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Gifts from the GFWC Clubs and Members

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Front Cover: The Gifts of GFWC are as bountiful as the Fall Harvest. The seeds are planted, the plants grow, and we harvest the crop in the Fall. So too do we as members, plant the seed, watch its growth, and harvest our rewards. Rotating crops when needed to make our yield even greater. We feed the world not just with life-sustaining grains, but with ideas and hope for the future as GFWC volunteers.

Back Cover: The GFWC International has adopted the new tag line **"Living the Volunteer Spirit."** Clubs in GFWC Illinois truly exemplifies that spirit. Here are some of our many statewide volunteers at work.

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With Our Sympathy

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

Eleanor Ramsey

District 5 Woodridge Junior WC
 Mary Jo Murphy's husband Mike

Son of
 Sandy Rae Hutchings

Malinda Valeu's son Dustin

District 7 Mount Prospect WC
 Carolyn Conlon

GIFTS OF LEADERSHIP



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



Hello Ladies,

The last three months have flown by with May being filled with the completion of the plans for our 118th Annual Convention and then the Convention. What a wonderful experience; I hope you enjoyed it also. Congratulations to all the clubs that received awards. Congratulations to all the members that were recognized as being 25 and 50 year members. Congratulations to all of the members for being members of one of the greatest organizations for women.

GFWC Convention was held in June and 23 members from Illinois attended the convention. GFWC Illinois was very honored and proud to have Deb Strahanoski, GFWC Treasurer and Becky Weber, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs seated on the dais and at the head tables for all the sessions of the convention. They both represented GFWC Illinois well. GFWC Illinois was honored to receive the following awards: Outstanding Achievement in Home Life and Public Issues. GFWC Illinois also received the state award for International Partnership US Fund for UNICEF and Palos Heights Woman's Club received this award for a club. GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club received a Coveted Shoe award. Trisha Schafer received Outstanding Achievement for Director of Junior Clubs. It was a great convention! The setting was perfect with the ocean on one side of the Hotel and the canal on the other side. Florida was very warm with high humidity.

July keep us busy with the Region Meetings; what a great time! There were very dynamic speakers in each region. The region meetings used the GFWC partnerships to obtain their speakers. These meetings gave our members a chance to hear more about the partnerships and what their clubs can do to support the GFWC partnerships. "Sew Much Comfort", Easter Seals, Canine Companions for Independence, Advocacy for Children, GFWC Signature Project, and "Shot@Life". Other programs that were presented included ILS "Illinois Leadership Seminar"; TLC – A Day camp for children with cancer and their siblings; and Youth in Government Program. Ice breakers were done in each region; some challenging, some fun and some educational.

The 'Jennie Award' selection was also announced at the Region meetings; congratulations to Janice Perkins whose name will be submitted to GFWC Great Lakes Region for further consideration. One Jennie Award candidate will be honored at the 2014 GFWC Convention that will be held in Chandler, Arizona.

How has your summer being going? It won't be long now and the 2013-2014 club year will begin. If at any time, I can be of service to you or your club, please feel free to contact me. Have a great rest of the summer.



GIFTS FOR EWE



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



Dear Illinois Junior Club Women & Federation Friends,

"Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" Not really a song that you think of to describe busy GFWC Club Women! But, in the lyrics of this 1963, Nat King Cole song, you will find snacks and libations, romance, picnics and fun on the beach! NOW THAT, does sound like our Clubwomen!

Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy your GFWC IL friends, family and the outdoors.

Most clubs take a break from meeting in the summer, others have "social only" meetings so they can keep in contact with their federation friends. Either way it is a great time for club leadership and members to reevaluate, refresh and make relevant their club practices, projects & programs.

Engaged members are passionate and committed to a club's mission. Take time to clearly define what your club's mission is and why your projects matter to your community. Are your meetings too long, too short, and not filled with the information all your members need to hear? Do the majority of your members "buy in" to the projects you run or participate in? Take time to assess your practices and maybe even reinvent your club projects. Have informal meetings by the pool, barbeques, fish fries, etc. Establish and maintain effective systems of communicating with your members by creating a telephone tree or email list or using social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, and Group Me to remind members of regular meetings and alert them to special events.

Please encourage club members to attend district, state, region, and national GFWC events, so that the importance of their involvement in a national organization is realized. We ALL "Make The Difference"!

Our Great Lakes Region's Conference is in Indianapolis, Indiana this October and I hope that many of you attend to share ideas, learn current GFWC information, attend workshops, and conduct important business, including elections. It's the perfect time to enjoy fun, festivities, and Federation friends. The GFWC International President and GFWC President-elect attend each of the eight region conferences! Mark your calendar for **GFWC Advocates for Children Week**, October 20-26, 2013 and **Junior Day**, October 24, 2013.

Wishing EWE all a wonderful start to a new club year!! If you need assistance or advice your GFWC IL Junior Executive Committee is here to help! We're just a phone call or e-mail away and would love to help any way we can.

Awards from GFWC International Convention in Hollywood, Florida Category I (California, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey & Virginia)

State Awards: **Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs - Trisha Schafer**
Outstanding Achievement - Public Issues
Outstanding Achievement - Home Life
Outstanding Achievement - UNICEF

Club Awards: Coveted Shoe Award - GFWC IL Plainfield Junior WC
Outstanding Achievement - UNICEF - Palos Heights WC



GIFTS OF TEACHING



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By now, you may have attended the Regional Meetings, Hopefully, your Bylaws Committee and officers have met, and went over your club's Bylaws. Have you made the changes needed or are working on any changes to your Bylaws? Changes were made to the GFWC Illinois Bylaws to reflect today's needs.

You may want to change the delegate portion of your Bylaws, since there was a change at the 118th Annual State Convention. During our business session at the State Convention the membership passed amendments to the Bylaws on page 43 of the Illinois State Yearbook, **ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS Section 2. REPRESENTATION.** The changes to this Section are highlighted.

Section 2 REPRESENTATION would then read:

A. The voting body of GFWC Illinois shall consist of :

1. Club Delegates.

a. ANY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING MAY ATTEND CONVENTION AS A DELEGATE.

2. Members of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.

3. Convention Committee Officers.

4. Members of the Junior Board of Directors.

5. GFWC Illinois Past Presidents.

6. GFWC Illinois Past Directors of Junior Clubs.

B. Delegates shall pay registration fees for the entire convention to be entitled to vote.

C. A delegate shall represent only one club and shall have only one vote in the annual convention.

D. Any Club whose member dues are not paid by April 1st shall be notified and shall not be entitled to representation at the annual convention or to receive awards, except those clubs admitted at the Pre-Convention Board Meeting.

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

What does this mean for you club and/or district? If your Bylaws currently state that your club elects a specific number of delegates and allows a stipend for those delegates, you may still do that. Those delegates would be the delegates that would be reporting back to your membership on the convention. Other members of your club may also attend as delegates at their own expense.

Some things to remember, the Bylaw change must be read at the meeting, this is done by the Bylaw chairman. The President then will read the change and then ask for a vote. If there is any discussion, the person speaking can speak once to the issue. When the vote is taken, the Bylaw will either pass or not pass. If it is tabled for more study, the Bylaw Committee will take it back to study and possibly redo the changes or wording on the Bylaw.



GIFTS OF TEACHING



Diane Addante, President Elect

Jeanette T Wells, Junior Dean of Chairman

Karyn McCarthy, Director Elect

The sharing of information is a wonderful benefit of belonging to our great organization! In addition to serving others, we benefit by sharing accumulated wisdom. We learn so much from each of you and appreciate all that you do.

Updates for Reporting

Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children has added **MARCH OF DIMES** as a new partnership. We encourage all members to support this worthwhile organization.

Conservation has a relatively new partnership: **ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY TREES (ACTrees)**. Please NOTE: Any contributions to **Shawnee National Forest** for tree plantings may be reported under this partnership. You may contribute to Shawnee via the Project Contribution Form in the Treasurer's Packet being sent to clubs this fall. Special thanks to President Heitman and Chairman Gerri Eck for seeing that Shawnee contributions count towards this partnership!

Education has garnered a new partnership: **HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP (HOBY)**. Illinois clubwomen supported HOBY years ago and now sponsor students attending Illinois Leadership Seminar (ILS). We encourage you to continue to support ILS. HOBY will appear as a separate line on our report form as a GFWC Partnership for participating clubs.

