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### On the Cover... GFWC Illinois men

GFWC Illinois membership is proud of Debbie Bach, President of Great Lakes Region, and we give thanks for her continued commitment to GFWC and volunteering.

Photo is of Illinois members attending

the Great Lakes Annual Conference held in Dayton, Ohio.

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#### With Our Sympathy

GFWC Illinois sends sympathies to the following members who have recently lost love ones:

Patti Kuchar's husband Lou Jacklyn Hancock's husband David Beth Gheraradini's husband John Jeanine Leonhart & Mabel Lou Weber's husband/son-in-law Joseph Phyllis Cosserek's husband John Libbie Melichar's husband George



Sympathies go out to the family & friends on the death of GFWC members:

Joyce Albers from The Ladies Coterie Granite City, District 22 Ethel Mae Gardner from The Elgin Woman's Club Elgin, District 11 Suzy Scott from GFWC IL Woman's Club of Danville, District 18

# ... from our leaders



#### Nancy H. Willis GFWC Illinois President 2010-2012

#### Warm Greetings, Federated Friends!

This president will never cease to be amazed at just how much each and every one of you does to help make your community a better place to live. As I have been traveling to your District meetings this Fall, I have been thoroughly impressed with the projects that your Volunteer Wings are already working on!

Please know that it is the desire of your GFWC Illinois Board of Directors to help make your year as a Federated Clubwoman as stress free as possible. We are here to help you! Please use the knowledge that we have accumulated over the years to give perhaps a new perspective to your volunteer activities. We also love to share your successes with your Volunteer Sisters across the state and around the world.

Your Board is busy preparing **Membership and Leadership Tool Kits** for your club. These will begin to be available to your club president free of charge, early in 2011. Watch your mailboxes (both snail mail and email) for updates on the availability of the Tool Kits.

Are you a new member? Or a seasoned member who has just never had the time or courage to try your hand at a position of leadership in your club? Is the time right for you to step out of your comfort zone and say YES to accepting a chairmanship or to consider a run for office? We want to help you grow into the best leader you can be. On March 3, 2011, in Rock Island, Illinois GFWC Illinois will be holding the Second Annual Illinois LEADS – Leadership Education And Development Seminar – and YOU are invited to joins us. Ask your Club President about applying to be participant in a full day of leadership training and the chance to be chosen as the Illinois representative to the GFWC LEADS which will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in June 2011.

Are you familiar with the "Collect for Clubwomen" written by Mary Stewart in April,1904? Mary Stewart (1878-1943) was a scholar of classical literature. She served as a superintendent of education for the Indians of California. She campaigned vigorously for the causes of women. It is my sincere hope that the next time you read it, or recite it from memory, or sing it (it can be sung), you think about the words and commit yourself to LIVING those words.

Take care, Friends! Don't be a stranger! Nancy





#### Candy Godbee GFWC IL Director of Jr Clubs 2010-2012

#### Where Are We Headed? The Bahamas!!

The crisp mornings, leaves changing color and the sound of combines and tractors....OK, I really have to admit fall has arrived. That time of year we want to think about snuggling up on the couch with a good book or movie. NOT if you are a GFWC IL Junior! I am delighted to read and hear of all of the great projects our clubs are doing to make a difference in their communities and in their work to ensure the future of GFWC.

In fact I'd be willing to say you will be seeing lots of Juniors working hard to be involved even *more* when they start competing for the Illinois Jr. "*Passport to Paradise*" trip. ALL Illinois Junior members are encouraged to participate in a contest to win a trip on the GFWC Junior cruise to the Bahamas in Feb. 2012. Any member interested in participating just needs to "apply for the Passport" and start keeping track of their activities that promote GFWC. All details are available from the District Directors and www.gfwciljuniors.org.

Back to the books. For those of you who are snuggled up, be sure to check out **Read to Lead** program in conjunction with **ESO**. Anyone interested in participating in the Jr. lending library can contact Loretta Revesz, Jr. ESO chairman. Many of us have books that we don't want to part with, but would be willing to share. Loretta has set up a database of books owned by Jr. members who are willing to share. Readers are Leaders, and we want to encourage the use of the many leadership and other books so many of us already have. Loretta's e-mail is slr735@comcast.net.

As stated in "Power Tools of Leadership" from GFWC: ENERGY, DISTRIBUTION OF ENERGY, PLEASURE and GROWTH are what create the "climate" that determines how club members "feel".

- ENERGY is defined as the force put forth in your club.
- DISTRIBUTION OF ENERGY is defined as the choices people make to use their energy.
- PLEASURE is defined as the good feeling you get when accomplishing something.
- GROWTH is defined as the personal development of members.

One lucky member who is ENERGIZED and distributes their energy will have the "Pleasure" of enjoying the "climate" of the Bahamas in February, 2012. What better way can you think of to "grow" your involvement in GFWC IL? No, the IL Juniors aren't snuggled under the blanket quiet yet. They are continuing to be "Loveable, Huggable Volunteers".

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# follow the leaders...

Patricia Heitman Dean of Chairmen



Time to start organizing the facts and figures and making plans to have your report writing get-togethers. It is always more fun to do things with friends than by yourself. Just remember to give the facts: who, what, where, when, how, why and was it a success. Try to be succinct. Remember the chairman are reading between 100 and 150 reports. If you have any questions, feel free to call me with your questions at (815) 478-3084.

Remember to send your completed reports to your District and State Chairmen as listed on the **Reporting Form**. And don't forget to attach the appropriate narratives. If you choose to send your reports to GFWC, please use the **GFWC Report Form**; transfer the information from the **GFWC Illinois Report Form**. You can mail or email that form.

Once you have completed your reports, you can use those statistics and information as a membership tool. Write an article for your newsletter and your local newspaper on your accomplishments for the year. Include some pictures. Perhaps just prepare that information on a fact to distribute at your Orientation Meeting. Let the reports help write your history for you. An easy way to have a year of information at your fingertips.

