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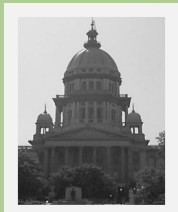
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## With Our Sympathy

GFWC Illinois sends sympathies to  
the following members who have re-  
cently lost love ones:

Darlene Moriearity's husband Norman  
Patricia Heitman's mother Elsa Butler

## On the Cover...

The State of Illinois is a large area and the clubs of GFWC Illinois cover all corners with membership. Focus at this time is Legislation Day (Springfield), Blue Ribbon Fashion Show (Bolingbrook), and the 116th Annual Convention (Rock Island) this year.

## On the Back Page...

New members have joined our Federated family of **"Angels with One Wing"**. GFWC Illinois welcomes these new members and all other members who have recently join a club.

# ... from the helm



## VOLUNTEER WINGS AT WORK 116TH ANNUAL CONVENTION APRIL 28-30, 2011 ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS



Time flies when you are having fun! I can hardly believe that Convention is just around the corner. Yes, Convention. **The reservation deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> – No Fooling!**

We have listened to your concerns and suggestions and made many changes. It is shorter, has duplicates of the varied workshops, is less costly, has shorter processions, officers will be seated with the membership at meal functions that they are not speaking, etc. We look forward to your evaluation of the changes. They are YOUR changes!

Most importantly this is YOUR convention. Time to celebrate YOUR accomplishments, YOUR service to your community, your **VOLUNTEER WINGS AT WORK!**

I hope you will plan to join us in Rock Island, at the end of April. Bring an open mind, an open heart, a spirit ready to spread your wings, learn new things and have some fun.

My latest favorite wing quote is also my advice to each of you. ***“Don’t wait for someone to take you under their wing. Find a good wing and crawl up under it!”***



Check Point Charlie was the only crossing point into East Berlin during the cold war. The main function of the checkpoint was to register and inform members of the Western Military Forces before entering East Berlin. In this same way, Illinois Juniors Check Point Charlie is their application for their ***“Passport to Paradise.”*** Your Check Point is found on the [www.gfwcillinois.org](http://www.gfwcillinois.org) website in the members’ only section, or through the District Directors of Junior Clubs. Your information and application will give you the opportunity to Cruise to the Bahamas! Many members have already submitted their application for their Passport, but it’s not too late to apply for yours! With reports already written, you can review them and start tallying up the points you’ve already achieved towards your chance to win and instead of looking at snow and freezing temperatures next February or March you could be on a cruise to the Bahamas.

The next way you’ll accumulate points will be to attend your Junior District and District Conventions and start making plans to join us in Rock Island for state convention April 28-30, 2011. Illinois Juniors work tirelessly to improve their communities through volunteer service, and we would like to see these outstanding members rewarded for their efforts. However, we need more members to participate. Long time members will want to be sure to step up to the challenge when they hear that the new **HOMER GLEN JUNIOR WOMAN’S CLUB** held their charter ceremony on November 30, 2010, with **30 members!!!** This dynamic group of ladies has already had great fundraising events and given back to their community in ways that are making Homer Glen sit up and take notice. Congratulations to Kathy Young and her executive committee, who even attended the November Junior State Board meeting and took lots of notes to share with their club.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite any member who is interested to join us at any state board meeting.

You will find lots of information, leaders who aren’t intimidating and even have fun! We represent YOU and would like to

hear your ideas and concerns. Just contact me, and I will be happy to provide you with information.

Speaking of information, foreign tourists were informed but not checked in at Check Point Charlie. We don’t want you to be a foreign tourist in GFWC. We will share all information we can, but it is up to you to get checked in. Absorb all you can, then **get involved!** We may even see you in the Bahamas next winter!



Junior Love and Bear Hugs

# Legislation day...

## JOIN US FOR GFWC IL LEGISLATION DAY-SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011**  
**\$15.00 (includes registration and lunch)**



**9:00 am-9:30am Registration-Howlett Building Auditorium**

**Meeting will begin at 9:45am**

**A Legislative Program will be presented**

**State Senators and Representatives have been invited to join us for the program.**

**12:30 pm Lunch in the Hall of Flags**

**The Howlett Building is immediately south of the Capital building . Enter the building's north entrance and go through security. Go straight down the hall to a sign on the left for the Auditorium. Parking is on the street or in the Visitors Center two blocks west of the Capital. Passenger drop-off in front of the Capitol is permitted.**

**A packet will be available for pick up at registration.**

**If you need to book a room, there are many hotels in the Springfield area.**

**Registration Deadline-----Tuesday March 8, 2011**

**Make checks payable to: GFWC Illinois**

**Mail Registration to: GFWC Illinois Headquarters**

**81 North Chicago Street, Suite 406**

**Joliet, Illinois 60432-4395**

**Questions? Call Gerri at 815-641-1285 or email her at [agerrieck@hotmail.com](mailto:agerrieck@hotmail.com)**

**YOU MUST HAVE A PICTURE ID TO PASS THROUGH CAPITAL SECURITY**

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (     )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club/District** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Reservations** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allow yourself plenty of time, as the parking around the Capital is limited.**

**NOTE: When sending in multiple reservations, please include the name & address of each registrant with this form. Copy form if necessary. Agenda subject to change.**

# ...follow the leaders



## LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY by GERRI ECK

According to the GFWC Public Policy Manual here are some suggestions you can use when meeting with your legislators:

- \*\*It is best to write or call ahead to arrange for an appointment. You should list several alternate dates, the purpose of the meeting, how many individuals will be in attendance and what group you are representing.
- \*\*You should be well prepared to present your case, orally and in writing.
- \*\*Assume that the legislator knows few details about the issue when you prepare your presentation. Plan to spend about five to seven minutes briefing the legislator on the issue.
- \*\*You might also prepare a succinct, one-page “talking points” document for your legislator, in addition to in-depth materials for his or her staff members.
- \*\*Be sympathetic to the time demands made on the legislators. Arrive at your appointment on time. Understand that legislators often need to be at two or three different places at the same time—on the chamber floor, at a committee hearing or at a meeting with fellow members. For instance, if your meeting is interrupted or starts late, take it in stride. Wait until the legislator is free again, reschedule, or meet with the staff.
- \*\*Do not get into arguments no matter how much you may disagree with what the legislator or staff member is saying.
- \*\*Always follow up promptly after your meeting. Send any information you promised to provide and a thank you letter recapping the important points of your meeting and detailing next steps.
- \*\*Once established, keep a line of communication open by periodically writing with new information on this and other pertinent issues, or even by just sending a note to say, “You are doing a great job! Keep up the good work!”