Home Life – A new partnership has been established between GFWC and **THE HEART TRUTH CAMPAIGN**. This initiative includes the Red Dress and is aimed at making women more aware of the danger of heart disease.

Because of these new GFWC Partnerships, a revised Report Form will be sent to clubs this fall. We will keep you posted with any other updates, but procedurally, reporting remains the same.

Reporting Nugget: At the Region Meetings in July, all attendees heard speakers in areas ranging from International Outreach, EMS Pediatric Bags, Easter Seals, Illinois Leadership Seminar, Illinois YMCA Youth and Government and TLC Camp to name a few. Each member present multiplied by the length of each presentation can be reported in the various areas. If you need to jump start reporting for 2013, start there!

If you have a project that really impacts your community, please report it.
Another benefit of belonging to our organization is the sharing of worthwhile projects that may be beneficial to another community in Illinois.
Share your gifts!



GIFTS FROM CHAIRMEN

Teresa Sanford, Education Chairman
Joanne Meyer, Junior Education Chairman

Give the gift of “Life Long Learning”! That’s what education is all about. Life is not a sideline event, neither is education! Keep the mind growing and so will your love of life.

“Education is not the preparation for life; education is life itself.” ~John Dewey

“BEE” involved in making education an everyday event! Here’s how:

Bee a Reading Ranger by assisting as a reading buddy in schools.

Bee involved in ESO -Federations answer to the reading club!

Bee part of your communities education solutions, not problems.

Bee the group who supports scholarships furthering learning.

Bee a promoter these projects and events:

SEPTEMBER ~ Library card sign up month	8 th Literacy Day
OCTOBER ~ National Book Month	16-22 Teen Read Week
NOVEMBER ~ National Author’s Day	15-21 Am. Education Week
JANUARY ~ Lifelong Literacy Month	National Mentoring Month
FEBRUARY ~ Library Lovers Month	



“The object of education is to prepare the young (and adults) to educate themselves throughout their lives.” ~ Robert Maynard Hutchins

Karel Volpert
Membership Chairman



GFWC ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP GOALS

GFWC Illinois club members are asked to “step forward” and help reach these membership goals.

GFWC Illinois will gain a total of 400 new members.

Last year clubs reported 390 new members.

If each of our 200 clubs in the state gets 2 new members, we will reach this goal.

Six new clubs will be started in Illinois.

This will be possible if two new clubs are formed in each region.

New members will be highlighted in the GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine.

Twenty clubs will be recognized in the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine for their success in the Fall GFWC Recruitment Campaign.

To be recognized a club should have 3 or more new members during September, October, and November.

If 1 club in each of our 20 districts submits a report, we will reach this goal.

GIFTS FROM CHAIRMEN

Elaine Bush
Home Life Chairman

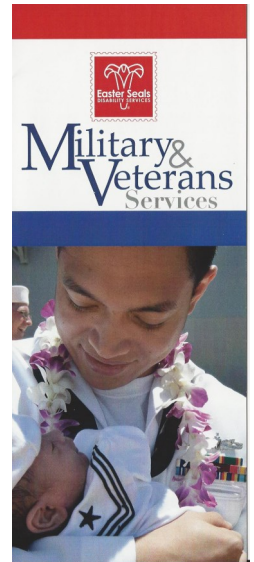


Home Life & Health Community Service Programs

Thank you for reporting last year! Home Life chair was able to compile an award winning GFWC First Place for our category! Yeah! If you have not reported, please select one thing in this area your club did and report it in January to GFWC Illinois Home Life chair!

Home Life includes Health issues. Thus a wider area to meet the needs of our members and community! Please refer to information shared in the booklet for the Regions meetings in July or contact me at emb118charter.net or 618-533-1403. A new program for GFWC Illinois is *"A Healthier You This Year!"* Each person makes her 'promise' to do something which will give her a healthier year. Jot down what you do each week to keep this 'promise.' Your club Home Life Chair may collect the reports each month or in January to report for the past year!

Continuing GFWC Partnership organizations are Canine Companions for Independence, Easter Seals, Inside Knowledge and now plus new is Heart Truth. You may learn more at www.NHLBI-gov/Educational/heart. This area helps us learn more about cholesterol and heart failure. Begin in January promoting Red Dress Day for February 7, 2014. Also new under the Junior Special Projects-Advocates for Children is March of Dimes.



Mary Truitt Chairman
Women's History Resource Center (WHRC)
turitt@att.net or (618) 283-1534

HEY GALS---LET'S CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHRC!

Illinois is going to CELEBRATE! This is an opportunity for each and every club in Illinois to honor on of their own members. **HOW?**

Look at your membership.

Choose an outstanding member of your club who has served within the last 30 years. (1984-2014)

Submit no more than one page about what that member has done for your community in the name of your Woman's Club.

Send to the chairman with your WHRC annual report.

Count this as one page of your narrative and include this nomination as a project in your report.

Reports are due February 1, 2014.

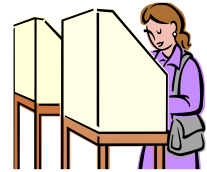
All member's names submitted and submitting clubs will be printed in the ILLINOIS CLUBWOMAN MAGAZINE and the three most outstanding members will be recognized in the Convention Booklet. All submitted member recognitions will be sent to WHRC. Be sure to include the member's name, your club name, and your cities name in your heading on this recognition application.

SO COME ON.....LET'S GET GOING.....NOW!

GIFTS FROM CHAIRMEN

Janice Perkins Elections Chairman

This article is to start you on a 5-Step course for the 2014 official candidate election to an office of GFWC Illinois. Offices to be filled by this electoral process are:



President Elect
Vice President from each region (Northern, Central, Southern)
Secretary
Treasurer
Director Elect of Junior Clubs

STEP 1. Prospective candidates must decide what office they are interested in running for and be sure they meet all required qualifications.

STEP 2. Prospective candidates must approach their District concerning the District duties in the electoral process. (Explanation of duties start on page 33 of State Yearbook.) The "Declaration..." form is available from the state office.

STEP 3. Districts must be sure all paperwork is properly completed and filed with the Elections Chairman and GFWC Illinois.

Janice Perkins (Election Chairman), P. O. Box 81, Marengo, IL 60152
GFWC Illinois Headquarters, 5 E. Van Buren Street, Ste. 208, Joliet, IL 60432-4224

STEP 4. Deadline for completing Steps 1 through 3 is **December 1, 2013.**

STEP 5. Uniform publicity will be given those completing the previous steps. Publicity requires GFWC ILLINOIS CLUBWOMAN be furnished with a picture and credentials (article/letter not to exceed 200 words) by the District no later than December 1, 2013. The Spring Edition of our State "CLUBWOMAN" will get this candidate information to our members. Districts should forward all information to:

Rita Jaffe, 2106 Old Mill Lane, McHenry, IL 60050-3984

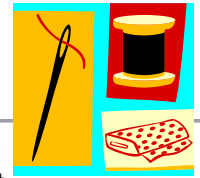
These steps will take you to the Spring Board Meeting when specifics concerning what happens at Convention will be discussed.

Diana Taylor, Bylaws Chairman

Ladies it is that time of year again; time to consider if you need to change any of your bylaws or standing rules. Did you have any situations occur last year that would warrant a change in your bylaws or standing rules? Before your busy club year begins, now is the time to consider any changes or updates. As members of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors, the Bylaws Committee is also examining the GFWC Illinois Bylaws and Standing Rules. This committee will be meeting in the fall. Recommendations for updates for the GFWC Illinois Bylaws made be submitted by a district or by two or more clubs; this must be done in writing by October 1, 2013.

GIFTS FROM CHAIRMEN

Evelyn Dill
Public Issues Chairman



Thanks to all the clubs that reported their 2012 projects Illinois received the GFWC Outstanding Achievement Award at convention in Florida. Continue your good work and to those clubs that did not report, now is the time to review what you did the first half of this year and plan for the new club year and send in those reports in January.