Karyn M. Palumbo

#### Hello to all and I hope your club year is off to a fantastic start!



As a reminder, we who serve on the State Junior Board are really here for YOUR support. We want to make sure your local club has the tools you need to run your club projects smoothly and efficiently. Think of all of our Illinois clubs as one giant house. Every house needs to have a solid foundation built before you can start filling it up with people, right? Well, we are here to hold up that house and do whatever is necessary to shore up any cracks in the basement, fix any missing boards, and replace any broken glass so that your house stays beautiful for years to come. And of course we also want that house to attract more and more people to it because it appears to be such a fun and great place to be! For if your foundation is sound, you can continue to add on and grow becoming one of the biggest houses on the block! And with adding more and more members, our club projects will continue to flourish in our communities; helping even more people who need our time, care, compassion and donations. In closing, I want to encourage all GFWC-IL Community Service Program Chairmen to continually present projects and ideas to the state board, which then get funneled down to the local club. We saw so many great presentations in September; keep them coming! Great work, ladies!

GEWC members give thanks for good leadership

and great mentors.

### Jackie Pierce 2010-1012 GFWC Illinois Parliamentarian

- QUESTION: Many club parliamentary advisors who are serving as their club parliamentarians have questioned if their ruling as a parliamentarian can be appealed.
- **EXAMPLE:** The club president asked the parliamentarian for a ruling as to whether a particular motion was in order at the time. The parliamentarian ruled that it was not, however, the president thought it was and accepted the motion.
- **EXPLANATION:** The parliamentarian does not "rule." she advises the president and other officers, committees and members on matters of parliamentary procedure. However, if the chair request that the parliamentarian express an opinion, the chair has the responsibility to make the final ruling and in doing so, has the right to follow or disregard the advice of the parliamentarian. The presiding office is the only person authorized to decide questions of order or make rulings.
- ♦ IN OTHER WORDS: Following the advice of that well-known author "anonymous".

  If parliamentary skill has achieved the will of members throughout a session...

  If rules were respected and rights were protected without a single transgression...

  With protocol known and courtesy shown and debate that was always germane...

  With procedures detailed so justice prevailed, then I know that I have not served in vain.



# ... follow the leaders

Diane Addante
Northern Region Vice President

#### **NEW GFWC RECRUITMENT PROGRAM**



#### "Three is a GREAT Reason to Recruit This Season"

This theme encourages clubs to recruit a new member a month and replaces "Act in Oct". Right now, we are in the midst of "Rake in New Members" season, which includes September, October and November. The report for fall recruiting is due to GFWC by December 1. Report forms can be found in the Club Manual, which is easily accessed online at gfwc.org. After locating the Club Manual, membership information is in the Membership Advancement Guide, with information on the seasonal recruitment program on pages 78-85. The next theme will be "A Flurry of Members" for December, January and February, report due March 1, 2011. The seasonal theme should provide inspiration for recruiting drives throughout the year. The Club Manual lists several ideas to assist you with this. All clubs reporting 3 new members in a season will be recognized in the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.

The Membership Advancement Guide of the GFWC Club Manual is 92 pages long. It is full of valuable information to assist you with membership. Invitations to potential members, ice breakers, new member inductions and recruiting ideas are just a few of the topics covered in this document. Please review this material, it was developed for you!

Any questions, don't hesitate to contact us!

Membership Chairmen-Diane Addante (dinaper@cs.com), Northern Region; Shelli Fehr (shellifehr@hotmail.com), Central Region; Sandy Hutchings (ifwc55@yahoo.com), Southern Region

### LEGISLATION PUBLIC POLICY



by GERRI ECK

A Legislation/Public Policy Chairman can get you started by providing your club and district with a list of Legislators, Representatives, Congressman, Senators from your area. The Secretary of State Jessie White's Office will provide the Illinois Handbook of Government which is an excellent resource. These are free for the asking. Please call (217)782-2201 and ask for the Communications Department. Learn about the functions of all levels of government and elected officials through club programs. Distribute existing or develop a directory identifying public officials by duties and how to contact them. Educate your club members on the legislative process (e.g. "How a Bill Becomes a Law").

Choose an issue that is important to your members. Decide how to promote public awareness of this and how to affect legislation pending before the U.S. Congress. Use advocacy guides and tools. To sign up contact the GFWC Public Policy Department at their email address *legislation@gfwc.org*. Use the GFWC website *www.gfwc.org* click on "Our Work", click on Public Policy, on Legislative Resources, or Club Advocacy or Priority Issues. You will find a wealth of good information.



Mark your calendars for LEGISLATION DAY March 17, 2011 Capitol Building/Governor's Mansion Springfield, Illinois



Check the website **gfwcillinois.org** often for the latest postings and reservation forms for downloading.



#### **Mark Your Calendars**

Check your sources for information and mark your calendars for those upcoming important GFWC dates.

- December 10-11, 2010 Timber Creek Sandwich, Illinois State Board Meeting
- March 4-5, 2011 Holiday Inn Rock Island, Illinois State Board Meeting
- March 17, 2011 Legislation Day in Springfield
- April 2, 2011 Blue Ribbon Fashion Show
- April 28-30, 2011 State Convention at the Holiday Inn in Rock Island, Illinois
- June 17-20, 2011 GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### community service programs...



### **CONSERVATION** by Diana Taylor

When we think of Conservation, there are quite a few things that we can do. In the case of graffiti, a lot of times we see areas that need to be cleaned up, and we can help and take part in our neighborhoods by painting over

walls that have been spray painted. If you go online and pull up **kab.com**, you will find a lot of information on what type of project your club can do to help your community become beautiful looking, the same goes for cigarette litter. How about volunteering for cleaning up a community garden, either a vegetable garden, or a flower garden.

When you think of Conservation, look at light bulbs. There are light bulbs that actually conserve energy. Look for batteries for your fire alarms and carbon monoxide alarms, and don't forget to recycle the old batteries. A furnace checked for the winter is a must for overall efficiency, and also at the same time have you're air conditioner prepared for winter. Fall is a good time to clean your eaves, it will help to keep water from running over and possibly doing damage to the foundation of your home.

