and’ and insert a comma (,) and insert, after addresses, a comma (,), phone numbers and email addresses.

To read: A membership list of names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

Rationale: To have complete information on each new club member that mirrors current technology.

ARTICLE IV – DUES AND FINANCE

Section 2. ANNUAL DUES

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C. Strike ‘GFWC Illinois Treasurer at’

To read: Dues shall be payable by October 15th to the District Treasurer who shall forward same to GFWC Illinois Headquarters by November 1st.

Rationale: Dues are handled by the Headquarters Secretary.

ARTICLE IV – DUES AND FINANCE

Section 2. ANNUAL DUES

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D. Insert, after January 1st, ‘from the GFWC Illinois Headquarters’

To read: A second notice shall be sent by January 1st from the GFWC Illinois Headquarters to clubs whose member dues have not been paid.

Rationale: To clarify origin of notice.

ARTICLE IV - DUES AND FINANCE

Section 4. FINANCIAL AUTHORIZATION

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Delete letter A. B becomes A.

Rationale: GFWC Illinois no longer has a safe deposit box.

Article V – OFFICERS

Section 2. CANDIDACY

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B. Endorsement

Strike 1.

In 2. Where the word District appears, add ‘or Junior District’ after it.

In the third sentence, add ‘or Junior District Director of Junior Clubs’ after ‘district president’

Strike 3.

In 4. after ‘200 words’, add ‘in the GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine’

In 5. Add ‘annual’ before ‘convention’.

Renumber 1. through 7. to 1. through 5. to reflect the two sections which have been struck.

To read:

B. Endorsement

1. Each candidate shall be endorsed by the District or Junior District in which she serves. Endorsement shall be properly documented in the District or Junior District minutes or polling results compiled and submitted with the letter of verification signed by the District President or District Director of Junior Clubs, Recording Secretary, and candidate.

2. Uniform publicity shall be given each candidate for an office with picture and credentials, not to exceed 200 words, in the GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine submitted by the District no later than December 1st.

3. Equal opportunity to meet the candidates will be provided during the annual convention.

Rationale: To change how the Director Elect of Junior Clubs will be elected. Director Elect of Junior Clubs would be a candidate the same as the other GFWC Illinois Officers, elected by the membership, and no longer endorsed by the Junior Organization.

Article V – OFFICERS

Section 2. CANDIDACY

C. Nominations

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3. Strike three and insert two (2)

To read: A nominating speech shall be limited to two (2) minutes.

4. Strike two and insert three (3)

To read: Candidates shall be given three (3) minutes each in which to set forth their goals for the office being sought.

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Rationale: A nominating speech can adequately cover a candidate's qualifications in two minutes. Candidates need more than two minutes in order to adequately set forth their goals for the office being sought.

Article V – OFFICERS

Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. President

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Strike 4.

Strike 11.

Rationale: For 4. The Vice Presidents serve as Dean of District Presidents and not the President.

For 11. The Districts schedule their own District Annual Meetings/Conventions.

Article V – OFFICERS

Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

D. Vice Presidents

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Strike 'with the following duties'. Insert a period (.) after the word Membership.

To read: Each one of the three Vice Presidents, in consultation with the incoming President, shall become either the chairman of Communications and Public Relations, Leadership, or Membership.

Insert a new second and third sentence: **The incoming President shall have the option to appoint all three Regional Vice Presidents to focus on one of these areas to address a critical need within GFWC Illinois. In this circumstance two other qualified members will be appointed as Chairman of the other two Programs: Communications and Public Relations, Leadership or Membership. Duties shall include the following:**

Rationale: To allow more focus on one of the three areas along with more flexibility in assigning chairmen to the three programs.

Article V – OFFICERS

Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

F. Treasurer – The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:

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1. Add an (s) to the word committee.

To read: Serve as Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committees.

Rationale: These are now separate committees, since the Finance Committee was established during the 2014-2016 administration.

Article VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. ELIGIBILITY

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B. After 'GFWC Illinois members shall' strike 'not'. Strike 'voting'. After 'or on both the GFWC Illinois and the Junior Board of Directors' strike the period (.) and insert a comma (,) followed by 'permitting them only one vote per issue.'

To read: GFWC Illinois members shall be eligible to concurrently hold more than one position on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors, the Junior Board of Directors, or on both the GFWC Illinois and the Junior Board of Directors, permitting them only one vote per issue.

Rationale: To allow a member to serve in a shared chairmanship, like Fundraising.

Article VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Strike A.

Under B. add an 's' to Member.

To read: Members

Renumber everything from B. Application Procedure to E. Reports

Rationale: A. does not address chairmen, but rather a committee which is covered on page 55 under Standing Rules.

Article VII – CONVENTIONS

Section 1. ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Strike the words *credential cards*, (comma) and insert after the word proposed *Bylaw Amendments*, (comma) and insert after the word 'Secretary' or *included in the Convention issue of the GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine*, (comma)

To read: The Call to Convention, proposed Bylaw Amendments, Resolutions and Revisions shall be sent by the Headquarters Executive Secretary or included in the Convention issue of the GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine, to the voting body of GFWC Illinois by April 1st.

Rationale: To conform to current practices. Credential cards are obtained at registration and are no longer included with the Call to Convention. The Call to Convention has been included in the Clubwoman Magazine's convention issue to help reduce postage expense.

GFWC Illinois Bylaws Committee 2016-2018

Elena Lipinski, Chairman

Shelli Fehr

Jeanette T. Wells

Alice Betlach

Annette Andretich-Gross

Jackie Pierce, Parliamentarian

Phyllis Skubic Ex-officio

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RESOLUTIONS

The GFWC Illinois Resolutions Committee reviewed 7 resolutions: 3 proposed to be amended; 4 proposed to be rescinded; 5 proposed new resolutions. **Bold + italics** = proposed new amendments/resolutions. ALL CAPS in body (except WHEREAS & RESOLVED) = strike.

HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

QUALITY NURSING HOME AND LONG-TERM CARE

Adopted 1993 - Revised 2003 - Amended 2015

WHEREAS, Evidence of abuse, neglect and substandard health care in nursing homes has prompted great public concern; and

WHEREAS, All patients' rights are protected by the American with Disabilities Act and the Nursing Home Reform Act; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports uniformed enforcement legislation that sets standards for quality care, guarantees the rights of residents and enforces compliance with the law; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to:

- Volunteer at nursing homes *[and long-term care facilities];*
- Work with long*[-term]* care ombudsman, nursing home administrators and other state and local officials to ensure quality care and compliance with laws;
- Support the Consumer Bill of Rights on health care *[; and further]*

RESOLVED, That current law be amended to require:

- *Any person who has reasonable cause to suspect abuse or exploitation of an institutionalized elderly person be mandated to immediately report the information to law enforcement;*
- *All staff with direct patient contact at adult facilities shall receive training upon hire and annually thereafter, provided by the facility, on the signs of elder abuse and the procedures for reporting suspected cases. This training shall be offered to the families of patients.]*

RATIONALE: To update and be in accordance with GFWC

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

RETIRED PERSONS

Adopted 1993 – Revised 2001

WHEREAS, Statistics show that the population of persons over 65 years of age in the United States is increasing faster than the general population; and

WHEREAS, A policy of compulsory retirement at a chronological age often results in inadequate income, unwanted leisure, loss of dignity and self-respect, impaired moral, and deteriorating physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, There is a valuable national potential asset in the talents, abilities, experience, training and energy of persons past 65 to fill unmet needs throughout the nation; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to encourage and to cooperate with appropriate governmental authorities, business, educational, religious and civic groups in providing older Americans with:

- Pre-retirement programs to prepare them for meaningful activity and service through the extended life span;
- Information - referral - activity centers for counseling, advice and companionship;
- Employment and volunteer opportunities WHICH THEY ARE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING;
- Continuing education courses in schools, colleges and community centers;
- Adequate housing, better nursing homes *[, memory care,]* and extended care facilities;
- Reduced rates OF EDUCATIONAL FEES, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND REDUCED ADMISSION TO PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION *[on goods and services];*
- Adequate benefits under the provisions of the Social Security Act *[; and further]*

[RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports the enforcement of laws prohibiting age discrimination.]

RATIONALE: To update

PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

CHILD FOSTER CARE ADOPTED 2003

WHEREAS, FOSTER CARE IS DEFINED AS CARE OF CHILDREN ON A FULL-TIME, TEMPORARY BASIS BY PERSONS OTHER THAN THEIR OWN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, WHO CANNOT RAISE THEM BECAUSE OF PARENTAL PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS, THE CHILD'S BEHAVIORAL DIFFICULTIES, OR PROBLEMS WITHIN THE

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FAMILY ENVIRONMENTS, SUCH AS CHILD ABUSE, ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ABUSE, EXTREME POVERTY OR CRIME; AND

WHEREAS, FOSTER CARE SERVES AS A PREFERABLE ALTERNATE TO DETENTION AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION FOR TROUBLED YOUTH WHO HAVE COMMITTED NO SERIOUS CRIME; THEREFORE

RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS AND ITS MEMBER CLUBS:

1. WORK FOR LAWS AND FUNDING TO FACILITATE THE RECRUITING, TRAINING AND RETAINING OF HIGH-QUALITY FOSTER PARENTS AS WELL AS FOR THEIR ADEQUATE FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT; AND
2. SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND FUNDING TO PROVIDE OPTIMAL RESOURCES FOR ALL INVOLVED IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION AND MOVE TO HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

[CHILD FOSTER CARE

Convention 2017

WHEREAS, According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the number of children in out-of-home care is more than half a million; and

WHEREAS, The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 establishes national goals for children in the child welfare system including safety, permanence, and well-being; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to:

- ***Support legislation and programs that facilitate recruitment, training and retention of high-quality foster parents and kinship providers;***
- ***Encourage efforts by state and/or local agencies who have legal custody of foster children to maintain their cultural heritage and family relationships, making every effort to keep siblings together; and***
- ***Advocate for legislation providing adequate and equal financial reimbursement and support services for foster parents and kinship providers; and further***

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports the development of programs and services that help to establish permanency and educational stability for children in foster care.]

RATIONALE: To update and broaden

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

EMINENT DOMAIN

ADOPTED 2007 – REVISED 2008

WHEREAS, EMINENT DOMAIN IS THE POWER OF THE STATE TO TAKE PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USE WITH PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO THE OWNER; AND

WHEREAS, EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS ARE CRITICAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND REVITALIZATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT BUT NOT WITHOUT LIMIT; AND

WHEREAS, EMINENT DOMAIN HAS BEEN USED TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LEGALLY OCCUPIED AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE HOUSING CODES AND STANDARDS, IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES SUCH AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF NON-PUBLIC OFFICE BUILDINGS, MEGA-STORES, AND SHOPPING CENTERS BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS; AND

WHEREAS, LOCALITIES TRANSFER LAND FROM A HOMEOWNER TO A PRIVATE ENTITY THROUGH THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR ENHANCEMENT OF TAX REVENUES; AND

WHEREAS, DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN COMPANIES SEIZE PRIME LAND BY EMINENT DOMAIN WITH A ONE-TIME PAYMENT TO THE OWNER FOR THE USE OF THE LAND IN PERPETUITY WITHOUT INFLATION FACTORS OR INSURANCE AGAINST POLLUTION; AND

WHEREAS, THE USE AND ABUSE OF EMINENT DOMAIN HAS INCREASED AND EXPANDED DRAMATICALLY; THEREFORE

RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION THAT LIMITS TAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY FOREIGN ENTITIES REGARDLESS OF THE PROPOSED USE; AND FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT LIMITS SUCH EMINENT DOMAIN ACTIVITIES BY DOMESTIC, PUBLIC, AND PRIVATE ENTITIES FOR OTHER THAN LEGITIMATE PUBLIC USES WHERE A DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY CAN BE DEMONSTRATED; AND FURTHER

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RESOLUTIONS, CONT.

RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES ADEQUATE COMPENSATION TO THE PROPERTY OWNER.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

[EMINENT DOMAIN

Convention 2017

WHEREAS, Eminent domain is the power of the State to take private property for public use with payment of compensation to the owner; and

WHEREAS, Eminent domain proceedings are critical in the development, maintenance, and revitalization of infrastructure at all levels of government, but not without limit; and

WHEREAS, Eminent domain has been used to condemn property legally occupied and maintained in order to transfer the same to private developers; and

WHEREAS, Use and abuse of eminent domain has increased; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support legislation that

- Limits the taking of private property by foreign investors regardless of the proposed use;*
- Restricts the exercise of eminent domain to those cases where the land is required for a legitimate public use and where a public benefit can be demonstrated; and*
- Provides for adequate compensation to the property owner.]*

RATIONALE: To update and clarify

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

MANDATORY PENALTIES FOR USE OF GUNS IN COMMISSION OF CRIMES

[GUN CONTROL]

Adopted 2002

WHEREAS, One of the most alarming crisis the nation faces today is the number of violent crimes involving firearms; and

WHEREAS, A waiting period and background check on purchase of handguns has reduced crime and violence by providing impetuous gun buyers a cooling off period; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports effective gun control legislation regulating the indiscriminate sale and possession of weapons including:

- Mandatory waiting periods;
- Improved licensing requirements for gun dealers;
- Requirements that purchasers produce identification and bear the cost of a background check;
- *[Requirements for background checks or a firearm owner's identification card (FOID CARD) to purchase a gun at gun shows]*
- Increased penalties for the sale of firearms to minors; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs support legislation banning the importation, manufacture and sale of assault-style weapons for civilian use; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports mandatory penalties for anyone convicted of using a firearm during the commission of a crime; and further

[RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports legislation allowing law enforcement officials free access to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives gun trace information; and further]

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports the enforcement of existing gun laws and urges its members and clubs to work with their legislators and firearm authorities on all levels to implement improved methods of safe gun control.