**If any club needs information from this manual, I will be able to make copies for you.**



## PIERCE'S PARLIAMENTARY POINTERS THE POWER OF ONE LONE MEMBER by Jacquelyn Pierce



“The majority rules” but ONE LONE MEMBER can challenge with “Why let them?” Yes, ONE LONE MEMBER can legally frustrate the efforts of a majority of the assembly forcing the assembly to impose its wishes through general consent or a formal vote by objecting to:

### 1) Unanimous Consent

Where there appears to be no opposition in routine business time can often be saved by the procedure of unanimous consent. In such cases the presiding officer pronounces a parliamentary five magic words: “If there is no objection...” if no one objects, the presiding officer handles an issue without a formal motion, without debate and without a formal vote. However, ONE LONE MEMBER can force the time-consuming six-step process against the desire of the rest of the assembly by simply objecting to unanimous consent.

### 2) The Vote

ONE LONE MEMBER has the right to require that a voice vote or vote by show of hands be retaken as a rising vote. This is a demand and cannot be challenged by the presiding officer as long as it is not clearly a dilatory effort on the part of the ONE LONE MEMBER.

### 3) The Agenda

Sometimes the chair may skip an item on the order of the business by mistake or choice. However, ONE LONE MEMBER can require the assembly to conform to its agenda, program, or order of business.

The power of ONE LONE MEMBER is acknowledge in parliamentary law and ONE LONE MEMBER needs to also be acknowledged by GFWC Illinois. ONE LONE MEMBER can create personality conflicts; ONE LONE MEMBER can even be the reason for a club to de-federate.

**ONE LONE MEMBER...is there ONE in your club?**

# follow the leaders...

From the desk of Northern Region Vice President...  
Diane Addante



## Membership

The current theme for the Membership Recruitment program is “**A Flurry of Members**”. This covers new members added to your roster during December, January and February, with the report due to GFWC by March 1. Clubs which add three new members during this time, and report it, will be recognized in an upcoming *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*. You can download the reporting form from the Membership Advancement Guide in the Club Manual, page 78. Report any increase in membership – all new members are welcome!

## Buttons and Watches

Wow! We collected over 17 pounds of buttons at the Winter Board meeting, making our total for the year 27 pounds! These buttons are being collected by **SCARCE**, a recycling and education facility in Glen Ellyn, from which they are sent to Uganda. The women there who sew use the buttons to adorn the clothes they make which instantly triples the value of the garment. This is such a simple recycling project and an effective way to help these women economically. I will continue to collect these buttons at State Board or whenever you see me!

Watches for the **American Mural Project** – we collected 172 since the fall, bringing our total to 280! Money has been sent along to cover the cost of placing the watches throughout the mural. Remember to report the watches your club donated under Partnership Projects in the Art Community Service Program. These, I will no longer be collecting, but clubs can continue to send watches to: Sharon WC-GFWC/CT, PO Box 283, Sharon, CT 06069 until further notice. Please remember a donation of \$1 per watch is requested.



## Congratulations to Lincoln Woman's Club A Celebration of 100 Years !

On November 17, 2010 the Lincoln Woman's Club of District 17 had cause to celebrate. They were celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the club building built in November 6, 1910. The building did not start out as Woman's Club but rather Beth-El Temple serving the Jewish population for 17 years in Lincoln.

The building was put up for sale and was purchased by the Lincoln Woman's Club in July of 1927. The Club has maintained and preserved this landmark building for the last 80 years which is located on the corner of McLean and Delevan streets in Lincoln.

To celebrate the occasion members gave a special program entitled “**If These Wall Could Talk**” which reviewed the building's history and usage by the club and community. A Silver Tea of refreshments was served followed by the opening remarks to the invited special guests from the community, past presidents of the club and club members. The Mayor of Lincoln, Keith Synder, spoke at the occasion with praise of the Lincoln Woman's Club members and their endeavors to renovate the building for the past 80 years. The building's historical significance became the focus of this year's Christmas ornament as reported by the Main Street Director, Wanda Rohlf.

A Business Meeting followed the Silver Tea. Members had collected food items that would be given to the Lincoln/Logan Food Pantry and the veterans. President, Sue Beaver thanked her committees for their organizational skills in making this occasion a very special time.



(l to r) Current President Sue Beaver—Honored Past Presidents Bernetta DePuy, Alexis Asher, LouAnn Bleess, Cynthia Klink, Ruth Hoppin, not pictured Marcia Howen

# ...community service programs

## PUBLIC ISSUES

by Donna Cross, Junior Chairman

Leatha Poshard

Fraudsters are using the internet, the mail, and the telephone in many ways to try to make you fall victim to their schemes. It's important to remember that fraudsters are clever at gaining your trust and gathering your personal information. Here are ways to help you recognize the many ways they attempt to gain access to your personal information and money. Below is a list of common fraud schemes you should watch out for.

**Advance Fee / Prepayment** - In this type of fraud the victim sends money to the fraudster in advance of receiving a certain product or service. The fraudster might ask the victim for a small fee in advance to open a new credit card or to secure a loan. Some examples of this type of fraud are credit cards, loans, investments, etc.

**Overpayment** - A common fraud in which the victim is sent a check in payment of a service or product that appears to be valid, but will eventually bounce. Typically the amount of the check exceeds what the victim expects to receive and he or she is instructed to send the excess to the fraudster. When the check bounces the victim is left responsible.

**Employment** - The fraudster will send a check to the victim who has accepted a job. The check can be for multiple reasons such as a signing bonus, supplies, etc. The victim will be instructed to deposit the check and use the money for any of these reasons and then instructed to send the remaining funds to the fraudster. The check will bounce & the victim is left responsible.

**Emergency Funds** - This fraud usually occurs in two ways. Fraudsters will either make you believe they are someone you know or acting on behalf of someone you know. The fraud is based on you sending money for an urgent situation or emergency. The fraudster will create a story such as the need for bail, fines, medical expenses, etc. The fraudster may also use social media sites to further this type of fraud.

**Grandparent** - This fraud is based on the Emergency Funds fraud. The fraudster will contact grandparents and impersonate either their grandchildren or a person of authority such as law enforcement, medical professional or attorney. The fraudster describes an urgent situation or emergency that requires money to be sent immediately.