When you think of Conservation, we are seeing many families taking cloth bags and using them instead of plastic. We are finding that many women are making shopping bags out of old material, old bags that they have used and are laying around the house, and old tee shirts. I have a friend who belongs to a church quilting guild, and they make lap pads, as well as quilts for nursing homes. They always welcome scraps of material. My friend has also started cutting up men's worn shirts. They used the type, that can't be recycled or worn again. How about seeing if the churches in your area would also like yarn, some churches are making prayer shawls, and I am sure that they could use the left over yarn.

When you think of Conservation, don't forget to put out something for the birds. The time is coming when it will be harder for them to forage for food. Get a bird book and see what birds you attract. If you buy corn stalks to decorate for Halloween, try to get stalks that have ears on them, and keep the ears of corn for food for the birds and squirrels.

#### Jennie Award

Contact Neva Boyce Jennie Award Chairman on how your club can enter an application of a club member as a nominee for this prestigious GFWC Award.

June 2011 is the deadline for this application of entry.

#### Ring A Bell For Isabella



Chairman Eleanore Ramsey encourages clubs to consider donations to the Isabella Candee Foundation as either a memorial or a honorary tribute to members.



### **EDUCATION** by Elaine Bush

### LITERACY IS KEYWORD FOR EDUCATION!

Literacy is the hottest topic for education! In the USA, about 14% of our population have low literacy skills!!! The statics are staggering concerning the impact this has on our nation and our families. Literacy helps us in our daily living—reading, writing, speaking, problem solving, etc.

How can we as club women help others in our community become literate? Our GFWC Education Community Service Program has goals and objectives which will give us direction. We can be the 'change agents' in our communities after we have determined the self improvement/enrichment programs available. Our promotion of these opportunities may be the means to involve those in our club and community in the programs.

Begin making plans now to promote "Lifelong Literacy in America Month" and "Natural Mentoring Month" in January as well as "Library Lovers Month" in February or in March "Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss's Birthday)" and "Educating and Sharing Day"

Awards and grants are helpful. The "Focus on Literacy Club Grants" offers up to \$150.00 per club. Applications maybe filled out detailing the project and the use of the funds. Funds are available until it is gone. Do it soon!!! See 'Grants' pp.39-41 under Education in the new Club Manual on line at *gfwc.org* 

Raise the level of literacy skills in your community thus improving them for the state! GFWC Illinois can do it through your club becoming involved!

### Button, Button... Who's Got The Button....



Save those buttons no longer needed and donate them! Yes, donate them. A local recycling center in Glen Ellyn is collecting **buttons**. They are sent to Uganda, where the buttons are used by women who make clothing. These buttons increase the value of the clothing, thus helping women support their families. Bring your buttons to the next Sate Board Meeting, Diane Addante will pass them along.

### ...community service programs



### TIME TO ACT

The American Mural Project is a new partnership for GFWC. The artist spoke at GFWC Convention in Omaha. Please check the project out at americanmuralproject.org. A communication was sent out to members about a collection of watches from volunteers to be used in the mural. The watches will be embedded throughout the mural in a resin wave with the expression "Volunteers Give Their Time." Donate any old watches for this project, give them to your District Presidents, who in turn will pass them onto Diane Addante at the State Board Meetings. Don't forget to attach your name and club information to your donation.





### ART by Judy Sochor

In the Art Service Program there are lots of contests. There is the GFWC Illinois Theater/Drama, Short Story and Poetry Contest, for members and for the youth.

There are Photography contests. The categories are <u>Natural History</u>: flowers, animals, insects, birds, trees and similar natural scenes. <u>Scenic</u>: vistas, landscapes, cityscapes, seascapes, snow scenes, bridges, parks, farmland and similar scenes. <u>Feature</u>: human interest pictures including people, events and other features. GFWC "Volunteers in Action" is another category in the Photography contest. All photos need to be taken during the contest year, January 1, 2010-December 31, 2010.

Another Photo contest is "A Year in Pictures." These are to be sent to GFWC Headquarters by May 1, 2010. The photos that win are put in a calendar and sold by GFWC.

There is a GFWC Illinois Youth Art Talent Contest. These along with the photos are to be sent to Carolyn Riggs the Arts Vice-Chairman by March 1, 2011.

The GFWC Painting Contest entries are to be brought to convention to the Arts and Crafts Room to be judged. New last year from GFWC was a Creative Arts Waiver that needs to be filled out for all the Arts, writing and photo contests. All the information for these contests were in the District Presidents packets on pink paper. These are to be handed down to the club presidents so they can give them to their art chairman.



#### by Mary Truitt, Chairman

### **HOME LIFE**Michelle Schultz, Jr. Chairman

In Illinois we have divided the GFWC Home Life Community Service Program between Home Life and Health Community Service Program. When preparing your Illinois report keep the two programs separate. However, when preparing your GFWC Report combine these two programs under Home Life. The mission of the GFWC Home Life Community Service Program is to inform members of issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families, and communities by providing opportunities and resources to meet and address needs through volunteering.

#### The goals of the Home Life Program are:

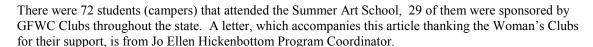
- To identify needs and educate members and communities to meet those needs with successful and innovative programming that stems from member input.
- To integrate the elements of the Home Life Community Service Program in the community by introducing members and communities to partner organizations that improve the lives of those in need.
- To meet the mission and goals of the Home Life Community Service Program, a rule of thumb would be that programs and projects should include ways to educate yourself, inform others, and create change.

According to the 2010-2012 Club Manual Home Life Community Service Program the suggested partners to be used by Home Life are AARP, Canine Companions for Independence, Habitat for Humanity, and the Search Dog Foundation plus those that we would address as Health programs.

\*\*GFWC members give thanks for service programs that benefit\*\*

### community service programs...

#### FEDERATED ART CAMP Article by Dee Lenzi





TO: GFWC Members

RE: 2010 Summer Art School

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the GFWC for their continued support of the Summer Art School. This year we had 72 high school students attend the Summer Art School at Eastern Illinois University. Twenty-nine of the students who attended were sponsored by a Woman's Club. Without financial support from the GFWC many of these students would not have been able to attend.