Public Issues is such a broad topic that there has to be a project that your club and community can benefit from. Consider a donation to **Sew Much Comfort**. They provide custom made adaptive clothing, free of charge, to wounded service members. For info: www.SewMuchComfort.org. The **USO** has a variety of programs: They have Care Centers to provide comfort to troops and families, Family programs for children ages 6-18, **Operation Care Packages** to send troops needed items such as phone cards, snacks, etc., and my favorite United Through Reading's Military Program which allows parents to record reading a book to their children and send it home, the most powerful gift a military family can receive.

My challenge is for every club in Illinois to donate \$20.00 to this program. It will put a smile on a child's face. Send donations to: Lisa Ferrari Carter, 2111 Wilson Blvd. Suite 1200, Arlington, VA 22201, www.USO.org. Check these web sights for more information.

Conservation
Gerri Eck, GFWC Illinois Chairman
Amee Lee, GFWC Illinois Junior Chairman



Ladies get ready for the new partnership in the Conservation Program.
Alliance for Community Trees (ACTrees)
is delighted to be a partnership with the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

This campaign is to raise the national awareness of the value of trees. This program is to help residents come together every October to plant trees in the neighborhoods. You can plant trees on school grounds, river ways, median strips, in your parks or on private land. It can be one tree or many trees. Trees can improve the health and well-being of residents. It can also contribute to the value of homes, Attract visitors to retail settings, shade park or just provide fresh.

So get your club to plant a tree or get together with other organizations or your city government and make October **"National Neighbor Woods Month."** We can also claim our donations to the **Shawnee National Forest** under the new partnership. So if your club cannot plant a tree you can donate to the Shawnee National Forest or do both which would be great!

As we are getting towards the end of the summer your club may want to volunteer to help clean up on the road side, the parks or near your local water sides. Let's help keep the environment clean and beautiful.



GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs
119th Annual Convention
May 15, 16, & 17, 2014
Parke Regency Hotel & Conference Center
Bloomington, Illinois

GIFTS FROM CHAIRMEN

Elena Lipinski Arts Chairman

The GFWC Arts Community Service Program continues its Art Partnership with the American Mural Project Military Tribute. Those currently serving or who have served in our armed forces can donate their nametags, a unit patch, a military pin, or a photo in uniform and mail them to Liz Doddemeade at P.O. Box 1135, Sharon, CT 06069.

I continue to challenge every club in Illinois to support the Visual Arts by beginning to get one craft ready to submit to the GFWC Illinois 119th Annual Convention to be held at the Parke Hotel & Conference Center in Bloomington May 15-17, 2014. I also challenge you Illinois clubwomen writers to participate in the GFWC Member Writing Contest and you photography buffs to participate in the GFWC Photography Contests.

Don't forget to collect monies for Pennies for the Arts which go toward art scholarships for the Federation Art School and GFWC IL Arts Grants Program for Schools. Two \$250.00 grants will be given for art and/or music appreciation, producing an all school play or purchasing art supplies for the classroom. By working together, we all can achieve



Northern Region Summer Conference



Northern Region Meeting held on July 13, 2013, at the Marriott in Naperville was a informative gift hosted by the Executive Board Members for the Districts and Clubs of Northern Region. **Pictured above (left to right):** are President Pat Heitman and Northern Region Vice President Phyllis Skubic, our meeting hostess. **Seated:** are President Elect Diane Addante and Director of Junior Clubs Trisha Schafer.



President Pat Heitman stops to talk with members during the break. **Seated are:** Rita Dumbroski and Kathy Koran.

Communications/Public Relations Jaclyn Hancock, Southern Region VP

Connecting and Living the Volunteer Spirit. There are natural-born helpers in community service. People have an inclination to lend a hand. Teens, even younger, possess additional idealism, energy, and a fresh perspective, says Bill Hoogterp, senior advisor to HandsOnNetwork, a national organization that mobilizes volunteers. Bill says, "Kids come up with great ideas because no one has told them they can't." Mr. Hoogterp also believes every person has a deep commitment in at least one issue – for example, education or animal protection. The key is combing that concern with a fun activity. In fact, this past weekend several boys, after their project was completed, said, "We never knew adults could be so much fun." The other thing that made them proud were the compliments and smiles on other's faces. We also know seeing their picture in the newspaper helps build-up their esteem. One can't start with a question, "What can we do to help our community?" Suggest several projects and ask for input. They become more invested if feeling a part. If you are dealing with an independent teen, ask him to do some online research. If a teen is anxious and uncomfortable with strangers, skip the soup kitchen. Try sending care packages to troops overseas or creating gift baskets for needy families. Tech-savvy teens can also help with updating websites for free. If a kid values time with friends, let him have a buddy. To keep enthusiasm, remind kids of their impact. How helpful to be CIA members of GFWC Illinois where you connect with kids, inspire the kids, and carry out the action.

GIFTS FROM CHAIRMEN

GFWC Illinois Legislation and Public Policy
2013 July Region Meeting
LeeAnn Conlon, Chairman
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2014 LEGISLATION DAY Thursday, MARCH 13, 2014 Springfield, Illinois

Other News and Highlights:

Legislation before the Governor of Illinois:

HB 1076 – Compassionate use of Medical Cannabis Pilot – this bill would establish a four-year pilot program during which individuals with serious diseases including cancer, HIV and multiple sclerosis would be able to get a special ID card allowing them to buy limited amounts – up to 2.5 oz – of medical marijuana from one of 60 state-licensed dispensaries.

The program is tightly restrictive, not accepting ‘chronic pain’ as a qualifying condition for use and not recognizing qualifying patients who live in other states, unlike other state who have approved medical marijuana bills. The bill also requires that patients have an established doctor-patient relationship before a doctor can OK marijuana use.

Support YWCA Illinois Youth in Government

Illinois is one of 37 states participating in a nation-wide program that is designed to enhance the American democratic system and civic engagement by enabling young people to prepare for moral and political leadership through training in theory and practice of determining public policy. The motto of the program is “Democracy must be learned by each generation”.

Youth in Government is touted as “*probably the finest laboratory experience in state government available anywhere*”. It has often been called a “Seedbed for Leadership”, as many government officials and leaders in the US today are alumni of a state YMCA Youth and Government Program.

In the fall of each year, high school or YMCA delegations prepare to run a congressional and judicial session in March as they mirror the three-branch system of state government. This 3-day session is held in the Illinois House and Senate Chambers, and students in the judicial program use the Chambers of the Illinois Supreme Court. The Youth Governor actually sits at Governor Quinn’s desk to sign bills! The students prepare and debate bills, elect officials, prepare bench memo’s, write position papers and testify before committees.

How can you help? Talk to your local high school or YMCA to see if they currently have a program – you could assist with tuition. If they don’t have a program, introduce them to this wonderful opportunity for high school juniors and seniors. Or, you can assist with the general tuition assistance fund by contacting Deb Allen below.

Want more information? Contact Deb Allen, President; Illinois Youth and Government; 49 E. park Blvd; Villa Park IL 60181. You can reach her by phone – 630.833.9622; or email – ilyg@illinoisymca.org or go to www.ilymcayg.org

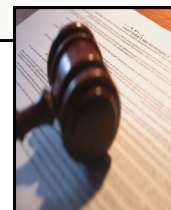
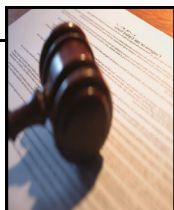
This is a proven winner, so get out and support this program in 2013/2014:

- 96% of Y&G Alumni are registered to vote vs. 66% of the general population
- 87% of Y&G voted in the last election vs. 54% of the general population
- And last but not least – 43% of Y&G members worked on a community issue vs. 17% of the general population.