RATIONALE: Update

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

[FIREARM SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY *CONVENTION 2017*

WHEREAS, All residents of and visitors to the United States have an expectation of safety; and

WHEREAS, Firearm suicides and accidental discharges cause a large number of deaths annually; and

WHEREAS, Prompt reporting of firearm thefts with make, model, and serial number information could help law enforcement agencies locate and arrest criminals; and

WHEREAS, Safe and secure storage of firearms and ammunition in the home prevents accidental shootings, especially among children; and

WHEREAS, Crimes involving firearms are often committed

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by individuals with pending charges for other violent crimes, including domestic abuse; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support:

- *Better public education and state and local programs that promote safe and secure storage of firearms and ammunition;*
- *Laws requiring the prompt reporting of firearm thefts, including the make, model, and serial number information, to law enforcement agencies; and*
- *Legislation that requires states to report gun thefts and crimes to the FBI's national database.]*

RATIONALE: To increase awareness

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

JUVENILE JUSTICE

ADOPTED 1985 – REVISED 1993

WHEREAS, HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN ARE DETAINED IN JAILS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND MANY OF THESE JUVENILES ARE GUILTY ONLY OF TRUANCY, RUNNING AWAY, VIOLATION OF CURFEW, OR INCORRIGIBLE BEHAVIOR, OFFENSES FOR WHICH NO ADULT CAN BE INCARCERATED; AND

WHEREAS, THESE CHILDREN ALSO INCLUDE THOSE ABANDONED BY THEIR PARENTS, UNWANTED, UNLOVED, PRODUCTS OF BROKEN HOMES, NEGLECTED AND ABUSED CHILDREN, CHILDREN WHO HAVE COMMITTED NO CRIMES; AND

WHEREAS, CHILDREN SHOULD BE ASSISTED BY THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH EXPANDING YOUTH SERVICES WHICH OFFER COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS; AND

WHEREAS, CHILDREN ALREADY IN THE JUVENILE SYSTEM SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH PROPER PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION; THEREFORE

RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS CONTINUES TO:

1. WORK FOR ADEQUATE PROGRAMS OF PROBATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES IN HUMANE FACILITIES;
2. SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF RESERVING DETENTION AS A LAST RESORT, WHILE EMPHASIZING HELP FOR CHILDREN WITHIN THEIR OWN HOMES WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
3. SUPPORT AND HELP PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE LIVING SITUATIONS SUCH AS GROUP AND FOSTER HOMES WITH ADEQUATE PROGRAMS;

4. WORK FOR ELIMINATION OF THE PRACTICE OF HOLDING JUVENILES IN ADULT JAILS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITIES FOR THOSE CHILDREN REQUIRING SECURE DETENTION, AND FOR ADEQUATE SHELTER CARE IN EVERY COUNTY;
5. SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EXPANDED YOUTH SERVICE SYSTEMS AND LOCAL YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS WHICH ADVOCATE AND OFFER COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS OF COUNSELING, EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS, YOUTH ADVOCACY AND INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH AS A VOLUNTEER RESOURCE IN COMMUNITY BASED CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS;
6. SUPPORT SCHOOL DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

JUVENILE STATUS OFFENDERS

ADOPTED 2002

WHEREAS, CHILDREN CAN BE DECLARED DELINQUENT IN JUVENILE COURT FOR ACTS WHICH WOULD NOT BE A CRIME FOR ADULTS; THESE NON-CRIMINAL ACTS, KNOWN AS STATUS OFFENSES, INCLUDE CHRONIC TRUANCY, PARENTAL DISOBEDIENCE, RUNNING AWAY AND OTHER TYPES OF "INCORRIGIBLE" OR "UNGOVERNABLE" BEHAVIOR; AND

WHEREAS, INCARCERATION OF JUVENILE STATUS OFFENDERS SERVES NO HUMANITARIAN OR REHABILITATIVE PURPOSE; THEREFORE

RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OPPOSES THE INCARCERATION OF JUVENILE STATUS OFFENDERS; AND FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ENCOURAGES JUVENILE COURT APPROVED PROGRAMS THAT WORK WITH THE YOUTH AND FAMILIES THROUGH SUPERVISION AND COUNSELING TO PROMOTE POSITIVE BEHAVIORS AND PREVENT RECIDIVISM.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY

Convention 2017

WHEREAS, Juvenile crime remains a very serious concern; and

WHEREAS, Children can be status offenders for offenses including chronic truancy, disobedience to parents, running away and other types of "incorrigible" or "ungovernable" behavior; and

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RESOLUTIONS, CONT.

WHEREAS, Juvenile crime can be reduced by encouraging prevention through positive parental involvement, participation in extracurricular activities and supportive adult mentoring thus decreasing risk factors such as drug and alcohol use, poor school performance and unstable homes; and

WHEREAS, There are inadequate detention and probation services in many juvenile court jurisdictions; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs encourages the establishment and increased public awareness of children at-risk programs including family support, school dropout prevention, out of school programs, substance abuse prevention, gang membership prevention, and other community-based programs; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support the following:

- *Adequate programs of probation and rehabilitative services in humane juvenile facilities using supervision and counseling to promote positive behaviors and prevent recidivism;*
- *Alternative living situations, such as shelter care, group and foster homes, with adequate programs for nonviolent juveniles;*
- *Protection of all youth under the age of 18 held pre-trial, whether charged in juvenile or adult court;*
- *Placement of youth convicted in adult court, into a juvenile facility;*
- *Steps to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system;*
- *Prohibition of the locked detention of status offenders;*
- *Safe and humane conditions of confinement for youth in state and/or local custody;*
- *Compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention ACT (JJDP) and adoption of best practices that improve outcomes for youth and communities;*
- *Development and strengthening of partnerships that expand training, technical assistance, research, and evaluation and encourage transparency, timeliness, public notice, and communication;*
- *Expansion of juvenile crime prevention efforts by reauthorization of and increased funding for JJDP.]*

RATIONALE: To update, clarify and to be in accordance with GFWC

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY PREVENTION

Convention 2017

WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury (TBI) occurs when a sudden trauma causes damage to the brain; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that wearing a helmet can significantly reduce the risk of TBI; and

WHEREAS, Every TBI is different, and symptoms can be mild, moderate, or severe, depending on the extent of the damage to the brain; and

WHEREAS, The best treatment for TBI is prevention; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to promote:

- *Wearing a seatbelt while in a motor vehicle*
- *Wearing a properly fitted helmet:*
 - *When participating in contact sports and recreational activities*
 - *While riding motorized vehicles such as: motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, mopeds, scooters, and snowmobiles*
 - *While riding bicycles, skateboards, hover boards and using in-line roller or ice skates*

Rationale: To address the rise in traumatic brain injuries

GFWC ILLINOIS LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

Becky Weber, Chairman
Trisha Schafer
Teresa Sanford-Shiplett
Linda Valentino

Shelli Fehr
Jeanette T. Wells
Jackie Pierce, Parliamentarian
Phyllis Skubic, Ex-Officio

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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 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 Junior Clubs, shall 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 the 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 ten minutes for each amendment/motion.
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 the presiding officer.
14. No food other than that provided by the Convention, will be permitted on the Convention floor.
15. Cellular phones are not to be used on the Convention floor, in workshops during programs or meal functions. Audible ringers on cellular phones and beepers are to be turned off when you enter the Convention floor.
16. 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.
17. No recording devices, may be used on the Convention floor or in workshops or during programs without the approval of the President and Executive Committee.
18. 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.
19. There will be reserved banquet seating for all ticket holders. Table numbers will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.
20. Written messages may be left with the Convention Chairman
21. All official Assistants as well as the Convention Chairman and Vice Chairman will be permitted to enter and exit all Sessions as needed.

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REGISTRATION / CREDENTIALS --- Arbor

Thursday, May 18 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday, May 19 from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 20 from 8:00 am – 10:00 am

CONVENTION OFFICE -- Arbor

Thursday, May 18 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday, May 19 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

ARTS & CRAFTS ROOM --- Aspen

Thursday, May 18
7:00 am – 9:00 am Receiving Artwork
1:00 pm Closed for Judging
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Open for Viewing

Friday, May 19
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Open for Viewing

Saturday, May 20
8:00 am – 10:00 am Pick Up Artwork

EXHIBITORS --- The Woods

Wednesday, May 17 --- Set Up
Thursday, May 18 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday, May 19 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017

PRE-CONVENTION SCHEDULE

10:00 am till 3:00 pm LEADS Workshop
Cypress
11:00 am till 2:00 pm Executive Committee
Lisle Board Room
4:00 pm till 5:30 pm Board Meeting
Cypress

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE

Immediately following the Board Meeting

Convention Committee
Executive Committee
Board of Directors
President Elect with Chairmen
Region VP with District Presidents

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Social
7:00 pm Pre-Convention Dinner

“WELCOME ABOARD”

Hosted by Convention Officers
Bonnie Heydorn, Chairman

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017

SESSION I - CONVENTION OPENING

(Program Agenda is subject to change)

9:00 am – 11:00 am Maple/Elm/Ash
Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President
Invocation Cheryl Kehl Chairman
President's Scrapbook

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

National Anthem, “The Star Spangled Banner”
“Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America”
Led by Gerri Eck, Public Issues Chairman

CALL TO ORDER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Welcome Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President
Jeanette T. Wells
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs
Credentials Report Caroline Riggs
Credentials Chairman
Greetings Barb Madigan
District 5 President

(DOORS CLOSE)

Convention Rules Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman
Convention Program Jackie Haddad
Convention Program Chairman
Minutes of the 121st Annual Convention, 2016
LeeAnn Conlon, Secretary
Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes
of the 122nd Annual Convention
Greetings from GFWC Deb Strahanoski
GFWC Second Vice President
Jolie Frankfurth
GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

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Reports of GFWC Illinois Executive Officers
Recommendations from the Board of Directors

Bylaws Amendments Elena Lipinski
Bylaws Chairman

Resolutions Revisions Becky Weber
Legislation/Public Policy Chairman

Presentation of Awards and Funds Shelli Fehr
President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

WHRC / 1734 Society Diane Addante, Chairman
Donna Cross, Junior Chairman

Make a Difference Day Linda Valentino, Chairman

Public Issues Gerri Eck, Chairman
Cyndi Fulco, Junior Chairman
American Indian Center-Chicago
USO of Illinois
Fire Safety Alliance "Camp I Am Me"

****Recognition of First Time Attendees****

Announcements Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman

Closing Thought Carmen Smallwood
District 11 President

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11:45 am Musical Prelude Rosemary Hauser
11:45 am Processional Assembles Atrium
Noon – 3:00 pm Pine/Spruce/Walnut

SESSION II – OPENING LUNCHEON “SET SAIL ...EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES”

Processional Introductions Jo Koenig
Platform Hostess/Convention Secretary
Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President
Luncheon Grace Norma Lowrey
District 4 President

LUNCHEON

(DOORS CLOSE)

Memorial Service Deborah J. Bach
GFWC Illinois President 2000-2002

Keynote Speaker Deb Strahanoski
GFWC Second Vice President

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Presentation of Awards / Funds Shelli Fehr
President Elect/Dean of Chairman

Legislation Becky Weber, Chairman

Conservation Wanda Burklow, Chairman
Sara Gilbert, Junior Chairman
Shannee National Forest
The Nature Generation

Education Phyllis Nightlinger, Chairman
Kim Kalafut, Junior Chairman

Door Prizes Carol Rich
Convention Vice Chairman

Announcements Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman

Closing Thought Jan Bates
District 13 President

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WORKSHOP

3:15 pm– 4:30 pm Maple/Elm/Ash

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE – Atrium

Please report 10 minutes early

5:00 District 25	5:25 District 7
5:05 District 23	5:30 District 4
5:10 District 22	5:35 District 6
5:15 District 21	6:10 Past Directors Jr Clubs
5:20 District 18	6:15 Past Presidents

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm Atrium
Social Hour

Reception Honoring Roy Harley, PCA Illinois

6:45 pm Musical Prelude Rosemary Hauser
6:45 pm Processional Assembles Atrium
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Pine/Spruce/Walnut

SESSION III - FEDERATION BANQUET

“BON VOYAGE ROY -

SMOOTH SAILING INTO RETIREMENT”

Hosted by Manhattan Woman's Club
Pat Heitman, President

Processional Introductions Jo Koenig
Platform Hostess/Convention Secretary
Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President
Greetings Martha Bein
GFWC Illinois President 2004-2006
GFWC Illinois State Project Chairman 1994-1996

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Dinner Grace Annette Andretich-Gross
District 3 President / PCA Illinois Board President

DINNER

(DOORS CLOSE)

Introduction of Guests Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President
Keynote Speaker Roy Harley
Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

(DOORS OPEN)

Presentation of Funds GFWC Illinois State Project 'Our Promise a Safe Place for Every Child'

Karen Meyer, Chairman
Allison Hale, Junior Chairman
Karyn Charvat, Blue Ribbon Fashion Show Chairman

Presentation of Awards Shelli Fehr
President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

GFWC Illinois State Project Karen Meyer, Chairman
Allison Hale, Junior Chairman

Leadership Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, Chairman
Debbie Monteith, Junior Chairman