This year students had the opportunity to attend classes in: Sculpture, Drawing, Painting and Metalsmithing. Evening activities included craft activities, tie dye workshop, bowling, pizza party and movies.

On behalf of the School of Continuing Education at Eastern Illinois University and the Summer Art School campers and staff, we thank you again for all your efforts in recruiting and supporting the students!

Jo Ellen Hickenbottom, Program Coordinator Eastern Illinois University School of Continuing Education

#### **HEALTH** By Wanda Burklow

Hope everyone had a healthy summer and will continue to have a healthy holiday season. Here are some important dates for your club to work with and celebrate. November starts out being American Diabetes Month



(www.diabetes.org), COPD Awareness Month (www.uscopdcoalition.org/newsandevents.ht), Diabetic Eye Disease Month (www.preventblindness.org), Lung Cancer Month, (www.lungcanceralliance.org), National Health Skin Month, November 21-27 Reflux Disease Awareness (www.aboutgerd.org), November 18 Great American Smokeout Day, and into December Safe Toys & Gifts Month, and December 1, World AIDS Day (info@worldaidscampaign.org).

Weighing too much is fast becoming one of our most pressing health problems. More than two-thirds of American adults are now overweight,. In the past 30 years the obesity rate has doubled. Even scarier—research has linked obesity to at least 20 chronic diseases. If you are the only one in the family that needs to watch their diet, here are some helpful ways to start and it will also benefit family members.

- Clean out the cabinets and get rid of all the non-healthy foods
- Stock up on whole wheat bread, fruits, vegetables, skimmed milk, honey, herbs and low salt items
- Find recipes and cook recipes including these items for healthy eating

Now add these extra health tips to your lifestyle, not only will we look better, feel better, be smarter, but we will also be happier.

- Get your flu shot
- Wash your hands often
- Exercise
- Read, play games, work puzzles (a mind is a terrible thing to waste or lose)



# ... community service programs

#### **PUBLIC ISSUES**

#### We want you to be thinking about your reports.

#### by Leatha Poshard

Does your club work with many soldier projects, cutting coupons, and monies raised for these projects? Remember to keep hours. Does your club send Christmas cards or other holiday/special occasion cards for nursing homes, soldiers or Veteran's hospitals and homes? Count them all.

What did your club do in your Community Safety Programs and Citizenship in Action Programs?

Just as GFWC advocates "Unity in Diversity" to mark co-operation between different organizations within our society, we can move our members towards stronger partnerships and grassroots collaborations in an effort to provide new avenues of community involvement. Members are very familiar with the work done through the efforts of GFWC in their campaign for instituting a juvenile court system, establishing local veterans' memorials, preserving historic landmarks, making our highways safer for travel, keeping families safe in their homes, and responding to disasters.

We encourage citizenship in action at home, in our communities, and in the event of an emergency disaster anywhere. By joining law enforcement and first responders and working with or developing neighborhood programs and coalitions, we can better serve the safety and well-being of our citizens, be it in everyday activities, disaster preparedness, or addressing consumer concerns.

#### **Program Goals And Objectives:**

The goals of the GFWC Public Issues Community Service Program are listed below in order to assist you in measuring project success and positive change in your communities. The listed objectives further outline how we can build projects that support these goals.

- Goal 1: Provide comfort and resources to members of the armed forces and their families in recognition of their sacrifices to protect our country.
- Objective 1: Develop creative participation in citizenship activities and involvement with our military in all aspects of service to our freedoms and defense.
- Objective 2: Investigate ways to establish and/or promote legislation in support of veterans issues.
- Objective 3: Promote recognition and honor military personnel and seek opportunities for transition to civilian life.
- Goal 2: Utilize our GFWC Resolutions to increase members' patriotism, pride in heritage, and to become more involved in community leadership roles.
- **Objective 1:** Encourage youth and women emergence into community leadership roles.
- Objective 2: Celebrate patriotism.
- Goal 3: Create safer communities and overall well-being of all citizens.
- **Objective 1:** Partner with first responder agencies to increase public awareness and work toward elimination of safety obstacles.
- Objective 2: Educate GFWC members and their local communities on disaster awareness, preparedness, recovery, and relief.

#### 119th GFWC Annual International Convention - Omaha, Nebraska

GFWC awards are often based on the reports submitted by clubs and state federations during our annual reporting year. Others enter contests where entries are judged. Here are the clubs that have been awarded for their service to the community.

**Conservation Community Program** GFWC Brussels Woman's Club of Illinois



Focus on Health Program

**Home Life Community Program** 

GFWC Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club

**Special Projects** 

Communications and Public Relations Program: State Newsletter Contest

Category I - Illinois

Fundraising Programs: Endorsed Fundraiser-Grounds for Change

Category I - GFWC Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club

Leadership Program Category I - Illinois

Membership Program Category I - Illinois

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# discover the districts...

#### **District 3**

President Judy Wagner
Director of Junior Clubs Fran Oehmen

Beverly Hills Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
Chicago Heights Junior Women's Club, Inc.
Chicago Heights Woman's Club
Former Presidents' Club 3rd District GFWC IL
The Glenwood Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Hearts of Angels Club
GFWC IL Lansing Junior Woman's Club

GFWC/IFWC Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club GFWC Illinois Morgan Park Woman's Club Olympia Fields Woman's Clun, Inc. Palos Heights Woman's Club Palos Park Woman's Club GFWC IL Potpourri Woman's Club of 3rd District Women's & Literary Club of 3rd District

"Paying it Forward: The Legacy of District 3's Occupational Therapy Scholarship"