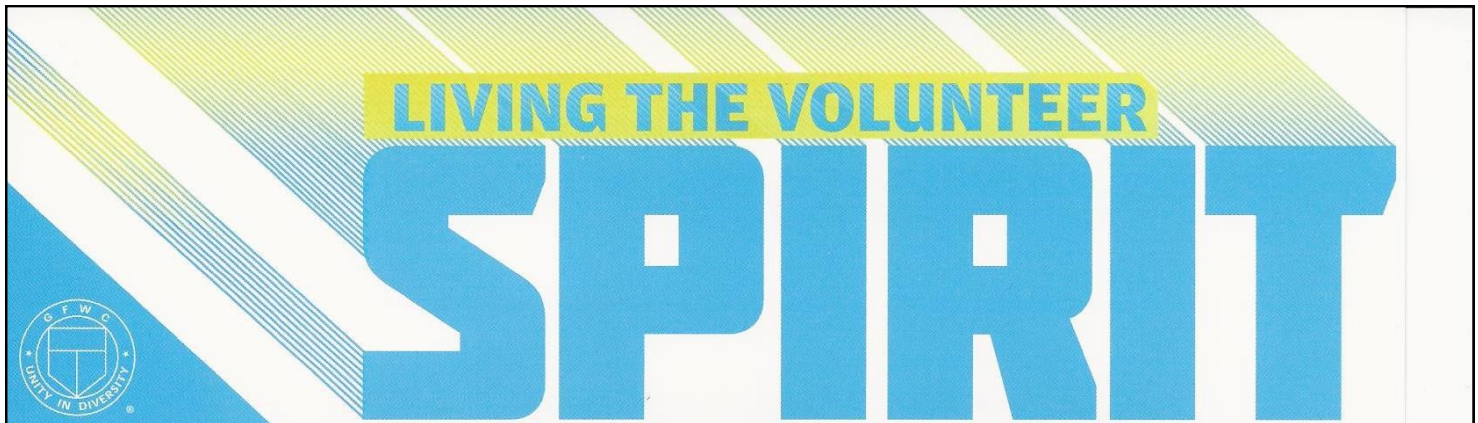
Does this sound like members of GFWC?

Legislation Day Thursday, March 13, 2014 Springfield, Illinois

Here is your opportunity to see the daily business procedures
in Springfield with our elected officers.
It is an experience that is not often taken
but is so very rewarding.
Travel with your Federation friends to meet, greet,
and learn from this experience.
Check with LeeAnn Colon Chairman for more information.



GIFTS FROM CLUBS & MEMBERS



District 7

Franklin Park Woman's Club (established 1897)

Franklin Park Woman's Club President Marie Fitzgerald presents Rachael Conley from East Leyden HS with a \$500 Scholarship for Triton Community College. Rachael, her mother, and little sister joined us at the May Luncheon. **District 7** President Beth Magoon (*right*) joins members Jean Dawson and Judi Reiss as table mates.

The **Franklin Park Woman's Club** gave out two Art Scholarships to Eastern Illinois and one Leadership Scholarship. In Home Life we collected over **7000** food and product coupons for military families at the commissary. Our on-going project for International Outreach is the collection of monies for "A Shot At Life Project."



Hidden Treasures can be found through out the city and the collar suburbs. The Franklin Park ladies took a "Road Trip" to 6 corners in Chicago (Milwaukee, Cicero & Irving Park). The National Veteran's Art Museum (NVAM) is located on a second floor in a 50/60's building. It is here we viewed art work created by veterans. Most of the art was from the Viet Nam era but the Museum is expanding with additional art works from the Middle East deployments.

Pictured (no flash could be used) left to right: Pat Maggio, President Marie Fitzgerald and Helen Piotrowski. Both Pat and Helen are past presidents of the Club.



It Happened When?

1897 - First American Subway completed in Boston

GIFTS FROM CLUBS & MEMBERS

District 22

Milstradt Civic Club (established 1926)

The **Millstadt Civic Club** kicked off the Valentine's season Jan. 26 with its annual High Tea fundraiser. The \$1100 raised at the event will go straight to the club's two scholarships, given out yearly to one high school student and one female returning adult student age 25 or older living in the Millstadt area.

The tea featured an assortment of teas from around the world, delicious homemade treats and themed raffle baskets. All refreshments were served by club members as well as student helpers from the local Beta club. The event's featured speaker was local cookbook author Shirley Frost, who performed a cooking demonstration of one of her healthy recipes from *Adventures in Cuisine, Healthy Eating Classes at the YMCA.*



Members of the **Millstadt Civic Club** serve up a traditional St. Patrick's Day Meal at their Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. This event is a fundraiser for the club's many civic, community and beautification projects throughout the year. To follow the club, visit at <http://facebook.com/millstadtcivicclub>.



Milstradt Civic Club

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

District 22 (organized 1909) President Helen Crause

Here it is the end of July and we are over halfway through the summer. I am happy to report that the **District 22** is still comprised of fifteen (15) General Clubs and one (1) Juniorette Club. After the death of long time **GFWC Illinois East Alton Woman's Club** President Nancy Haydon, I thought we might lose this club, but Carolyn Riggs has volunteered to be the Club President. A Big Thank you Carolyn.

District 22 held its Summer Board Meeting on, June 16, 2013, in Wood River at the Wood River Recreation Center. We were happy to have State President Pat Heitman as our special guest. Our new Juniorette club was unable to attend the State Convention, so Pat said she would like to come and give this club their Charter and Gavel and she also gave each member a membership pin. This new club also received the Silver Tray award from **District 22** for the largest percentage of new members. This meeting was a brown bag lunch and we also had a pound auction. This was a first for us. Everyone was to bring a pound of something, wrapped up or in a gift bag or purse. We then held an auction for these items. The package I bid on and won was a pound of paper towels. It cost me \$15.00, but I have used them all this summer. It was exciting and our District made \$130.00 and \$61.00 on a 50/50 drawing.

Most of our clubs are off for the summer, but are getting ready for a busy new year. Although they do not have meetings in the summer, they are still very busy with working Homecomings and recruiting new members. We are going to work very hard and raise the number of new members in District 22. I look forward to seeing my Federation Friends at the next State Board Meeting.



GIFTS FROM CLUBS & MEMBERS

District 23

GFWC Illinois Vandalia Woman's Club (established 1913)

District 23 Convention on March 13, 2013, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the **Vandalia Club**. The **District 23** called to order by President Lela Dippold. State guests were GFWC Illinois President Pat Heitman, GFWC Illinois Director of Juniors Clubs Trisha Schaefer, GFWC Illinois President Elect Diane Addante, and GFWC Illinois Southern Region Vice President Jackie Hancock. Each of the state guests spoke during the Convention. Awards were presented by the District Chairmen to the District Clubs. The **Vandalia Club** members conducted a re-enactment of the merger of two clubs 100 years ago to form the **Vandalia Club** as they did then in the form of a marriage.



***Pictured left to right standing:**
Trisha Schaefer, Jackie Hancock,
Diane Addante,
seated: Mary Truitt, GFWC IL President,
Pat Heitman, & Leila Dippold*

District 23

The Centralia Woman's Club (established 1904)

GFWC Illinois Sandoval Woman's Club (established 1904)



Centralia WC & Sandoval WC

During the past 3 years and continuing this year, the **Centralia WC** and the **Sandoval WC** have glued crossword puzzles cut from newspapers onto paperboard. The puzzles have been distributed to the Marion Veterans Hospital in Marion until this year when distribution has started to the Nursing Homes in Centralia and Odin who also house veterans. The homes have been pleased to receive the puzzles. Pictured are members of the 2 clubs who gather one day each month in Sandoval to prepare the puzzles for distribution.

District 19

GFWC Decatur Woman's Club (established 1887)

The **Decatur Woman's Club** have adopted Zoe along with Chad (Zebras) at the Scovil Zoo. The following members visited them in July. It was a very warm day.

***Left to right:** Sandra Markou, Alice Wiedrich, Joan Bruer, Pat Ford, Mary Jane Babb, Linda K. Bowlby, Carole LePage, and Darla Weltmer.*



Zoe & Chad



Decatur Ladies at Scovil Zoo

District 8

The GFWC Illinois Gilman's Woman's Club, Illinois (established 1927)

The **Gilman WC** joined the other GFWC Illinois clubs throughout the state to collect new and used shoes. At the end of the collection, shoes were brought to the Convention in Naperville. The **Gilman WC** collected **167 pairs** of shoes. When added to the state wide collection the total was **5,143 pairs**.



It Happened When?

- 1913** - Sixteenth Amendment empowers Federal Government to collect income taxes.
- 1904** - NY state enacts first speed limit 20 mph
- 1887** - Navy leases base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- 1927** - *Jazz Singer* with Al Jolson becomes the first "talkie" motion picture (Oct 6).

GIFTS FROM CLUBS & MEMBERS

District 10

Island Lake Woman's Club (established 1943)

VILLAGE OF LAKE ISLAND LAKE HONORS WOMAN'S CLUB ON 70TH ANNIVERSARY



The women are especially proud of the work they do in planting and maintaining two of the garden entrance gates to the Village.