2017 LEADS Representative Teresa Sanford-Shipplett

GFWC Signature Program / Domestic Violence
Mary Jo Murphy, Chairman
Allison Hale, Junior Chairman

Isabella Candee Foundation Patricia Heitman, Chairman

Door Prizes Carol Rich, Convention Vice Chairman
Announcements Bonnie Heydorn, Convention Chairman
Closing Thought Patricia Heitman, President
Manhattan Woman's Club

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Reception honoring GFWC Officers President's Suite

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

7:00 am – 8:30 am Parlor West
Deb's Diamond Divas Breakfast Meeting

8:00 am – 9:00 am Parlor East
Junior Board of Directors' Meeting

9:15 am – 11:00 am Maple/Elm/Ash

SESSION IV – BUSINESS

Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President

Thought for the Day Carol Johnson
District 10 President

Credentials Report Carolyn Riggs
Credentials Chairman

GFWC Illinois Art School Dee Lenzi, Chairman

Jennie Award Janice Perkins, Chairman

Community Improvement Program Award
Linda Valentino, Chairman

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Bylaws Amendments Elena Lipinski, Chairman

Resolutions Revisions Becky Weber, Chairman

(DOORS OPEN)

Juniorette Update Karyn Charvat, Chairman

Financial Matters Michelle Schultz, Treasurer
Erika Dobrotka, Junior Treasurer

Presentation of Awards / Funds Shelli Fehr
President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

Home Life Mary Jane Koester, Chairman
Ruby Feeley, Junior Chairman

Canine Companions for Independence
Winning Wheels *Brain Research*
March of Dimes

Communications/Public Relations
Carol Jablonski, Chairman
Sherena Smith, Junior Chairman

International Outreach Ruth Sloat, Chairman
Beth Magoon, Junior Chairman

Helping Babies Breathe
Heifer International
Operation Smile
Shot@Life

Exploration Station TBA

Recognition of First Time Attendees

Announcements Bonnie Heydorn, Convention Chairman
Closing Thought Malinda Valeu
District 17 President

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11:45 am Musical Prelude Rosemary Hauser
 11:45 am Processional Assembles Atrium
 Noon-3:00 pm Pine/Spruce/Walnut

SESSION V – UNITY LUNCHEON “DESIGNING BETTER LIVES”

Processional Introductions Jo Koenig
 Platform Hostess/Convention Secretary
 Presiding Jeanette T. Wells
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs
 Greetings Deborah J. Bach
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 1988-1990
 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs 1994-1996

Becky Weber
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2004-2006
 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014

Remarks Phyllis J. Skubic
 GFWC Illinois President

Trisha Schafer
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014
 GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Luncheon Grace Kathy Koran
 Director's Assistant

LUNCHEON

Keynote Speaker Jolie Frankfurth
 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Presentation of Awards / Funds Shelli Fehr
 President Elect/Dean of Chairmen
 Loretta Revesz
 Junior Dean of Chairmen

Junior Special Projects / Advocates for Children
 Allison Hale, Chairman

Membership Alice Betlach, Chairman
 Cally Larson Irvine, Junior Chairman

Unity Award Jeanette T. Wells & Phyllis J. Skubic

Junior Leadership Awards Debbie Monteith, Chairman
Junior of the Year
Outstanding Junior Service
Spark Plug Award

Door Prizes Carol Rich, Convention Vice Chairman
 Announcements Bonnie Heydorn, Convention Chairman
 Closing Thought Karen Wrzesinski, Director's Assistant

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WORKSHOP

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Maple/Elm/Ash

SESSION VI – JUNIOR BUSINESS MEETING “CELEBRATING YOUR DESIGNS”

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm Cypress

Call to Order Jeanette T. Wells
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Inspirational Thought Karyn Charvat
 GFWC IL Director of Junior Clubs 2014-2016

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America . .
 Led by Cyndi Fulco, Junior Public Issues Chairman

Junior Pledge Christina Brady
 District 5 Director of Junior Clubs

District Roll Call Cherie Sieger
 Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Approval of 2016 Convention Minutes
 Joanne Meyer, Junior Secretary

Appointment of committee to approve 2017 Minutes

Financial Report Erika Dobrotka, Junior Treasurer

Credentials Report Joanne Meyer, Junior Secretary

Standing Rules Revisions Joanne Meyer, Chairman

Presentation of Club Awards Loretta Revesz
 Junior Dean of Chairmen

Split the Pot Drawing Amy Vicioso
 Fundraising Chairman

Closing Thought Cherie Sieger
 Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Adjournment Jeanette T. Wells
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE – Atrium

Please report 10 minutes early

5:10 Junior Exec Committee	5:40 District 10
5:15 Junior Board of Directors	5:45 District 13
5:20 District 12	5:50 District 3
5:25 District 5	5:55 District 16
5:30 District 14/15	6:00 District 19
5:35 District 11	6:05 District 17

FUN NIGHT

“SAILING TO FUN IN THE SUN”

Hosted by

Argo-Summit, Bedford Park Woman's Club
 Betty Koran, Chairman & Kathy Koran, President

6:00 pm Social Hour, Atrium

7:00 pm Dinner, Pine/Spruce/Walnut

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SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

7:30 am- 8:45 am Parlor West
Past State Board Members Breakfast Meeting

9:00 am – 11:00 am Parlor East
Juniorette Club Members & Advisors Meeting
Karyn Charvat, Chairman

9:15 am – 11:00 am Maple/Elm/Ash

SESSION VII - BUSINESS

Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President

Credentials Report Carolyn Riggs, Chairman

Thought for the Day Cici Gaudet
District 14/15 President

Bylaw Amendments (if needed) Elena Lipinski, Chairman

Resolutions Revisions (if needed) Becky Weber, Chairman

Presentation of Awards / Funds Shelli Fehr
President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

Fundraising Amy Vicioso, Chairman

Membership Recognitions Alice Betlach, Chairman
Membership Orientation
Club Membership Increase
Recruitment Recognition
Star Pins for Recruitment
25 / 50 Year Members

Arts Betty Koran, Chairman
Sue Bielenda, Junior Chairman
Pennies for Arts, Very Special Arts
"Piggy Parade"

GFWC Illinois Scholarship Judy Rader, Chairman

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) Barbara Potter, Chairman

Exploration Station TBA

****Recognition of First Time Attendees****

Announcements Bonnie Heydorn, Convention Chairman

RECESS

11:45 am Musical Prelude

Noon- 3:00 pm Pine/Spruce/Walnut

SESSION VIII – PARTNERS LUNCHEON “LETS MAKE CHANGE”

Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President

Greetings Julie Ivers
District 23 President

Thought for the Day Sarah Ross
District 22 President

Luncheon Grace Barbara Hoffman
District 12 President

LUNCHEON

Recognition of 100th Anniversary Clubs ***Freeburg Woman's Club of Freeburg, Illinois***

