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Back Cover: Views of the Northern Region Summer Seminar held in Naperville on July 14, 2012. The seminar is a great way to show the "new kid on the block the ropes." One always comes away inspired and ready to make that difference in each of our communities.

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3 ½ x 2	\$75.00
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7 ¼ x 5 ¼	\$500.00

...GIFTS OF LEADERSHIP



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



Hello GFWC Illinois Members,

This issue of the magazine is all about the clubwomen of Illinois. What they are doing and the wonderful projects in which they have shared their 'gifts' with their communities and other organizations. If your Club was not included in this issue, please make plans to be in the next fall issue. The deadline will be August 15, 2013. You may submit that article to Rita Jaffe, ***GFWC Illinois Clubwoman*** Editor. Her information is located on the inside of the cover of each magazine. The next magazine, which should be in your hands by March 1, 2013, will be about the 118th Annual Convention; we are starting to make those plans now.

We had a very good attendance for the Summer Seminars. The interaction and response of the members present was also very good. We tried a new format and will be tweaking that format for the Regional Meetings next July 11, 12, 13, 2013; beginning again in Southern, then Central and on to Northern Region. Our Vice Presidents will be assisting with the programming. It our desire to have the programming for the Regional Meetings completed by the March Board of Directors meeting so that our District Presidents can promote the meetings at their Annual Meetings.

If your Club would like me to be present at one of their meetings, celebrations, or fundraisers, please send those invitations to my home at 24959 S Gougar Road, Manhattan IL 60442-9311 as soon as possible so that I may put your date on my calendar.

We are currently putting the **Reporting Packet** together. This packet will be for this two year administration 2013 and 2014; it will be printed only once. We are going to include as much information as possible for reporting both years. If there are any changes that need to be made, new forms will be provided. The Resolutions Booklet and Yearbook will be updated for 2013-2014.

Yes we are trying new things again this year. We rely on your cooperation to make them effective and practical.

If we (any officer or any chairman) can be of any service to you or your clubs, feel free to contact us. Thank you again for sharing your 'gifts' with GFWC.

Pat Heitman
GFWC Illinois President



GIFTS FOR EWE...



The Gift of Leadership Trisha Schafer GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs



Hello Illinois Club Women!

I have started this GFWC Illinois administration with much excitement and enthusiasm beginning with our General/Junior Board Orientation. In June, I attended the **Joliet Junior Woman's Club's** Reciprocity Event and then in July traveled to our three regions for Summer Seminar where we presented information on our GFWC Community Service Programs, Advancements, tips on reporting, info for club officers, and much more! It was an absolute joy to meet some of you and have time to visit about our clubs and ideas.



The Illinois Junior Executive Committee met in mid-August and made several plans for the next two years. The five of us (Karyn McCarthy, Director elect; Jeanette T Wells, Dean of Chairmen; Loretta Revesz, Treasurer; Sue Bielenda, Secretary and I) want to be available to all clubs who may need assistance with energizing their members, starting a new club, presenting a program, or any other support. We all are committed to **"EWE,"** so please call one (or more) of us, we would love to come to a club event or meeting! At each Junior Board Meeting, we will be **"Making the Difference"** in the area where it is held. For our first meeting in September we will actually be holding our meeting at Illinois Easter Seals and instead of any gift exchanges with each other; we will be bringing items for Easter Seals.

I had the pleasure of visiting the **GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club's** new member night and was able to present the EMSC Pediatric Bag Project and show them several other GFWC sponsored fundraising ideas!

Have you ever thought about volunteering while you are on vacation? Does history get you excited...especially when it's GFWC History??? Well, I recently had this opportunity... On a trip to Washington DC with my sister, I contacted GFWC Headquarters' Women's History & Resource Center (WHRC) to see if they could use some help. We lined up two days and spent our time adding clubs histories making them readily available on line and archiving club documents through the GFWC website.

Try looking up: <http://gfwc.pastperfect-online.com> and search for your club.



Ashley & me



GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs Trisha Schafer
and sister of Trish, Heidi Smithson from Colorado

*"Most people do what they want to do in life....
Exceptional people do what they know will
make a difference in the world,
without worrying whether they "like" it!
The true volunteer spirit is selfless & compassionate!"*

Thank **"EWE"** all for being Exceptional
In Federation Friendship & Love ~ Trisha



...GIFTS OF TEACHING



Diane Addante, GFWC Illinois President Elect/Dean of Chairmen
Karyn McCarthy, GFWC Illinois Director-elect of Junior Clubs
Jeanette T Wells, GFWC Illinois Junior Dean of Chairmen

As President Elect, I feel like a cheerleader-offering encouragement and support to others. It's a great role! I'd like to offer some encouragement to you as club women, and for your life in general. The encouragement and support we get from, and provide to, one another is a benefit of belonging to our organization.

Remember this, big challenges often respond to small changes. Never say, "*it's always been done this way.*" There are many other options, and a big sweeping change is seldom required. If you have a smaller club, consider the number of projects you undertake. Pick the activities club members love and your community needs, and do those. A smart club will narrow the focus as needed. On the flip side, maybe you need a new project. This can energize the group and attract new members. Are you having fun yet? Be sure the atmosphere at all gatherings is positive and uplifting. Cultivate friendships among members. Women join a club to do good work, but they stay because that's where their friends are. A few ideas to make meetings more fun: Do something that gets the group up and moving; take a few minutes at the start of the meeting and have members report something interesting that happened to them since the last meeting; go around the room at the end of the meeting and ask each member to say something uplifting about another member or give a one word summary of the meeting, etc. If you try something a little different at each meeting, people might attend to see what you do next!

Lessons for Living from our Wisest Citizens - This list was compiled from interviews with 1,200 people over the age of 70 by Karl A Pillemer, PhD, for Huff Post Post/50, August 14, 2012. *Act Now Like You Will Need Your Body For 100 Years, Say Yes to Opportunities, Travel More, Say it Now, Time is of the Essence, Happiness is a Choice, not a Condition (take responsibility for your own happiness), Time Spent Worrying is Time Wasted and Think Small (be attuned to life's daily simple pleasures).*

Reporting Update - I am working on the Reporting/Informational Packet that you have come to know and love. These will be sent to District Presidents in September for distribution to clubs at fall district meetings. **Remember you will get one packet for the two years of this administration, so keep it in a safe place!**

*"Don't look outside yourself for the Leader.
We are all the ones we have been waiting for."
Hopi Elder*



Also on a side note, I recently delivered another **27.5 pounds** of buttons to SCARCE for the women of Uganda, making our current total **90.5 pounds**. I will continue to collect them.

GIFTS OF TEACHING...



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HOW TO CONTROL YOUR BOARD MEETINGS

Parliamentary Procedure and how to control your board meetings with proper parliamentary procedures and the process of achieving goals by efficiently run meetings. There are many that feel only officers or those who aspire to an office need to understand Parliamentary Law or procedures. This is like saying only the pitcher, catcher, and star batter need to know the finer points of baseball. While Robert's Rules of Order serves with distinction as the Parliamentary Authority, regretfully, it also intimidates most of us. Parliamentary Procedure should assist us, rather than intimate. Parliamentary Law is actually the rule of the game of democracy. It aims to expedite business, to maintain order and to accomplish the purpose for which our clubs were formed. The process of achieving and efficiently run board meeting, all board members should receive a copy of the Agenda.



What should be included in the club agenda:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Call to order and welcome | 7. Correspondence |
| 2. Thought for the Day | 8. President's report |
| 3. The Pledge of Allegiance | 9. Committee reports |
| 4. Recognition of visitors | 10. Unfinished business |
| 5. Approval of previous minutes | 11. New business |
| 6. Treasurer's report | 12. Adjournment |

What are the responsibilities of being an officer:

The presiding officer should be chosen for her ability to preside. The chair creates the atmosphere, spirit, and attitudes of the meeting by her conduct. She should have the knowledge of the duties that are required of the office, all board members, not just the chair, need to be knowledgeable as to the bylaws, and have some parliamentary knowledge. The chair has the responsibility to develop good listening skills, and must listen to fellow board members, work with them and try not to be a ruler.

Review of your board meeting:

Call to order: the chair opens the meeting with one rap of the gavel and states, "the meeting will please come to order," at this time agenda items may be added or changed, next is the Thought for the Day and so on through the agenda.