Pictured from left: Village attorney David Silverman; Mayor Debbie Hermann, club members Ann Murray, Kay Kolacki, President Joan Kreiling holding plaque, Merrily Fantus, Juel Olmsted, Linda Gore, Dona Willard and Village Trustee Shannon Fox.

The Village of Island Lake on February 28, 2013 presented a plaque to the **Island Lake Woman's Club** to honor their philanthropic service on the 70th anniversary of the founding of the club.

In the summer of 1943 a few ladies founded the **Island Lake Woman's Club** to serve the community, and soon after its first meeting there were over 80 members. At that time approximately 350 Island Lake families were year-round residents, with a total of 72 sons and daughters in the service during World War II. The Woman's Club sent them cards, letters and packages. The **Island Lake Woman's Club** joined the nationwide General Federation of Woman's Clubs in 1952, and to this day their dedicated members continue their tradition of service to the community.

District 13

Byron GFWC Women's Club (established 1929)

Oregon GFWC Woman's Club (established 1922)

GFWC Illinois Polo Evening Women's Club (established 1938)



Jan Bates, Jane Shaw, Fran Strouse & GFWC Illinois President Pat Heitman

GFWC District 13 2013-2014 Officers recently installed (*from left to right*) are Jan Bates **GFWC Illinois Polo Evening Women's Club** Co-President; Jane Shaw **The GFWC Illinois Savanna Woman's Club** Vice President, Fran Strouse; **Oregon GFWC Woman's Club** Co-President; and GFWC Illinois President Pat Heitman who was the installing officer. The installation was held at a recent district meeting hosted by the **Byron GFWC Woman's Club**.

There are eight GFWC (General Federation of Woman's Club) clubs in **District 13** along with Byron, Polo, Oregon, Savanna there is Franklin Grove, Chadwick, Rochelle and Thomson. Jan and Fran will be attending the 118th Illinois State Convention May 15-18, 2013 at Naperville, IL.

Our Clubs Have Purse-onality!



District 5 has a new "tag line" which helps identify their clubs that reside in **District 5**. It makes a sure statement to the reader that these clubs work hard but have fun. (**organized 1974 - 22 clubs**)

It Happened When?

1943 - U.S. and Britain invade Sicily (July 10) and Italy proper (Sept 3)
1929 - Stock Market crashes on "Black Tuesday" (Oct 29) ushers in Great Depression
1922 - Supreme Court upholds women's suffrage
1938 - "Invasion From Mars" radio broadcast by Orson Welles causes wide spread panic (Oct 30)
1946 - Paris Peace Conference ends in failure (July 29- Oct 15).

GIFTS FROM CLUBS & MEMBERS

District 17 (organized 1898)

President Donna Cross

Director of Junior Clubs Beckie Christensen

Metamora-Germantown Hills JWC
Planted a Pinwheel Garden for
"National Child Abuse Prevention"



Our first year as leaders of the **GFWC Illinois District 17 and Junior District 17** has been an educational one. We have enjoyed learning the inner workings of our positions, as well as meeting our amazing members. During our administration, we held a service project at our district meetings. At our summer and fall meeting, we showcased four different raffle baskets that members could purchase a chance to win, and we raised \$75 for Easter Seals. At our January meeting, we held a Pound Auction where twelve clubs each brought an item weighing a pound to auction off. We raised \$200 for the GFWC "Pipe Fund."

The clubs in **District 17** have supported the GFWC and GFWC Illinois projects. For the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, they donated items to local shelters for women, educated members on domestic violence issues, and made monetary donations. To show their support for our state project "Our Promise... A Safe Place For Every Child," Pinwheel Gardens were planted, first night kits for children were assembled, and a window display was created to promote "National Child Abuse Prevention Month" in April. Members also attended the Blue Ribbon Fashion Show and provided raffle baskets for the Fashion Show. Backing our President's Special Emphasis "Easter Seals," clubs have had guest speakers share about Easter Seals and made monetary donations. Promoting Advocates for Children, monetary donations were made to Children's Research Foundation, along with raising funds; purchasing and donating pediatric bags for local ambulances were also part of the effort.

This year, our district members volunteered 45,907 hours; completed 1,170 projects; raised \$27,318.26, donated \$34,100.11 and \$56,598.51 of in-kind donations. Some of the community service program projects our clubs promote include hosting the short story, poetry and art contests sponsored by GFWC, promoting recycling, encouraging children to read by putting together a reading time and providing books for them, forming a book club for members, fixing and serving meals at shelters, hosting blood mobiles, making gowns, dolls and Smile Bags for Operation Smile, supporting the troops and Veterans by participating in Operation Santa and Honor Flight and the list goes on.

We are extremely proud of our own Becky Weber, who is serving as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. She is doing an excellent job, and we are so proud to call her one of our own. These seventeen strong, active clubs give the gifts of time, talents, and hard work. These are seen and felt throughout the surrounding communities. We are proud to be associated with this wonderful group of women! The highlight for our District this year is celebrating our 115th Anniversary in Federation.

WC of Heyworth
Packing items for Veterans to
send to Danville and Quincy



Junior Woman's Encore Club
Filling Holiday Food Baskets



Livingston
County
President's Club
presented
Eleanor Winters
her 50 Year Pin



Fairbury WC
Presented poetry winner
Katie Mayr her prize

Pontiac JWC
Held bake sale to
raise funds to
purchase a fully
stocked pediatric
medical bag for
their local ambu-
lance service



WC of Cullom
Participated in a
Relay For Life
5KRun/2 Mile Walk

Bloomington-Normal JWC
Meal at Safe Harbor Shelter



GIFTS FROM CLUBS & MEMBERS

District 4

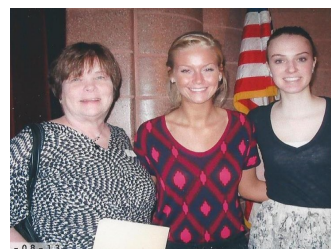
Marengo Woman's Club (established 1895)

Community "Go-Girls" on the Go Again Roving Reporter Brenda Rommel

Marengo Woman's Club Awards Two \$1000 Scholarships

Marengo Woman's Club is pleased to announce their 2013 Scholarship winners. Miss Shayla Driver and Miss Shelby Voss each were awarded \$1000 certificates which were presented to them at Senior Honors Night on May 8, 2013, at the High School Auditorium. Shayla will be attending Carroll University and Shelby will be attending McHenry County College. Our very best wishes for their future success and endeavors.

Pictured left to right: Cynthia Tomczyk, Scholarship Chairman Shayla Driver and Shelby Voss scholarship winners.



Marengo Scholarships



Life Member

An ongoing project since February involves one of our life members, Margaret McGovern, pictured here with Judy Alden, President of the **GFWC District 4**. Margaret recently celebrated her 98th birthday. Friends and fellow MSC members made donations in Margaret's honor to the organization "**Helping Babies Breathe**." Donations totaled over \$600.00. GFWC Illinois has joined this effort by donating funds to provide different levels of training materials that will be provided at a very low cost to developing countries.

Our **Joy Bag Project** wouldn't be as successful if it wasn't for member, Sally Butzow, our super seamstress. She has sewn over 50 Joy Bags to be filled this Fall.

Pictured: Is Sally at her machine sewing yet another bag.



Bag Packers

The **MWC** has made and delivered 30 "**My Bags**" for women who need to go to shelters in McHenry County due to abuse or financial disaster. All items to be put inside are donated by MWC members.

Pictured: Packers are Maureen Mikyska, Peggy Vissar, Juanita Kirkman and Barbara Weider.



Sally Butzow

Janice Perkins is the **MWC** nominee for the prestigious **Jennie Award**. This award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC region for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. Jan was chosen by club members to compete at state, regional and national levels for the Federation's highest honor. This award is the only honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence.



Janis Perkins



New Members

The **MWC** is part of a cooperative program with **M.O.R.E.** called the **Weekend Child Nutrition Program** which helps to alleviate chronic hunger over the weekend for young students in Marengo Elementary School District #165. The **MWC** is proud to be the administrator for the seventh consecutive year.

M.O.R.E. is utilizing its resources to acquire snacks and the Marengo WC provides the manpower needed to fill bags.

