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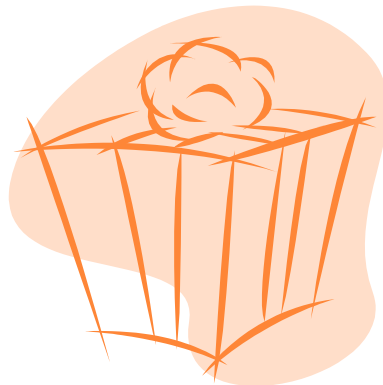
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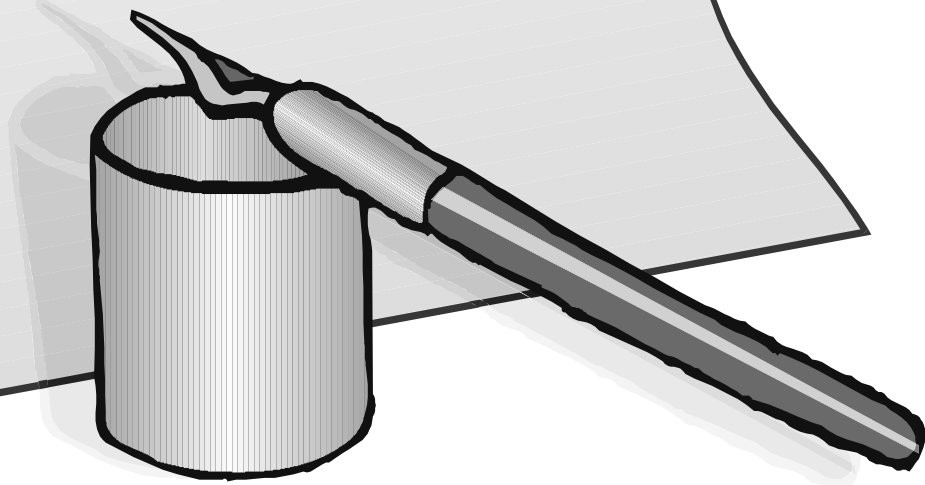


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September 30, 1949—October 7, 2013

GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Editor 2010-2012, 2012-2014

This issue of *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman* is dedicated to the memory of our dear friend Rita. She has laid her pen down for the last time. She was truly a creative artist that shared her 'gift' lovingly with *GFWC Illinois*. She was always very encouraging and supportive of the Officers and members of *GFWC Illinois*. She will be missed.



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Rita Jaffe
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Diane Addante, President Elect on the loss of her
mother-in-law.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

DEBBIE BACH
&
DEB STRAHANOSKI

On the winning of the
2013 FIREND OF CHILDREN AWARD

GIFTS OF LEADERSHIP



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



Dear Clubmembers,

This winter has been taxing for most of us and at this point we hope that the worst is behind us. It is now time to turn our thoughts to Annual District Meetings and then to Convention. The Convention Committee under the direction of Deb Strahanoski, Chairman, have completed plans for another fun and exciting Convention.

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

It has indeed been a pleasure serving as your President. I am looking forward to seeing you at the District Meetings and at Convention.

Thank you again for sharing your “gifts with GFWC Illinois”. **-Pat**



Trisha Schafer, Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014

Dear Illinois Junior Club Women & Federation Friends,

What an honor it has been to represent Illinois as your Director of Junior Clubs!

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many of you and to be able to visit your clubs' meetings and events. GFWC Illinois IS truly “Making The Difference”! You are all to be commended for the wonderful projects that you do year after year to make your communities and world a better place!

I am so excited and looking forward to seeing EWE all at Convention this year, so that once again, we can celebrate your accomplishments, reunite with friends from across the state and make new friends in Federation as well! ☺

For the 2014-2016 administration, I will be serving on the GFWC Board of Directors on the Leadership Committee. This is very exciting new journey! After attending the orientation for the 2014-2016 administration, your GFWC Leadership “Team” has already started sharing our ideas and I am looking forward to bringing the Leadership information back to our state and to the Great Lakes Region!

I hope to see many of you at events this spring.

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



GIFTS OF THE FUTURE

“IF IT NEEDS TO BE, VOLUNTEERS ARE THE KEY”

Diane Addante, GFWC Illinois President Elect

The theme for GFWC Illinois 2014-2016 is “If It Needs To Be, Volunteers Are The Key”. I like the expression, “If it’s going to be, it’s up to me” so this is a spin on that. Whenever there is a need in our communities, GFWC Clubwomen eagerly ask “How can I help?” I have seen your generous spirit time and time again and it is that spirit I want to convey. Keys open doors that lead to possibilities. Here’s hoping you’ll have fun with it! I am honored to serve as your next President and will do so to the very best of my abilities. I look forward to working with you and offer my support to you.



I will not be adding a President’s monetary emphasis. My emphasis is “Being a Good Citizen”. This encompasses many areas, but three are on my radar: 1) Veteran’s Issues. To the extent that we can improve the lives of veterans with our works, we shall. VA Facilities, Fisher House, Honor Flight, Wounded Warrior, Sew Much Comfort—all fit the bill. 2) Legislation. Even before women could vote, we advocated for quality of life issues to protect our families. Legislative reform is a huge part of our history and it should be a big part of our legacy. To be informed on issues of the day and to act upon them honors the women who came before us. 3) Women’s Rights, Women’s History. When you protect women’s rights, you protect the rights of all. We have a rich history of being the heart and soul of our world. We need to keep our history alive so future generations will know our struggles and victories and we must be vigilant to protect the rights of women everywhere.

In keeping with the Citizenship theme, the colors of this administration will be Red, White, and Blue.

“If It Needs To Be, Volunteers Are The Key” I am so proud to be volunteering with you!

“JUST ONE VOICE”

Karyn McCarthy, GFWC Illinois Director Elect of Junior Clubs

The theme for the 2014-2016 GFWC Illinois Junior Organization will be “Just One Voice” and the color will be royal purple. I believe that the GFWC Illinois Juniors understand the power of one. Throughout the years, we have been so fortunate to see exactly what can be done because one person had a vision. Whether it is the vision to launch a new club or a statewide project or a new fundraiser, GFWC Illinois Juniors know how to get things done!

As I prepare to become the next Director of Junior Clubs, I realize how very excited I am to serve our great state in this way. I’ve long since recognized the strength and power of the members we have here in Illinois. I’ve seen clubs as small as 6 members accomplish amazing things, raising thousands of dollars and doing the work of a club 10 times its size. That’s because one of them stood up and said, “We can do it!”

And we can do it, ladies! We can do whatever we set out to do for our clubs and communities. It doesn’t matter how many members we have ... or how many sponsors we have for our events. We just need to BELIEVE in each other and in ourselves and we can do anything!

During this 2014-2016 administration, my emphasis will be on three outstanding organizations: Children’s Research Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.



Lastly, throughout my time as Director, I hope to re-energize efforts to start more Juniorette clubs throughout the state, as well as hold a Juniorette Convention to support the clubs we already have. The young ladies of our communities are tomorrow’s volunteers. They have so much promise, determination and most already have a deep passion for volunteerism. Why not serve as a mentor to them by forming a new club in your town or district? With so many external pressures of balancing school work and extra curricular activities, belonging to a GFWC Illinois Juniorette club can serve as an outlet for them and would be rewarding for all. I urge you to give this some thought and reach out to me if your club has an interest in sponsoring a Juniorette club.

Remember, ladies, all it takes is one voice. Shout it out and let it be heard!

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GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs

OFFICIAL CALL

One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Convention

"Gifts of GFWC"

May 15, 16, 17, 2014



Parke Regency Hotel and Conference Center
1413 Leslie Drive, Bloomington, Illinois
(309) 662-4300

The One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Convention of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs is hereby called for May 15, 16, 17, 2014 at the Parke Regency Hotel and Conference Center, Bloomington, Illinois. Session I, Business will be called to order at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, May 15, 2014 by Patricia L. Heitman, President, GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs.