District 22

Vicki Helms, President

GFWC Illinois Newton Woman's Club

District 23

Ellen Einhorn, President

Recognition of New Clubs

Naperville Junioresettes

District 5

Presentation of Awards / Funds Shelli Fehr
President Elect / Dean of Chairmen

Let's Make Change Partners & Video Presentations

ILS – Illinois Leadership Seminars

CRF – Children's Research Foundation

Easterseals

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Juniorette Awards Karyn Charvat, Chairman
Project of the Year
Juniorette Advisor of the Year
Juniorette of the Year

Door Prizes Carol Rich
Convention Vice Chairman

Final Announcements Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman

Closing Thought Natalie Garling
GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine Editor

Collect For Clubwomen Patti Kuchar
President's Assistant

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” In Unison
Led by Karyn Charvat

Adjournment – Sine Die Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President

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SPECIAL GUESTS

Debra “Deb” Strahanoski, GFWC Second Vice-President

Debra “Deb” Strahanoski has been a dedicated GFWC Illinois clubwoman for 29 years and is highly regarded as a mentor to many.

Deb’s boundless energy has been apparent during her Federation journey; she has served her clubs and district in various roles. She served the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors as State Project Chairman, Director of Junior Clubs 2000 -2002, President Elect/Dean of Chairmen and GFWC Illinois President 2008 - 2010, and currently GFWC Illinois Protocol Chairman. Her GFWC leadership positions have included Home Life Chairman, Membership Chairman, Community Improvement Program Award Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary and helped ignite The Campaign for the Future as chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee.

Deb is a highly respected volunteer and leader with GFWC and in her community. She has served Easterseals and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois on both regional and state levels, and has been honored with the coveted Friends of Children Award by PCA Illinois.

Since 2005, Deb has been employed with Easterseals as Development Manager, managing annual fundraising activities and events for the Joliet Region. She credits much of her professional success to all she has garnered through Federation. Deb assists her husband Bill in his public accounting office, which they have owned since 1984. They have two children and two grandchildren. Her visionary leadership, extensive experience and infectious enthusiasm have inspired new and veteran members alike.



Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Serving as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs will be the highlight of Jolie Frankfurth’s nineteen years of community service with the General Federation of Women’s Clubs. As a member of the GFWC Board of Directors, Jolie has served as GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs, GFWC Communications and Public Relations Committee, GFWC Strategic Planning Committee, and most recently, GFWC Director-Elect of Junior Clubs.

Few GFWC members can attest to being an integral part of the GFWC at all three levels of membership, but Jolie has been the Advisor of GFWC New Tampa Juniorette Club for the past five years, and she has held many positions, including president, of both GFWC Woman’s Club of New Tampa and GFWC New Tampa Junior Woman’s Club. In 2008, Jolie was honored as the GFWC Jennie Award winner and GFWC’s Empowering Women of the Present.

Jolie is a graduate of the University of South Florida with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Education and a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership. She realizes that her 20 years of teaching experience helps members of GFWC when working with club members in the areas of leadership training and membership retention and recruitment. Jolie has taught Business Communications, Business Management, Forms Design, Keyboarding, and Word Processing at the community college level. She also has trained adult students in the technology areas of Desktop Publishing/Design and in other specific software programs.

If you “friend” her on Facebook you will see that she loves to fish, paddle board, and travel. Although she spent her young life traveling as part of a military family, her own family has lived in Tampa, Florida since her marriage to Tom, almost 24 years ago. Both of their children are in college, leaving time for Jolie’s Federation life and travel. As GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, Jolie’s vision is for members of GFWC to choose to commit, to work hard, to focus on the big picture of community service and to be resilient in their efforts to making individual communities a better place. Jolie will strive for each State Federation to pursue membership in all three levels —the key to making GFWC’s future brighter and stronger.

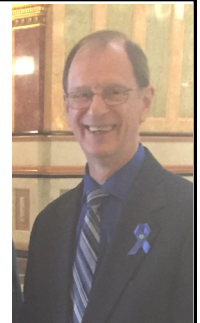


Roy Harley, Executive Director PCA Illinois

‘Celebrating 23 years of Partnership’ will be the theme of Roy Harley’s keynote address. Roy is the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. PCA Illinois is a statewide non-profit agency providing education and public awareness, training and technical assistance, and policy advocacy related to child abuse and neglect.

Roy has a BA from the University of Toledo, a Masters Degree in Anthropology from the University of Illinois, Champaign, and a Masters Degree in Theological Studies from Quincy University. He has 40 years of experience in child abuse prevention including 20 years as Executive Director of the Child Abuse Council, Moline and 19 years at PCA Illinois. He has been involved in several statewide initiatives; he was the Illinois recipient of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth and Families Commissioner’s Award in 2003.

Roy is an ordained deacon serving St. Agnes Parish, Springfield. He and his wife, Patricia reside in Springfield; they have five adult children, nine grandchildren and welcomed their first great-grandchild in February.



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DOOR PRIZE REQUEST



GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
122ND ANNUAL CONVENTION
MAY 18-20, 2017



To: GFWC Illinois Clubs (General, Juniors, Junioresettes)
From: Carol Rich, Convention Vice Chairman
815-674-6951 or email cmrich77@msn.com

The 122nd Annual GFWC Illinois Convention will be held May 18-20, 2017 at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, Lisle, Illinois.

A welcomed tradition of GFWC Illinois is 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 as indicated.

Your kind donation will be accepted at any time, but to be included in the Convention Program, please fill out the form below and send it to me by **April 1, 2017**. You can also bring your door prize donation to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting, March 3-4, 2017, at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville. 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.

FOR CASH DONATIONS PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Deana Justak, GFWC Illinois, 5 East Van Buren St., Suites 206-208, Joliet, IL 60432

FOR GIFT DONATIONS PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Carol Rich, 15342 N 2250 East Road, Pontiac, IL 61764 or email cmrich77@msn.com

Door Prize Donation by (check one):

Individual _____
Club _____
District _____

DONOR: _____

TITLE or CLUB: _____

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT/DONATION: _____

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

****Gift/gift basket may be brought to Convention.**

****For recognition in the convention program return by: April 1, 2017**

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HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

GFWC ILLINOIS 122ND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Hilton Lisle/Naperville

3003 Corporate West Drive
Lisle, Illinois 60532

RATE: \$103.00 plus tax for King or a Double. Rooms are either King Bed or Double/Double Bed. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel toll free at 800-445-8667 or local number 630-505-0900 or online.

To reserve online access www.hiltonlisenaperville.com and proceed to reservations. Enter arrival and departure dates as requested. Under the dates select “Add special rate code” and type in the group code **CFED** under the “Group Code” tab. The group name and rate should display when moving forward.