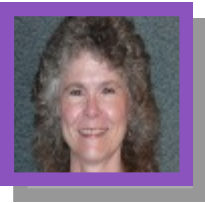
Now let's review Motions:

A main motion is used to bring business before the assembly. It can be made only while no other motion is pending, it is seconded and after the motion has been seconded, the chair will ask for discussion. It is proper to ask for discussion on all motions before the vote is taken. Now there may be a great deal of discussion and when concluded, the chair will call for the vote by saying, "all those in favor of the motion say yes, all opposed say no" if the chair recognizes that everyone was in favor, she states, "the motion carried."

Pertinent Facts:

1. A main motion brings business before the assembly.
2. A subsidiary motion assists the assembly in treating or disposing of a main motion and sometimes of other motions.
3. A privileged motion deals with special matters of immediate importance. It does not relate to the pending business.
4. An incidental motion is related to the parliamentary situation in such a way that it must be decided before business can proceed.
5. A motion may be made in any structure, the presiding officer may guide the proper motion form.
6. A majority vote is more than half. A 2/3rds vote takes away the right of the member.

...GIFTS OF TEACHING



Linda K. Bowlby - GFWC Illinois Treasurer
Loretta Revesz - GFWC Illinois Junior Treasurer



Dues Dollars? - Think Pie!

A conscientious GFWC Illinois member should ask, ***“How are the dues dollars I pay each year spent?”*** And every card carrying GFWC Illinois member should have the answer to that question - here it is! Each member pays a combination of GFWC (\$15 for General and Junior clubs, \$10 for Juniette clubs), GFWC Illinois (\$5) and District dues. Juniors pay an additional (\$2) to the Junior Organization (for more information about those \$2, please read Loretta's information later in this article.) You can find information about your \$15 GFWC in past issues of the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine* (look for the pie charts:). For the purpose of this article we will deal only with the \$5 per capita to GFWC Illinois.

The GFWC Illinois fiscal year is June 1 to May 31. In fiscal year 2011-2012 GFWC Illinois members paid \$29,455 in dues. The GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine cost \$22,465. Headquarters rent and utilities were \$12,551. Phone expense was \$2,144. I'm going to let you do the math with those numbers so you can see for yourself that the \$5 per capita does not stretch very far! So how do we meet our expenses AND provide extra benefits to our members (keeping reading for some of those benefits)? Our budget expenses are covered from the Isabella Candee Foundation interest and only the residual funds from the 1922 Trust. These two supplement the dues (or is it the other way around...) to keep GFWC Illinois solvent.

How about those benefits? GFWC Illinois furnishes the State yearbook and report packet to all clubs; in 2011-2012 each club received the new Leadership Kit and the new Membership Kit. Your dues did not cover these expenses. The Convention Booklets are not part of the Convention expenses and are paid for by the Federation. The 2011-2012 Board Meetings and Region Meetings expenses were \$3200 -- but not covered by dues dollars.

Summer Seminar is another benefit received as GFWC Illinois members. Each participant pays a fee of \$20 for the day. Hard facts: In July 2012 from south to north the luncheon fees charged by the representative hotels were, \$20.23, \$20.73, and \$21.00. So your \$20 not only did not cover the cost of your meal, but also did not cover the cost of any handouts and the Summer Seminar booklet! And coffee provided was on top of all that.

Conscientiously you must ask, ***“What has GFWC Illinois done to cut expenses and keep costs down?”*** We have downsized our office, both in physical size and in operating expenses -- and we still have a lovely GFWC Illinois Headquarters with a showplace for our First Ladies and memorabilia and adequate office space. We have cut our staff (Headquarters Executive Secretary) to part time. This is a perfect arrangement that meets the needs of our Secretary Deana, our State Officers and our membership. Summer Seminar, through invaluable in our statewide membership, has always been a pricey endeavor for us. In years past the travel team consisted of all the officers, all department, and committee chairmen -- usually a team of about 22. In 2012 only the President, President Elect and Director of Junior Clubs traveled to each of the 3 sites, with a mix of other EC members traveling to one or two sites. As you can see, this has eliminated room, mileage, and meal expenses considerably. Your Executive Committee continues to reduce expenditures without compromising quality and benefits to our GFWC Illinois Membership.

Juniors, how about those additional \$2 you pay? Your Junior Treasurer Loretta tells us your donations are used to maintain the Junior website and purchase mailing supplies and postage. It also helps to provide recognition and awards for Junior achievements during the year. The Junior Organization pays for the Director of Junior Clubs to travel to Conventions and Conferences to represent Illinois Juniors. Dues money also pays for any facility fees incurred for meeting and events. Dues money is used for meals for any special guests. GFWC Illinois Juniors get a lot of mileage from those \$2 each Junior member contributes.

Are you surprised to see how your dues money is utilized? Kind of like using all the parts of the pig except the squeal! Please do not hesitate to ask ANY questions. Budgets for both GFWC Illinois and GFWC Illinois Juniors detailing each expense is available to anyone for the asking. Enjoy your pie!

GIFTS OF MEMBERSHIP...



Membership - The Sole of the Federation Karel Volpert - GFWC Illinois Central Region Vice President

The theme for the GFWC membership campaign is “**Membership-The Sole of the Federation.**” During the next two years, we will focus on the double meaning of the homonyms “soul” and “sole” as we stress that GFWC membership is both vital and active.

New Members of the Shoe Crew

GFWC Illinois will celebrate each new member of our organization’s Shoe Crew by listing her name and club in the *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman* magazine. In addition, each new member will receive a welcome letter from GFWC Illinois. When your club adds a new member, please send her name and address, as well as your club name, to me. One of our GFWC Illinois goals for the 2012-2013 club year is to gain 200 new members. As names of new members are received, we will chart our progress toward this “sole goal.”

Fall Recruitment Campaign: Lace Up Your Shoes

During September, October, and November, clubs are encouraged to participate in the GFWC Fall Recruitment Campaign: Lace Up Your Shoes. Clubs who gain at least three new members will be recognized in the *GFWC Clubwoman* magazine and the *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman* magazine. Clubs are asked to send the name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address for each new member to GFWC@GFWC.org. This report is due by December 1. In addition, please let me know when you have sent this information to GFWC. A GFWC Illinois goal for this club year is to have twenty clubs recognized in the *GFWC Clubwoman* magazine for their success in the GFWC Fall Recruitment Campaign.



Shoe Awards

* To encourage GFWC clubs and State Federations to build their membership, GFWC has created a special annual membership award. The GFWC Coveted Shoe Award will recognize one club within each membership category at the GFWC International Conventions in 2013 and 2014. GFWC clubs should submit the Coveted Shoe Award application form and accompanying documentation to me by February 1. Each club president has received this application form. I will select the winning entry from Illinois and submit it to GFWC.

* In addition, GFWC Illinois will recognize clubs within our state using the information from the GFWC Coveted Shoe Award application. The GFWC Illinois awards will be called Shoe Shine Awards. These awards will be presented at the GFWC Illinois State Convention in 2013. Please complete this GFWC form listing any of the criteria applicable. Also, if you have a membership project, include a narrative describing it. I am looking forward to reading about the membership activities of our GFWC Illinois Shoe Crew.

Please send information to: Karel Volpert Box 345 Bismarck, Illinois 61814 or karelvolpert@fullchoice.tv

Just A Reminder



We will once again be sponsoring a basket raffle for the **Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Statewide Conference**, “*Children Matter...Get Involved*”, October 18 – 19, 2012 in Springfield, Illinois. If your club or District would care to donate a basket it would be greatly appreciated. If you are attending the Great Lakes Region Conference you can bring it and give it to me there or 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, 60432-4395. Please mark it clearly, “PCA Conference Baskets” Thank you in advance for your continued support.

...GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 4

President Judi Alden - 2 Clubs - 134 Members

As the new publicity chairman of the **GFWC Marengo Woman's Club**, I want to "*Scatter Seeds of Joy.*" Our new 2012-2014 President, Vera Rimnac, has coined this expression for her theme during her term. We are a group of 50 women who enjoy working together for the betterment of our community.