REPRESENTATION

ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS

Section 2. REPRESENTATION

- A. The voting body of GFWC Illinois shall consist of:
1. Club Delegates.
Any member in good standing may attend convention as a delegate.
 2. Members of GFWC Illinois Junior Organization Board of Directors
 3. Convention Committee Officers
 4. Members of GFWC Illinois Board of Directors
 5. GFWC Illinois Past Presidents
 6. GFWC Illinois Past Director of Junior Clubs
- B. Delegates shall pay registration fees for the entire convention to be entitled to vote.
- C. A delegate shall represent only one club and shall have only one vote in the annual convention.
- D. Any Club whose member dues are not paid by April 1st shall be notified and shall not be entitled to representation at the annual convention or to receive awards, except those clubs admitted at Pre-

Convention Board Meeting.

Section 3. NON-VOTING MEMBERS/ VISITORS

- A. GFWC Illinois club members paying daily registration shall be considered non-voting members and may attend all sessions occurring on the day(s) paid.
- B. Non-members attending Convention as a guest of a member, a personal guest of the President, or persons invited to be participants in the convention program shall be referred to as visitors.
- C. Visitor badges shall be issued at registration.

Section 4. REGISTRATION

- A. A registration fee shall be required of every delegate (except GFWC Illinois Past Presidents) and non-voting member attending convention. Registration fees shall be waived for visitors.
- B. All election credentials shall be claimed by 7:00 p.m. on the day preceding the election.
- C. Registrants must pick up their own credentials.

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BRING TO CONVENTION

Delegates are requested to bring: The Convention Issue of the *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman* magazine.

Limited copies of the Convention issue of the *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman* magazine will be available at Convention.

CREDENTIALS / MEAL RESERVATIONS

The GFWC Illinois Annual Convention Registration Form can be found on page 21 & page 22 of this magazine.

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The Credentials and Meal Reservation Forms have been combined. The Annual Convention Registration Form should be filled out and mailed with check payable to GFWC Illinois to:

Michelle Schultz, Convention Treasurer
828 W Reynolds St
Pontiac IL 61764

Registration Form must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2014.

Registration Fee is \$25.00. Registration Fee for late registration (those postmarked April 16 and later) is \$40.00. Non-voting members may register for one or more days at \$15.00 per day or \$25.00 for the entire convention.

PLEASE NOTE: All delegates must pick up their credentials by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2014.

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

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All sessions of the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Convention of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at the Park Regency Hotel and Conference Center, 1413 Leslie Lane, Bloomington Illinois 61704.

The Hotel Reservation Form can be found on page 25. Reservations may be made by calling (309) 662-4300. Please remember to mention GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs when making your reservation.

Per night rates are \$89.00 plus applicable taxes for a Queen (2 beds), King, King with sofa bed, or King with sofa bed and whirlpool.

Deadline for hotel reservations is April 15, 2014.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Pre-Convention Meeting for the 2012-2014 Board of Directors for GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Denali Ballroom on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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

PRE-CONVENTION EVE DINNER

This pre-convention event *"The Gift of Team Spirit"* will boost our spirit for our GFWC Team. It will be hosted by Deb Strahanoski and will set the tone for the 119th Annual Convention

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Convention will officially open with **Session I - Business**, on Thursday, May 16, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Denali / Glacier Room.

Session IV – Business on Friday, May 16, 2014 will begin at 9:15 a.m. in Denali/Glacier Room.

Session VI – Junior Business Session on Friday, May 16, 2014 will begin at 3:15 p.m. in Denali/Glacier Room.

Session VIII – Business on Saturday, May 17, 2014 will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Denali/Glacier Room.

Admittance for Business Sessions will be by Credential Badge only.

FOOD FUNCTION SESSIONS

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

Opening Luncheon—Session II – "Gift of Friendship" hosted by First Ladies of Eleventh District, Joyce Anderson President, and will begin at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, May 15, 2014 in Redwood/Sierra/Hawthorne Room.

Federation Banquet—Session III – "Gifts of Love" will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2014 in the Redwood/Sierra/Hawthorne Ballroom. Sarah Austiff, Woman's Club of Kankakee, District 8 will host this evening honoring our Past State Presidents and our International Officers. During the social hour prior to the banquet, members will have an opportunity to greet all of the Past State Presidents. Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Immediately following the banquet a receiving line will be formed so that all members may welcome our GFWC International President-elect Babs Condon, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Becky Weber and GFWC Treasurer Deb Strahanoski.

Unity Luncheon— Session V – "Gifts of Working Together" will be hosted by Martha Butler and Marjorie Morocco, District 10 and begin at 12:00 Noon Friday, May 16, 2014 in Redwood/Sierra/Hawthorne Ballroom.

Junior Banquet—Session VII – "Ewe Are One" will be hosted by the Junior Organization Meetings and Banquets Chairmen Sandi Lawson and Karla Burns-Anderson and begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2014 in the Redwood/Sierra/Hawthorne Ballroom.

Fun Night – "The Gifts of the Fifties—Dance" can be enjoyed by everyone beginning with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2014 in Ballroom 4 & 5. Betty Koran will be your hostess for the evening.

Closing/Installation Luncheon—Session IX – "Sharing our Gifts—the Key to Service" will be hosted by the members of District 5, Carol Jablonski, President. It will begin at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, May 17, 2014 in the Redwood/Sierra/Hawthorne Ballroom.

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INVITATIONS

WORKSHOP

“Put Steam in Your Self-Esteem”

Workshop will be available at 3:15 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2014 in the Denali/Glacier Ballroom. Jacquelyn M. Pierce will be Presenting. Come aboard for this leadership workshop which will include techniques and skills to become a self-starter; self-evaluator; self-lover and self-finder! As is the goal of all Jackie's workshops, attendees will be provided the necessary train attire, handouts and materials to become a presenter of their own workshop entitled **“Put Steam in Your Self-Esteem”**.



Pre Convention Eve Dinner

Let's Kick off Convention!



We invite you to Tailgate and Celebrate! Start your Convention adventure off with the GFWC Illinois Tailgate Party “Gift of Team Spirit” - Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

Don't forget to wear your favorite team colors or sports apparel and join in on the fun! Deb Strahanoski will be our hostess. See you there! -

Make your Tailgate reservation on the Convention Registration Form.

FUN NIGHT

“The Gift of the Fifties . . . Dance”

For all of our fun loving members, it's time to pack that poodle skirt, saddle shoes and bobby socks and get ready to rock around the clock. Join us on Friday evening, May 16th as we board the magic bus to take us back in time to the high school gymnasium, circa 1959. Betty Koran and her Sock Hop Committee have an evening filled with a little bit of trivia and a whole lotta shaking, twisting and strolling going on and of course a prize for the person(s) wearing the best attire depicting the era. So be creative! The records are spinning and all we need is you so register today.



INSTALLATION RECEPTION

“The Key to GFWC Illinois is You”

The members of GFWC Illinois Fifth District cordially invite you for tea and light dessert following the Installation Ceremony on Saturday, May 17, 2014. GFWC Illinois President Diane Addante and the newly elected Executive Officers would like the opportunity to greet you and show our appreciation for your service to our organization. Please be sure to come by and have a ‘spot of tea’ with us!



SPEAKERS

Babs Condon GFWC President-elect Keynote Speaker Opening Luncheon



Babs is a third-generation GFWC club-woman, who has been an active member of GFWC Maryland for more than 29 years. She belongs to GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster and GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster serving her clubs, district and state with distinction, holding numerous offices, program and special project chairmanships.

Babs served as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs 1998-2000 and presently serves as GFWC President-elect.

While serving as the 2002-2004 GFWC Maryland President, Babs placed special emphasis on membership and volunteering and continues this passion in her 18th year as the advisor for a GFWC Juniorette club that she started in 1994.

Babs is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, with graduate work at the University of Kentucky and Western Maryland College. She married Jerry (the boy next door) in 1978, taught for several years before having two wonderful sons and starting on the path of a professional volunteer.