Please specify that you are with **GFWC IL Federation of Women’s Clubs** or provide the group code: **CFED**.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 25, 2017 on or before 12 Midnight local time

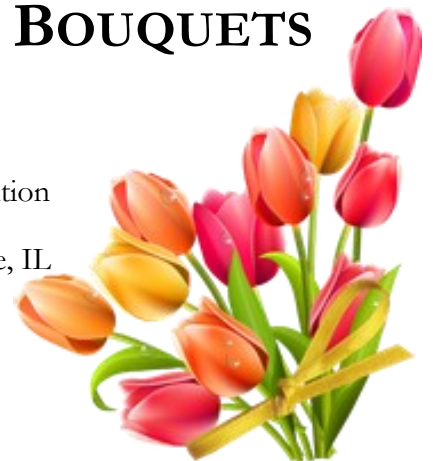
All reservations need to be guaranteed to a pre-approved master account or credit card. Reservations are subject to 24 hour cancellation policy and early departure fee. Hotel Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and Check-out time is 12:00 Noon. Guests arriving before 4:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms are available. Please be aware that although an adequate block of rooms has been reserved, the availability of reservation at the group rate cannot be guaranteed if the block has been filled or the cutoff date has passed.

FLOWERS & BOUQUETS



Arrangements have been made with
Philip’s Flowers And Gifts
for your floral needs during Convention

1007 E. Ogden Avenue / Naperville, IL
(630) 357-5235



WARDROBE SUGGESTIONS

GFWC Illinois LEADS Seminar
Pre-Convention Board Meeting
Pre-Convention Dinner
Opening Luncheon
Federation Banquet
Unity Luncheon
Fun Night
Partners Luncheon

Business Casual
Business Casual
Nautical / Cruise (Casual)
Red, White & Blue (Business Casual)
Blue (Cocktail)
Black and White (Business Casual)
Tropical / Beachwear (Casual)
GFWC or Club apparel (Business Casual)

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GFWC ILLINOIS 122nd ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

MAY 18, 19 AND 20, 2017

Hilton Lisle / Naperville • Lisle Illinois

Registration materials must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2017** 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 Items | Convention Program | Admission to Convention Business Meetings | Admission to the GFWC Illinois Exhibitor Area | Workshops | All Speakers and Entertainment at Convention Business Sessions

MAIL – checks payable to **GFWC ILLINOIS & Registration Form** by **APRIL 15, 2017** with your payment to:

Michelle Schultz, GFWC Illinois Treasurer
828 West Reynolds Street • Pontiac, IL 61764

MEMBER INFORMATION		FIRST TIME ATTENDEE? If so, check box: <input type="checkbox"/>	
First Name		Last Name	
Badge Name		Email Address	
General or Juniorette Club Name	District	Junior Club Name	District

REGISTRATION / CREDENTIALS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Registration / Credentials Fee : \$25.00**
- Registration must be postmarked on or before: **April 15, 2017.**
- Registration / Credentials **postmarked after April 15, 2017: \$40.00.**
- Non-voting members may register for one or more days at \$15.00 per day.
- Registration fee for GFWC Illinois Past Presidents and Past GFWC Illinois Directors of Junior Clubs **will be waived**
- Members must pick-up their own credentials

Select your registration type (please select only one)

- _____ Voting General Member-\$25.00 registration fee / \$40.00 late fee
_____ Voting Junior Member-\$25.00 registration fee / \$40.00 late fee
_____ Voting Juniorette Member-\$25.00 registration fee / \$40.00 late fee

VOTING MEMBER • PLEASE INDICATE THE CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU SERVE • SELECT ONLY ONE

- _____ General, Junior or Juniorette Member **CLUB NAME** _____ **DISTRICT** _____
_____ Past GFWC Illinois President
_____ Past GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs
_____ GFWC Illinois Executive Committee 2016-2018 **OFFICE** _____
_____ GFWC Illinois Board of Directors [District President/State Chairman 2016-2018] _____
_____ GFWC Illinois Junior Executive Committee 2016-2018 **OFFICE** _____
_____ GFWC Illinois Junior Board of Directors [Chairman/District Director 2016-2018] _____

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

- _____ 1st Day, May 18th _____ 2nd Day, May 19th _____ 3rd Day, May 20th _____ Attending all three days
(Non-voting members: \$15.00 per day registration fee)

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

NOTE: MEAL FUNCTIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL DELEGATES AND GFWC ILLINOIS 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, 2017

MEAL RESERVATIONS

MEAL PRICE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017

☐ GFWC ILLINOIS L.E.A.D.S. SEMINAR \$ 30.00

☐ PRE-CONVENTION DINNER \$ 38.00

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017

☐ OPENING LUNCHEON \$ 38.00

☐ FEDERATION BANQUET \$ 41.00

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

☐ UNITY LUNCHEON \$ 34.00

☐ FUN NIGHT DINNER \$ 38.00

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

☐ PARTNERS' LUNCHEON \$ 33.00

FINAL CHECKLIST

Registration 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
POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15, 2017*

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

☐ No Restriction

☐ No Dairy

☐ Chicken for pork

☐ Vegetarian

☐ Gluten Free

☐ Chicken for red meat

☐ Diabetic

List Food Allergies / Medical _____

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

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DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS & EVENTS....



Deb's Diamond Divas Annual Meeting

Friday, May 19, 2017

7:30 am, Parlor West

GFWC Illinois Deb's Diamond Divas will be hold their 5th Annual Meeting at the GFWC Illinois Convention on Friday morning, May 19, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. All members are invited to attend. New members are also welcome. We will be discussing our plans for our fall fundraiser, appointing a nominating committee, reviewing our finances and making future plans. We will also be hearing from Deb.

There will be a Continental Breakfast consisting of fruit juice, muffins, bagels, coffee cake, fresh fruit, coffee and tea. The cost per person will be \$15.00. Please make your reservation with Patti Kuchar. Dues for 2017-2018 of \$30 may also be paid with your reservation form or Patti will collect them at the meeting.

Breakfast Reservation Form - \$15.00 per person

Name _____ Club _____ Dist _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Check payable to Deb's Diamond Divas - Mail to: Patti Kuchar, 180 S DeWitt, Coal City IL 60416

Fun Night @ Convention!

Friday, May 19, 2017

7pm, Pine/Spruce/Walnut



Come aboard, we're expecting you! The U.S.S. GFWC Illinois is set to leave port on Friday, May 19 at 7:00 pm. A send off reception will begin from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Then we will set sail for fun in the sun. Put on your Cruise wear and join Captain Skubic, Miss Jeanette, GoFehr and Doc Seiger as we cruise into the sunset. The evening will be filled with fun cheesey games with appropriate prizes and then dancing until the sun rises! Don't miss the boat! Join Midshipwoman Betty Koran and all her sailors who will be there to make sure the fun doesn't end until we arrive back at port. So ALL ABOARD!