Kathryn Cejrowski
Barbara Burke
Katie Heuer
Welcome ladies!

It Happened When?

1895 - First professional football game played in Latrobe, PA.

GIFTS FROM CLUBS & MEMBERS

District 8 (organized 1974)
President Barbara Potter



The GFWC Illinois Gilman Woman's Club of Gilman, Illinois (established 1927)
GFWC Illinois Paxton Woman's Club (established 1894)
GFWC Woman's Club of Kankakee, Illinois (established 1898)
The GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Milford, Illinois (established 1902)



District 8 held its first annual Mother/Daughter Style Show and Luncheon last May. It was a great success with nearly 100 in attendance. On May 5, 2013 we gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn on the south side of Kankakee. We sold adds to be placed in the program book at different prices for different sizes. The split the pot brought some interest also. First we visited with the 13 vendors who were selling a variety of items from clothes and food and jewelry to specialty foods. The meal was a delicious pork chop dinner. The style show followed with an amusing mistress of ceremonies. Come next year and witness how we laugh through the afternoon.

GFWC Illinois District 8 is trying a new program this year. The purpose of the program is to educate clubs on the partnerships and possible programs in each of the Community Service Program areas. Also we would like to get better acquainted with the State Chairman. At each of the quarterly board meetings we will concentrate on two of the Community Service Program Areas. We will invite the Community Service Program Chairman from each club and the corresponding state chairman. We hope to have a very informative discussion. At the first meeting, September 14, 2013, we will be discussing the areas of Public Issues and International Outreach.

Our December 9, 2013 meeting will concentrate on Home Life and Art Community Service Program areas. Then on March 8, 2014, we will finish the year with Conservation and Education Community Service Program areas. If neighboring districts wish to join us for these discussions please let me know. I will be glad to share the details.

To all those who helped with the **Soles4Souls** project Karel and I want to thank you. Altogether we collected more than **5,000 pairs of shoes** in all sizes, some new, some used, and in various styles. All your work on this project is greatly appreciated.



Legislation Day **Thursday, March 13, 2014** **Springfield, Illinois**

Here is your opportunity to see the daily business procedures in Springfield with our elected officers.
 It is an experience that is not often taken
 but is so very rewarding.
 Travel with your Federation friends to meet, greet,
 and learn from this experience.
 Check with LeeAnn Colon Chairman for more information.



Pediatric Bags Project
 EMSC - Emergency Medical Services for Children
 Bags can be purchased with or without supplies.
 Not just a Junior project but a "Life-Saver" in any community.
 Check GFWC Illinois website for addition information.

It Happened When?

1974 - Newspaper heiress Patty Hearst kidnapped in Berkeley, CA by radical Symbionese Liberation Army.
1927 - Charles Lindbergh completes non-stop solo flight from New York to Paris (May20-21).
1894 - Pullman strike paralyzes railroads across the country.
1898 - Senate agrees to annex Hawaii.
1902 - First Rose Bowl game played.

GIFTS OF NEW MEMBERS

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DISTRICT 3 **Morgan Park Jr WC**

Jeanne Carr
Sara Goth
Mary Jo Hosman
Cynthia Langston
Eileen Luce
Gail McLaughlin
Cathy O'Loughlin
Kathy Ruopp

DISTRICT 4 **Marengo WC**

Arlene M. Demann
Sally Kannaka
Sandra Miceli
Peggy Reinacher

DISTRICT 5 **Lisle WC**

Karen Burris
Jan Cote
Sue Ekins
Grace Forker
Donna Hencinski
Kathy Kelley
Susan Khan
Cheryl Patterson

Lombard Service **League**

Linda Boeche
Patricia Bruzek
Darcie Cass
Janis Fritsch
Catrina Kagel
Joanne Lovig
Maureen Lyons
Lynnette Meyer
Kathleen Murphy
Jean Nelson
Lynn Sabol Freese
Rita Schneider
Carol Sink



Lincoln WC

Pat Caveny-Nye
Ellen Dobihal
Norma Engle
Karen Lowery
Carol Jean Mills
Lynn Spellman
Nancy Wrage

DISTRICT 8 **WC of Kankakee**

Sonja Bouchard
Velma Brown
LaGloria Curry-Dean
Grace Dickson
Victoria Drimonas
Jaclyn Franks
Betty Franks
Pat Jackson-Walsh
Loris James
Bailey Maricle
Sharon Reilly
Carol Sperry
Willa White
Jewel Ann Wiltfang
Marita Wiltfang

DISTRICT 10 **Antioch WC**

Phyllis Bauer
Nancy Bernard
Kathy Blackman
Pat Carter
Adrienne Crifase
Nancy Cummings
Cindy Erexson
Marcia Getty
Priscilla Kreamer
Ida Krozel
Carole Loffredo
Mary Kay McNeill
Barbara Moore
Joan Murphy
Marilyn Novack
Elizabeth Pierik
Sandra Rebechini
Patricia Skokowski

District 10 **Gurnee WC**

Lynn Hallen
Diana Danaj
Karen Kosmatka
Janet McCarthy
Mary Spain
Sandra Haig

Morton Grove WC

Susan Anderson
Grace Bastone
Lynn Beaudette
Penny Block
Kathy Clausen
Connie Doll
Joan Hohn
Deborah Juris
Pamela Lundin
Rose Marie Madden
Kimberly Quintero
Robin L. Rosenfeld
Janet Sheehan

Zion WC

Darlene Bowman
Martha Corcoran
Sandy Good
Angeline Houghton
Beatrice Idleburg
Audrey Orawiec
Mary Jane Sterbenz
Elizabeth Viau

DISTRICT 11 **Aurora WC**

Kendra Nohl
Margaret Ryan
Kathleen Sampson

Batavia WC

Kathy Callahan
Kathy Leinberger
Susan Lusted
Judith Lyles
Peg McKenna
Nan Phillips

Elgin Jr WC

JoAnne Herdrich
Lindsey Herdrich

Homer Glen Jr **WC**

Lynn Gerhardt
Lila Kayali
Barbara Lovinelli
Dona Parus
Donia Robinson
Linsey Sowa

Lockport WC

Diane Coan
Donna Likar
Pat Purcell
Karen Roach

Oswego Jr WC

Morgan Adessa
Dawn Carver
Tina Conrad
Denise Czjakowski
Kristy Hammer
Sasha Harrison
Gina Hennessy
Brook Henschen
Jill Hiller
Kathleen Jones
Kathy Kayser
Cally Larson
Hesper Matzo
Meg McCarthy
Carrie Niesman
Linda Redecki
Denise Ryan
Elizabeth Shein-
kopf
Miller Sloan
Kim Smith

Plainfield Jr WC

Susan Barkach
Margie Bonuchi
Francine Caliendo
Melissa Cooper
Kim D'Angelo
Amber Emke
Elizabeth Feldman

Plainfield Jr WC

Lori Gilmour
Heather Heavens
Laurie Hillman
Christine Hudzik
Julie Jamiolkowski
Emily Jumbeck
Sandra Koslowski
Beverly Leck
Meg McCarthy
Heather Meade
Nikki Nicklin
Julie Nuzzi
Kim Pirc
Kristen Robertson
Jen Seeley
Karen Stockseth
Teresa Summers
Lori Thompson

Plainfield **Juniorettes**

Kylie Austen
Sarah Barkoch
Julia Christmas
Taylor Cooley
Phoebe D'Angelo
Gia Fulco
Morgan Gurican
Ellie Gurican
Maggie McEvilly
Sam Seeley
Marissa Tassone
Taylor Tressel
Amber Woods

DISTRICT 14 **Macomb WC**

Paula Baughman
Deb Carter
Mary Clements
Sandy Collier
Ceal Majeres
Judy Potter
Sharon Setser

Milan WC

Debbie Brown
Amber Hankins
Bobbie Jackson

GIFTS OF NEW MEMBERS

DISTRICT 16
East Peoria WC
 Linda Hannon

Femmes Unir WC of Bartonville
 Debra Belcher
 Cheryl Corey
 Joyce Mason

Pekin WC
 Nedra O'Keefe
 Carol Porter
 Deborah Stuff
 Cynthia Webb

DISTRICT 17
Livingston County Pres Club
 Sandie Gonzalez
 Chris Metz
 Elaine Young