Rebecca Weber GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Keynote Speaker Unity Luncheon/Junior Banquet



Rebecca “Becky” Weber has been a member of GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club for 24 years. She has served her club, district, and state in a variety of chairmanships and GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2004-2006. She is presently GFWC Director of Junior Clubs.

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Becky has dedicated her life to volunteering: teacher's aide, room mother, St. Mary's PTO, Snyder Village Nursing Home, Citizens Advisory Council. She leads the St. Mary's Guitar Group; volunteers at Metamora Township High School Special Ed Resource Room; and is an active CASA volunteer. She plays *Taps* for military funerals and is an honorary member of the Key Volunteer Network with the 6th ESB, Company C Marines, Peoria, Illinois.

She has been married to Mike for 34 years and they have four wonderful children and two beautiful grandchildren.



Roy Harley
Executive Director PCA Illinois
Keynote Speaker
Federation Banquet

"Celebrating 20 years of partnership" will be the theme of Roy Harley's keynote address. Roy is 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, an MA in Anthropology from University of Illinois, Champaign, and a Masters Degree in Theological Studies from Quincy University. He has 37 years of experience in child abuse prevention including 17 years as Executive Director of the Child Abuse Council, Moline and 16 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 and nine grandchildren.



Jill Savage
Inspirational Speaker
Session I Business

Jill Savage is an author and speaker who is passionate about encouraging families. She is the author of seven books including *My Hearts at Home*, *Real Moms*, and her most recent bestselling release *No More Perfect Moms*.

Featured on Focus on the Family, Crosswalk.com and as the host of the Heartbeat radio program, Jill is the founder and director of Hearts at Home, an organization that encourages moms. Jill and her husband, Mark, have five children, three who are married, two granddaughters and one grandson. They make their home in Normal, Illinois.

Illinois Leadership Seminar
Session VIII Business

Illinois Leadership Seminars is a not-for-profit organization that exists to make a difference and teach life-long leadership skills to high school students in Illinois who demonstrate a spark of leadership.



Chris 'Hopper' Oehler President is an alumni of the program and has been a volunteer with the organization for over 20 years. He has served in many capacities. Hopper received his BS in Mechanical Engineering from Northwestern University. He has enjoyed a 15 year career in the aerospace industry with Woodward MPC.

Kristin Nichols has been volunteering with ILS for over 13 years after first becoming involved as a Senior Coach; she has held many roles and is currently serves as Corporate Board Alumni Advisor and Seminar Director of Staff. Kristin has a BA in Communications from Northwestern University; currently working as a Product Specialist at NPD Group.



Austin Walker after his 7 year involvement is now the Recruitment Director on the Seminar Planning Committee. In addition to ILS, he interacts with seminars in other starts through the National Society for Youth Leadership (NSYL). He will graduate from University of Illinois, Champaign in June with a BA in Actuarial Science.

Judith Valente
Author
Session VIII Business

Judith Valente is an award-winning author, journalist and poet. Her most recent books include "Atchison Blue: Search for Silence, a Spiritual Home and a Living faith, winner of best spirituality book at the 2013 Great Midwest Book Festival, and "The Art of Pausing: Meditations for the Overworked and Overwhelmed".



Ms. Valente began her journalism career at the age of 21 at The Washington Post and subsequently wrote for The Wall Street Journal in that paper's Chicago and London bureaus. She was twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in journalism, most recently in 1993 for her front-page story in The Wall Street Journal, chronicling the story of a religiously conservative business executive caring for his son dying of AIDS.

She holds a B.A. in English and classical languages from St. Peter's University in Jersey City, NJ and a Masters in Fine Arts in creative writing from the School of the Art Institute, Chicago. She is married to Illinois Circuit Court Judge Charles Reynard, also a writer. The couple lives in Chicago and Normal, Illinois.

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Mark Demmin II Singer Session IX

Closing/Installation Luncheon

Mark Demmin II was born in Peoria to an accomplished musical family and began singing at age four. He is a robust lyric baritone, reminiscent of Golden age vocalists Billy Eckstein and Johnny

Desmond. He sings the great standards of the American Songbook of the 1920's to the 1950's but has a wide repertoire and can vary his program to accommodate specific requests. He has sung with many notable artists, most recently the Larry Harris Trio, featuring Rusty Jones, and jazz organists Tony Thomas and Tony Monaco. Mark has performed for the Past President Club of DuPage County and the Clarendon Hills Woman's Club.

Mark has a love of historic architecture and its preservation. His current goal is to save Peoria's last remaining movie palace, The Madison Theater. Built in 1921, the Madison is the city's last link to its historic entertainment past, beginning with vaudeville. Fibber McGee and Molly (Jim and Marion Driscoll) often referred to Peoria and the Madison in their comedy shows. Mark and his father Mark, Sr. who shares his passion, are working closely toward the preservation of this landmark.

Mark is also a noted historian of classical pipe organs and theater organs, their music and ongoing legacy. He frequently lectures on the subject, with historical photographs.



SPECIAL EVENTS / MEETINGS

GFWC Illinois Deb's Diamond Divas

Attention Dazzling Divas!

We will be meeting Thursday May 15, 2014 at our annual GFWC Illinois Convention, Parke Regency Hotel, Bloomington.

We will begin our meeting at 8:00 a.m. At this meeting we will be collecting annual dues and elect officers for the next administration. Contact Teresa Sanford if you would like to put your name on the slate; nominations will be taken from the floor also. Anyone interested in helping Deb continue her journey to the top should step right up. We want to keep all our positive energy moving forward!



Need a new purse? Once again we are holding a purse auction so bring a purse and buy a raffle ticket for a new one!

We will also need volunteers to man the tables—are you available?

Let's pull together to dazzle Deb with our support!



GFWC ILLINOIS ORGANIZATION OF PAST STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Lois Farber, President of the Organization of Past State Board Members is inviting all of its members to attend their meeting on Friday, May 16, 2014 at 7:45 a.m.

This is the annual club meeting. If you are not a member but have been on the State Board of Directors or are currently serving as a Board Members, you are eligible to join. So stop in and become a members for the nominal dues of \$3.00.



RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED REVISIONS OF RESOLUTIONS FORMERLY ADOPTED BY GFWC ILLINOIS

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

HARRASSMENT AND BULLYING

Adopted 2012

WHEREAS, Harassment and bullying is a pervasive problem that can have negative consequences for schools, communities and student to feel safe, and one that can have negative lifelong consequences. Both for the bully and their targets; and

WHEREAS, Bullying is comprised of direct behaviors such as teasing, taunting, threatening, hitting and stealing that are initiated by one or more individuals against a target, as well as indirect behaviors such as spreading rumors and acting in other ways to cause an individual to be isolated through intentional exclusion; and

WHEREAS, Sexual harassment, including physical and verbal forms such as unwelcome comments, jokes or gestures, is a form of bullying; and

WHEREAS, Harassment and bullying may be by text, email, Facebook or other electronic means as well as in person; and

WHEREAS, Such behaviors amount to physical and psychological intimidation and are risk factors for youth violence, and bullies whose behavior goes unchallenged risk becoming violent adults, engaging in domestic violence and child abuse; and

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WHEREAS, Such behaviors are prevalent in middle and high schools, and only about 25 percent **a small percentage** of the targets reported the behavior to a teacher, counselor or parent; and

WHEREAS, Those who stand by passively watching or encouraging bullying are also affected and may learn to imitate the behavior and become bullies themselves and/or be fearful of their own safety; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs support policies and programs that address the prevention, intervention, and elimination of harassment and bullying; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs through working with school personnel and community leaders, help to bring about an attitude of zero tolerance and that such behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in homes, schools, playgrounds, buses, workplaces or any place where people congregate; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs and its member clubs work with appropriate agencies in an effort to inform the general public about the risks and cost of bullying for both the bully and the target, as well as witnesses to such behavior, and bring about a change in societal attitudes toward harassment and bullying.

Rationale: Removing statistics that need to be renewed.