In July our Highway Cleaning Project took place on Kishwaukee Road. And road clean-up will continue every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The Marengo clubwomen completed and delivered 50, 8x9 inch, bags for women at Turning Point and Home of the Sparrow. This project called "*It's May Bag*" are colorful bags with snap closures containing necessities a women would need if she found herself having to leave home suddenly and go to a shelter due to abuse.

For the past 6 years the **GFWC Marengo Woman's Club** have done the Weekend Nutrition Program during the school year that helps feed 55 children in Marengo in kindergarten through fourth grade who do not have enough to eat over the weekends.

On October 6, 2012, during the Marengo Settler's Day activities the club has an Arts and Craft Fair at the local High School for the community to come and purchase items from the crafters as well as enter a drawing to Win 2 twin-size children's handmade quilts. Proceeds go towards providing scholarships. A free sidewalk chalk draw is held for the children for prizes. On October 7, 2012, the Club again participates in the parade down-town to promote the club's community service.

Article by Brenda Rommel
Publicity Chairman
GFWC Marengo Woman's Club



...GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 10

President Marty Butler - 15 Clubs - 689 Members



GFWC Zion Woman's Club celebrated 105 years of service during this 2012 club year. The Club currently has 47 members and will begin their 2012-2013 club year in October. The Club began October 25, 1907, then called The Bayview Reading Club. The Club was the first "*service*" organization to begin in Zion. In 1909, the Club joined the State Federation of Women's Clubs and changed the name to Zion City Woman's Club, but later dropped "*city*" to become Zion Woman's Club. In 1914 the club was admitted to the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. We recently changed our name to **GFWC Zion Woman's Club** to mark our affiliation with GFWC International. Our Club remains philanthropic and service oriented in its efforts.

This past year we enjoyed collaborating fundraising efforts with the Zion Conservatory of Music, providing a beautiful lunch/silent auction and music program with the students of the conservatory. We continue to support high school students with various scholarships. Our community improvement emphasis is to support our local Boys and Girls Club, which is an important program that mentors our city's youth.

GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 5...

Carol Jablonski - 22 Clubs -1,125 Members
Maria Uribe - 12 Junior Clubs - 2 Juniorette Clubs

Here in **District 5**, our clubs have purse-onality! Do you have a purse for different occasions? Each club is like a purse. It suits their community and their members. How do I know this? Just read about some of the many things our clubs are doing.

Like a purse with many pockets, our clubs help fill those pockets by helping **Lombard Junior Woman's Club, Inc.** with TLC Camp every year, which is a week-long day camp for 100 children with cancer and their siblings. Some of our clubs are like multi-function purses as they support safety towns with fundraisers, volunteering in the classroom, and administration.

Can't forget about our large purses! Parades are a time for us to pull out all stops as we have large audiences to get our clubs exposed to. Got a fun bag? Our clubs hold art fairs. fashion shows. garden walks. wine tastings. LNO (Ladies Night Out), Bunco for breast cancer. Our clubs are having fun while raising funds for their favorite charities.

With a tote bag of service, our clubs host school supply drives, prepare and deliver holiday baskets, Adopt a Highway, volunteer at PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter), and there's so much more, I could use another tote for the many service projects happening in our district, but I'm limited to this page.

Carol Jablonski



GFWC IL District 5
 Our Clubs Have Purse-onality
 Article by Carol Jablonski



Darien Woman's Club
 riding in the summer parade



Lombard Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
 pictured with children of TLC Camp



Elmhurst Junior Woman's Club
 members



District 5 President
 Carol Jablonski (far right)
 and Club Members at
 Carol's installation



Lisle Woman's Club raffle stand
 at the 2012 Garden Gait Event



Darien Woman's Club
 display at the Art Fair

...GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 7

President Beth Magoon - 7 Clubs - 235 Members - 1 Junior Club

This administration I will have the privilege of representing the **7th District** as their President, having been a member of GFWC Illinois in various capacities since 1984. The theme for the next 2 years is "*Celebrate!*" We have a tendency to celebrate the large accomplishments in our clubs but forget those "*small*" welcomed events that take place, reading a book to a small group of children, taking a plate of cookies to your local fire station, or even collecting Campbell Soup labels. These are all small celebrations we need to acknowledge. When I think of Celebrations, colorful balloons come to mind. I have chosen balloons as my symbol of Celebrating, which fits very well with our State Presidents symbol of the Presents. *Beth Magoon*



Background: Marie Saeli, Director of the Franklin Park Library and member of the **Franklin Park Woman's Club**
Foreground: Jeannie Liedtka and Ellie dressed in her nurse outfit.

It's Railroad Daze in Franklin Park in June and it is time to "*Meet and Greet*" the residents of and visitors to Franklin Park. **Franklin Park Woman's Club** member, Jeannie Liedtka and "Ellie," a released dog from Canine Companions for Independence, come out to do their part to help promote Rainbow Therapy Dogs, CCI, the **Franklin Park Women's Club** and the Franklin Park Library.

Ellie has been a therapy dog for ten years now. Ellie has four certificates of training – Therapy Dogs Incorporated, Therapy Dogs International, Canine Good Citizenship Award and Rainbow Certification. Both make regular visits to Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's where they visit children's psychiatric ward and the pediatric ward. Other stops that Jeanne and Ellie make are Shriners Hospital, Misericordia and Sequin which is a facility for mentally challenged adults. Both handler Jeanne and dog Ellie are on a "Crisis Response Team" which provides people and firefighters with support for dealing in disastrous circumstances.

Ellie is no stranger to the **Franklin Park Woman's Club**. She has been part of many programs and has walked the runway at a few events. Jeannie was instrumental in bringing awareness to the **FPWC** about the needs of CCI and today this organization is a yearly budgeted philanthropy. Jeannie is a designated liaison for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) to GFWC.

Mount Prospect Woman's Club ended their 2011-2012 year with a successful Luncheon & Fashion Show in May, raising over \$3,000. **Mt Prospect WC** will kick off its year with a Membership Tea in September. In October, we will have a collection of travel-size toiletries for PADS, which will be delivered to two area churches that are PADS hosts. November's meeting will feature a collection of food for the local food pantry and later that month we will have our annual Luncheon & Card/Games party. Instead of having the luncheon at a banquet hall, this year the luncheon will have a Hawaiian theme, will be catered, and will be held in the club's usual meeting place, the community room of the Mount Prospect Village Hall. **Mt. Prospect WC** has a lunch at every meeting, provided by a number of the club members-- a very popular aspect of our meetings. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the months October through December, and February through May, with lunch at noon and the meeting beginning at 1 p.m.

Tickets for the November luncheon will be available for \$20 beginning in September.



From Left to Right: Jean Walsh **Mount Prospect Woman's Club President** chats with members at a District 7 meeting.

Currently members of the **Junior Woman's Club of Des Plaines** are crocheting lap robes to be delivered in the late fall to the West Chicago Veterans' hospital for those service people in wheelchairs. We will also be delivering new Christmas cards and stamps so that the veterans can send Christmas greetings to their family and friends. Our members will be focusing on service projects this club year such as helping at the Des Plaines Self Help Closet and other community based organization such as the Northwest Suburban Day Care Center.



GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 8...

President Barbara Porter - 4 Clubs - 123 Members



Each year seems to fly by and once a task is completed, we move on to the next. We forget how they all add up to a successful year. The clubs of District 8 have been busy and wish to share with you the following summary of activities.

One outstanding project for the **GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Kankakee** was Prevent Bullying where letters were mailed to all principals and pastors in the Kankakee area. The letter encouraged them to be watchful for bullying that might occur within their buildings and to work with parents to curb bullying. This is an ongoing project which is stepping forward this year.

Another project by the **GFWC Illinois Gilman Woman's Club** has been making a difference for children for seven years by sponsoring a mentoring program which pairs professional adults in the community with children who need support from caring adults. They are at-risk children, identified by their teachers and principals. The adult volunteers spend one half hour each week at school working on reading skills, social skills, and emotional well-being. The program's goal is all about building the students up and helping them become reasonable adults.