Since 1943, the GFWC IL District 3, has been providing scholarships to occupational therapy students from the University of Illinois. In 67 years 223 students from the District's membership area have received scholarships from \$50 to \$1500. District 3 became aware of the need for occupational therapy at the Oak Forest Infirmary and began working with patients painting, weaving, sewing, etc. and purchased the supplies needed. Profits from the sale of these items went into a District 3 Occupational Therapy Scholarship fund. The University opened the first OT Program in Illinois in 1943 and the founder Beatrice Wade met with a small committee of the IFWC and presented a need for scholarships. The project was approved and the amount for a scholarship was set at \$300 which just about covered four years of tuition. Donations, sale of the Oak Forest equipment and solicited funds were put into saving bonds and interest is added to the Scholarship Funds which are now \$1500 yearly. In 1946, Lois Anderberg, one of the first recipients, was awarded \$375 which covered her 4 year tuition. In 2007, Lois and her husband gave stock in the amount of \$20,000 and cash in the amount of \$5,000 to help fund this scholarship in honor of the GFWC IL District 3 as well as her parents. Mrs. (Anderberg) Koji said she would not have been able to attend the OT School without our help and notes the GFWC IL District 3 has had a terrific return on their investment. This District 3 scholarship exemplifies the work of the GFWC and will serve children and adults with disabilities in their communities for many years. One of many reasons the District 3 is special.



District 4

President Evelyn Rudolph

The Belvidere Woman's Club Marengo Woman's Club GFWC members give thanks to women who take leadership roles.

The Marengo Woman's Club President is Cynthia Tomczyk. This club is having a Craft Fair in which 16 craft vendors have signed up to take part in the Marengo Day Events. The club holds their general meetings on the third Friday of each month. At one of their meetings, the club had Erane Elizabeth, who shared her 9000 kilometer journey during World War II, the saga of a World War II Siberian prisoner of the war. For their International project, they donated enough money to set up 2 bee hives. The members have made up bags for men and women to take to the Veteran's Hospital. Members have also made 50 Joy Bags for Turning Point and Home of the Sparrow. At the local schools, Nutrient Food Bags, made by the club ladies, are given to the children to have food for the weekend.

The Belvidere Woman's Club President is Mary Lou Poulter. At their last meeting, Frank Crawford shared history of the Civil War with letters written by soldiers to their families. The Woman's Club and Moose Club are working together to hold a dinner to raise funds for scholarships which will be given out this Spring. At the September Meeting, the table decorations were centerpieces made from School Supplies. After the meeting, the supplies were given to a local school.

# ...discover the districts

#### **District 5**

President LeeAnn Conlon
Director of Junior Clubs Eileen Miller



Carol Stream Women's Club
Clarendon Hills Woman's Club
Darien Woman's Club
The Downers Grove Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
Downers Grove Woman's Club
Elmhurst Afternoon Woman's Club
Elmhurst Junior Woman's Club
Glendale Heights Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
Glen Ellyn Junior Woman's Club
Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
Junior Past Presidents Club of 5th-6th District
GFWC Illinois Lemont Juniorette Club

Lemont Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
GFWC Illinois Lilac Juniorette Club.
Lisle Woman's Club
Lombard Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
Lombard Service League, Inc.
Naperville Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
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The Woman's Department Club of Wheaton
Woodridge Junior Woman's Club, Inc.

#### From the Generals...

My theme is "Steppin' Up In Volunteerism" and my symbol is a pair of red patent leather stilettos. The color red represents integrity, vigor, action, courage, bravery, joy, wisdom and fidelity. These shoes are sassy, classy, fun, strong, vibrant and a mainstay in every woman's collection and very easily describe the members of 5th District. We exemplify the motto "Unity In Diversity" with members ranging in age from 12 to 85 (and older) in our General, Junior and Juniorette Clubs. We've pinned many 25-year members, and can count eight 50 year members, with a strong pipeline of future leaders in the Lemont Juniorettes and Lilac Juniorettes who in total have 50+ members! And, the Naperville Woman's Club and Downers Grove Woman's Club were both chartered in 1897.

Our board is comprised of Generals and Juniors alike, and we hold one District Meeting for all the clubs, to share experiences and bridge the generational gaps that are so widespread today! We pride ourselves on developing leaders who move on to fulfill responsibilities on both the State and Junior boards, and work closely with our clubs to coach and mentor club leaders. Two LEADS participants reside in our district - LeeAnn Conlon and Jeanette T. Wells. We've

established a district website and Facebook page, and will be publishing our first electronic newsletter in October! We are revising our bylaws to include electronic meetings and voting, in order to stay in synch with the technological avenues available to foster enhanced communication!



#### From the Juniors...

"Creating Smiles and Giving Hope" is our motto for the 5th District Junior Clubs and we are living up to it by our countless philanthropy projects. Members have made others in our community smile and have given hope through projects such as Safety Towns, Business Clothes Collection, Breast Cancer Fundraisers, School Supply Collections, "Thank You" to Veterans, Pediatric Treat Bags, Firehouse Appreciation Baskets, Family Shelter Donations, TLC Camp (day camp for children with cancer), Buddy Baseball (for children with special needs), sponsoring families through local Food Pantries, collections for PADS, and so much more! Our donation of time is truly a gift from the heart.

GFWC members give thanks when members meet on common ground to work on club projects with team spirit.

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# discover the districts...

### District 6 President Terry LaHue

Argo-Summit, Bedford Park Woman's Club Brookfield Woman's Club GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club LaGrange Park Woman's Club GFWC Past District Northern Lights GFWC Illinois Past Presidents' Club of Sixth District

The <u>GFWC IL SIXTH DISTRICT</u> is special because we are <u>small, yet mighty!</u> With all that is accomplished because of the hard work and dedication of our approximately <u>200</u> members, it is difficult to wrap my mind around the fact that we are only **six clubs** strong.

I proudly present our oldest club *Brookfield Woman's Club* (organized in 1906), then the *Argo Summit, Bedford Park Woman's Club* (1915), the *Past Presidents Club* (1944), the *LaGrange Park Woman's Club* (1954), the *GFWC IL Indian Head Park Woman's Club* (1986), and *Past District Northern Lights* (1996).

Each member brings to the district their one-of-a-kind personality. That is what makes us unique. Each contributes their special talents, and when added to the other special talents and personalities, what a terrific group of characters. What I have written I say with the utmost love and respect! When I recognize our ladies practicing the special message of our Club Collect., it makes me proud. And, that is beautiful. My appreciation to each and every one of you. You are special.