RESOLUTION TO BE RESCIND SHOPLIFTING PREVENTION

Adopted 1977—Revised 1985

Rationale: Shoplifting is rarer now due to magnetic alerts and other securities. Covered under Resolution on Crime Prevention.

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

Resolutions Committee –

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GFWC ILLINOIS BYLAWS

Page 29 ARTICLE II OBJECT

Now reads:

Objectives of GFWC Illinois shall be charitable as defined by Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. These objectives shall also include mutual counsel and sympathy, unity of action in case of need, and the promotion of higher social and moral conditions.

Strike 'Objectives' and insert "The object"; strike second sentence to then read:

Page 29 ARTICLE II OBJECT

The object of GFWC Illinois shall be charitable as defined by 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Rationale: In order to maintain our 501 (c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service we need to adhere to their specifications; this simplifies the procedure.

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Section 2. CANDIDACY

B. Endorsement 2.

Now reads:

2. Each candidate shall be endorsed by the District in which she serves. The endorsement shall be obtained by the District assembled in the odd numbered year. Endorsement shall be properly documented in the District minutes. A "Declaration of Candidate for GFWC Illinois Office" form shall be completed and submitted to the Elections Committee and GFWC Illinois Headquarters by December 1st in the odd numbered year.

Insert in second sentence after 'odd numbered year' "***or in absence of such assembly, by endorsement of two-thirds of all active Clubs in the District either by polling by mail or electronic means.***"

Insert in third sentence after 'District minutes' "***or polling results compiled and submitted with letter of verification signed by the district president, recording secretary, and candidate.***" to then read:

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Section 2. CANDIDACY

B. Endorsement 2.

2. Each candidate shall be endorsed by the District in which she serves. The endorsement shall be obtained by the District assembled in the odd numbered year **or in the absence of such assembly, by endorsement of two-thirds of all active clubs in the District either by polling by mail or electronic means.** Endorsement shall be properly documented in the District minutes **or polling results compiled and submitted with letter of verification signed by the district president, recording secretary, and candidate.** A "Declaration of Candidate for GFWC Illinois Office" form shall be completed and submitted to the Elections Committee and GFWC Illinois Headquarters by December 1st in the odd numbered years.

Rationale: To provide a way of nominating a candidate for GFWC Illinois Office when no district meeting is available.

Page 34 ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 2. CANDIDACY

C. Nominations 2.

Now reads:

2. If a candidate so chooses, she may be nominated by the District from the floor of the convention the day preceding the election without prior notice of her candidacy, providing she is an eligible candidate. District endorsement shall be properly documented.

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Insert at the end of the last sentence ***“as specified by the Declaration of Candidates for GFWC Illinois Office form.”*** to then read:

Page 34 ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 2. CANDIDACY

C. Nominations 2.

2. If a candidate so chooses, she may be nominated by the District from the floor of the convention the day preceding the election without prior notice of her candidacy, providing she is an eligible candidate. District endorsement shall be properly documented **as specified by the “Declaration of Candidates for GFWC Illinois Office form.”**

Rationale: To clarify “properly documented”.

Page 44 DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

Now reads:

In the event of the dissolution of GFWC Illinois, the following procedure should be used:

1. Prior notice to the GFWC ILLINOIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS and all member Clubs.
2. Disposition of Funds—If the organization should be dissolved, its assets shall be distributed to volunteer organization/s qualified under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No assets may be distributed to individual members or any group of members.

Strike first sentence and 1., insert ***“GFWC Illinois may be dissolved by recommendation of the Board of Directors and a 2/3 affirmative vote by the membership either by assembly, mail or electronic means.”*** to then read:

Page 44 DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

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Rationale: To clarify the procedure.

Bylaws Committee -

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

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

Marge Nelson, Chairman

For our 119th Annual Convention, I’m asking you to bring underwear for the children and women (undershirts, underpants, bras etc). Please put each item/pair in a plastic baggie saying ‘Boy Size 6’ in marker.

You may wish to include ‘Donated by General Federation of Women’s Clubs with your town name inside. This will show that these are coming from around our state.

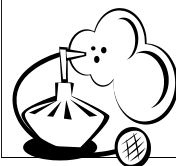


Another way to make the mom’s feel good about themselves is to

help them look pretty. How about anything for their hands or feet like nail polish, polish remover, hand crème, files, nail clip—your get the idea.



Thank you for caring and for all you have done and continue to do for those who have been hurt.



We can’t do everything but we can do something.

ARTS & CRAFTS ROOM

Elena Lipinski, Arts Chairman

You may bring your arts and crafts to the Yosemite Room on Thursday May 15, 2014 from 7:00 until 9:00 a.m.

Judging will take place around 1:00 p.m. that afternoon. Virginia Erickson, Coordinator of the Geirtz Education Center and Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, Illinois will be our judge. She has personally worked in most craft fields and has a B.A. in studio art. Once judging has taken place and the winners have been recorded, the arts and crafts room will reopen until 5:00 p.m.



GFWC Illinois club women, my challenge to you continues! **Bring at least one art or craft item per club to be displayed in the arts and crafts room at the 119th Annual Convention.** Which district will have participation from the greatest percentage of clubs? Come and find out!



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****DAILY HOURS****

REGISTRATION / CREDENTIALS - Foyer

Thursday, May 15 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, May 16 – 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 17 – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

CONVENTION OFFICE / INFORMATION -

Yellowstone Room

Thursday, May 15 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 16 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS ROOM — Yosemite Room

Thursday, May 15

7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Receiving Artwork

1:00 p.m. Closed for Judging

3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Opened for Viewing

Friday, May 16 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 18 – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Open for picking up of Artwork

EXHIBITORS – Convention Foyer

Thursday, May 15 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, May 16 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – MAY 14, 2014

PRE-CONVENTION SCHEDULE

1:00-3:30 p.m.Executive Committee Meeting

4:00-5:30 p.m.Pre-Convention Board Meeting

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE

Immediately following Pre-Convention Board
of Directors Meeting

Convention Committee

2012-2014 Executive Committee

2012-2014 Board of Directors

President Elect with Chairmen

District President

Vice President with District Presidents

6:00-7:00 p.m.Social

7:00 p.m.Pre-Convention Eve Dinner

"The Gift of Team Spirit"

Hosted by Deb Strahanoski

Thursday Morning - May 15, 2014

CONVENTION SESSIONS

(Program Agenda is subject to change)

CONVENTION OPENING

SESSION I – BUSINESS

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.Denali/Glacier Ballroom

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

Invocation.....Donna Cross
District 17 President

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Ladies Auxiliary V.F.W. Post 454

Diane Hawk, Conductor

National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner"

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

Led by Evelyn Dill, Public Issues Chairman

CALL TO ORDER of the ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ANNUAL CON- VENTION GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB

Welcome.....Patricia L. Heitman
GFWC Illinois President

Trisha Schafer

GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Credentials Report.....Carolyn Riggs
Credentials Chairman

Greetings.....Deb Strahanoski
GFWC Illinois President 2008-2010

(Doors Close)

Presentation of Convention Rules.....Deb Strahanoski
Convention Chairman

Presentation of Convention Programs.....Jackie Haddad
Convention Program Chairman

Minutes of the 118th Annual Convention, 2013.....
Candy Godbee, Secretary

Appointment of Committee to Approve
Minutes of 119th Annual Convention

Greetings.....Babs Condon
GFWC International President-elect
Rebecca Weber
GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

(Doors Open)

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

Bylaws Amendments.....Diana Taylor
Bylaws Chairman

Resolutions Revisions.....LeeAnn Conlon
Legislation / Public Policy Chairman

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Program Jackie Haddad
Convention Program Chairman

Jill Savage, Author

Recognition of First Time Attendees

Announcements..... Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman Assistant

Closing Thought..... Barbara Potter
District 8 President

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Thursday Afternoon - May 15, 2014

11:45 a.m., Musical Prelude..... Mabel Lou Weber

11:45 a.m. Processional Assemblies..... Convention Foyer

12:00 – 3:00 p.m..... Redwood/Sierra/Hawthorne Ballroom

SESSION II – OPENING LUNCHEON

“The Gift of Friendship”

Hosted by First Ladies of Eleventh District

Joyce Anderson, President

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

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

Greetings..... Martha M. Bein
GFWC Illinois President 2004-2006

Luncheon Grace..... Joyce Anderson
President First Ladies of Eleventh District

Luncheon

(Doors Close)

Memorial Service..... Carol Rich
GFWC Illinois President 1990-1992

Keynote Speaker..... Babs Condon
GFWC International President-elect

(Doors Open)

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

Home Life
Elaine M. Bush, Chairman

International Outreach
Phyllis Nightlinger, Chairman

Public Issues
Evelyn Dill, Chairman

Door Prizes..... Terry Soerhmann
Convention Vice Chairman

Announcements..... Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman Assistant

Closing Thought..... Sheila Stock
First Ladies of Eleventh District

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WORKSHOP

3:15–4:15 p.m..... Denali/Glacier Ballroom

“Put Steam into Your Self-Esteem”

Jacquelyn Pierce, Presenter

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GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE

Please report for photos 10 minutes before
your scheduled time.