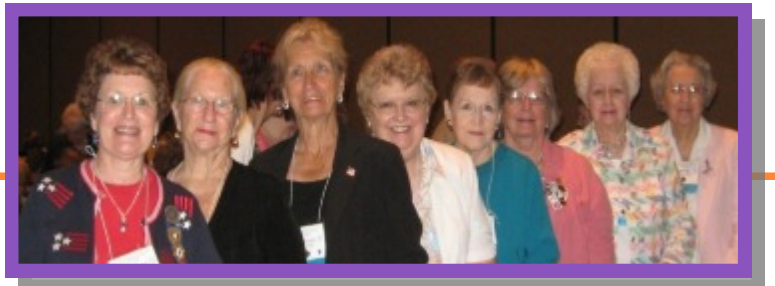
Our volunteers work with the local school in many ways to support the children of our communities. **GFWC Illinois Women's Club of Milford** collected winter wear and helped with filling backpacks with school supplies. In Gilman the annual High School Art Show was held with the help of the local art teacher. The show is for all high school students during the month of April. Over 100 students participated from our local high school which has a population of about 225 students. The art work covered every area of our local library for the month. On April 27 local artist were asked to judge the work in four categories. The club awarded first, second and third place in each of these areas: painting, black and white drawing, color drawing, digital, and three-dimensional multimedia. Best in Show was also awarded. A reception was held that evening where refreshments were served to artist and parents and guest.

The **GFWC Illinois Paxton Woman's Club** held Great Decisions meetings in February and March. They meet every Tuesday to study Foreign Policy and Woman in History. Several scholarships were presented by our clubs; 7 X \$2,000 college scholarships, each club sent a student to the IL Leadership Seminar, and students were sent to the IL Art Camp, and to Music Camp. A new program for one club this year is in cooperation with the Gilman Chamber of Commerce the GFWC IL Gilman Woman's Club sponsored a Christmas Tree Walk. Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations decorated a total of 19 Christmas trees at the Gilman Area Public Library. The trees stayed on display for one week. A silent auction of donated items was held during a reception with refreshments at the end of the week. Those attending also voted for the best tree. The fourth grade class won. All proceeds and donations were given to our local Food Pantry. Our clubs worked on Make a Difference Day and throughout the year to support their food pantries.

Other community donations were made to shelters for abused woman and children in Kankakee and Champaign, Salvation Army, Hospice, Pembroke Community Foundation, restoring the arch and pillars to the cemetery, KCCSI, community pool, the USO, Red Cross Bloodmobiles and historical society to name a few.

Our clubs honor their members for 25 and 50 years of service. This year a tree was planted in honor of LuraLynn Ryan our former Illinois First Lady and club member. We also gave special recognitions of a member who celebrated her 101st birthday.

Today and over the years, we are everywhere, helping to fill needs in a large and small ways.



...GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 13

President Jane Shaw - 8 Clubs - 219 Members

Each February **GFWC Rochelle Woman's Club** in cooperation with the local community theater honors a past US president. The first presentation was the Lincoln-Douglas debates. This year we honored Franklin Roosevelt. Pictured are VCCT members portraying Missy LeHand (FDR's secretary), Franklin, Eleanor and Dianne Jenner, RWC and VCCT member who wrote and directed the program. The project is a joint fundraiser between the two groups and is well received by the community.



The painting "*Whirlpool Rock*" by Pat Lathe is shown in this photo. This painting won the **GFWC Franklin Grove Woman's Club** Award (\$100) at the 2012 Harvest Festival Art Show held in Franklin Grove, Illinois.
Pictured left to right: Pat Lathe (artist), Dolores Dillon, and Reva Brierton.

Enjoying the hospitality of the **Franklin Grove Woman's Club** at the summer District Meeting were **Byron Women's Club** members 2012-13 Diann Frison (**center**)
Left to right: Past Presidents Judy Wiltfang, Marsha Kaczmarek, Diann Frison, Wanda Cacciatore, Marian Grace and Kathy Johnson 2012-2013 Treasurer



Jane Shaw, **District 13** President conducts the August 16, 2012 meeting, hosted by the **Franklin Grove Woman's Club**. Attending were Vice President Fran Strouse (**Oregon GFWC Woman's Club**) and Secretary Arlene Johnson (**GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club Chadwick.**)



Byron GFWC Women's Club was organized in 1909 and has been a GFWC member for sixty-six years. We are an active club of 73 members that supports county and local organizations. We strive to present informative and entertaining programs and luncheons during our club year. Members who joined over thirty years ago and remain active are: Margaret Adams, Wanda Cacciatore, Helen Debnam and Millie Schiferl. Five active members joining more than twenty years ago are: Gail Barton, Kathy Feste, Elaine Guyer, Connie Willis and Jerre Woodworth. Jenny Mememger, Kitty Moring and Betty Klink joined nineteen years ago and Karla Teater and Judy Wiltfang joined sixteen years ago. Our membership has increased over the past six years.

Marian Grace and Judy Wiltfang members of **Byron Women's Club** join several other club members in helping hang quilts for the 25th Annual Byron Fest Quilt Show.



Wanda Cacciatore, **Byron GFWC Women's Club** received a Blue Ribbon for her original designed wall hanging at the 117th Illinois State Convention in Decatur. The "*Sun Woman*" design was hand appliqued onto the hand painted fabric back ground then hand quilted.

GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 10...

President Marty Butler - 15 Clubs - 689 Members

Sixteen members of various clubs within the district attended the Northern Region Summer Seminar in Naperville on July 14. Representatives of the following clubs were present: **Antioch, Gurnee, Morton Grove, Wauconda, Waukegan and Zion.** Learning about the "Gifts of GFWC" and what will be emphasized by President Heitman and Junior Director Trisha Shafer during their two-year administration proved to be interesting to all.



Pictured L - R: Patricia Lord, Shirley Lenz, Debby Weisbrod, Evelyn Dill, Regina Oraweic, Janice Albrecht, Marty Butler, Pat Rung, Carol Johnson, Louise Moore, Christine Smith, Luella Halfpap, Marilyn Goodman, Mary Myers, Willa Dietrich and Karen Erb.



GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 11...

President Sharon Gill - 14 Clubs - 540 Members Director Brook Henschen - 4 Junior Clubs - 2 Juniorette Clubs

GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club reported on their golf fundraiser with an every member requirement to sell 10 tickets. They use vendors, when possible ask them to donate one raffle basket.

The Woman's Club of Aurora has a salad luncheon in October with each member providing a salad to feed 8 to 10 people and approximately 100 people attend. Dessert is provided by the decorating committee. Card games are played after the luncheon. Tickets are \$8.

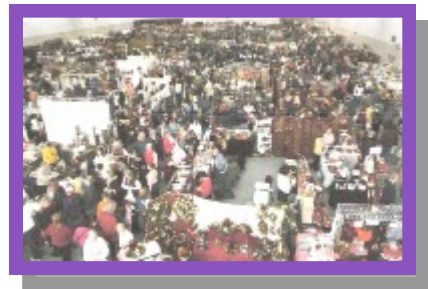
Jackie's Bow Ties Club has a basket raffle at the Illinois State Convention. This past convention profits were split 50-50 with Isabella Candee Foundation and Domestic Violence.

Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club raises money by having a bunko party. Each person brings a dessert.

GFWC Illinois Manhattan Woman's Club has a floral show every March with three florists on stage who bring baskets of flowers and make arrangements as an emcee describes the arrangements after they're made. Members are required to sell six tickets at \$5. The night of the floral show, raffle tickets are sold to the people attending for a chance to win an arrangement. Members bake homemade cookies along with punch for the refreshments served during an intermission. The profit provides scholarships for area high school students.

Elgin Junior Woman's Club have a Chocolates, Canapes and Cocktails evening at the Elgin Community Crisis Center. With a group of independent judges who do the judging, they give the Outstanding Woman of Elgin Award during the evening. The monies earned go to the Crisis Center.

Lockport Woman's Club will hold its *42nd Annual Christmas Crossroads Craft Show* at the Lockport Township High School Field House on Saturday, November 18, 2012. Each year we raise enough monies to give out over \$22,000 in educational scholarships and \$10,000 to other local endeavors such as libraries, Special Olympics, food pantries, animal shelters, and the historical society. This committee works tirelessly all year to plan this event in which all members are required to work at least one 3 hour shift during the 2 day event or the day before the start of the craft show to help set up. **Lockport Woman's Club** is proud to sponsor this very successful and rewarding show each year. It is one of the most anticipated craft shows in the Northern Illinois area as people come from out of state to participate either



...GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 11

President Sharon Gill - 14 Clubs - 540 Members
Director Brook Henschen - 4 Junior Clubs - 2 Juniorette Clubs

GFWC Illinois Elgin Junior Woman's Club participated in the Elgin Al Fresco Taste of the Arts city-wide outdoor Arts project this summer. Businesses and organizations created bistro sets with children's book themes and they were placed all around the city. **Elgin Juniors Woman's Club** theme was "Fancy Nancy." They will be auctioned and proceeds will provide scholarships to local artists.