**Internet Purchases** - Victims are told to send money for a product, auction item, or service to the seller. The fraudster will use a number of tactics to make you believe they are legitimate, but once the victim sends the money they will not receive the purchased item or service.

**Relationship** - Fraudsters will create a fake relationship with the victim who believes it's real, perhaps through online communication. At some point the fraudster will request money for a number of reasons such as travel, medical, etc. In the end the fraudster is only attempting to gain funds and not a relationship.

**Fake Checks** - Fake checks are used for many of the frauds explained in this section. These checks can be used for employment expenses, internet purchases, mystery shopping, etc. Remember not to use funds from a check deposited in your account until it officially clears which can take weeks.

## Arts by Judy Sochor

You still may have time to send in your Photo Contests; they are due to Carolyn March 1, 2011, except the **"A Year in Pictures"** category that is sent directly to GFWC Headquarters at Washington, D.C. by May 1, 2011.

At State convention we will be looking for a lot of entries in the Arts and Crafts Exhibit and paintings for the GFWC Illinois Painting Contest.



# community service programs...

## Communication & Identity Advancement by Phyllis Skubic, Chairman



It's not too late to enter . . . There are three GFWC contests in the Communication & Identity Advancement Program: **Website, Club Newsletter and the Publicity Book** contests are open to every club. One entry per club may be entered in each contest. These two contests are not judged at the state level, they go directly to GFWC in Washington DC. Cash awards will be given to one club in the nation recognizing outstanding achievement in Website and Club Newsletters. Deadline to enter is March 15, 2011. Complete guidelines are included in the GFWC Illinois Report Packet or are available at [www.gfcw.org](http://www.gfcw.org) in the Public Affairs Advancement Guide

**Publicity Book Contest** deadline is, March 1, 2011. Club entries must be mailed to: Communications & Identity Chairman: Phyllis Skubic, 40 Gordon Ave, Coal City IL 60416. I can be reached at (815) 634-2637 or [pskubic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pskubic@sbcglobal.net). Include all materials prepared, printed or aired between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Complete contest guidelines were mailed to every club president in November with the letter from GFWC Illinois President, Nancy H. Willis.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place certificates will be awarded at the GFWC Illinois Convention in April. 1<sup>st</sup> place entry will be forwarded to GFWC for judging and could win up to \$150.00 for your club.



**L**eadership  
**I**ndividuals  
**F**ocus  
**E**nthusiasm

**LEADERSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE  
LIFE OF OUR ORGANIZATION**



***MORE GREAT LEADERSHIP thru...TLC"and TNT!"***  
**Nancy Lee, Leadership Chairman**

**TLC -- TNT -- Tender Loving Care -- Today Not Tomorrow** " -- Words for all of us to remember. If we are to continue implementing the diverse interests and needs of our members, we must instill **TNT - Today Not Tomorrow**" the importance of leadership to each and every member with **TLC - Tender Loving Care**."

Good leadership is the quality which fuses a group into a working unit through which a thought can become an action, and an idea can be transformed into an accomplishment. Leadership can be a test of our own personal integrity, of our capacity to mature through increasing our own awareness of ethical values and spiritual relationships.

Leadership is a GROUP function with a two-fold process - give and take - action and reaction - stimulus and response. When we are leaders, we communicate with our group. Getting people to work together efficiently and effectively is the purpose of leadership. It comes about when you know you have the right personality in the right situation at the right time to do the right job.

As we begin the Year 2011, start today to build strong leaders. None of us are as strong as all of us. Together we can and will build leaders for a strong tomorrow. Create your club image - ready, willing, and able "**Volunteer Wings at Work**" -- with **TLC - TNT - Tender Loving Care - Today Not Tomorrow**."

# ...community service programs



## CONSERVATION by Diana Taylor

There are many areas for Conservation. A new law that takes effect on January 1, 2011, you can no longer dispose of computers, TVs, cell phones, etc. with your trash. It is very important to find a Recycling Center for these items in your town or county that will take these items. If there is no place located near you, this would be a good project for your club and any other organizations or clubs to work with your Town Board or County Board to get a Recycling Center going.

January is **Radon Action Month** and it is a good time to make testing a New Year's resolution. Why test for radon? Testing and mitigation can dramatically reduce the risk of lung cancer. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer following smoking and the first leading cause of non-smokers. Radon is a naturally occurring, colorless, odorless radioactive gas that comes from radioactive decay of uranium in the soil. Radon is also a Class A known human carcinogen.

I would like to remind clubs that you might want to work with your town, city, or with a local food pantries by purchasing vegetable seeds to help people who would like to do gardening in a vacant lot. This would be very beneficial to local people and Food Pantries. Another project that you could work on and involve other organizations is to take and recycle old used T-Shirts. The t-shirts could be made into bags and given to the Food Pantries in your area in which the customers use as bags to carry home food. Connect with other organizations to help with the beautification of your town this year.



## HOME LIFE by Mary Truitt

The Home Life Community Service Program has taken a new name and a new focus. Our mission now is to focus on issues that affect the well-being of individuals families, and communities by providing opportunities and resources to meet and address these needs through volunteering.

What are the needs in your community, with the families or with individuals? At the last GFWC Illinois Board Meeting I presented a **COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT GUIDE** that will help you answer this question. This survey would be useful for all of your Service Programs, working together. Included in this guide are the steps to be taken, who to survey, a survey, and a letter explaining the survey.

If your club has not received the Community Needs Assessment Guide you may call me at 618-283-1534 or e-mail me at [turitt@att.net](mailto:turitt@att.net). Do NOT correct the spelling. I will send a copy of the guide to you.



## EDUCATION by Elaine Bush

### "CHANGE AGENTS"

What self improvement/enrichment programs have you discovered are available in your community? Explore ways of promoting the program whether the sponsors are the local library, school district, church, or college. Encourage members to become **change agents** by meeting with the sponsors to determine how the club might help them.

Are their needs in the areas of self improvement/enrichment not being met? Are literacy levels needing improvement: learning disabilities, continuing education on high school/college levels with early termination of study or learning difficulties, i.e. visual, physical or mental conditions? The club may challenge sponsors in the community to meet the need or develop a program to meet the need!

Find new ways to promote National Library Week, April 10-16; Drop Everything and Read Day, April 12; Children's Book Week, May 2-8; National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 1-7; and National Teacher Appreciation Day, May 3.