5:00 – 6:00 p.m..... Denali/Glacier Ballroom

5:00 District 3

5:05 District 4

5:10 District 5

5:15 District 6

5:20 District 7

5:25 District 8

5:30 District 10

5:35 District 11

5:40 District 12

5:45 District 13

5:50 District 14

5:55 GFWC IL

Past Presidents

6:00 – 7:00 p.m..... Denali/Glacier Ballroom

Social Hour

GFWC Illinois Past Presidents Reception

6:45 p.m. Musical Prelude..... Mabel Lou Weber

6:45 p.m. Processional Assemblies in Foyer

7:00-10:00 p.m..... Redwood/Sierra/Hawthorne Ballroom

SESSION III – FEDERATION BANQUET

“Gifts of Love”

Hosted by Sarah Austiff, WC of Kankakee

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

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

Greetings..... Deborah J. Bach
GFWC Illinois President 2000-2002

Marie McNabb

GFWC Illinois President 1988-1990

Phyllis Cossarek

GFWC Illinois President 1996-1998

Dinner Grace..... Lois Farber

Jennie Award Chairman

DINNER

(Doors Close)

Introductions of Special Guests..... Pat Heitman

GFWC Illinois President

Keynote Speaker..... Roy Harley

Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

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(Doors Open)

Presentation of Funds
GFWC Illinois State Project

“Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child”

Presented by Patricia L. Heitman, GFWC Illinois President
and Kathy Koran, GFWC Illinois State Project Chairman

Accepting – Roy Harley, Executive Director
Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

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

GFWC Illinois State Project
Kathy Koran, Chairman

Communications/Public Relations
Vice President Jaclyn Hancock

Leadership
Vice President Phyllis Skubic

Membership
Vice President Karel Volpert

2014 LEADS Representative.....Phyllis Skubic
Vice President /Leadership Chairman

Isabella Candee Foundation.....Lou Brown
Foundation Chairman

Door Prizes.....Terry Soerhmann
Convention Vice Chairman

Announcements.....Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman Assistant

Closing Thought.....Sarah Austiff
Woman’s Club of Kankakee, District 8

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Please remain seated so that the GFWC and GFWC Illinois
Officers may retire and prepare for the Reception.

Friday Morning – May 16, 2014

8:00-8:45 a.m.....Denali/Glacier Ballroom
Junior Board of Directors Meeting

9:15-11:00 a.m.....Denali/Glacier Ballroom

SESSION IV – BUSINESS

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

“Club Collect” sung to the tune of “America the Beautiful”
– led by Karyn McCarthy, Director Elect of Junior Clubs
Keep us, O God, from pettiness;

At fault finding be done;
Let us be large in word and deed each day from sun to sun.
Help us fault finding to leave off self seeking not to wish;
Let’s meet each other face to face without a prejudice.
May hasty judgment be left out,
Our thoughts be generous;
Make us be gentle, calm, serene and too, industrious.
Grant us that we may realize small things may be

ignored;

That all the greater things in life no difference afford.

Dear Lord, we ask in earnest prayer

That we may strive to know

The common human heart of all

As on through life we go.

They help, dear Lord, we humbly ask to strive with heart
and mind;

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

Greetings.....Agnes M. Simms
GFWC Illinois Past President 1982-1984

Bea Beckley

GFWC Illinois President 1978-1980

Nancy H. Willis

GFWC Illinois President 2010-2012

Credentials Report.....Carolyn Riggs
Credentials Chairman

GFWC Illinois Updates:
GFWC Illinois Art School.....Judy Sochor, Chairman
Jennie Award.....Lois Farber, Chairman

NOMINATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

2014-2016

NOMINEES PRESENT THEIR GOALS

Award Presentations.....Diane Addante
President Elect / Dean of Chairmen

Community Improvement Program Award
Make A Difference Day
Betty Peters, Chairman

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)
Maryanne DeGiacomo, Chairman

Legislation/Public Policy
LeeAnn Conlon

Announcements.....Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman Assistant

Closing Thought.....Judith Hampson
District 21 President

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11:45 a.m. Musical Prelude.....Mabel Lou Weber
11:45 a.m. Processional Assembles.....Foyer

12:00-3:00 p.m.....Redwood/Sierra/Hawthorne Ballroom

SESSION V—UNITY LUNCHEON

“Gifts of Working Together”

**Hosted by Marty Butler
and Marjorie Morocco**

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

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

Greetings.....Carol Rich
GFWC Illinois President 1990-1992
Marge Nelson
GFWC Illinois President 2002-2004

Luncheon Grace.....Marjorie Morocco
District 10

LUNCHEON

Keynote Speaker.....Rebecca Weber
GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

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

Conservation
Gerri Eck, Chairman

Education
Teresa Sanford, Chairman

Unity Award
Patricia Heitman, President
Trisha Schafer, Director of Junior Clubs

Door Prizes.....Terry Soerhmann
Convention Vice Chairman

Announcements.....Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman Assistant

Closing ThoughtMarty Butler
District 10 President

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3:15 – 5:15 p.m.....Denali/Glacier Ballroom

SESSION VI – JUNIOR BUSINESS

“EWE Made the Difference!”

Call to Order.....Trisha Schafer
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Thought for the Day.....Shelli Fehr
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2006-2008

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of
America.....Led by Teresa Sanford

Junior PledgeTeresa Sanford
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2008-2010

Greetings from GFWC Officers

District Roll Call.....Karyn McCarthy
Director Elect of Junior Clubs/Dean of Directors

Recognition of First Time Attendees

JUNIOR BUSINESS

Appointment to approve minutes
Financial Report.....Loretta Revesz
Credentials Report.....Sue Bielenda

Reports of Junior Executive Officers
Treasurer.....Loretta Revesz
Secretary.....Sue Bielenda
Dean of Chairmen.....Jeanette T. Wells
Director Elect.....Karyn McCarthy
Director.....Trisha Schafer

Election of Officers 2014-2016.....Sue Bielenda
Credentials Chairman

Nominations
Election Procedure

Election.....Trisha Schafer

Presentation of Club Awards.....Jeanette T. Wells
Dean of Chairmen

Election Results.....Sue Bielenda

Split-the-Pot Drawing.....Deb Holmes
Fund Raising Chairman

Closing Thought.....Jo Koenig
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 1996-1998

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3:45-5:00 p.m.....Redwood/Sierra/Hawthorne Ballroom

PROGRAM BUREAU SHOWCASE

Presented by Alice Betlach, Chairman

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Friday Evening – May 16, 2014

MEET THE CANDIDATES RECEPTION

5:00–6:00 p.m.....Hotel Foyer

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE

Please report for photos 10 minutes before your scheduled time.