Metamora-Germantown Hills Jrs
 Lorie Becraft
 Michelle Bohm
 Chelsea Brashaw
 Megan Clasen
 Laura Edwards
 Janet Manzi
 Meghan Peterson
 Lyndsay Stoecker

WC of Heyworth
 Doris Bryce
 Kathy Dabney
 Mary Lyn Sundburg

DISTRICT 18
Fithian WC
 Beverly Hays
 Jennifer Henderson
 Paula Mitchell

Georgetown Ladies Community Club
 Danica Hayes
 Jan Hubbard

Georgetown Ladies Community Club
 Cathy Jenkins
 Janet Martin

WC of Bismarck
 Mitzi Watson

DISTRICT 19
Cerro Gordo WC
 Iris Hale

Decatur WC
 Edna Dean
 Marilyn Mackey
 Marcella Stortzum

Newman WC
 Jodi Baxter

WC of Champaign-Urbana
 Andrea Albin
 Dot Beldon
 Chris Collins
 Ann Hanak
 Wilma O'Brien
 Pat Potts
 Bridget Stevens
 Susan Weber

DISTRICT 22
Highland WC
 Lynn Rehberger
 Jonell Safford
 Shirley Wise

Riverbend Junioresettes
 Mya Fay
 Kelsey Foiles
 Darby Hobbs
 Ella Huppert
 Emily Huppert
 Danielle McCleish
 Haley Milazzo
 Erin Tutorius
 Paige Vandiver

Wood River WC
 Robin Fay
 Elizabeth Greco
 Julie Huppert
 Sandy McCleish
 Erica Vandiver

WC of Cahokia
 Barbara Wilson

DISTRICT 23
Centralia WC
 Shirley Dishinger
 Rosalie Thomas

DISTRICT 25
Anna Jonesboro WC
 Lou Curdie
 Bessie Mae Ellis
 Debra Hertenstein
 Mary Light
 Diana St. Arbor

Marion WC
 Linda Byassee
 Betty Deaton
 Madelyn King

Welcome to the Newest Members of GFWC

Karel Volpert Vice President of Central Region and Membership Chairman has worked hard to get the word out to all the clubs about membership. She emphasizes not just getting new members to join but retaining current members of clubs.

She wanted to give recognition to our newest members in GFWC and make them feel welcomed as part of the whole organization, not just their clubs. We welcome all of these ladies and hope to see many at GFWC Seminars and Conventions.

Together we are many and our voices are heard.



MEMBERSHIP
THE SOLE OF THE FEDERATION

GFWC SEASONAL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

GFWC Illinois clubs are encouraged to participate in the GFWC Seasonal Membership Recruitment Campaign. If your club gains three or more new members during a season, please complete the Seasonal Recruitment Campaign form and send it to GFWC and Karel Volpert. You can find information about and the form for the Seasonal Recruitment Campaign on the GFWC website.

“KICK UP YOUR HEELS” in June, July, and August

Report due September 1

“LACE UP YOUR SHOES” in September, October, and November

Report due December 1

“DIG OUT YOUR BOOTS” in December, January, and February

Report due March 1

“PUMP UP YOUR MEMBERS” in March, April, and May

Report due June 1

Karel Volpert
GFWC Illinois Membership Chairman

GIFTS FROM CLUBS & MEMBERS

Pekin Woman's Club is having their annual style show on October 26th this year at the Pekin Country Club.



Pekin Woman's Club also honored two of their 50 year members at their May banquet. Gusta Bolam and Joann Aimone are pictured with President Joann Seward.



District 16

GFWC Pekin Woman's Club (established 1892)

GFWC East Peoria Woman's Club (established 1934)

GFWC Femmes Unir Women's Club of Bartonville



Pekin Woman's Club held a membership tea in May.

A lovely table was prepared with tea, coffee & cookies.

Members invited guests to join the festivity.

Pekin's Miss Marigold provided entertainment for the afternoon.

The best of all – we acquired 2 new members.

District 16 is planning for their Christmas Fun Day on the 6th of December.

This is all fun, games, prizes, raffles, bake sales, purse auction, just to name a few of the activities planned for that day.

The **East Peoria Woman's Club** held a Garage Sale in June, worked at Culvers one night for 10% of the profits; having a Luau in August; selling mums in September, selling Uncle Al's nuts in November, planning a chili supper in January or February. All this plus ongoing sales of Tupperware.

These ladies are a busy, busy group. So active in their community.

Bartonville Femmes Unir Woman's Club

will be having their annual salad luncheon on Saturday, November 9, 2013.

This is a big fundraiser for them and it is always very well attended.

District 19 (organized 1902)

Diana Lenzi President



GFWC Illinois District 19 is buzzing with activity.

On June 21, the District 19 Spring Board Meeting was hosted by the **Decatur Woman's Club**. Hats, adorned with sunflowers, were presented to each member in attendance by

President Dee Lenzi who was proud to see every bee wearing a bonnet. Dee's Bees were encouraged to return to their hives (aka home clubs) to Build, Educate, Encourage and Socialize. Members were reminded to honor the words of Mary Stewart by BEE-ing calm, serene, gentle throughout the coming year.

It Happened When?

1892 - Boll Weevil first appears in Texas.

1934 - Dust storms inundate Southwest, driving "Okies" and "Arkies" to California.

1962 - Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr. first American to orbit Earth.

GIFTS FROM CLUBS & MEMBERS



District 18

GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck (established 1956)



The **Woman's Club of Bismarck** helped children make pinwheels for Prevent Child Abuse Awareness month at Bismarck Henning Elementary School's Family Reading Night.

The **Woman's Club of Bismarck** lined the sidewalk at Bismarck Henning Elementary School with pinwheels for Make a Difference Day.



Children paint the floor of the pavilion at the Bismarck Park during the beach themed story hour sponsored by the **Vermilion County Jr. Woman's Club.**



Ernie Potter was preparing to load the shoes donated to Soles4Souls at our GFWC IL Annual Convention.



Ernie, Barbara, and Karel loaded the shoes to be delivered to the Soles4Souls warehouse.

District 18 members pose with International President Mary Ellen Laister.



Becky Weber, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs spoke about the USO



It Happened When?

1956 - Congress passes Highway Act, appropriating \$32 million for construction of vast nationwide road system.

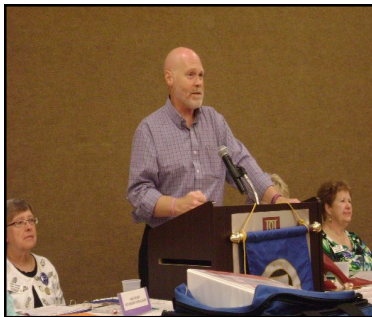
Sharon Kelleher spoke about Canine Companions for Independence.



Jury, a hearing dog, greeted the crowd.



Greg Williams spoke about Reagan's Rescue at the Central Region Meeting.



Ron Nettlingham shared information about Pediatric Bags and those who use them.



The members of the **District 18** participated in the membership hat skit at their district convention. They were joined by President Pat Heitman and Director of Junior Clubs Trisha Schafer.



GIFTS FROM CLUBS & MEMBERS

District 14

GFWC Macomb Woman's Club (established 1928)

WOODRUM HONORED AS 50 YEAR MEMBER OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Mary Virginia Woodrum (*right*) is pictured with Ginny Kessler, membership chair of the **Macomb Woman's Club**. Woodrum was recently recognized with a certificate and a 50 year gold star pin as a member of the General Federation of Women's Club. She joined the Woman's Club in 1951 while living and teaching music in Tallulah, Illinois.

Mary recalled participating in a sewing contest while a member of that club. The Vogue pattern company sponsored a contest to see what the well-dressed club woman was wearing. She sewed a suit and blouse, won the local contest, and advanced to district competition. Since she was a music teacher, she frequently provided vocal music at the club meetings.

Mary and her husband, Wayne, moved to Macomb in 1969 when he opened the Wayne Woodrum Inc. Chevrolet Garage. In the same year, Gretchen Mounce, another Gold star member, asked her to join the **Macomb Woman's Club**. She eagerly joined the Club and looked forward to making friends in her new community. For over 40 years she has enjoyed the camaraderie of the **Macomb Woman's Club** and, in the past, has served as a club treasurer.