Two hundred and eighty six (286) pounds of food was collected for the Northern Illinois Food Bank as **GFWC Illinois Elgin Junior Woman's Club** held their Hunger Walk Scavenger Hunt all-in-one service project, membership drive, and social event on Saturday, June 16, 2012. Members and families went on a Scavenger Hunt for food while passing out Club brochures and later enjoying burgers and Federation Friendship.



Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club
New Board of Directors for 2012-2013



Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club participating in the Independence Parade end of June.

Joliet Junior Woman's Club held its annual fundraising event on March 17, 2012 called "Cause for Celebration" held at the Jacob Henry Mansion in downtown Joliet. Guests were entertained by a local group playing traditional Irish music followed by a Chicago band, "Hey Jimmy." The evening included raffle baskets, live raffle, 50/50 raffle game, and sold 'Golden Coins' for a chance to win a live auction item. The evening successfully generated \$17,000 in net proceeds which was donated to a variety of charity organizations in Joliet.



Installation of new members

GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club hosted its 3rd "Annual Rock for a Wish Fundraiser" on May 31, 2012 at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation. The event included a golf outing, dinner, entertainment, raffles and live and silent auctions. Members surround a Make A Wish family who shared their journey and the power of a wish with event attendees. Twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) in proceeds were donated to the Make A Wish Foundation from this event.



GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club's Scholarship Recipients: Five scholarships were awarded at the May general meeting to college bound high school seniors in recognition of their commitment to volunteering and community service. Pictured are Brook Henschen, President of **PJWC**, two (2) scholarship recipients, and Rebecca Otto 2012 Education Chairperson.



GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 12...

President Marsha Vaughn - 10 Clubs - 164 Members Director Julie Stiles - 4 Junior Clubs

Hello Ladies! I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! I am Marsha Vaughn **District 12** President for 2012-2014. Here is what some of the clubs have been and will be working on.

The **GFWC Illinois Coal City Junior Woman's Club** is fast underway planning projects for the 2012-2013 Club year. We are doing many of the same projects and looking forward to trying some new ones too. We have already recruited three new members that are excited to help us help our community! The two new members from last year are already sharing new ideas and getting the "seasonal" members refreshed to dig into the projects.

We are also deep in the planning of our 27th Annual Oktoberfest Craft Show. Our town will close down the main street to help us host a craft show of over 100 vendors, entertainment, special community awards and a wonderful parade. The entire community comes together to celebrate this wonderful event.

Article by...Julie Stiles **GFWC Illinois Coal City Junior Woman's Club** President 2012-2013

The **Somonauk Junior Woman's Club, Inc.** started their summer off with joining other local groups in Somonauk by walking in the Memorial Day Parade. The rest of the summer we like to rest up so we get a fresh start in September.

On September 13th we will have our first meeting of the year. We will be working extra hard trying to get new members during our Membership Drive, selling raffle tickets for \$1000.00 travel voucher. Also, in September we will be in charge of the Scholastic Book Fair at James R. Wood Elementary. In the month of October we will celebrate Junior Week and take goodies to our local clergy for Clergy Appreciation. In November we will be hosting Mother/Son Bowling. Fun plans are being discussed for Education Week. Finishing off the month we will be providing treats for our local fire departments open house for Fire Prevention.

Article by...Amy Eighner **Somonauk Junior Woman's Club Inc.** President 2012-2014



Editor's Memo:

While on the phone with Marsha, she told me that her daughter just had a baby girl. I want to welcome Myla Grace to the world. Myla started out her tiny little life with open heart surgery. She is home now and doing better. As part of the GFWC family, we send Myla and her family well wishes and good thoughts.

Have you started your search for the **Jenny Award** candidate? Many of the clubs start this September off with their first meetings of the term., start looking at the this first meeting for YOUR **Jenny Award** candidate.

...GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 16

President Diane Owens - 8 Clubs - 352 Members



Hand made quilt made by Joann Pickel

The **District 16** is very busy this year with fundraisers of all sorts. Our fundraiser chairs are Marcia Markwalder and Sandy Behrends. The District is selling chances on this beautiful quilt hand-made by Joann Pickel who is one of our members. The District also has a table for puzzles, books, and other misc. items that are offered for sale at each meeting. A Christmas Party is planned for December with various fundraisers taking place on that day.

After I am in contact with other clubs in **District 16**, I would like to provide more information about their activities in upcoming issues. At this time I would like to feature the **GFWC Pekin Woman's Club**. Last year they had a luncheon and style show among other fundraising projects. The raffle for a quilted wall hanging made by member Sandy Lutz was a great success.

Diane Owens

To kick off the beginning of the 2012-2013 year, the **GFWC Pekin Woman's Club** is having a picnic in our park in September. The club will furnish the meat and drinks, members are asked to bring a dish to pass. Members are also encouraged to bring guests. Club brochures and information about the GFWC will be available to recruit new members. After the picnic, Wilma Pulfer will call Bingo. The ladies may purchase 2 Bingo cards for \$5.

This year, the **GFWC Pekin Woman's Club** is planning another Luncheon & Style Show on October 20, 2012, at the Pekin Country Club. This will feature fashions from the Four Seasons Shop located in Peoria. Decorative baskets with various themes will be available for drawings. Tickets are \$25 and are available from Diane Owens (309 346-1025), Joann Seward (309 346-1214 or Debra Dant (309 382-1579). All proceeds will go to local charities and towards scholarships for the high school.

GFWC Pekin Woman's Club is also getting a "gift card tree" together by securing gift cards from various merchants. This "tree" will be raffled off at the Christmas meeting. All proceeds from this raffle will go to the Tazewell County Miller Senior Citizens Center for transportation.



GFWC Illinois Summer Art School Eastern Illinois University

Summer Art School was held at Eastern Illinois University from July 15-21. Summer Art Chairman **Dee Lenzi** and **District 19 - Decatur Woman's Club Member Darla Weltmer** attended the closing reception for the camp. Students in the photo received scholarships from various clubs throughout the state. Many thanks were given by both parents and students alike for the assistance from GFWC allowing many to attend camp who otherwise would not be able to afford it. The camp has a long standing tradition with the first Summer Art School established in 1948. Please keep this wonderful project in your club's budget for the coming year.

GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 17...

President Donna Cross - 17 Clubs - 330 members
Director Beckie Christensen - 7 Junior Clubs

The **GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Cullom** and Rodney & Candy Godbee presented the Kempton and Cullom Fire Departments with two Pediatric Medical Bags for their ambulances, Thursday, August 9, 2012 at the Cullom Celebration on the Midway.

These Pediatric Bags will enable Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers to respond to pediatric calls with organized, easily accessible and properly sized equipment for all size children. Several clubs have adopted EMS departments and some clubs are working with the EMS service(s) to fund all ambulances in their County!



The pediatric bag is based on the Federal EMSC Equipment and Supplies for Basic/Advanced Life Support Ambulances lists, and a nationally recognized color-coding system. The Pediatric Bag is filled with supplies sized for infants and children in one organized, easily accessible, location. The EMS provider has ready access to the correct sized supplies needed to provide emergency medical services to the young patient(s).

The Woman's Club members held a "Coffee and Sweets" for a week from 6:00 am to 11:00 am in March at the American Legion Post 122 while Casey's was closed for remodeling. Donations that came in plus monies from the Spring Garage Sales helped purchase the one bag and Rodney & Candy Godbee donated the other bag.

GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 19...