5:30-6:30 p.m.....Convention Foyer

5:30 Junior Board/Junior EC

5:40 District 15

5:45 District 16

5:50 District 17

5:55 District 18

6:00 District 19

6:05 District 21

6:10 District 22

6:15 District 23

6:20 District 25

FUN NIGHT

“The Gift of the Fifties—Dance”

Hosted by Betty Koran

6:00 p.m.Social Hour

7:00 p.m.....Dinner

This function will be held in the Rachel Crothers Room at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 3202 East Empire Street, Bloomington (It's right around the corner to the south). Transportation will be provided.

6:00 p.m.....Social Hour

6:45 p.m. Processional Assembles.....Foyer

7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m...Redwood/Sierra/Hawthorne Ballroom

SESSION VII—JUNIOR ORGANIZATION BANQUET

“EWE Are ONE”

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

Processional Introductions

Presiding.....Trisha Schafer
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Introductions and Greetings from Special Guests

Invocation.....Candy Godbee
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2010-2012

Dinner

Welcome.....Trisha Schafer
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Presentation of Funds to Children's Research Foundation

Leadership Awards.....Nancy Spartz
Junior Leadership Chairman

Junior of the Year
Outstanding Junior Service
Sparkplug Award
Lifetime Achievement

Director of Junior Clubs remarks.....Trisha Schafer

INSTALLATION of 2014-2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2014-2016 Director of Junior Clubs.....Karyn McCarthy

Split—the –Pot Winner.....Deb Holmes, Fundraising

Door Prizes

Closing Thought.....Phyllis Skubic

Saturday Morning – May 18, 2013

7:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. ELECTION POLLS OPEN

7:30-8:45 a.m.....Denali/Glacier Ballroom
Junior Board of Directors' Post-Convention Meeting

9:00-11:00 a.m.....Denali/Glacier Ballroom

SESSION VIII – BUSINESS

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

Greetings.....Lou Brown
GFWC Illinois Past President 1984-1986
Nancy F. Lee
GFWC Illinois Past President 2006-2008

PRESENTATION OF FUNDS

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

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

Pennies for Art
Very Special Arts

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

Home Life.....Mary Truitt, Chairman
Canine Companions for Independence
Winning Wheels

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

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

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

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

Illinois Leadership Seminar.....Phyllis Skubic
 Vice President/Leadership Chairman

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

Judy Valente, Author

Book signing at conclusion of Session.

Door Prizes.....Terry Soerhmann
 Convention Vice Chairman

Announcements.....Bonnie Heydorn
 Convention Vice Chairman

Closing ThoughtMaryanne DeGiacomo
 ESO Chairman

Saturday Afternoon – May 18, 2013

SESSION IX – CLOSING/INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

“Sharing Our Gifts—the Key to Service”

Hosted by District 5
 Carol Jablonski, President

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

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

Greetings.....Jacquelyn Pierce
 GFWC Illinois President 1992-1994

Thought for the Day.....Carol Jablonski
 District 5 President

Luncheon Grace.....Diana “Dee” Lenzi
 District 19 President

LUNCHEON

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

Mark Demmin II, Vocalist

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

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

Arts
 Elena Lipinski, Chairman
 Sue Lucio, Vice Chairman

WHRC
 Mary Truitt, Chairman

Fund Raising
 Terry Lahue, Chairman
 Lenora Welko, Vice Chairman

Address of 2012-2014 President.....Patricia L. Heitman

INSTALLATION OF 2014-2016 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
 Marge Nelson, Installing Officer

Exchange of Pins
 President - Patricia L. Heitman & Diane Addante
 Director of Junior Clubs—Trisha Schafer & Karyn McCarthy

Address of 2014-2016 Director.....Karyn McCarthy
 Address of 2014-2016 President.....Diane Addante

Door Prizes.....Terry Soerhmann
 Convention Vice Chairman

Final Announcements.....Bonnie Heydorn
 Convention Chairman Assistant

Closing Thought.....Maria Uribe
 District 5 Director of Junior Clubs

Adjournment—Sine Die.....Patricia L. Heitman
 GFWC Illinois President

Song: “Let There Be Peace On Earth”.....In Unison

2014-2016 INSTALLATION RECEPTION

“The Key to GFWC Illinois is You”

Hosted by District 5



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CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT ELECT PHYLLIS SKUBIC

Twelfth District proudly nominate Phyllis Skubic as candidate for GFWC Illinois President Elect. A vital member of the Coal City Junior Woman's Club for 35 years she exemplifies true leadership.

Federation Experience: Twelfth District Junior Director, Junior Conservation Chairman, Northern Region Junior Director, Assistant Junior Director and Junior Secretary. Phyllis has served on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors as: Twelfth District President, Budget & Finance Committee, Convention Committee, Convention Secretary, Communications & Identity Chairman and currently serves as the Northern Region Vice President and Leadership Chairman.

Community Involvement: Chairman for School referendum, Grundy Economic Development Committee, Citizen Facility Task Force, Past President of the Morris Business & Professional Woman's Organization, helped organize and was a volunteer at Breaking Away, domestic violence shelter, and has been a passionate volunteer with the Illinois Leadership Seminar since 1990.

Phyllis credits GFWC leadership training for her professional career as Human Resource Manager/Director of Training for Collision Revision. Phyllis and husband, Butch, will celebrate 40 years of marriage in June with their three married children and seven grandchildren.

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT NORTHERN REGION LEONA "ELENA" LIPINSKI



Twenty-three years ago I became a member of Elgin Junior Woman's Club. A friend from my church's Young Woman's Fellowship had encouraged me to better serve Elgin through this club. Little did I know at the time how much I would enjoy the fellowship of other club members as I helped improve our community by serving as Secretary, Publications Director, Health and Welfare Director, Ways and Means Director, Programs and Social Director, President-Elect and then President. Then a whole new world opened up as I started serving on the District 11 Executive Board as Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Junior Clubs, President-Elect and President. I met and made friends from different parts of our district and then the entire state, women I never would have met if it weren't for GFWC Illinois. Serving on the GFWC Illinois state board as Publicity Chairman, International Affairs Chairman and now Arts Chairman has been a most rewarding experience. I have treasured the journey thus far. Yet, I continue to reach forward investing time, money and resources as one of many volunteers who make up the heart of federation. There is still so much more work to be done!

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT SOUTHERN REGION ALICE BETLACH



GFWC Illinois 22nd District proudly endorses Alice Betlach for Vice President Southern Region. Alice is a member of the Millstadt Civic Club where she has served faithfully since joining in 1973. She has held offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and has chaired numerous committees and club events. Alice is also a member of Nancy's Bluebirds where she has held the offices of Treasurer and Secretary.

In District 22 she has served as President, President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. Alice has chaired the Nominations Committee, the Bylaws Committee and various Community Service Programs. In addition to her position of District 22 President, Alice has served GFWC Illinois as Elections Chairman, Program Bureau Chairman and has served on the GFWC Illinois Strategic Planning Committee and the Convention Committee.

Alice is actively involved in her church community belonging to several groups working to support the needs of the church. In her career, she is a Case Administrator and Procurement Specialist for the United States Courts.

She is a dedicated clubwoman and we would appreciate your support in electing Alice to the office of Vice President Southern Region.

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CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY BETTY PETERS

The 22nd District proudly and wholeheartedly endorses Betty Peters for the office of GFWC Illinois Secretary. Betty is a 41 year member of GFWC serving at the club, district and state levels. She is a member of the Millstadt Civic Club and has served in all offices (including four terms as president); and Committee chairs of Membership/Leadership, Public Issues Community Service Program and Bylaws. She also is a charter member of Nancy's Bluebirds.

Betty has served District 22 as Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Vice President, President Elect, President and chairmanships such as WHRC, Leadership/Membership, Public Issues and Bylaws.

Betty has served on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors as District President, ESO, Bylaws, Community Improvement Program Award Chairman and on the committees for Budget and Finance and Resolutions.

Betty served 10 years as an elected trustee for the Millstadt Community Library, serving in all offices. She is active in her church, volunteering in the food pantry and as greeter and ambassador. Career wise, she worked for the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Illinois. She was a legal secretary for 11 years and Administrative Officer for 15 years.