## Native American Indians by Lou Brown

The GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs have been working with the American Indian Center for over fifty years. At this time, the AIC's general account is experiencing financial difficulties. Therefore, it is more important than ever that clubs help support the center. All non-monetary donations can be given direct to the American Indian Center, 1630 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60640. Clubs and members sending monetary donations for Native American need to go through your District Treasurer.

### SOME WAYS TO HELP THE CENTER:

- Sponsor an education scholarship or donate some money to GFWC sponsored scholarship.
- Have a Baby Shower at one of your club meetings and donate them to the center.
- Pass a basket around at club meetings for a monetary donation.
- Donate clothing of all sexes.
- Donate school supplies and/or donate food.

# discover the districts...

## District 12

President Patti Kuchar

Co-Directors of Junior Clubs Julie Stiles & Terri Tatroe

GFWC IL Coal City Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC IL DeKalb County Federated Woman's Club  
GFWC IL Hinckley Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC IL Mendota Federated Woman's Club  
GFWC Minooka Federated Woman's Club  
District 12 Junior Officers Woman's Club

Morris Woman's Club  
Past GFWC IL Junior State Board Organization  
GFWC IL Prairie State Woman's Club  
Somonauk Community Junior Woman's Club  
Somonauk Juniorette Woman's Club

Greetings from the 12<sup>th</sup> District Clubwomen! We have 11 clubs in our district, 6 General Clubs, 4 Junior Clubs and 1 Juniorette. District 12 is 106 years old, starting in 1904, but we have the Mendota Federation Woman's Club that started in 1897! Wow that's a long time ago. That is Very Special!!

We have been getting smaller, less members and a few less clubs than when I joined Federation in 1982. But still all clubs are vital to their communities with the projects and programs they provide. We have had and continue to have wonderful District Officers, Board Members, and Club Members, who are willing to go that extra step whenever they are asked. A lot of our Junior Directors and District Presidents have gone on to serve on State Board at some time. District 12 has been represented on the state level in so many ways for the past decades.

Co-Directors of Junior Clubs, Julie Stiles and Terri Tatroe are going strong leading the 4 Junior clubs with new ideas on membership and promoting Federation whenever they can. Junior clubs have lots of projects that they have done for so many years; Oktoberfest (25 years) Bingo, Daddy Daughter Dance, Nursing Homes, and working with our schools with scholarships. They all have big hearts toward so many people in need.

Clubs support Operation Smile, Illinois Leadership Seminar, Support our Soldiers fundraiser, local libraries (over 100 years), and collecting toys for Toys for Tots, just to name a few.



## District 14

President Cathy Marsoun

14th & 15th Director of Junior Clubs Deb Holmes

GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club  
Junior Woman's Club of Rock Island, Illinois  
GFWC Macomb Woman's Club

Milan Woman's Club  
Monmouth Women's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Island

District 14 of GFWC Illinois runs along the Mississippi River from Rock Island County to McDonough County. We have 6 clubs with 180 members.

- President Bonnie Grebner reports that the GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club bought a dishwasher for a local women's shelter. They raised the money by holding two garage sales and raffled an Isabel Bloom statue.
- President May Louise Tannahill of the Junior Woman's Club of Rock Island reports that their club made and sold 214 personalized ornaments. This has been an ongoing project for the club for more than 30 years.
- GFWC Macomb Woman's Club Co-President Sheila Shearer reports they donated \$500 worth of materials to the Macomb Public Library. They collected 111 items for children to be given away through Project Santa.
- Milan Woman's Club President Pam Gauley says they provided one complete outfit, pajamas and \$30 worth of toys for 90 Milan children. They provided lunch for the senior citizens of Comfort Harbor Home and gave them each a gift bag.
- Betty Moore, Monmouth Woman's Club President reports they collected items for the Jamison Center, which provides for the area needy. They concentrated on paper products since these items cannot be purchased with food stamps.
- Gloria Kundert, Woman's Club of Rock Island President reports that they have 3 new members as a result of their Membership Tea in September! They had a good program on the Sauk and Fox tribes, the local Native American tribes that lived in our area, given by the Hauberg Indian Museum.

As you can see, our clubs are all very active. We are very excited for all of you to see our District when you come to the GFWC Illinois Convention in April!

# ...discover the districts

## District 15

President Lois Farber

14th & 15th Director of Junior Clubs Deb Holmes

GFWC IL Abington Junior Woman's Club  
Annawan-Alba Woman's Club  
Avon Woman's Club

GFWC Galesburg Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC IL Geneseo Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC Volunteers Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC Williams Home Culture Club

There are seven clubs in Fulton, Henry, and Knox County, which make up this district. These clubs are rich in history with the oldest club established in 1912, and the newest club began just a couple of years ago by our immediate past Director of Junior Clubs.

We have three members, Marilyn DeMay, Peggy Masterson, and Bunny Dalton who have been Leads Candidates. We can boast that the immediate past GFWC IL Director of Junior Clubs and presently serving as the GFWC IL Special Projects Chairman is Teresa Sanford from Abingdon.

There are great stories of clubs helping to form a Library, to raising funds in the 50's to purchase the first Iron Lung in this area. Our clubs continue to work hard to assist their communities by giving out scholarships, aiding the local food pantry, raising funds to go to local Domestic Violence Centers, and pitch in wherever they see a need in their neighborhood. These members carry on the tradition of so many clubwomen before them to support their communities, state and nation, and to try to make the world a better place for all.



## District 16

President Sandy Behrende

Director of Junior Clubs Karla Burna-Anderson



The Armington Woman's Club  
GFWC East Peoria Woman's Club  
GFWC Femmes Unir Women's Club of Bartonville  
GFWC Lacon Woman's Club  
GFWC Lou Brown's Rainbows  
GFWC McNabb-Magnolia Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC Pekin Woman's Club

Peoria Junior Woman's Club  
Princeton Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC Princeville Woman's Club  
GFWC Toulon Woman's Club  
GFWC Tremont Woman's Club  
Wenona Junior Women's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Princeton



Member Joyce Gibson  
wins the \$100 Money Tree

As a Roving Reporter (President Sandy) for District 16, the spotlight is on Femmes Unir Women's Club of Bartonville, Illinois. GFWC Femmes Unir Women's Club of Bartonville's President Carleen Leach held another successful Salad Luncheon on Saturday, November 13, 2010. There was a boutique sale and raffle items in addition to a great salad buffet. Approximately \$6,000 was raised in which all proceeds are given back to the community through the club's projects. In addition to the Salad Luncheon the club has been making caps for kids to be given to patients waiting for surgery at OSF Children's Hospital.