President Diana "Dee" Lenzi - 13 Clubs - 334 Members

Tuscola Woman's Club has adopted ArtCo, the local community theatre group, as a Community Improvement Project. Funds will be raised to help the actors purchase portable risers and furnish other needs for their new home. The goal is for the club is to raise approximately \$25,000. One of the many fundraisers planned for this project was a car raffle. The winning ticket was drawn at the Sparks in the Park celebration during the 4th of July week. The winner chose between two prizes, a 2013 Ford Fiesta car purchased from Tim Mooney Ford in Tuscola or a monetary prize of \$10,000. **Tuscola Woman's Club** takes great pride in the many community projects they have sponsored such as the public library, tennis courts, and the Prairieland Playground.



...GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 17

President Donna Cross - 17 Clubs - 330 members Director Beckie Christensen - 7 Junior Clubs

The **GFWC Illinois District 17** is comprised of six counties located in the Central Region of Illinois. We have seventeen (17) clubs, 10 General Club and 7 Junior Clubs with a total of 330 members. These clubs are rich in history with the oldest club's establishment dating back to 1896 (the **Lincoln Woman's Club**) and the newest club forming just last August (the **GFWC IL Junior Woman's Encore Club**) that reintroduced former members back to Federation. In 2009, the **GFWC IL Junior Cyber Stars** was formed, showing that a club could use technology to make volunteering more accessible through the Internet.

We pride ourselves on our rich leaders who move on to fulfill responsibilities at all levels of GFWC, especially our own Becky Weber, serving as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. Joining Becky are Candy Godbee, Home Life Program Chairman; Carol Rich, Leadership Committee; and I am Becky's assistant. We have six members serving on the GFWC Illinois Board and three Junior members on the GFWC Illinois Junior Board of Directors.

Some of the projects our clubs promote include fixing and serving meals at shelters, welcoming new families to their community, raising funds for their library, providing food baskets during the holidays, supporting the troops by participating in Operation Santa, making gowns and dolls for Operation Smile, planting a pinwheel garden for Federation Day, helping with Relay For Life, raising money for Pediatric Bags, and holding fundraisers for club projects. These 17 strong and active clubs do more than words can say. Please take a look!

Donna Cross



Metamora-Germantown Hills JWC
Rachel McGough, Cathy Gregait,
Nancy Rodier, Becky Weber
and Donna Cross



Bloomington-Normal JWC
Meal at Safe Harbor Shelter
Nancy Hackett, Deanne Eytalis,
Alicia Nash, and Stephany Roth



"Welcome Ladies"
from **Flanagan WC**
Marilynn Okerberg
and Carolyn Forney



**Saunemin & McLean
County WC's**
Operation Santa
Helen Brown and
Leatha Poshard



Heyworth WC
Shortcake Fundraiser
Kathryn McNeely, Jane
Wood, Arlene Sieg, Deb
Elderton, Sandy Peifer,



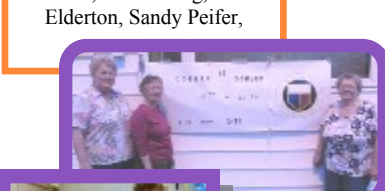
Pontiac JWC - Relay
Michelle Schultz, Kathy Telford
and Jonni Kettman



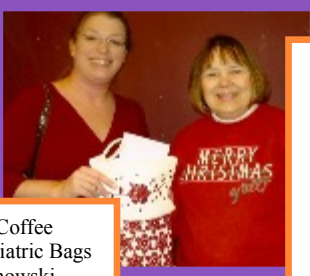
Carlock JWC
Lemonade Shake Ups
Janet Logan, Nadine Reynolds,
Joyce Kath, Donnette Holliger,
and Cathy Metsker



Metamora WC
Operation Smile Gowns
Shirley Schroeder, Jo Crow,
and Sara Kaufman



Cullom WC Coffee
Fundraiser for Pediatric Bags
Judy Wojciechowski
Phyllis Moritz, Judy Ehlers
and Candy Godbee



**Fairbury
WC**
Christmas
Stocking
Raffle for
Library
Renovation
Project
Winner
Shawn
Campbell
and Janice
Meiss,



Junior Woman's Encore Club - Holiday Food Baskets
Sue Hawk, Connie Alexander, Kathy Thompson, Nancy Jones, Judy
Winkler, Jodi Meyer, Donna Cross, Becky Weber,
Teresa Osterloo, and Cindy Guede

GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 18...

President Lori Starwalt - 7 Clubs - 107 Members



Future training of **GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck** Murna Moss (with the tray) gets some help from her grand daughters at the annual ice cream sale, while their mom, Christy Moss, looks on.



GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck holds an annual basket raffle to raise funds for our park project and other community service projects. Tickets purchased can be put into a drawing for the basket or baskets of the buyers choice. This fund raiser is very popular with our members.



GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck members at the annual Lions Club Fish Fry where they generously allow us to set up and sell ice cream for a fundraiser. *Left to right:* Murna Moss, Nancy Gray, Mary Griffis, (in back), Kelley Gittleman, Mary Jo Kelly, Jackie Hupfer, Connie Spicer (in back), Cheri Hembrey, Mary Stonecipher, and Karel Volpert.



In 2007, the **GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck** began discussing the need to improve the small playground at the Lions club park here in Bismarck. The playground consisted of a few very old and dangerous pieces of equipment. Since then, our club has held fundraisers each year to fund our vision for a bigger and safer playground for our children. Each summer for the past three summers, we have installed a new "phase" of the playground and made upgrades and improvements to the existing items by cleaning and painting, not only the playground equipment, but also the garbage cans, picnic tables, and the pavilion. At some point, we may do additional work at the park, but for the time being, we have completed this project and will continue with upkeep as needed. Our small club is very proud of this wonderful accomplishment. Our community and the Lions Club have been extremely helpful in this endeavor and we could not have done it without the help of many!

The **Fithian Woman's Club** have chosen to donate to Your Family Resource Center in Danville for our special project relating to Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. This center is the only domestic violence & homeless shelter for women and their children in Vermilion county. This past year we donated Christmas gifts to 15 women and 9 children at the center. For the children we purchased art supplies, games, Lego's, books, toys, and tote bags. We gave the women slipper socks, bath sets and pajamas. We were able to raise \$190 ourselves and our local Oakwood Men's club kindly donated \$250 for this cause.

Fithian Woman's Club supports our local Fithian Fireman's annual fish-fry fundraiser. This is our way to promote safety in our community by helping raise money for our very important volunteer fire department. The past fish fry was on Saturday, July 21st, 2012. We do not meet in the summer months, but we were able to organize our time to participate. Nineteen members donated desserts to be served at the fish fry and 14 members help serve the desserts, working shifts from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm. This year's fundraiser was another great year and served approximately 400 people from our local community. Estimated in-kind donation is \$500 in desserts. Estimated time donated is 70 hours.

...GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 22

President Helen Crause - 15 Clubs - 414 Members

Hello everyone. I know that every District President in Illinois has been very busy this summer. Along with many members of the **Twenty Second District**, I attended the Southern Region Summer Seminar in Effingham in July. We all received a large amount of information and the Summer Seminar booklet to take back with us to our District and Clubs. We had our District Summer Seminar on Saturday, August 4 in Columbia Illinois. I know that we had a great seminar last year, but this year it was fantastic. It was well tended and everyone talked about what we as a club and district wanted to accomplish. We did a program called *"Table Talk."* Everyone got involved. Each table asked a question and we all answered it. We talked about Membership, Leadership and Fundraising and came up with some great ideas.

I also want to report that we have a new Juniorette club in District 22. It is called **RIVERBEND JUNIORETTE**s. They are in the process of getting their papers submitted and will become federated this fall. I will be attending club meetings this fall. I have dates for September, October and November. I plan to attend a meeting for each club in this District over the next two years. We also may be holding a District Fundraiser this winter. We are working to centralize our District Meetings so that more people will attend.

Now to some of the things are clubs are doing or have done this summer. **GFWC Illinois Collinsville Woman's Club** continued by giving summer scholarships in music, drama, and art. They are going to do a new project this year called The Empty Bowl. On Ash Wednesday, community members will be invited to come and have soup, while remembering that many people have empty bowls. The charge will be ten dollars and proceeds will go to local food pantry. Their Club is improving their presence on the internet and now on Facebook.

GFWC Fairview Heights Woman's Club is preparing for their annual homecoming parade. They will be hosting a Bingo Night on August 19, and getting ready for their fall meetings to begin.

GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville has been very busy. They have adopted a Nursing Home. On Mother's Day they donated 29 teacups and saucers for a Mother's Day tea. They made two silk flower arrangements for the Libraries circulation desk. They gave a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) award to the most improved math student at their adopted school.

Mascoutah Tuesday Woman's Club, Inc. is involved in a six week Summer Reading Program at their library. They held a rummage sale and taught sixth graders how to make flower arrangements.

Millstadt Civic Club is getting ready to participate in their annual Homecoming and will also raffle off a home-made quilt. They also gave a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) scholarship to a graduating senior for college.

Nancy's Bluebirds is getting ready to take a trip. They are going to Giant City and the Garden of the Gods.

Wood River Woman's Club gave three (3) five hundred dollar (\$500.00) scholarships to graduating seniors and gave the "Judy Retzer Memorial Scholarship to a second year college student at Lewis and Clark Community College. They hosted a blood-drive and the bi-annual Ice Cream Social for the City. They are also working on a new Veterans War Memorial that will be completed this fall.

As you can see the **Twenty-Second District** has been very busy and is looking forward to a great year. I hope to see you at the next Board Meeting but my first grandchild is due October 31 and I plan to there. Yes, it is a girl and I have been shopping all summer.

Helen Crause

GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 21...

President Judith Hampson - 7 Clubs - 170 Members - 1 Junior Club

District 21 was organized in 1906. In 2003 the 20th District dissolved and their clubs joined the 21st District which now consists of 4 counties in the Central Region with six general clubs and one junior club. The t. **District 21** is proud to say that four of the six general clubs have celebrated their 100th year as a Federated club. The **GFWC Sangamon Valley Junior Woman's Club** was formed in 2006 and a member serves as a chairman on the Junior State Board of Directors. The club has changed its meeting location to a local church and has arranged for a public service announcement to be broadcast on the local radio stations during the month of September in an effort to increase their membership.

The **Assumption Woman's Club** participated in the three day Assumption Fest. by entering a float in the parade and sponsoring flower, photography "In Days Gone By", and children's shows. At their Dessert Shoppe members sold homemade ice cream sandwiches, peach cobbler, floats and ice cream. However, the best money maker was the Bingo tent. The proceeds from this fund raiser are used to maintain the club's Railroad Park. The club is busy six times a year making snacks for the Blood Mobile and baking a Birthday cake monthly for the local nursing home.

During the past Summer the **Brussels Woman's Club** has filled ten buckets with housekeeping supplies for the Oasis Crisis Center in Alton which is a shelter for victims of domestic violence. The club was instrumental in opening a visitors center in Brussels this Summer and club members volunteer at the center on weekends. The club maintains the "Brussels Woman's Club Memorial Garden" in the Brussels Park. As the school year begins the club filled ten backpacks with school supplies for local school children and teachers.

The Summer activity for the **Nokomis Woman's Club** centered around the Nokomis Homecoming celebration. The parade theme this year was "Fun with Family and Friends" so the club prepared a float using two kid sized cars with speakers attached and a large box decorated as a concession stand. Two club member's grandsons rode in the cars and the float was called "Fun at he Drive In Movie". A \$100 prize went with the first place award for this float and the money will be used to support community projects throughout the year.

Spring began in May for the **Taylorville Woman's Club** with a club banquet. A local historian of the Civil War shared his research of a hero of the Civil War who is buried in the local cemetery. A member of the 41st Illinois Infantry Major Francis M. Long and his company were honored with a statue on the lawn of the Christian County Courthouse on August 12, 2012. Pastor of the Davis Memorial Christian Church will speak at the September meeting. He has promoted an all denominational Community Garden, produce of which has been shared with the community.

Spiderman came to Springfield again this June and volunteers from the **Woman's Club of Springfield** were there to help him at the "3rd Annual Walk for Children" sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse-Illinois. Volunteers helped with registration, handed out goodie bags and ran carnival games. The event raised over \$20,000. The club will provide volunteers for the Child Abuse Prevention Conference being held in Springfield in October. Club members toured the Children's Dyslexia Center sponsored by the Masonic Temple. In March the program included a tour of "Mercy House". This organization provides low cost apartments as well as job training, parenting classes etc. for women who need help rebuilding their lives.



...GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 25

President Nikki Staley - 7 Clubs - 117 Members



District 25 Board of Directors met on July 16, 2012 in Carbondale, Illinois.

Back Row Left: Suzanne Maloney, Wanda Burklow, Mary Anna Weakly, Jane Bauer, Theresa Kaeser, Lillian Milam, Kay Hall, Ruth Hardin, Janice Corrington, Sue Brumleve, Jari Jackson, Claire Giles, Pearl Stearns, Jaclyn Hancock, Sandra Pankey, Flora Reilly, Bonnie Harrison, Marian Goins, Mary Sue Treece, Suzie Kessler, Martha Webb, & Nikki Staley.



District 25 President Nikki Staley (**left**) presents Janice Corrington of the **Cobden Women's Club** the Summer Fun Gift basket she won at the District Meeting.



Left to Right:
Anna Jonesboro Woman's Club officers Suzie Kessler, Jane Bauer, Martha Ann Webb and Lillian Milam

The **Anna Jonesboro Woman's Club** recently received an Anniversary Scroll and a \$50 check presented by the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs 25th District in recognition of 100 years of distinguished service to their community and nation. They also received an Award of Excellence in recognition of Outstanding Achievement in GFWC Illinois State Project *Our Promise*."

Anna Jonesboro Woman's Club President Martha Ann Webb also serves as the commissioner for the City of Anna. She presented a certificate of appreciation from the City of Anna to former **Anna Jonesboro Woman's Club** President Deb Rossberg and club members on April 2, 2012.



100th Anniversary Tea



Left to right: Hila Leenerts (Treasurer), Karen Sala (Secretary), Carla Hays (President), and Kathy Budde (Vice-President).



Anna Jonesboro Woman's Club members Lillian Milam, Suzie Kessler, Martha Ann Webb, Deb Rossberg, Barbara Bauer, Judy Smith, Jane Bauer, Millicent Hankla, Maxine William son, and Clara Nell Butler



GFWC Illinois Marion Woman's Club will celebrate their 100th anniversary on Federation Day, April 24, 2013. The **GFWC Illinois Marion Woman's Club** hosted the 25th District Annual Convention with the theme "*Come Fly Away*." Along with award presentations and club business, members were entertained with musical performances by vocalist Gracie Reilly (daughter of club member Flora Reilly) and flautist Jennifer Hancock (niece of Southern Region VP Jaclyn Hancock).

The **Herrin Woman's Club** won first place at the GFWC Illinois Annual convention in May in the category of Home Life Community Service for their efforts with Habitat for Humanity and assisting families in need. Club members held a waffle breakfast fund raiser and were able to donate \$1000 to Habitat for Humanity and \$1000 for the GumDrops backpack food program for school children. The **Herrin Woman's Club** has been active in the community for more than 105 years. The Club has also been the recipient of the Mayor's Award for outstanding community service.

GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 25...

President Nikki Staley - 7 Clubs - 117 Members



The Herrin Woman's Club
visits Congressman Ken Gray Museum



Kenneth Gray served as an Illinois US Representative in Congress from 1955 -1974 and 1985-1989. The club visited his museum and listened to Congressman Gray talk about his experiences in Congress. Mr. Gray had a vast collection of photos and memorabilia from his years in Washington and concluded his speech by telling the club that he was always proud and honored to serve his country.

Center: Congressman Gray with club members *left to right:* Karon Bauernfeind, Lois Jacobs, Sandra Holmes, Kathy Budde, Bess Hogan, Pam Hendricks, Joy Roth, Nikki Staley, Cookie Goodwin, Pat James.



Cobden Woman's Club members have been busy assisting in the events surrounding the Annual Peach Festival in Cobden on August 4-5, 2012. **Cobden Women's Club** member Molly Beckley is the Mayor of Cobden and is very involved in the Festival. According to Mayor Beckley- *"Every time we have a Peach Festival it's like having a homecoming," "and it's the 75th anniversary so a lot of people want to come out and celebrate."* Between 160-170 peach cobbler were sold during the 2 day event.