Please join us in support of Betty by electing her as GFWC Illinois Secretary.



CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER JANICE PERKINS

GFWC IL District 4 proudly endorses Janice Perkins candidacy for GFWC IL State Treasurer. Jan has been a member of GFWC for 33 years, first in Ohio then Illinois. As a member of the Marengo Woman's Club she has held numerous officer and chairmen positions. Her involvement at the district and state level is equally diverse.

Jan is most comfortable in finance. Besides being treasurer on the club level, she has filled this job in other organizations and clubs. On other levels of financial responsibility, she was treasurer of an investment club during its 13 years. She is active in her church and as treasurer worked to introduce computerized financial reports.

In 1966 Jan received her bachelor's degree in business education from the University of Pittsburgh, with a heavy emphasis on accounting. She has post graduate courses in cost accounting and worked as a cost analyst at a manufacturing plant for several years.

Her entire life isn't finances. For 22 years she has been the local food pantry director. She has been married to Pete for 52 years, has 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and hosted 3 year-long AFS students.

Debra Strahanoski, Candidate for GFWC Secretary 2014-2016

The members of GFWC Illinois are proud to endorse Debra Strahanoski as candidate for GFWC Secretary. Deb has been a dedicated GFWC Illinois clubwoman for 26 years and is highly regarded as a mentor to many. Deb's endless energy has been apparent during her federation journey, serving her clubs, district and state in various roles. She has served on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors as State Project Chairman (Prevention of Child Abuse), and currently is serving as GFWC Treasurer.

Deb is not only a powerhouse volunteer for GFWC, but within her community as well. Past positions include: Chairman of the Board of Easter Seals and Board Member of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. She is currently Vice President of the local United Way (agency division) and is the recipient of PCA Illinois' 2013 Illinois Friend of Children Award.

Deb has been employed with Easter Seals since 2005 as Development Manager, managing all annual fundraising activities and events for the Joliet Region. She credits her career success to the experience, leadership and communication skills she has acquired through her numerous GFWC relationships.

In addition to all of this, Deb assists her husband Bill of 32 years with his public accounting business. They have two children, daughter Lauren, David and grandchild Owen and son Joe. Deb has the support of her family to continue the journey to run for the office of GFWC Secretary 2014-2016.

Join the GFWC Illinois members who will be supporting Deb for GFWC Secretary, at the GFWC Annual Convention in Chandler, Arizona, June 21-24, 2014. If you are interested in attending the International convention, contact GFWC Illinois Pat Heitman.



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ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
MAY 15, 16 AND 17, 2014 – PARKE REGENCY HOTEL—BLOOMINGTON

GFWC ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration materials must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2014** 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 | Welcome Bag | Admission to Convention Business Meetings | Admission to the GFWC IL Exhibitor Area | Workshop on Thursday May 15 | All Speakers and Entertainment featured at Convention Business Sessions.

MAIL – checks payable to GFWC ILLINOIS

Mail your Registration Form by **APRIL 15, 2014** with your payment to:
MICHELLE SCHULTZ, GFWC ILLINOIS CONVENTION TREASURER
828 W REYNOLDS STREET
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764

MEMBER INFORMATION

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

MAILING ADDRESS

Address	City	State	Zip
Daytime Phone	Evening Phone	Cell Phone	

REGISTRATION/CREDENTIALS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Registration/Credentials Fee is \$25** for the entire Convention. Late fee for Registration/Credentials **postmarked after April 15, 2014 is \$40**. Delegates (Voting) must be registered for the entire Convention. See page 6.
- Registration must be postmarked on or before **April 15, 2014**.
- Non-voting members may register for one or more days at **\$15 per day**.

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

Select your registration type (please select only one)

- () Voting General Member-\$25 registration/\$40 late fee () Voting Junior Member-\$25 registration/\$40 late fee
() Voting Juniorette Member—\$25 registration/\$40 late fee

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

- () GENERAL, JUNIOR, JUNIORETTE DELEGATE CLUB NAME _____ DISTRICT _____
() PAST GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT
() PAST GFWC ILLINOIS DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS
() GFWC ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE OFFICER OFFICE _____
() 2012-2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION _____
() GFWC ILLINOIS JUNIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER OFFICE _____
() 2012-2014 JUNIOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION _____

NON-VOTING MEMBERS - PLEASE SPECIFY DAYS ATTENDING

- () 1ST Day, May 15th () 2ND Day, May 16TH () 3RD Day, May 17TH () Attending all three days
(Non-voting members **\$15 per day**)

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014

() 7:00PM – 10:00PM PRE-CONVENTION EVE | \$36.00

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014

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

() 7:00PM – 10:00PM FEDERATION BANQUET | \$38.00

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014

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

() 7:00 – 10:00 PM JUNIOR BANQUET \$36.00

() 7:00PM – 10:00PM FUN NIGHT \$36.00

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014

() 12:00PM - 3:00PM CLOSING /INSTALLATION | \$32.00

FINAL CHECKLIST

Registration/Credential Fee \$ _____

Total Meal Reservations \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO GFWC ILLINOIS

*MEAL TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT
THE REGISTRATION TABLE*

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

NOTE:

- MEAL FUNCTIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL DELEGATES AND NON-VOTING MEMBERS WHO HAVE PURCHASED A MEAL TICKET FOR THE EVENT AND WHO HAVE A CREDENTIAL BADGE.
- * EACH MEMBER ORDERING MEAL TICKETS MUST COMPLETE THIS MEAL RESERVATION FORM

NO RESERVATIONS OR REFUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1, 2014.

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

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| () No restriction | () No dairy |
| () Vegetarian | () Gluten free |
| () Chicken for pork | () Diabetic |
| () Chicken for shrimp | () List Food Allergies/Medical |
| () Chicken for red meat | |

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

*SEE YOU AT THE GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS / ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
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PARKE REGENCY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS**



2014 DOOR PRIZE REQUEST

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

The 119th Annual GFWC Illinois Convention will be held May 15-17, 2014 at the Parke Regency Hotel & Conference Center in Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Your kind donation will be accepted at any time, but to be included in the Convention Program, please fill out the form below and send to me by **April 1, 2014**. You can also bring your door prize donation to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting, February 28 & March 1, 2014, at the Parke Regency Hotel & Conference Center. If you do not plan to attend the Spring Meeting, please deliver your door prize donation to your District President or a GFWC Illinois Board member from your district, prior to the dates noted above.

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

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

Door Prize Donation by (check one):

Individual _____
Club _____
District _____

DONOR: _____

TITLE or CLUB: _____

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT/DONATION: _____



****For recognition in the convention program return by: April 1, 2014**

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

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

1. The Convention shall be one meeting, recessing from session to session within the meeting.
2. A credential badge, signifying Delegate or Non-Voting status, is required to be worn by all persons at all business sessions, workshops, and Federation sponsored activities.
3. Delegates with badges shall be seated in the section reserved for their Districts on the Convention floor, seating to be based on pre-registration numbers.
4. There shall be a reserved section for State Board Members on the Convention floor.
5. 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.
6. Those who are appearing on the program shall report to Platform Hostess one-half hour before their time to appear on the program, unless otherwise noted.
7. All motions made from the floor shall be presented to the presiding officer in writing.
8. A Delegate shall speak only once to a question. Debate shall be limited to two minutes per person. Debate shall be limited to twenty minutes for each amendment.
9. A motion shall be carried by an affirmative vote of the Delegates present and voting.
10. 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.
11. No materials shall be placed on the chairs at any time except those approved by the Executive Committee prior to Convention opening.
12. Hats are not to be worn on the Convention floor except for medical reasons/procedures or at the discretion of presiding officer.
13. Smoking will not be permitted on the Convention floor or during workshops or food functions. **
14. No food or drink, 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 or during food functions. Audible ringers on cellular phones and beepers are to be turned off.
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, including cell phone cameras, may be used on the Convention floor or in workshops 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 issued on a first come, first serve basis.
20. Written messages may be left with the Convention Information 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.