In November this club collected canned goods for Limestone Community High School for baskets to be given to the community at Thanksgiving. In December they dressed dolls and bears for the Salvation Army for Christmas and collected a car full of toys for a local food pantry. The ladies play Bingo at Bel-Wood Nursing Home three times a year. They also collect Christmas, birthday and misc. cards that the nursing home can use in their activity department. These members collect coupons for service men and women which are distributed through the local American Legion.

District 16 will have their District Annual Convention on April 21, 2012 in Creve Coeur, IL.

# blue ribbon fashion show...



## Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show

**Saturday April 2, 2011**

Plans are underway for another wonderful **GFWC Illinois Blue Ribbon Fashion Show!** How can you help? Make reservations for yourself, fellow club members and guests! By helping us with reservations for the fashion show YOU can help your club win **\$100!** We've got an incentive for you:

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

The cost remains at a great value of **\$35.00!** This year's show will be held at the beautiful **BOLINGBROOK GOLF CLUB, 2001 Rodéo Drive, Bolingbrook, Illinois.** The Bolingbrook Golf Club is conveniently located just minutes from I-55 (Stevenson Expressway – exit Weber Road). It will be a perfect setting for our amazing fashion show! Remember, the Blue Ribbon Fashion Show will be held on **Saturday, April 2, 2011!**

### **RAFFLE BASKETS**

We are once again looking for donations for themed basket worth a minimum of \$50.00. It can be worth more, but it needs to be at least \$50.00 in value. If you or your club cannot support this request, we would like for you to consider making a monetary donation (made payable to GFWC ILLINOIS) and the committee will use toward building baskets.

Please contact me so that we can make arrangements for receiving your donated basket. If you would like to ship it to me, please send it by March 15<sup>th</sup>. I thank you in advance for your generous support of the Blue Ribbon Fashion Show and the prevention of child abuse.

**Deb Strahanoski**

**Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show Chairman**

**1011 Galway Road, Joliet, IL 60431 / [debbie@wjscpa.net](mailto:debbie@wjscpa.net) / 815-436-4829**



# ...blue ribbon fashion show

## GFWC Illinois Federation Of Women's Clubs

Cordially invite you to attend the  
**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show**  
**to benefit Prevent Child Abuse Illinois**  
(a non-profit 501 (3) organization)

**Saturday, April 2, 2011**

**Bolingbrook Golf Club**  
**2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, Illinois**  
(off I-55 at exit Weber Road – 25 miles south of Oak Brook)

11am Social  
12pm Luncheon Fashion Show Raffles

\$35 per person  
\$15 for children (10 years or younger)

**Come early to take advantage of the Diamond Girl Raffle, Basket Raffles,  
Split the Pot and Silent Auction!!**

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### Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

#### REPLY BY MARCH 18, 2011

Please Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$35 per person

Please Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ table(s) at \$350 per table

Kindly accept my donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please seat the following people together: \_\_\_\_\_



**Send Reservations to: GFWC IL Headquarters, Attention: Jennifer, 81 North Chicago St., Suite 406,  
Joliet, IL 60432. Questions on Reservations contact, Teresa Summers, Reservation Chairman at  
815-342-1107 or [tsummers5@sbcglobal.com](mailto:tsummers5@sbcglobal.com).**

**Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.**

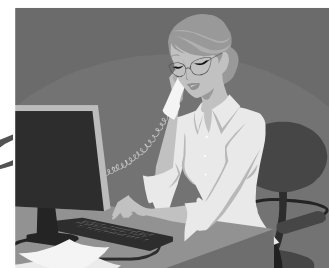
# job description...

## THE POSITION OF GFWC ILLINOIS SECRETARY

by Karen Wrzesinski,

As State Secretary, I take the minutes at every Executive and State Board meeting. I sometimes feel like I am acting as the State Historian, recording the motions, discussions, and reports from the Board of Directors. I usually spend an additional hour or two going over the minutes, filling in the blanks, and checking my spelling! By using my computer to take the minutes, it makes it much easier to make corrections. I sometimes wonder what it would have been like to have taken the minutes by hand, then hand write all the minutes before computers or typewriters!

I really enjoy meeting club women from all over the state. When I attend Board Meetings, Summer Seminars, Regional Meetings and Conventions, I feel as if I am an ambassador for the Executive Board. I answer any questions I am asked if I do not know the Answer I'll find out so I can give the correct information. I am proud to be a member of GFWC and sometimes feel like I am a cheerleader for our organization. Just remember, I am just like every other clubwoman and very approachable.



## THE POSITION OF GFWC ILLINOIS JUNIOR SECRETARY

by Tammy Welter

Tammy Welter, GFWC IL Junior Secretary job is basically the same as Karen's, I also take the minutes for the Junior Executive and Board Meetings. Candy sends me by e-mail the agenda so that I have it on my laptop. I am then able to type the minutes as the meetings are going on. I later review and make any necessary corrections to spelling and/or grammar before sending them out to all the Board Members. The idea is to get them out within a few weeks so that the meeting is still somewhat fresh in the minds of the Board Members and they can let me know if there will be corrections to be made. I note them and bring them up at the next meeting.

Another one of my jobs is the chair of the Revisions Committee. The Revisions Committee reviews our Junior Standing Rules to see if there are any changes or additions that need to be made to bring our Standing Rules up to date. If we find any changes we recommend them to the Board and vote on them. I have been a part of the Junior Board for over ten years and have met a lot of great clubwomen throughout the State. Our board meetings are held in different communities throughout the state and it has been great to meet the clubwomen who are eager to share their communities with us. I am always available by phone or e-mail to answer any questions and if I don't know the answer am happy to either find it for you or direct you to someone else who may be able to help.