It's an Election Time again! Like you didn't know with all the ads on TV, Radio, and in the Papers. You may not like any of the candidates or you just might like all of them. Women had fought hard to obtain the right to vote in this country. *"To get the word 'male' in effect out of the Constitution cost the women of the country fifty-two years of pauseless campaign,"* as quoted from Carrie Chapman Catt.

During that time they were forced to conduct 56 campaigns of referenda to male voters, 480 campaigns to get Legislatures to submit suffrage amendments to voters, 47 campaigns to get state constitutional conventions to write woman suffrage into state constitutions; 277 campaigns to get State party conventions to include woman suffrage planks, 30 campaigns to get presidential party campaigns to include woman's suffrage planks in party platforms and 19 campaigns with 19 successive Congresses. *

I guess we earned the vote the hard way. How many volunteers do you think took part in this effort? As a woman, I take great pride every time I walk into the voting place to cast my vote knowing that the women before me gave me this great **GIFT**.

* *"American Women"* by Gail Collins

...LEADERSHIP IN THE MAKING

Phyllis Skubic GFWC Illinois Leadership Chairman

GFWC Illinois LEADS

{Leadership Education And Development Seminar}

Attention Club and District Presidents:

Each club (General, Junior & Juniorette) may submit candidate(s) who meet the criteria for the GFWC Illinois **LEADS** seminar. **LEADS** is designed to identify members at the club and district levels who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in this organization. **LEADS** will provide participants with Knowledge, Capability, Confidence, and the Commitment to work more effectively.

Criteria for participation include:

- Participant must be an active dues paying member
- Participant must exhibit an interest and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions
- Participant must agree to share information gained from participating in the GFWC Illinois LEADS program with other members in her club and district

Participant has not attended a previous GFWC International LEADS Program

You will find the GFWC Illinois **LEADS** application form in the 2012-14 annual Report Packet. Participant should be prepared to file the **GFWC LEADS** application (with two (2) letters of support from active GFWC members) along with the GFWC Illinois application form. One candidate will be selected to attend the GFWC LEADS Seminar held in conjunction with the GFWC International Convention in June 2013

Save the Date: The GFWC Illinois LEADS seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 prior to the start of the 118th GFWC Illinois Annual Convention in Naperville. Registration forms to attend the GFWC Illinois LEADS Seminar will be included in the Convention issue of the Illinois Clubwoman Magazine.

Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2013 and mailed to:

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LEADERSHIP IN THE MAKING...

REPORT ON LEADS 2012

By Barbara Ann Potter

Thank you, I wish I knew stronger words to say thank you to all who work on the **LEADS** program. I also wish more of our volunteers could participate. **LEADS** at the International Convention in Charlotte, NC was one packed day of information preceded by a reception to meet and greet each other and followed by a breakfast meeting the next morning. The presenters were interesting and effective. There were 44 in the **LEADS** class of 2012.

The topics we studied were: Head Quarters Resources; GFWC Organization; How to Write a Great Speech; The Role of the Facilitator; Communication Challenges; Ying and Yang of Volunteering; Time Management; Delegating; Developing Leaders; Conflict Management Strategies; Building Community; Tips for Engaging Younger Members; and Bridging the Generational Gaps. Can you believe it! We actually covered all this in one day. Talk about expanding your mind. Wow!

Throughout the day I spent listening and at times interacting with the presenters I was reminded of how different we all are. Our leaders and our volunteers are individuals and therefore have different traits. As I realized this, I was reminded of a speech that Jackie Pierce gave about "Membership, Leadership, and Followership" at one of our Illinois state meetings where she compared the roles of ships in the bay. We can use some small craft to compare our different styles of leading and volunteering using the small boats: the canoes, motor boats, the sail boats, and row boats.

The canoes may be smaller, quieter with less obvious energy; however they get the job done with little noise or fuss. I am sure that you know of those who can work quietly without calling attention in order to handle a delicate situation. Or perhaps they are called upon to complete a goal that requires no publicity. These volunteers can do wonders always working in the shallow water where no one else can go. I want to thank all of the canoes who work for GFWC.

The motor boats are quicker, noisier, and have a great amount of energy. The motor boats have the ability to move quickly when necessary traveling farther and can accomplish their task in less time when speed is necessary. The motor boats are better able to travel farther and even change direction quickly. Either because the project needs a different direction or perhaps the worker was needed at a different area. They can also make enough noise to be heard by those reluctant to move. You no doubt know of times when it is necessary to make a lot of noise to accomplish a goal. There are times when we club woman need to be pushy and noisy in order to bring about some change we desire. I want to thank all of those motor boats who work for GFWC.

The sail boats look so graceful as if they are floating along just following the wind. Actually the sail boat can be steered quite exactly. Perhaps this craft is more difficult to direct against the wind current, however that is when it is most effective. Using its green energy, wind, and the great skill of the operators the sail boat can accomplish many tasks and look relaxed and graceful at the same time. They make everything seem easy. I want to thank all of those sail boats who work for GFWC.

Other volunteers are those with multiple uses. A row boat that can row into the quiet shallow areas and when the job is done it comes back to the open lake. There the row boat can strap on a motor and maneuver with the motor boats. We all know of the versatile worker who seems to be able to accomplish anything. I want to thank all of those flexible row boats who work for GFWC.

All of these styles of workers are needed as GFWC has different areas where different skills are required. We all recognize these different workers. We all know that different ones work best in different areas. Whether you picture yourself as a motor boat, canoe, sail boat or row boat, all volunteers and leaders are necessary. We have many and varied goals that require many and varied workers.



...GIFTS FROM JUNIORS

Cherie Sieger – GFWC Illinois Junior Special Projects Chairman 2012-2014

Children's Research Foundation – CRF

Since the 1976 Illinois State Convention – Children's Research Foundation, with the monies donated going to doctors for grants in work of research in children's diseases has been a Junior Special Project. The GFWC Illinois Juniors supported Children's Research with 71% of CRF's total budget that first year. This Junior Project is still continuing on. It is always a special moment when GFWC IL presents a check every state convention to Pat Broggi, our CRF representative.

We are currently working on a virtual tour of the Children's Research Foundation facility. Stay tuned for more information. If you are not familiar with CRF and the work they do, I suggest you go to their website and read about the amazing work they do and how they are funded: <http://www.childrensresearchfoundation.org/>.

Last administration, Illinois Juniors donated a total of nearly \$500. My mission is to double that amount this administration. I know we can do it because I know that GFWC IL Clubwomen care about the welfare of children and will do what they can to make sure no child needs to suffer. Giving a child the Gift of life is the best present you can give them. I know Illinois Juniors can help, I have faith in EWE!

Emergency Pediatric Bags

Equipped Pediatric Bag



Imagine yourself as a child again. You have an accident and are being rushed to the hospital. You are scared, you are very scared. You are in an ambulance and the EMT is going to put an oxygen mask on you, using this huge oversized mask. You can't help but feel even more terrified because you are just a child and this adult is putting an adult sized mask on you!

It does not have to be this way; there is an alternative that can be incorporated into every city and town in Illinois. During her administration 2008-2010, our Director of Junior Clubs, Teresa Sanford started the project as her special emphasis. She dedicated herself to educate members about the importance of EMSC Pediatric Bags. These specialized bags contain size specific equipment for children in need of medical assistance.

As Illinois Juniors, we will have a contest for all members of GFWC Illinois clubs. For every club that submits that they had found a way to purchase a Pediatric Bag for their community or another community, will be put into a drawing for the chance for their club to win a Pediatric Bag!! The more bags that are purchased, the more chances you have to win!!

Advocates for Children

To raise awareness for GFWC's child advocacy efforts, GFWC has designated the week of October 21-27, 2012 (Formerly Junior Week for Illinois) as **GFWC Advocates for Children Week**. All clubs are invited to participate by planning events related to the Juniors' Special Project. AND don't forget Illinois JUNIOR DAY on October 24, 2012.

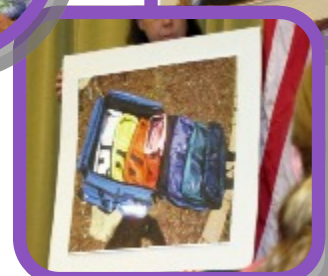
Also, Mark your calendars now for the Blue Ribbon Fashion show, Sunday, April 7, 2013, a fun fundraiser for prevention of child abuse and monies will go to Prevent Child Abuse of Illinois.



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