#### **District 7**

President Patricia Maggio Director of Junior Clubs Beth Magoon

GFWC Illinois Arlington Heights Woman's Club

GFWC/IFWC First Ladies of Seventh District

GFWC/IFWC Junior Woman's Club of Des Plaines

GFWC Illinois Past Presidents and Officers Club of 7th District

Mount Prospect Woman's Club

Franklin Park Woman's Club

Portage Park Woman's Club

7th District Evening Woman's Club of Past Executive Officers

The theme for Seventh District is "**The Shining Stars of Seventh.**" The district is made up of seven General Clubs and one Junior Club. We are small but our members are empowered to make a difference. All of our clubs strive to give at least one scholarship out to a deserving student in the district. Our latest effort as a district project was to give a scholarship to a student from Carl Schurz High School which resides within the boundaries of District Seven on the occasion of school's 100th anniversary.

In 2011 District Seven will be celebrating their 100th year as a federation member. Although the District has been in operation since 1900, we became a member of GFWC on October 18, 1911, and Arlington Heights Woman's Club hosted that first meeting. Our goal is to increase membership and to continue to be a viable organization volunteering our time to help others in need.



#### From the Juniors...

It is not always numbers that make for a good GFWC clubs but spirit. A band of 10 women can do as much as a band of 100 women. Junior Woman's Club of Des Plaines recently held another successful auction—"From Pump-kins to Pinecones". Holiday gift baskets, home made items, including their famous cookie bags, were just a few of the items auctioned off. Being close to Halloween, guests were invited to dress up. State Junior Director Candy Godbee and District 7 President Patricia Maggio joined in the fun at the fundraiser. It is surely a credit to this small band of women who really do make a difference in their community.

# ...discover the districts

#### **DISTRICT 8**

President Barbara Potter

The GFWC Illinois Gilman Woman's Club of Gilman, Illinois GFWC Illinois Paxton Woman's Club GFWC Woman's Club of Kankakee The GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Milford, Illinois



District 8 has developed the theme for this administration of "Use your angel wings to soar together into the future; mentoring others to encourage and shape that future." Wings like women and angels come in all shapes and sizes. District 8 has only four clubs working hard to benefit their communities. Many wings are working on membership, and two clubs have increased their membership this summer by 3, one club by 4 and the other club by 6. Entertainment options such as bingo, card parties, cook outs, children's games at town reunions, style shows, and follies are being used to educate the public about our GFWC Clubs. We have also studied the proposed Illinois Constitution Amendment. Clubs are working together and sharing programs and projects is another way to encourage the membership retention.

Our mentoring wings are learning about mission trips, collecting medicine bottles, providing scholarships both for summer camps and college programs, working on Make a Difference Day, and working with local libraries to provide literary opportunity to all ages. Mentoring wings are also going into the schools individually to read to and mentor students in grades K-8th and into local homes with Meals on Wheels.

#### District 21 Assumption Woman's Club

Untitled Poem by Diana Stedman

You're the roses in the garden. You're the petunias in the pots. It's all the little things you do that mean a very lot. You're dimes to make a child smile, and pennies for some art, Kind News at the grade school, just to get a start. You're Valentines for the Veterans and some things to help their day. Cookies, crackers for the bloodmobile, cakes for a nursing home down the way. You're cookies at Christmas, Valentines, And Fest Time too and lots of little other things you do and do and do. So a new year is before us time to work and time to give. Dear Lord bless our hands and bless our hearts for as long as we shall live.



GFWC members give thanks for women organizing new clubs with new members and women preserving our history of established clubs with seasoned members.

#### **Jiving Juniors**

#### Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club Makes the News

October 13, 2010, the Homer Horizon Newspaper writes: "Woman's Club Strives to Give Back To Homer Community". Members of this newly found club are focusing on fundraising efforts and hands on projects to help meet the needs in their community starting with "Make A Difference Day" on Saturday, October 23.

Good going Homer Glen Juniors! You are really off to a good start and we are thankful for all that you do in your community and the GFWC organization.

#### Fleece Blankets for Babies at the Neonatal Care Unit at Children's Hospital

The GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club participated in "Make A Difference Day" by making 16 fleece blankets for babies. Children's Hospital of Illinois in Peoria received the blankets that were made by club members for the neonatal care unit (NICU) babies.

Row 1 - Donna Cross &
Becky Weber
Row 2 - Kelli Zaremba,
Kathleen Nackers, Deana Cooper,
& Elyse Anfinson
Row 3 - Kathleen Tyrala, Janet
Manzi, Nancy Rodier, Dee Sokol,
& Deirdre Nelson



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# GFWC special projects...







#### Where In The World...

Karel Volpert is Chairman of the GFWC Illinois President's Special Emphasis, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, which also happens to be the GFWC Signature Project. Karel is a member of the GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck, District 18. She has served in many club & district leadership roles and now takes on her first chairmanship on the State level. Karel was recently on the East Coast and the Maine area for a Fall-Get-Away.

GFWC members give thanks for opportunities to travel freely within our country.

### GFWC Signature Project and GFWC Illinois President's Special Emphasis Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention



September 10, 2010.

# ...president's special emphasis



# GFWC Signature Project and GFWC Illinois President's Special Emphasis Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention By Karel Volpert

The aim of the GFWC Signature Project and the GFWC Illinois President's Special Emphasis, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, is to increase member understanding about and involvement in programs to decrease domestic violence in communities and around the nation.

#### Educate yourself and others:

GFWC Illinois is working closely with the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the powerful state-wide voice for battered women and their children. The Coalition works to ensure that families have knowledge of, and access to, all services and opportunities. ICADV endeavors to provide this assistance locally. You can learn more about the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the brochures and posters that they have for sale by visiting their website at <a href="https://www.ilcadv.org">www.ilcadv.org</a>.