**GFWC Illinois Convention  
April 28-30, 2011  
Rock Island, IL**

**“Volunteer Wings At Work”**



# ...GFWC IL Convention

## **GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS** **ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**      **"VOLUNTEER'S WINGS AT WORK"**

### DAILY HOURS

|                                   |                          |                    |                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Registration & Credentials        | Thursday, April 28, 2011 | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM  | LOBBY          |
|                                   | Friday, April 29, 2011   | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  |                |
|                                   | Saturday, April 30, 2011 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM |                |
| Information Desk                  | Thursday, April 28, 2011 | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM  | LOBBY          |
|                                   | Friday, April 29, 2011   | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  |                |
|                                   | Saturday, April 30, 2011 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM |                |
| Arts & Crafts Room                | Thursday, April 28, 2011 | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM  | BLARNEY        |
|                                   | Friday, April 29, 2011   | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  |                |
|                                   | Saturday, April 30, 2011 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM |                |
| Exhibitors/Federation Fundraising | Thursday, April 28, 2011 | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM  | SICILY SAX     |
|                                   | Friday, April 29, 2011   | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  | (second floor) |
|                                   | Saturday, April 30, 2011 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM |                |

### PRECONVENTION ACTIVITIES

|                           |                    |                                                  |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, April 27, 2011 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  | Executive Committee Meeting                      |
|                           | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  | Jackie's Bow Ties Dinner/Meeting                 |
|                           |                    | (Guests are welcome, see form in Clubwoman Mag.) |
| Thursday, April 28, 2011  | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Pre-Convention Board of Director's Meeting       |

### TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

|                          |                     |                                                   |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday, April 28, 2011 | 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM   | <b>Session I Business</b> - Opening of Convention |
|                          | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM   | Group Pictures                                    |
|                          | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM   | <b>Session II Opening Banquet</b> -               |
|                          |                     | <i>"Spread Our Wings and Fly"</i>                 |
|                          | 9:30 PM - 10:30 PM  | First-Time Attendees Reception                    |
| Friday, April 29, 2011   | 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM   | Junior Board of Directors Pre-Convention Meeting  |
|                          | 7:30 AM - 8:45 AM   | Past State Board Members Breakfast                |
|                          | 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  | <b>Session III Business</b>                       |
|                          | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM  | <b>Session IV Unity Luncheon</b> -                |
|                          |                     | <i>"Lovable, Huggable, Volunteers"</i>            |
|                          | 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM   | Workshops                                         |
|                          | 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM   | <b>Session V Junior Business</b>                  |
|                          | 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM   | Workshops                                         |
|                          | 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM   | Group Pictures                                    |
|                          | 6:30 PM             | Social Time                                       |
|                          | 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM  | <b>Session VI Federation Banquet</b>              |
|                          |                     | <i>"On the Wings of Love"</i>                     |
|                          | 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM | President's Reception                             |
| Saturday, April 30, 2011 | 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM   | Junior Board of Directors Post Convention Meeting |
|                          | 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM  | <b>Session VII Final Business Meeting</b>         |
|                          | 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM  | <b>Session VIII Celebration Luncheon</b>          |
|                          |                     | <i>"We've Earned Our Wings"</i>                   |

# GFWC IL Convention...

## Cruising to Convention!



Come aboard the exciting *Wings of Volunteers* cruise line as the crew members of Jackie's Bow Ties host "*Cruising to Convention*"! All GFWC Illinois Members are welcome to set sail for adventure, fun and friendship **Wednesday April 27, 2011** at the Holiday Inn Rock Island. Live onboard! Our favorite performer Nick Strahanoski he will sings a variety of music for all ages. Book your dinner cruise **today** and don't forget to wear your cruise apparel! It's a perfect way to start your convention experience!

**Wednesday April 27, 2010**

**Holiday Inn Rock Island**

**Social 6:30 pm—Cash Bar**

**Dinner, Entertainment & Fun starting at 7:00 pm**

**Cruise Cost: \$28.00 per person**

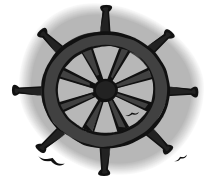
**Come Aboard!**



*Cruising to Convention*

Wednesday April 27, 2011

**CRUISE RESERVATION FORM**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

REPLY BY APRIL 1, 2011

Please Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ your cruise ticket at \$28 per person

Send Reservations to: **Deb Strahanoski, President of Jackie's Bow Ties**  
**1011 Galway Road, Joliet, IL 60431**

**Meal Selection: Chicken Supreme Dinner**

Spinach Salad, Boneless Breast of Chicken  
Sautéed & topped with supreme sauce,  
Served on a bed of long grain wild rice  
And a medley of steamed fresh vegetables.  
Assorted cheesecake for dessert,  
Coffee, tea and lemonade.

**Dietary Restriction** - please indicate below. Also,  
list substitutions that will fit your dietary needs.

# ...GFWC IL Convention

## GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

"Volunteer's Wings at Work"

April 28 - 30, 2011

### HOTEL INFORMATION

**Holiday Inn Rock Island Hotel & Conference Center**  
**226 17<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 1, Rock Island, IL 61201**  
**(309) 794 -1212**

**CONVENTION RATE: \$69.00 plus local taxes and occupancy tax**

Reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly at (309) 794 -1212, please specify that you are with GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs. All reservations require a one night advance deposit on a major credit card. A 24 hour advance cancellation notice is required for deposit refund. Hotel Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is 11:00 a.m. Guests arriving before 3:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms are available. Please be aware that although an adequate block of rooms has been reserved for us, the availability of reservations at the group rate cannot be guaranteed if the block has been filled or the cutoff date has passed.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2011**



### **Past State Board Members from the desk of Marge Nelson, President**

The organization of Past State Board Members of the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs would like to invite any past and present GFWC Illinois Board Members to rejoin or join our organization for the very low cost of \$3.00. What a bargain!

Our annual breakfast meeting will be on Friday, April 29, 2011, at the Holiday Inn, Rock Island, IL in the Blarney Stone Room on the 1st floor. The breakfast will start at 7:00 am to 9:00 am. The breakfast includes Texas French toast, fruit cup, coffee, tea (iced or hot) or lemonade. The cost is \$12.00.

Please send dues or dues and cost of breakfast to Treasurer MaryAnne DeGiacomo, 329 Tamarack Ave., Naperville, IL 60540 by April 1, 2011. Make check payable to **GFWC Illinois Past State Board**.

This President's special emphasis is "**ANGELS OF COUNTRY-OUR ARMED FORCES**"

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### **Past State Board Members of GFWC Illinois**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

2011-2012 DUES \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_ BREAKFAST RESERVATION \$12.00: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

# GFWC IL Convention...

## GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

"Volunteer's Wings at Work"

April 28 - 30, 2011

### CONVENTION MEAL RESERVATION RULES

**ALL SEATS WILL BE RESERVED.** Table numbers will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Friends wishing to be seated together should mail reservations in the same envelope or if sent separately, please indicate with whom you wish to be seated and the meal events that each will be attending. The reverse side of the form may be used. Each person attending must submit an individual meal reservation.

**NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT CONVENTION** except for those posted on the bulletin board at the Information Table. In the event that your club has extra meal tickets please place a notice for the sale of these tickets on the bulletin board at the Information Table. Extra meal tickets occasionally become available when someone is unable to attend; however you are responsible for the sale of those tickets as no refunds will be given.

**A CONVENTION BADGE AND MEAL TICKET** will be required for admittance to all meal functions. The Doorkeepers will be strictly enforcing this so PLEASE comply with this Convention Rule. Meal tickets will be collected at your table.

**MEAL RESERVATION DEADLINE:** Must be Postmarked by April 1, 2011. Reservations postmarked April 2 through April 15, 2011 must include a \$5.00 per meal function late fee. **NO** postdated checks will be accepted.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Both the Credentials/Registration fee and Meal Reservation total amount may be included on the same check. Make checks payable to GFWC Illinois and mail to GFWC Illinois Headquarters, 81 N. Chicago St., Suite 406, Joliet, IL 60432 - 4395 postmarked by April 1, 2011.



### GFWC Illinois Convention Program Thursday, April 28, 2011 Dinner Banquet presents Perfect 5th

The Perfect 5th is a mixed quartet from Quad City area. They have many years of experience singing as a group of all kinds of audiences. Together with their piano accompanist, they can provide music for any occasion. The group has performed together for weddings, anniversaries, church concerts, and private business parties of all types. Perfect 5th can custom design the appropriate type of entertainment for your function or group. They enjoy performing a variety of styles of music; including light jazz, pop, sacred and love songs of all eras.

GFWC Illinois Convention  
April 28-30, 2011  
Rock Island, IL

# ...GFWC IL Convention

## MEAL RESERVATION FORM

**EACH MEMBER** ordering meal tickets must complete this Meal Reservation Form and mail with total amount of money post marked by **APRIL 1, 2011** to: GFWC Illinois Headquarters, 81 N. Chicago St., Ste. 406, Joliet, IL 60432-4395. Reservations postmarked **APRIL 2 through APRIL 15, 2011 MUST INCLUDE A \$5.00 LATE FEE PER MEAL FUNCTION.**

|                      |                    | <u>No. of<br/>Tickets</u> | <u>Ticket<br/>Amount</u> | <u>Enclosure<br/>Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Opening Banquet      | Thursday, April 28 | _____                     | \$30.00                  | _____                       |
| Unity Luncheon       | Friday, April 29   | _____                     | \$22.00                  | _____                       |
| Federation Banquet   | Friday, April 29   | _____                     | \$32.00                  | _____                       |
| Celebration Luncheon | Saturday, April 30 | _____                     | \$20.00                  | _____                       |
|                      |                    |                           | Late Fees                | _____                       |
|                      |                    |                           | <b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>      | _____                       |

( ) Please indicate here if you require changes in menus (food allergies, vegetarian, religious beliefs). Please specify changes below with alternate foods listed i.e. no lettuce please substitute cottage cheese.

**NO RESERVATIONS OR REFUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 15, 2011  
ALL TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT REGISTRATION**

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ IL ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a State Board Member, Junior Board Member, Convention Committee Member or a Past State President,  
PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS FORM; please use the "Special Meal Reservation Form"**

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To allow for enough room & media handouts we are asking you to select the Workshop you wish to attend in order of interest. Please number them 1 through 4. While we will try to honor all your requests they will be assigned on an as received basis.

\_\_\_\_\_ Programs are just a phone call away

\_\_\_\_\_ Pamper Yourself, Please

\_\_\_\_\_ Club Communication & Identity...needs YOU.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gardening Your Stress Away

Workshops will be held in two sessions, all on Friday, May 29 from 3:15 - 4:00 and from 4:15 - 5:00

# GFWC convention center...

## GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION "Volunteer's Wings at Work"

### CREDENTIALS / REGISTRATION

All Convention attendees (Delegates and Non-Voting Members) shall pick up their **OWN** credentials. Admittance to all Convention activities requires a Credentials Badge. Please refer questions concerning credentials/registration directly to the Credentials Chairman, Betty Koran at (708) 458-2922 or e-mail [georgekoran@aol.com](mailto:georgekoran@aol.com).

#### CREDENTIALS / REGISTRATION HOURS

Thursday, April 28, 2011 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Friday, April 29, 2011 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, April 30, 2011 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM:** This will be mailed to each Club and District President specifying the number of Delegates per club according to their paid membership as of March 1, 2011. Delegates must be registered for the entire Convention. This registration form will be mailed with the Call to Convention.

**DELEGATE CREDENTIALS / REGISTRATION FEE:** Registration fee is \$20.00 for the entire Convention - April 28 - 30 2011. Registration must be post marked on or before April 1, 2011. Credentials/Registration fee postmarked after April 1, 2011 is \$25.00. Make all checks payable to GFWC Illinois

**NON - VOTING MEMBERS REGISTRATION FORM:** Please use the form below to register. Please specify the day or days you will be attending i.e. April 28, April 29 or April 30.

**NON - VOTING MEMBERS CREDENTIALS / REGISTRATION FEE:** Non - Voting members may register for the entire Convention, April 28 - 30 2011 - at \$20.00 or for one or more days at \$10.00 per day. Registration must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2011 Credentials/Registration fee postmarked after April 1, 2011 is \$25.00. Make checks payable to GFWC Illinois.

*Past GFWC Illinois Presidents, personal guests of the President, vendors and those invited as participants shall not be required to pay a registration fee.*

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#### CREDENTIAL REGISTRATION FORM FOR NON-VOTING MEMBERS ONLY

**Registration Fee: \$20.00 for 3 Days or \$10.00 per Day**

**Please specify day(s) attending: 1<sup>st</sup> Day, April 28, 2<sup>nd</sup> Day, April 29, 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, April 30**

**DISTRICT** \_\_\_\_\_ **CLUB NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

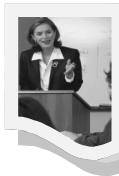
**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make all checks payable to GFWC Illinois**

# ...GFWC convention center

**GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS  
ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
"Volunteer's Wings at Work"**

## Great Workshops being offered at Convention!

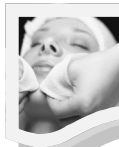


Calling all GFWC IL members attending convention...sign-up for workshops planned for **Friday April 29, 2011**. There will be two workshop sessions, **Session 1 from 3:15pm to 4:00pm** and **Session 2 from 4:15pm to 5:00pm**. You will have the opportunity to take advantage of workshops that will assist you in your club work or that are for YOU! Review the exciting interactive, hands-on workshops that are planned. You will need to register for these workshops at the time you register for convention. These workshops have limited space so sign-up today!



### **Gardening your Stress Away**

Do you say "echinacea purpurea" instead of "purple coneflower," or "nicotiana" instead of "flowering tobacco"? Do you know the best methods for ridding a garden of Colorado potato beetles or aphids? If you're a master gardener at heart, then this workshop is for you!



### **Pamper Yourself Please**

Everyone needs a break. Stress from work, home life and volunteering can take a toll on your body as well as your mental state of mind. This is why you should always pamper yourself and de-stress yourself. Give yourself a facial, exfoliate your skin and relax!



### **Club Communications & Identity...needs YOU!**

Publicizing your club's projects and initiatives increases community awareness, attracts new members, and opens doors to worthwhile partnerships. Everything you do has public relations components. Need tools to get the identity of your club out in the community. Then here's the workshop for you! Presented by Phyllis Skubic, GFWC IL Communications & Identity Chairman.



### **Programs are just a phone call away!**

Looking for an inexpensive club program? Are you looking for a specific topic for a club program? Discuss the many ways to get great club programs that are just a phone call away. Presented by Gloria Kundert, GFWC IL Program Bureau Chairman.

If you have any questions on the workshops contact Deb Strahanoski, GFWC IL Vice Convention Chairman, 815-436-4829 or email [debbie@wjscpa.net](mailto:debbie@wjscpa.net).



# GFWC convention center...

## GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION "Volunteer's Wings at Work"

### FINE ARTS IN THE QUAD CITY AREA

Quad-City Music Guild is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high-quality musical entertainment in the Quad Cities. For the Guild, the 2010 schedule will mark the 62nd season of presenting productions in Prospect Park Auditorium, Moline.

It all began on the evening of June 22, 1949, when a small group of faithful supporters sat on park benches in the old Chautauqua building to see the first Guild show, Victor Herbert's **"Sweethearts."** Tickets cost \$1.50. The idea flourished and the enthusiastic response to the new organization's first show prompted presentation of three shows in 1950, a pattern that followed until 2000. Audiences continued to respond, and in 1996, QCMG welcomed its 500,000th patron to Prospect Park in Moline. Since then, 50,000 more patrons have visited our theater.

Quad-City Music Guild has provided the excitement of live theater exclusively using Quad City area performers. The QCMG founders' decision to use only local, non-professional residents in all production aspects became a governing principle of the organization. Through the years thousands of area residents have been involved in the productions, some for a single show, others for a season or several years, real veterans for decades.

In June 2000, QCMG completed a \$1.4 million renovation of the theater. The project included: a new 4800 square foot lobby; new restrooms; handicapped accessible parking; a new roof; new maintenance free exterior; a new ticket office; a new concessions area; air conditioning and heating; and reupholstered/restored seating. The complete project was met with great enthusiasm from our patrons. All of our 2000 productions were complete



### **Britten Follett** **GFWC Illinois Convention Program** **Friday, April 29, 2011 Dinner Banquet**

As a television reporter, Britten covered the story about a child named Kelsey and her death. She broke the news to Kelsey's family, the two years old' death was a homicide. Because of Britten's dedication to uncovering corruption with Oklahoma's Department of Human Services, a long list of parents and grandparents sought her help fighting the system. Due to confidentiality laws, many of those stories will never be told; however, Britten has spent years investigating the intimate details of the back room deals and negligence behind Kelsey's story. Because Kelsey's dead, her story can be told.

Britten's television reports earned her an Edward R. Murrow Award, three Emmy nominations along with six state and regional broadcasting awards, including Oklahoma's 2005 Best Investigation Report.

She is graduate Summa Cum Laude from Southern Illinois University, where she was an award winning Division One volleyball player. Two of her fiction stories have been published in literary journals.

Britten is no stranger to the book business. Five generations ago, her family founded Follett Corporation. Britten has returned to her roots in Illinois to work as the International Marketing Manager for Follett Corporation. When Britton is not traveling for work, she is traveling across the country, educating the public on **Child Abuse Prevention**, in hopes of keeping another child's smiling face from becoming the cover of a heart-wrenching book.

# ...GFWC convention center

## **GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs One Hundredth Sixteenth Annual Convention April 28 - 30, 2011 - Holiday Inn - Rock Island**

### **2011 DOOR PRIZE REQUEST**



TO: GFWC Illinois Clubs (Generals, Juniors & Junioresettes)  
FROM: Deb Strahanoski, Convention Vice Chairman,  
815-436-4829 or email [debbie@wjscpa.net](mailto:debbie@wjscpa.net)



The 116<sup>th</sup> Annual GFWC Illinois will be held April 28-30, 2011 at the Holiday Inn in Rock Island, Illinois.  
A welcomed tradition of GFWC Illinois is the door prizes that are given away during meal functions throughout convention.

At this time I am asking for your help in a donation of a door prize. Door prizes are to be a minimum of **\$25**. This can be a cash donation or a gift (gift basket for example) valued at \$25 or more. To assure that proper recognition is given for your gift/donation, please complete the form below and return to Deb Strahanoski, Vice Convention Chairman.

Your kind donation will be accepted at any time, but to be included in the Convention Program, please fill out the form below and send it to me by **March 15, 2011**. You can also bring your door prize donation to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting, **March 4 & 5, 2011** at the Holiday Inn in Rock Island. If you do not plan to or cannot attend the Spring Meeting, please deliver your door prize donation to your District President or a GFWC IL Board member from your district, prior to the dates noted above.

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

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### **“Rake In New Members”**

**General Federation of Women's Clubs  
(GFWC)  
Arlington Heights Woman's Club  
District 7**

On November 3, 2011, Arlington Heights Woman's Club installs 10 new members at their installation ceremony held at the meeting room of the Arlington Heights Library. Picture and ceremony were prepared by member Gail Shilts.



(l) Colleen Herman, Teri Wolber, Geri Twardowski, Cordella Benedict (not pictured) Becky Henson

### **“A Flurry Of Members”**

**General Federation Of Women's Clubs  
Franklin Grove Woman's Club (GFWC)  
District 13**

The Franklin Grove WC proudly welcomed 5 new members at their January 3, 2011 meeting. Teri Wolber & Becky Henson joined the club In October 2010, and Geri Twardowski, Cordella Benedict & Colleen Herman joined the club in December, 2010. Each new member received a GFWC Illinois pin from, Co-President Dottie Hillison.