** Please Note: as per Illinois law no smoking permitted in the hotel or within 15 feet of the hotel doors.

Convention Rules 5/2014

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JUNIOR EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES 2014-2016



Jeanette T. Wells—GFWC Illinois Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Jeanette is grateful to be a member of GFWC and excited about the opportunity of running for the position of GFWC Illinois Director Elect of Junior Clubs. She has been involved with GFWC for the past 19 years and has grown and learned much. Her thoughts on walking into her first club meeting in 1994 and seeing the Glendale Heights Junior Woman's Club President were "How does she do that?" If you had asked her at that point if she would follow that path, her answer would have been "Never!" But then she became a member of GHJWC, chaired a few committees as well as a few fundraisers. And now happily with the encouragement of friends and fellow members, she realized that she was prepared.

She has since then served on the Club Executive Committee in various positions and as president for three terms. Now onto the District and State levels, which she had assumed, would be a very different thing. She

attended District meetings and State conventions and, once again, determined that her participation at that level would never happen. But she has learned to "never say never"!

In 2004, with the encouragement of District board friend, she agreed to be 5th District Director of Junior Clubs that would also be her first position on the Junior State Board. She was hooked! Since that time, she has served not only on the Junior State Board but also GFWC Illinois Board of Directors and GFWC Great Lakes Region Board. Currently she is serving as GFWC Illinois Junior Dean of Chairmen. She is also a GFWC LEADS graduate.

Jeanette states, "My involvement with GFWC has been beyond rewarding. I am amazed at what we can achieve when we join together. I am inspired when I read reports or hear other club women talk about the difference they have made in their communities and beyond. I am proud to be a member of GFWC. I look forward to the 2014-2016 Administration as we strive to increase membership and build leadership, we can assure the stability of GFWC and GFWC Illinois for future generations!"



Cherie Sieger has been a member for 12 years; she belongs to GFWC Illinois Coal City Junior Woman's Club and GFWC Illinois Somonauk Community Junior Woman's Club. If anyone has a sincere love for the organization and the works of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, that would be Cherie.

Cherie has held all offices of her Junior Club. She has served District 12 as Chairman of Arts and Fundraising and District Secretary and District Director of Junior Clubs 2006-2008 and 2008-2010. Cherie also served as the GFWC Illinois Junior Treasurer 2010-2012.

She is currently GFWC Illinois Coal City Junior Woman's Club President and GFWC Illinois District 12 Secretary. She also is serving as GFWC Illinois Junior Special Projects Chairman and a 2011 LEADS graduate.

Cherie is very excited to once again be part of the GFWC Illinois Junior Executive Committee. She promises to do her best as the GFWC Illinois Junior Dean of Chairmen. With the support of her husband, Dwight, her daughters, her clubs and her district, she knows she can do this position with confidence.



GFWC Illinois District 11 proudly endorses Joanne Meyer for GFWC Illinois Junior Secretary. As a more than 25 year member of GFWC, Joanne has played an active role in GFWC Illinois Elgin Junior Woman's Club and is also a member of Deb's Diamond Divas. She has been President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Ways & Means and Health & Welfare Chairman several times. Joanne has been Community Service Chairman for all six Community Service Programs. She is presently serving as Education Chairman.

Joanne has held many offices at the District and Junior State levels including Health and Public Issues Chairman. She has also been Junior Fundraising Chairman twice and was a member of the District 11 Nominating Committee. Joanne has served as District Director of Junior Clubs and is currently serving a second term as Junior Education

Chairman.

Joanne and Greg have been married 34 years and have three children and three grandchildren. She has a MA in Elementary Education and teaches 5th grade at Parkwood Elementary School in Hanover Park.

Joanne is a dedicated GFWC Clubwoman devoted to helping others; District 11 enthusiastically asks for your support of Joanne Meyer as GFWC Illinois Junior Secretary.

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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

RATE \$89.00 plus tax for a King or a double with 2 Queen beds. Reservations may be made by call the hotel directly at 309-662-4300 Please specify that you are with **GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS** (per contract).

NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____

ADDRESS _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

DEPARTURE DATE _____

____ KING

____ DOUBLE

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

ROOMING WITH _____

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

All reservations require a one-night advance deposit on a major credit card. A 24-hour advance cancellation notice is required for deposit refund. Hotel check in time is 3:00 p.m. and check out time is 11:00 a.m. Guests arriving before 3:00pm will be accommodated as room are available. Please be aware that although an adequate block of rooms has been reserved, the availability of reservations at the group rate cannot be guaranteed if the block has been filled or the cutoff date has passed.



Anyway you say it; I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of those clubs, districts and individuals who gave gift baskets to the PCA Illinois Conference raffle. We had a total of nineteen baskets and the raffle raised \$900.00. Another gift I received were the members, President Patricia Heitman, President Elect Diane Addante, Junior Dean of Chairmen, Jeanette T. Wells, District 5 President, Carol Jablonski, District 6 President, Betty Koran, Board members Marge Nelson, Lennie Welko and Sixth District Board members Joan Marchese and Rita Dombrowski who volunteered to oversee the raffle which allowed this chairman to sit in and hear some of the speakers and gather updated statistics recorded by the different agencies. And thank you to Past State President Martha Bein who reported information to me on the workshops I wasn't able to attend.

Congratulations go to Past State Presidents and longtime PCA Illinois Board members Deb Bach and Deb Strahanoski on receiving the "the Friends of Children Award" for their tireless work towards the prevention of child abuse.

And finally let me close with a thank you in advance for we will once again be presenting a basket raffle and Silent Auction at the Blue Ribbon Fashion Show. If you or your Club or District would care to donate a basket it would be greatly appreciated. If you are attending the March State Board meeting in Bloomington, you can bring it and give it to either Gerri Eck or myself. If you wish to make a monetary donation that we will turn into a basket feel free to mail it to GFWC Illinois headquarters, 5 East Van Buren St., Suites 206-208 Joliet, Illinois, 60432-4224. Please mark it clearly, "Blue Ribbon Baskets/Auction" We hope to see you there.

Kathy Koran, State Project Chairman, "Our Promise... A Safe Place for Every Child"

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	May 15	May 15	May 16	May 16	May 17	May 17
District Number	Delegates	Non Voting	Delegates	Non Voting	Delegates	Non Voting
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25						
Totals						

SPECIAL DELEGATES

Past State Presidents _____ Standing Committee Chairmen _____
 Executive Officers _____ Special Committee Chairmen _____
 District Presidents _____ Junior Executive Officers _____
 Community Service _____ Junior State Chairmen _____
 Convention Committee Officer _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION

GFWC Officers _____
 Guests _____

May 15 May 16 May 17



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Joliet Illinois 60432-4224

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GFWC Illinois in Partnership with PCA Illinois
Cordially invites you to attend the
Seventeenth Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon and Fashion Show

Sunday, April 6, 2014
Bolingbrook Golf Club
2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook
11:00 a.m. Social Hour 12:15 p.m. Luncheon
3:00 p.m. Raffle and Silent Auction Results

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

Reservation Deadline: March 28, 2014

Reservation Form

Name _____ Club Name _____

Address _____ District _____

City _____ Phone _____

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$40.00 per Adult

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$18.00 per Child under 12 years

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

COMPLETE AND MAIL BY MARCH 28, 2014 to:
Joan Marchese, 7320 W 57th St, Summit, IL 60501

Make checks payable to: GFWC Illinois



GFWC Illinois
District 8

Invites you to attend
Second Annual Mother &
Daughter Dinner & Fashion
Show

Hilton Garden Inn
455 Riverstone Parkway
Kankakee IL 609021

May 4, 2014
1:00 p.m. Venders
2:00 p.m. Dinner
2:45 p.m. Fashion Show

\$30.00 per person

Contact:
Dondi Maricle
(815) 715-8405
541 Meadows Road S
Bourbonnais IL 60914