#### Our Call to Action:

The General Federation of Women's Clubs has launched the Success for Survivors Scholarship Program to raise monies for scholarships for survivors of domestic violence or intimate partner abuse. In June 2012, GFWC will announce the recipients of eight \$1,000 scholarships. The challenge for GFWC Illinois members is to raise \$1000 for this cause during the next two years. To read more about the Success for Survivors Scholarship Program, go to <a href="https://www.GFWC.org">www.GFWC.org</a>, look in the GFWC Club Manuel, and find the Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention.

The Clothesline Project is a compelling display that bears witness to the many forms of violence perpetrated against women and children. The Clothesline Project is comprised of T-shirts designed by survivors of abuse and those who have lost loved ones to it. The shirts are hung on a clothesline during a public display to: honor the survivors and memorialize the victims; help with the healing process for survivors as well as family and friends of victims who were killed; educate, document, and raise society's awareness about the crimes of violence against women and



children. To learn more about the **Clothesline Project**, go to their website <u>www.clotheslineproject.org</u>. To find out how you can connect with a local **Clothesline Project** or to start one of your own, call 508-896-1875.



**Dress for Success** is an international organization offering services designed to help promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. GFWC Illinois clubwomen can donate professional attire for battered women seeking employment. For more information about **Dress for Success**, visit their website www.dressforsuccess.org.

For additional information, please contact me at <a href="mailto:karelvolpert@fullchoice.tv">karelvolpert@fullchoice.tv</a>.

GFWC members give thanks for our support to organizations that help those in need.



# great lakes region...



**GFWC Great Lakes Region** 2010 Annual Conference October 15-17, 2010

Dayton Woman's Club Building





**GFWC President Elect** Mary Ellen Laister

**GFWC Great Lakes** President Debbie Bach

GFWC President Carlene Garner



#### Dayton, Ohio Will never Be The Same!

Great Lakes

Debbie Bach

Region President

The 2010 GFWC Great Lakes Region Annual Conference was held October 15, 16, and 17 in Dayton, Ohio with twenty-seven Illinois clubwomen present. Presiding over the event was Illinois' own Great Lakes Region President Deborah Bach. The theme, "GFWC Great Lakes Region... A Season to Volunteer" became not only the anthem for each conference event, but also for the attendees, who viewed outstanding fall colors in the Dayton area during their tour of the National Museum of the United Stated Air Force and Carillon Park. Lunch during this tour was served in the Dayton Woman's Club building, a magnificent Victorian age mansion proudly maintained by the Dayton Federation of Women's Clubs. Attendees were treated to presentations by GFWC President Carlene Garner, GFWC President Elect Mary Ellen Laister, and GFWC Board of Directors chairmen and committee members as well as many workshops.

The highlight of the conference was The Sunday morning state reports where each of the members states—Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin—report to the attendees. GFWC Illinois President Nancy Willis and GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs Candy Godbee presented membership advice, tips, and accomplishments in an entertaining manner and

now Dayton, Ohio will never be the same!



Becky Weber plays the National Anthem



Candy Godbee & Nancy Willis with the Illinois Flag



Shelli Fehr & Diane Addante 'Can Do" girls



Debbie Bach all dressed up.



Candy Godbee & Nancy Willis



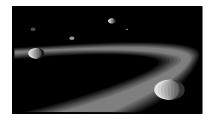
Mark Your calendars for October 14-16, 2011 for the next Great lakes Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin.



### ...news around town

# From far, far away—from another galaxy... Article by Karen Erb Website Coordinator

GFWC is again having a contest for club and state websites this administration. The rules for the contest and submission information can be found in the club manual in



the section **2010-2012 GFWC Awards, Contests, and Grants**. This manual has 50 pages full of information on the competitions and grants available to clubs and individual members. Information for the website contest is on pages 34 and 35 of the manual. I recommend you download all the parts of the Club Manual and read them on your computer. Most of them are very long and contain a wealth of information. Club Manuals being mailed to Club Presidents are only an abridged version of the manual. To read the complete version, you can either request a printed version at the GFWC.org/marketplace or you can download it from www.GFWC.org. Go to the Members Center button and click on Club Manual. You could also find this information on our state website: *www.gfwcillinois.org*.



#### S'Mores History...

### Article by Linda K. Bowlby Historian/WHRC Chairman



**The Time:** 1868. The place: an all-male press club in New York City. **The Event:** a lecture by novelist Charles Dickens. **The Journalist:** Jane Cunningham Croly (writing as Jennie June). **The Issue:** Jane Croly was denied admittance because of her gender (she did, however, listen from the hallway!). **The Result:** The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) was born. This birth process began with **Sorosis** conceived by Croly and others. And the rest is history...but do **YOU** know our history well enough to regale others with our roots and accomplishments? GFWC was chartered in 1890—but did you realize we really go back to 1868, immediately after the Civil War? We have a **LONG** and **RICH** history...and the communities we serve need to know about it. I'm available to tell you more at 217-763-6485. **Stay tuned for S'more History-Our History.** 

#### **GFWC Illinois Tidbits from Headquarters in Joliet**

Dues to GFWC Illinois are due by November 1st. Clubs should remit their dues as soon as possible to headquarters. We want all our members in good standing. Included with your dues should be a list of your membership names and addresses. The Illinois Clubwoman Magazine is part of your dues so a complete roster of members is needed to keep the mailing list current. If members have been added or dropped after dues remittance, please notify headquarters to add or delete these members from the current mailing list.



National Poster for Veterans Day November 11, 2010

Make Every Day Veterans Day



GFWC members are thankful for the little things in life.

GFWC members are thankful for the service that our men and women of the armed forces provide us. We honor those who have given the utmost sacrifice with their lives. We strive to help others with comfort and aid to those returning home. Make every day Veterans Day.

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# GFWC special projects...

#### **Look What's Cooking At GFWC Illinois**

#### **MEMBERSHIP KITS COMING YOUR WAY!**

GFWC Illinois 2010-2015 Strategic Plan outlines many goals for the next five years. Among those are the goals of putting together and distributing two club membership kits. One will focus on recruiting and retaining members and the other will concentrate on starting new clubs. The cost for the kits is being underwritten from the sale of mini cookbooks that are now being sold for \$5.00 each. When the kits are developed, they will be given or sent to every club president so look for them soon. For more Information on mini cookbooks contact GFWC Illinois Headquarters at 815-724-0195 or gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK... GFWC Illinois Junior's Cookbook

#### PARTY IDEAS & COCKTAILS



At our board meeting I mentioned that the Juniors would be doing our own version of the mini cookbooks. Your first opportunity to share your wonderful ideas are now here.

Our first book will be "Party Ideas and Cocktails." We will share neat decorating ideas, recipes, etc. for themed parties. For example, a football party might have First Down Appetizers, Half Time Games, etc. Or a race theme party might have cupcakes decorated like tires. For the table one can make napkin rings with large metal nuts and washers (I did this and it was a big hit). Perhaps you have a tailgate party, Indy 500 party, baby shower, wine tasting, Kentucky Derby party, or any other celebration ideas that you would be willing to share. We would also like to hear about all those cocktail recipes. These will be put in "Cookbooks" the same format as the "Appetizer" mini cookbook the Generals have for sale.

The money raised from this particular book is specifically for membership and leadership tools for the GFWC Illinois Junior Organization and not part of the regular fundraising efforts. Nancy and I discussed fundraising for the membership and leadership plans that coincide with the GFWC Illinois Strategic Plan and came up with the mini cookbook idea. These will be a continuing project with various themes throughout the administration, and possibly beyond. By keeping the cost at \$5.00 each, they are great gifts for teachers, stocking stuffers, secret pal gifts , and more. The efforts of the Generals and Juniors will complement each other.

Nancy & Candy cooking up some new ideas with cookbooks.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK... GFWC Illinois Cookbooks

GFWC Illinois Fundraising will be selling a series of small cookbooks. Funds raised will support the Leadership & Membership Tool Kits The cookbooks will be the size of a quarter sheet of paper and spiral bound. They will sell for \$5.00 each.

You can help by submitting your tried & true recipes - then later by purchasing cookbooks. The books will be focused on a particular type of recipe. The second mini-cookbook, "Cookies & Candies" is in the works and will be ready for the next release at the State Board Meeting.

Please submit recipes via email to nhw31@hotmail.com.

#### The Schedule for submitting recipes is as follows:

Appetizers - submit by August 1st - for Fall Release Cookies/Candies - submit by November 1st - for Winter Release Crockpot/Microwave - submit by February 1st - for Spring Release Summer Favorites - submit by April 1st - for Convention Release



GFWC members give thanks for the bounty of food that we grow.

# of a Juniorette Advisor ry well be with the "build upon the position of the p

The future of GFWC could very well be with the ladies who make up GFWC's youngest members, those who few ladies who I felt would really embrace the Juniorettes belong to GFWC Juniorette clubs. These future leaders have concept and run with it." And, Karyn reports that she was volunteering in their hearts, technology know how, and insiders' knowledge of the newest "Millennial" generation, and the Plainfield Juniors even got a new member who Juniorette clubs are composed entirely of middle school/ junior high and high school aged students and are sponsored by either a junior or general club. While every club is help their sponsoring club with others. Some of the Lemont different, they all have a club advisor/s who helps them with Juniorettes projects include preparing dinner at the Ronald decision making and problem solving while mentoring and one of the students or a teacher who is also a GFWC member.

GFWC Illinois currently has six Juniorette clubs comprised of more than 70 girls between the ages of 12 and 18. the advisors' love of working with the girls and their dedication to the continuity of GFWC.

Clare Korte is advisor for the GFWC Illinois Lemont older girls someday, so they stick with the club." Juniorette Club, which formed in 1999 six years after the sponsoring Lemont Junior Woman's Club. Clare is the moth- "What may seem like an impossible task is really quite simer of Abbie, the club's president and says, "One of the best ple if you break it down piece by piece. And of course it althings about being a Juniorette advisor is seeing the girls' enthusiasm when involved with a project. From wrapping carry the load when called upon." gifts, to making sandwiches, to writing cards, the girls always get the job done with a smile on their face and always women toward personal growth and leadership? If so, start seem to want to do more." In addition, Clare admits that it a Juniorette club. For more information about this and startgives her something "incredibly worthwhile" to do with her ing other clubs, contact GFWC Illinois headquarters Clare has seen a growth in Abbie that is at: 815/724-0195 or gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net. "amazing" and notes that "the way the entire board respects one another's ideas and opinions is commendable. They really work well together and I think being a little part of that, guiding them to becoming productive adults, is a blessing!"

GFWC Illinois' newest Juniorette club is the six month old GFWC Illinois Plainfield Juniorette Club. sponsored by the two year old GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club. GFWC Illinois Junior Dean of Chairmen Karyn Palumbo helped charter both clubs and mentors Juniorette club advisors Leticia Tassone and Brook Henschen. Says Karyn, "The best thing about sponsoring a Juniorette club is being able to introduce the importance of volunteerism to teenage girls, being part of something new, and being a positive role model in our community." The hardest part for Karyn in forming the Juniorette Club was convincing her own club they could do it. Karyn wanted to

right! Leticia and Brook were perfect members for the job wanted to serve as assistant advisor.

Juniorette clubs typically plan their own projects and McDonald House, keeping the South Suburban Crisis Center assisting the girls. Quite often the advisor is a mother of Birthday present closet filled, and helping clean up on Earth Day. The Plainfield Juniorettes participate in the Relay for Life and help their sponsoring club with a June fundraiser.

Should other GFWC Illinois clubs start Juniorette Clubs? Clare Korte says "definitely." Clare likes that it Recently, I spoke with the advisors of GFWC Illinois' oldest "gives Junior and Senior High School students a chance to and newest Juniorette clubs. What I learned from both is work together outside of their separate schools and achieve something." She says, "The older girls become mentors for the younger girls, and the younger girls want to "be" the

> Karyn Palumbo's advice? "Just do it!" She says, ways helps to have strong women who are ready to help

> Does your club have someone who could lead young



Ania Domalik—16, Maribeth Van Hecke—17, and Abbie Korte—17, three of the Lemont Juniorette Club officers.

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