Mary Woodrum - 50 Years



District 10

GFWC Zion Woman's Club (established 1907)



Installation of eight new members

The **GFWC Zion Woman's Club** celebrated 105 years of serving the community at its December meeting. The club was established in October 1907. They also installed eight new members.

Pictured seated: Maggie Grobelch, Audrey Orawiec, and Angie Houghton; *Standing:* Patricia Lord, President; Martha Corcoran, Sandy Good, Beatrice Idelberg, Mary Jane Sterbenz and Marilyn Goodman, Vice President. *Not pictured:* Elizabeth Viau.

District 13

GFWC Franklin Grove Woman's Club (established 1924)

Marilyn Butler (*on left*) received a 50 year membership pin from Co-President Reva Brierton at our February 4, 2013 meeting.



District 19

Tuscola Woman's Club (established 1894)

We believe our club has the only Bible Department in the Federation of Women's Clubs. Our Club dates back to 1894, with the Bible Department starting between 1904 and 1908. Nine members meet twice monthly in the home of Marguerite McDaniel who will turn 100 on September 11, 2013. The members in the picture known they are making life time friends as they study the Bible together. *"By LOVE serve one another."* Gal. 5:13



Standing left to right: Juanita Mutch, Catherine Kellogg, Doris Young, Marlene Phillips.
Seated: Jeanne Miller, Kathryn McCumber, Ruth Ann McDaniel, Ruth Slaughter, and Margaurite McDaniel.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Certificate of Appreciation

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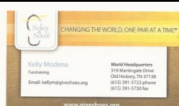
*The Members of GFWC Illinois
Federation of Women's Clubs*

**For your generous commitment
of time, support and inspiration to our endeavors.**

Offered on this the 29th day of JULY, 2013.

Sellyn Modena
Soles4Souls Team Member

Buddy Teaster
Buddy Teaster, CEO



*Thank you for
helping us make a
Difference!*

Sellyn

Thank you, GFWC Illinois club members, for generously donating
5,143 pairs of shoes
to Soles4Souls, an organization that collects shoes and
delivers them to people in need.

Thank you to Ernie and Barbara Potter and Karen Erb
for delivering the shoes to a warehouse in Fox Lake, Illinois.

**Education Chairman Junior Education
Chairman**
Teresa Sanford Joanne Meyer

Education Chairman Teresa Sanford put the shout out for members to bring books to the GFWC Illinois Convention in Naperville. Over **300 books** were collected and shared among the three Region Vice Presidents (Northern, Central & Southern). The Vice Presidents will distribute their books to local libraries, schools, and education centers.

Good Job Everyone!



Working Together

For years, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and Canine Companions have worked together to change the lives of people with disabilities. We're grateful for the support we've received from GFWC clubs across the country...from California to Florida. We're excited to get to know more GFWC club members at the GFWC convention in Hollywood, Florida June 30 through July 2..

[Learn more about GFWC and Canine Companions](#)

Blue Ribbon Fashion Show Kathy Koran Chairman

Once again we had a fantastic Blue Ribbon Fashion and Luncheon Show with fantastic support from across the state. We received an incredible amount of financial support with the ending result, a check presented at our State Convention for **\$19,000** to Roy Harley, Executive Director of PCA Illinois.

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"GFWC and Friendship: Now That's What I'm Talkin' About"

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REGISTRATION FORM
GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 11-12th, 2013
Embassy Suites North, Indianapolis, Indiana

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ OFFICER/CHAIRMAN _____

CLUB/DISTRICT/STATE AFFILIATION _____

REGISTRATION	\$ 25.00	_____
FRIDAY –Indiana State Night – Pot Roast	\$ 35.00	_____
SATURDAY LUNCH – Friendship Reunion - Turkey	\$ 29.00	_____
SATURDAY -GLR Celebration – London Broil	\$ 35.00	_____
FRIDAY TOUR – Optional - 10:00am – 2:00pm	\$ 48.50	_____

MINI MART SPACE \$ 10.00 _____
(FOR STATES, CLUBS AND MEMBERS FUNDRAISING)

If you are arriving Thursday evening before 6:00 and would like to be included in a dinner reservation please check here _____ Will you require transportation? _____ We will be attending the Nancy Noel Gallery & Colours Restaurant – Dinner will be _____ Pork or _____ Chicken - or _____ Vegetarian
Please check your preference.
Dinner cost \$ 30.00 _____
(Tax & Gratuity included)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE INDICATE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

GFWC-IN

SEND REGISTRATION TO:

Kimberly Meyer
7884 East Hendricks Co. Rd.
Mooresville, IN 46158
Phone # 317-834-0432
E-mail – Kimberly46158@gmail.com

Registration must be received by SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 6, 2013

Embassy Suites Hotel
North 3912 Vincennes Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268
Phone: 317-872-7700 Fax: 317-872-2974
Deadline: September 15, 2013
Call 1-800-362-2779 and use code **IFC**

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*GFWC Illinois in Partnership with PCA Illinois
Cordially Invites You to Attend
The Seventeenth Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon and Fashion Show
"The Gift of... A Promise"*

*Sunday, April 6, 2014
at the Bolingbrook Golf Club
2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, Illinois
11:00 am Social Hour, 12:15 pm Luncheon,
3:00 pm Raffle and Silent Auction Results
\$40.00 per adult - \$18.00 per child 12 years or younger*

Members of GFWC Illinois this is your chance to support our only State fundraiser by asking as many family and friends as possible to attend this annual event. For the past sixteen years we have been raising funds for our state project the prevention of child abuse and,

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

*For those of you who have attended in the past you know what a fun afternoon of fashions, federated camaraderie and good food will be enjoyed by all. Please plan to come early to participate in our lovely Basket raffle, Split the Pot and Silent Auction. So don't delay fill out your reservation below and send it in the
Deadline is March 22, 2014. We'll be waiting to hear from you.*

Reservation for the Sixteenth Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show

Name: _____ Club Name _____

Address: _____ District _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE REPLY BY MARCH 22, 2014

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$40.00 per adult

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$18.00 per child 12 years and younger

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

SEND RESERVATIONS TO: Kathy Koran,

436 S. 73rd Court, Summit, IL 60501

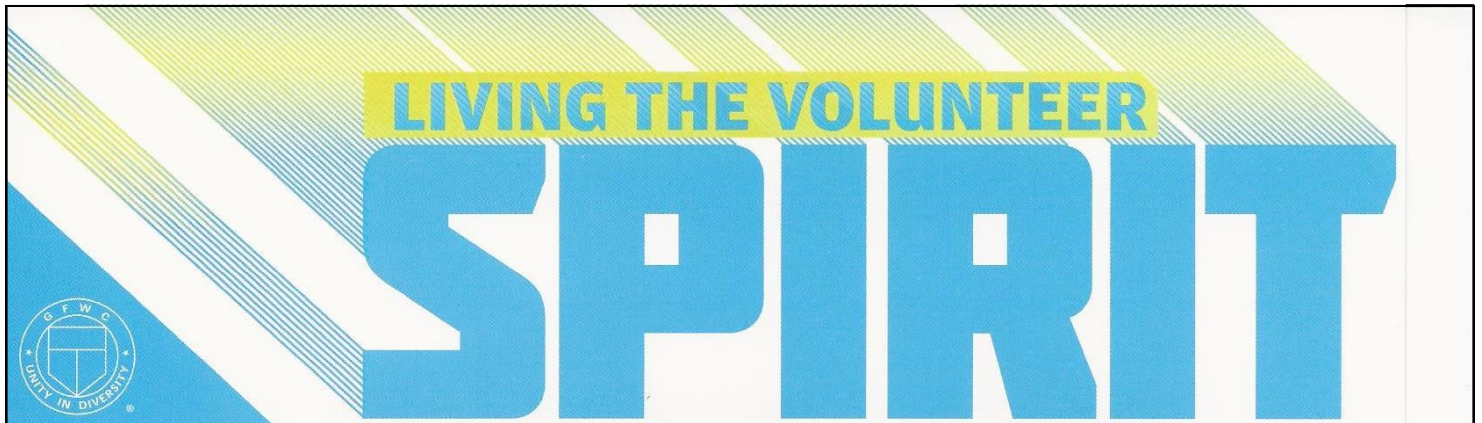
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