Past State Board Members Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, May 20, 2017

7:15 am – 8:45 a.m., Parlor West



This club meets only once a year and only at the annual State Convention. Anyone who has served, or is currently serving, on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors is invited to attend. Join us, and meet up with old friends and make some new ones too! Dues remain a very friendly \$3.00 and can be paid Saturday morning.

Questions? Please contact: Linda K. Bowbly, President @ (217) 763-6485

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WHRC / 1734 SOCIETY

Diane Addante, Chairman & Donna Cross, Junior Chairman

At Convention, we will be recognizing clubs/individuals who donated at least \$17.34 to 1734 Society between June 1, 2016 and April 1, 2017. Donations may be made directly to GFWC (GFWC 1734 Society), then let Donna Cross or Diane Addante know about it or you may send the donation in with your GFWC Illinois Project Contribution Form. In addition to recognition in the program booklet at Convention, representative members will be invited to participate in a group photo with GFWC Illinois Officers and our guest GFWC Officers.

1734 Society is a fund established to preserve the structural integrity of GFWC Headquarters at 1734 N Street NW, Washington DC. The 1734 Society fund is supported by annual donations from members. We all benefit from having a well-maintained national headquarters in DC.

The Women's History and Resource Center was founded in 1984 to collect, preserve, interpret and promote the history of the GFWC and women volunteers. The WHRC documents the social and political contributions of GFWC clubwomen from 1890 to the present through the GFWC archives, related special collections, and publications.

You can become a Friend of WHRC for \$30 or a Supporter for \$50. Please visit GFWC.org and click "Support GFWC" on the top right to find out more about the perks accruing from your donation.

The history of GFWC is fascinating! Learn more and be a part of preserving the past and securing the future!! Please visit <http://bit.ly/WHRCnewsDec>

GFWC Illinois Isabella Candee Foundation

30th Anniversary

It's not too late for you, your Club or your District to contribute to help anchor our GFWC Illinois with a \$30.00 donation in honor of the 30th Anniversary of the GFWC Illinois Isabella Candee Foundation. Those members, Clubs and/or Districts that contribute before April 20, 2017 will be recognized at the GFWC Illinois State Convention in May. Please consider a donation to help 'anchor' the future of our organization.



GFWC Illinois Isabella Candee Foundation
30th Anniversary Donation
"Helping to Anchor the future of GFWC Illinois"

Name _____ Club _____ District _____

Address _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Make checks payable to GFWC Illinois.

Mail to: GFWC Illinois, 5 East VanBuren Street Suite 208, Joliet Illinois 60432-4224.

Set Your Sails for LEADS!

GFWC ILLINOIS LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT SKILLS SEMINAR

Teresa Sanford-Shiplett, Vice President Central Region, Leadership Chairman

Plan to set sail now with the LEADS Seminar on Wednesday, May 17 at our Annual Convention. This powerful energizing leadership training workshop will begin at 10:00 with sign-in at 9:30. "LEADS" is just what you need to build and expand your leadership skills. It is open to everyone no matter how long you've been a member of GFWC Illinois.

The "**L**" means you will **LEARN** effective ways to conduct meetings, organize events, avoid conflicts, and inspire others to join you on the leadership voyage.

The "**E**" stands for **EDUCATION**. Education is the key to becoming a better leader and gain confidence in your abilities as you educate yourself about GFWC, its history, its mission, its goals and the program and project resources available.

And

"**D**" is for **DEVELOPMENT**. Here is a chance to develop ways to better yourself, your members, your organization and even your own personal life. Develop your flexibility by improving speaking skills, time management, presentations, and trustworthiness.

Our presenters are proven leaders in our state organization and include GFWC International officers as well. All of this and lunch too! Registration is included on the Convention Meal Reservation form (page 27). The cost is minimal (\$30) which covers your lunch.

This highly effective training opportunity can be yours and expresses your commitment to an even better GFWC Illinois. The more the merrier ... a larger number of participants will make a stronger networking group! So we encourage local and district presidents, officers or chairmen, as well as members to participate and join the LEADS Cruise Line. It will make everyone involved more *shipshape*. Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Take Note:

GFWC Illinois LEADS Seminar CHANGE in Registration

You will register for the GFWC Illinois LEADS Seminar on May 17th using the 122nd Annual Convention Meals Reservation form, which can be found on pages 26 and 27 of this issue.

LEADS is the first meal listed for Wednesday, May 17th
*One registration form for both Convention and LEADS *

If you are **ONLY** planning to attend the LEADS Seminar, please complete the entire form (2 pages) and return it to Michelle Schultz, Treasurer by April 15th along with your \$30.00 check payable to GFWC Illinois.

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	May 18	May 18	May 19	May 19	May 20	May 20
District	Delegates	Non Voting	Delegates	Non Voting	Delegates	Non Voting
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TOTALS						

SPECIAL DELEGATES

	May 18	May 19	May 20		May 18	May 19	May 20
Past State Presidents	___	___	___	Standing Committee Chairmen	___	___	___
Executive Committee	___	___	___	Special Committee Chairmen	___	___	___
District Presidents	___	___	___	Past State Directors of Junior Clubs	___	___	___
Community Service Program Chairmen	___	___	___	Junior Executive Committee	___	___	___
Convention Officers	___	___	___	District Directors of Junior Clubs	___	___	___
GFWC Officers	___	___	___	Junior Chairmen	___	___	___
Guests	___	___	___	TOTAL REGISTRATION	___	___	___
					May 18	May 19	May 20



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GFWC ILLINOIS CLUBWOMAN **PRINT EDITION OPT-OUT**

To print and mail the GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine, our budget limits us to two printed issues each year. In a cost saving measure, we are asking members to consider receiving ONLY an electronic version of the Clubwoman Magazine. The savings realized will allow us to print at least one additional issue each year, for members that don't use technology or have access to an electronic version.

If you would like to be removed from the printed mailing list, please email the information listed below to: Carol Jablonski, Northern Region Vice President / Communications & Public Relations Chairman: carolajablonski@att.net.

- Member Name
- Email address
- Mailing address
- List all GFWC Illinois clubs you are a member of – beginning with your HOME club

Changes will go into effect after the GFWC Illinois Convention in May 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES

LEGISLATION DAY IN SPRINGFIELD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

ANNUAL REPORTS- CONVENTION BOOKLET DEADLINE
25 & 50 YEAR MEMBER'S NAMES DUE TO HQ
"LET'S MAKE CHANGE" DONATION DEADLINE
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

BLUE RIBBON FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

EASTERSEALS TELETHON- JOLIET REGION
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

CONVENTION & LEADS REGISTRATION DUE
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017

FEDERATION DAY
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

GFWC ILLINOIS LEADS SEMINAR
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017

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MAY 18- MAY 20, 2017

GFWC CONVENTION
JUNE 23- 26, 2017
PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA