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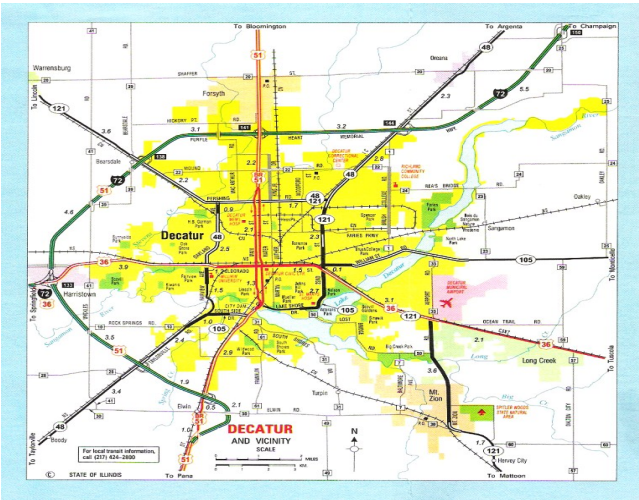
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GFWC ILLINOIS 117TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

ALL ROADS LEAD TO DECATUR, ILLINOIS



Largest city
and county
seat of
Macon
County

Home of
Milikin
University

Decatur is
the 6th most
populous
city

Year
2010
Population
6,122

Founded in 1823

“The Soybean Capital of the World”

Located along the
Sangamon River and
Lake Decatur in
Central Illinois

City motto is
“Decatur, We Like It Here”

City named
after a
War of 1812
Naval hero
Stephen
Decatur Jr.

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"Volunteer Wings At Work"



New Headquarters Address

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As we say goodbye to **Jennifer Groholski**, we also say hello to **Deana Justak** who will take on the position of GFWC Illinois Headquarters' Secretary/Office Manager.

Jennifer has secured a new job but still remains an active Joliet Junior member.

We thank Jennifer for her commitment to GFWC in all that she does and will do in the future for this organization. We wish many good days to follow.

We welcome Deana and wish for her a good experience in this position. Everything we do in life creates the person of whom we are today. Give Deana some time to adjust to her new position and the new office.

On the Cover...

GFWC Illinois will meet in Decatur, Illinois on May 3-5, 2012 for the 117th Annual Convention. All roads will lead to Convention as we have "Angel Wings at Work" setting up this year's gala affair in Decatur, Illinois.

GFWC Illinois Executive Committee

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With Our Sympathy

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

Bernie Hoagland's husband John
Lois Farber's brother
Marriet Harrison's son Harvey Smith
Patti Kuchar's niece
Pat Heitman's brother Leo Butler

On the Back Page...

GFWC Illinois emblem selected by members.

... From the Helm



Wow! It's hard to believe that time flies by so quickly! Your Volunteer Wings have done a tremendous amount of work this past year and a half. One of my favorite things about serving as your State President has been the opportunity to see your diverse projects up close through your eyes! It never ceases to amaze me how much can be accomplished by a dedicated group of volunteers!

GFWC Illinois has experienced a lot of change lately. After months of less than pleasant conditions at our old head quarter, we moved. An outstanding search committee composed of officers & past presidents selected a suitable new location in August. After jumping through all the legal hoops necessary to get out of our old lease, we rose to the challenge of MOVING all the stuff in December! The most fiscally responsible thing at this time was to DOWNSIZE. We went from 1100 square feet of office space to a little under 700 square feet. We will be saving a LOT of rent & utility money, but, less space means that something had to go!

I cannot thank enough the members of the Executive Committee that gave up many, many hours to sort & purge the accumulation of stuff at headquarters to make downsizing possible. We are STILL deciding what fits in your new headquarters! Excess furniture has been donated to Easter Seals & the University of St. Francis. Documents are being scanned & saved electronically, where possible. Physical documents that must be kept forever are being stored in acid free plastic to preserve them for future generations. Soon our **"First Ladies"** will be back on the walls smiling down upon us.

Along with a change to the new location, we have a new Executive Secretary. For the past year and a half Jennifer Groholski has shared her talents with us. Jen has accepted a new, better paying position. While we are sad to see her go, we are happy for her success! Taking her place is Deana Justak. Deana has been at work since the first of the year. While Deana has been a clubwoman for a few years, she has a lot to absorb in her new position. Please ... forget not to be kind!

I hope to see a lot of you in March at LEADS, Legislation Day, and the Blue Ribbon Fashion Show and then in May for Convention! Take care,
Nancy H. Willis GFWC Illinois 2010-2012 State President.



Although the calendar says January, it's already time to be thinking of the great opportunity to gather with Federation friends as we celebrate the accomplishments of 2011 at the 2012 annual State Convention in Decatur. Wow, time is flying by as we are already busy writing the reports for the final year of this administration! I know that as you complete reports, that your club has earned the recognition that is given at our conventions. Each club's contributions to their community are tremendous, and each member is to be commended for their dedication to GFWC and its programs.

You will want to carefully review the schedules and deadlines for convention, found elsewhere in this issue. In particular I would like to point out Junior Day, the Junior Business Session, where the next administration officers will be elected and the Junior Installation Banquet as we move from one administration to the next. I also look forward to presenting Pat Broggi with the wonderful contributions to CRF. Our clubs have stepped it up this year and it's not too late to contribute.

Even as we look toward Convention, I would like to remind you that we still have a lot of time left this club year, and your Junior Board of Director's is still here to serve you. It is not too late to plan new projects and programs for this club year, and each chairman is more than happy to help you accomplish your goals. Speaking of chairmen and the next administration-- please be sure to seriously consider taking on a new challenge and sharing your talents with GFWC by taking a position the next level up in GFWC. Your District and State boards need to have fresh new faces in order to continue the tradition of GFWC volunteers, and many of YOU are the future of this great organization! The road to becoming IL Director of Jr. Clubs is something I would never change and I wish that I could share all that I have experienced with our dedicated members and the friendships that have grown.

Your next step is to attend Convention, learn all you can and reap the awards, enthusiasm and friendships that you will find. Then take those with you and spread the joy across your community and the world. Once you do the rewards just keep coming back to you. I'll be waiting to greet you in Decatur with great big Bear HUGS for the Loveable, Huggable Volunteers of Illinois!

Junior Love,
Candy Godbee, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Woman's Clubs 2010-2012



Future Leadership...

GFWC Illinois Candidate for Office of President 2012-2014



Office of
President
2012-2014
Patricia
Heitman

Thirty-eight years ago it was my pleasure to join a group of women and collaborate on the organization of Manhattan Woman's Club that was chartered in 1975 by GFWC Illinois as Manhattan Junior Woman's Club. It would not be my first adventure in club work. The beginning was 4-H, Choir, Drama Club, gymnastics, and Jobs Daughters that was the lead-in for Girl and Boy Scouts, PTO, Church Board, baseball and holding of elected positions on the Library and school boards. In Woman's Club after starting as Secretary-Treasurer, the Presidency came next then moving to district level as Junior Secretary and District Director of Junior Clubs. After having held several positions on district level became District President not once but twice; from there on to the State Board, Headquarters Secretary and now on to the Presidency. Club work has always been most rewarding to me; being able to learn new things and serve the community in the process. The idea of being able to meet many women that probably would never have entered my life in any other way is one of the greatest rewards of being a clubwoman.



GFWC Illinois Candidate for Office of Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014



Office of
Director of
Junior
Clubs
2012-2014

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. Einstein I love this!!

It evokes how I feel about GFWC.

I can't tell you how many "teaching moments" I have had in my 20 plus years in GFWC! And I am sure you have had some of the same. What I am most excited about is today & tomorrow! This is the season of reporting, awarding and celebrating.

Reporting, it's important, because it's our scorecard. It's the way we measure and frame success and how we start planning for the future with solid information. I can't wait to hear about all of our Illinois Clubs' projects! Awarding, it's how we spotlight our accomplishments and cheer on our sister clubs! Celebrating, Ahhhh, Junior District Conventions, District Conventions and the biggie....State Convention!! What an amazing time of year to revel over the past years accomplishments, see our longtime friends and make new friends & memories.

Living for today, I'm not sure I could find a Clubwoman who doesn't....and I'm so proud to call you all my friends.

Tomorrow...I not only hope, but know, that tomorrow comes with the promise of growth, positive changes, memories, friends, events and remarkable experiences!

Hoping I see you at Convention.

Trisha

GFWC Illinois Special Emphasis...

“Our Promise A Safe Place For Every Child” GFWC Illinois Special Project Chairman: Teresa Sanford

NEVER SHAKE A BABY! This advice is probably unnecessary for most of us. However, that may not be true for many parents and caregivers. Often they do not realize the damage that can happen when a small child is shaken. Too often frustration and anger causes someone to lose their cool. GFWC members have heard about the damage that can occur (brain bleed, blindness, paralysis, seizures, retardation, developmental delays and even death). We can do something to help! Below are some ways you and your members can help educate your own community.

- Distribute brochures throughout the community (contact PCA-Illinois at **217-522-1129**)
- Order posters and place them in high traffic areas
- Borrow the video from PCA and warn teens and young parents of dangers
- Donate a video to your local hospital or health department
- Encourage day care providers to learn about SBS and provide training to staff
- Order Never Shake a Baby business cards for the community
- Hold a public awareness fair on child abuse prevention



**Deb & Teresa
The dynamic duo
For PCA**

Here is another way to help PCA. Plan right now to attend the Blue Ribbon Style Show on March 31 in Bolingbrook. Debbie Strahanoski, our coordinator and her committee are working hard to top last year's event. They can't do it alone! So plan on donating a basket, make a donation for PCA, or come and join the fun! I'll plan to see you there.

Last Chance! Send in the number of angels you or your district has purchased during this administration and win a special angel at our May convention. There will be an angel for the district selling the most and one for an individual as well. You can still request some from me or Debbie Strahanoski. They are \$10 each with \$5 going to PCA-Illinois. **Deadline is April 15th.**



Blue Ribbon Fashion Show and Luncheon Saturday, March 31, 2012

Proceeds of this event will help sponsor our commitment to the
Prevention and Awareness of Child Abuse in Illinois.

Mark your calendar for this very special event.

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



Follow the Leaders...

PIERCE'S PARLIAMENTARY POINTERS "TAPING A MEETING" by Jacquelyn Pierce



QUESTION: Many of our members have questioned the taping of meetings by the elected secretary or by individual members. The question is also asked if it is proper or even legal to tape workshops or program presentations.

ANSWER: RONR does permit the use of a tape recorder by the secretary to be used to assist in recording the minutes. However, the taping of meetings, workshops and program presentations by individual members is a non-parliamentary issue and it is suggested that one consult an attorney about its legality. RONR doesn't address this issue, but your own rules may permit it—or they may prohibit it. The members are in control of what happens in their meetings but clarification should be presented in the standing rules. Often standing rules of a convention specify that taping workshops is not authorized without permission of the presenters. Likewise, the taping of a program is an extremely sensitive issue with guest speakers and it is often announced prior to the presentation that the taping of the program is not prohibited. The same rule could be expanded to apply to anyone being recorded without permission.

ACTION: If your club has not addressed this issue of taping meetings, workshops and program presentations, it might be wise to consider this as a standing rule.



LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY by GERRI ECK

Mark your calendars for **March 8, 2012 for Legislation Day**. This day will be filled with informative speakers, the tour of the capital, and lunch at the Executive Mansion. We will have as a guest speaker an Illinois State Trooper. Please send me your questions for the trooper such as the laws for time at work zone on the highway when no construction workers are not present or when there are no sign for school zones beginning and ending. New laws become effective on January 1, 2012 such as passengers in the back seats of cars must also buckle-up. I would like to have your questions before March 1, 2012.



IN DEEPEST SYMPATHIES - WE HONOR THESE MEMBERS FROM GFWC

Our deceased members will be remembered at Convention with a **photo memorial**. To make this service especially meaningful of our members **please submit a photo** of these cherished members that have passed away this club term.

Send by mail to Shelli Fehr at 85 Kenilworth Circle, Hampton, IL 61256, or email at shellifehr@hotmail.com.

Include the name of the member, club & district she was a member of, age if known, and number of years she was members of GFWC. Indicate if you want the photo returned to you.

Let's take time to honor their volunteer services that have made a difference in the lives of others and their community.

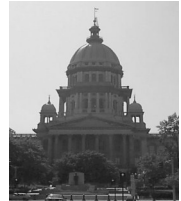


...Legislation Day

JOIN US FOR GFWC IL LEGISLATION DAY-SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012

\$30.00 (includes registration and lunch at the Executive Mansion)



8:30 am Registration-Howlett Building Auditorium

Meeting will begin at 9:00 am

A Legislative Program will be presented.

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

Lunch at the Executive Mansion 12:00 pm (please arrive 15 minutes early)

Tour at 2:00 pm

Allow yourself plenty of time, as the parking is limited. The Howlett Building is immediately south of the Capital building. Parking is on the street or in the Visitor's Center two blocks west of the Capital. Passenger drop-off in front of the Howlett Building is permitted.

Enter the building's north entrance and go through security.

Go straight down the hall to a sign on the left for the Auditorium.

The Executive Mansion is about 2 blocks from the Howlett Building.

YOU MUST HAVE A PICTURE ID TO PASS THROUGH CAPITAL SECURITY

Registration Deadline-----Monday, February 27, 2012

Make checks payable to: GFWC Illinois

**Mail Registration to: GFWC Illinois Headquarters
5 East Van Buren St., Suites 206-208
Joliet, Illinois 60432-4395**

Questions? Call Gerri at 815-641-1285 or email her at gerrieck@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ **Phone ()** _____

Address _____

Club/District _____ **# of Reservations** _____

Total \$ _____

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.

Blue Ribbon Fashion Show...



15th ANNUAL BLUE RIBBON LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

Saturday, March 31, 2012

11:00 am Social Hour

12:15 pm Luncheon – 1:15 pm Fashion Show

3:00 pm Raffles & Silent Auction

Bolingbrook Golf Club, 2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, IL

You're invited to the Annual Blue Ribbon Fashion Show, come celebrate 15 years of raising money for the prevention of child abuse. To mark the 15 years of our only state fundraiser a great day is being planned. There will be special recognitions, new fashions, amazing raffle baskets and an outstanding silent auction. Spend the afternoon having lunch with the friends and family plus help GFWC ILLINOIS continue to support our state project, ***Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child.***

Invitations will be sent to each club or you can make your reservations now! (see below reservation form). Baskets or monetary donations from members, clubs and districts are greatly appreciated. Tickets for the fashion show are \$40 per person with a children plate at \$16.50.



In addition to an afternoon of fashion, special treats and time spent with federated friends, a lovely diamond and sapphire heart necklace will be raffled off in the exclusive Diamond Girl Raffle! Only 75 tickets will be sold and only attendees will be eligible. This event will again be at the beautiful **BOLINGBROOK GOLF CLUB**. It's the perfect setting for our amazing fashion show! Please make a reservation and be a part of the celebration! We can't wait to see you there!

15th Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show

NAME: _____ CLUB NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

REPLY BY MARCH 15, 2012

PLEASE RESERVE _____ TICKETS AT \$40 PER PERSON (\$16.50 PER CHILD 10 YRS. OR UNDER)

PLEASE RESERVE _____ TABLE(S) AT \$400 PER TABLE

UNABLE TO ATTEND, ENCLOSED IS MY DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____.

PLEASE SEAT THE FOLLOWING GUESTS TOGETHER:

SEND RESERVATIONS TO: Deb Strahanoski, 1011 Galway Road, Joliet, IL 60431.

Make checks payable to: **GFWC ILLINOIS**.

If you have any questions contact Deb at (815) 953-4829 or email – debbie@wjsepa.net.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.



...Blue Ribbon Fashion Show

GFWC ILLINOIS

Cordially invite you to attend the
15th Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show
to benefit Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
(a non-profit 501 (3) organization)

Saturday, March 31, 2012

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

\$40 per person
\$16.50 for children (10 years or younger)

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

Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ email _____

REPLY BY MARCH 15, 2012

Please Reserve _____ tickets at \$40 per person

Please Reserve _____ table(s) at \$400 per table

Kindly accept my donation in the amount of \$ _____

Please seat the following people together: _____

Send Reservations to: Deb Strahanoski ,1011 Galway Road, Joliet, IL 60431

Questions on reservations contact Deb at (815) 953-4829 or email at Debbie@wjscpa.net

Make Checks payable to GFWC Illinois

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law

Angel Wings at Work...



Morton Grove Woman's Club honors 50 year members with GFWC 50 year pins at their November meeting which was held at Pinstripes in Northbrook. **(Left to Right:)** Sue Braeseke, Helen Menarik, Cecilia Kluge, Margie McCue, JoAnn Depenbrok.

Happy 75th Anniversary to GFWC Fairbury Woman's Club



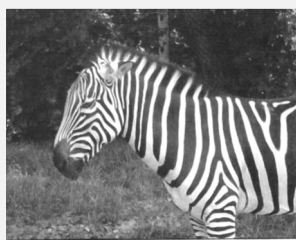
This group of ladies celebrated the occasion on Sunday November 6, 2011 at the Methodist Church Hall in Fairbury.

Congratulations!



THE MEMBERS OF THE DECATUR WOMAN'S CLUB DIDN'T BUY THE ZOO BUT DID ADOPT A ZEBRA

Chad the Zebra



The 124 year old GFWC Decatur Woman's Club has embarked on community visibility and involvement initiative. The Club had adopted Chad the Zebra at the Scovill Children's Zoo in Decatur. Members met at the Zoo to meet Chad and to have their picture taken with him. Other projects include have new club tee-shirts made, participating in Decatur's "Come Together—Let's Walk" event to raise funds for cancer, donating to an area Friends of the Library roof project, working to sponsor Red Cross blood drives and more. Plans are underway for the Club's 125th Anniversary Celebration in May 2012.

Picture below from left to right: Kaye Wood Thomas, Donna Malone, Christine Kareotes, Pat Ford, Judi Carpenter, Darla Weltmer, Mary Ellen Baer, Florence Davis, Bonnie Angel, Mary Jane Babb, Coral Berryman, Linda Bowlby, And Judy Wise at the Decatur Scovill Zoo.



Happy 55th Anniversary GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck



This Club was organized in 1956. The ladies celebrated with a "Sock Hop" while bagging socks for Domestic Violence Abuse Shelters. The music was from the 50's including an Elvis poster. Everyone enjoyed the burgers, chips and root beer floats at the Hop.
Congratulations!

...Angel Wings at Work



From Left to Right: Laura Coffman, Elementary Art Teacher and Pat Thomas, Franklin Grove WC

“Volunteer Wings At Work”

On November 21st and 22nd, the GFWC Franklin Grove WC presented \$100 checks to the Ashton-Franklin Center High School, Middle School and Elementary School to help support their Art and Music Programs.

Photo from left to right: Barb Fane, High School and Middle School Art Teacher, Pat Thomas, FGWC and Denise Coffman, High School and Middle School Music Teacher



GF WC Illinois Past District Northern Lights



Left to Right: President Marge Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Meyer, President Elect Terry Grbac



Past District Northern Lights is a Sixth District club comprised of past District Presidents in the Northern Region of GFWC Illinois. Their fall meeting this year included a High Tea held at Suzette's Creperie in Wheaton on October 28, 2011. Fifteen members attended, including member Nancy Willis, GFWC Illinois President and member Karen Meyer, GFWC Illinois Treasurer.

GFWC Illinois President Nancy Willis and Evelyn Rudolph of District Four

Left to Right: Terry Grbac, President Elect NLWC, Betty Koran, Kathy Koran, Diane Addante, GFWC Illinois Northern Region VP, Martie Bamber, and Nell Schinelle
Marge Nelson, President NLWC, Karen Meyers, Secretary/Treasurer NLWC, Phyllis Cossereck, Rita Jaffe, Neva Boyce, Evelyn Rudolph, and Nancy Willis, GFWC Illinois President



Angel Wings at Work...



Remembering Victims of Domestic Violence

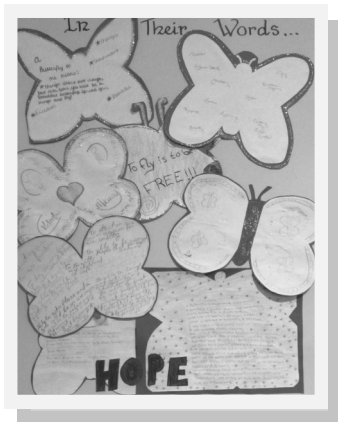
GFWC Signature Project and GFWC Illinois President's Special Emphasis:
Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
Karel Volpert, Chairman

On Friday, December 2, GFWC Illinois club members who attended the Winter State Board Meeting in Effingham remembered the 49 men, women, and children who lost their lives in domestic violence situations from July 2010 through June 2011. Of the 43 adult victims, 35 were female and 8 were male. The victims ranged in age from 23 to 90 years old. Firearms accounted for 20 of the adult lives taken while stabbing accounted for 12 homicides. There were 6 victims under the age of 18. Three were stabbed to death, a 4, an 11, and a 17 year old. Two were shot to death, an infant and a 6 year old. One was killed by strangulation, a 1 year old.

Each club member was given a paper figure with the first name of one of these victims written on it. A candle was lit in memory of each victim. As each name was called, a candle was extinguished and the member holding the figure with that name on it sat down. The service closed with a prayer.

Vickie Smith, Executive Director of the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, provided the first names of the victims for our memorial service. The Illinois Domestic Violence Homicide Report published by the ICADV provided the factual information which was shared during the service. (This report is available on their website: ilcadv@ilcadv.org.)

Poem created by and Posters made by Mary Jo Kelly, Chairman of Domestic Violence Awareness from the Women's Club of Bismarck



Friday evening ceremony at the State Board Meeting represented the names of real women who were victims of domestic abuse. A candle was lit for each woman as her name was called out. GFWC members participated by holding a name of the abused victim until it was called and the candle lit.



Karel Volpert speaks at the GFWC Domestic Violence Awareness Breakfast. Survivors of domestic violence were honored for "*A New Beginning*" in their lives.



Butterflies made by the children living at Crosspoint Women's Shelter in Danville.



Guest speaker Kristina Latch from the Community Advocate for Stopping Abuse Now, Inc. in Effingham addresses the GFWC Members at State Board.



...Angel Wings at Work

THEY ARE HERE! EMSC PEDIATRIC BAGS- MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE

Effective emergency care for children requires specialized training and equipment. Our goal is to help local emergency response teams, i.e. ambulance crews, respond to children's medical emergency calls. Children are not small adults! The pediatric bag is based on Federal EMSC and the State of Illinois Pediatric Equipment and Supplies for Basic Life Support Ambulance lists, and a nationally recognized color-coding system. The Ped Bag is filled with supplies sized for infants and children in *one* organized, easily accessible location. The EMS provider has access to the correct sized supplies needed to provide emergency medical services to the young patient. Ambulances are required by law to carry some specialized equipment but this equipment needs to be in one place.

Now we can be sure that the tools needed to help our children are right at hand. Even if all you are able to supply is the specialized bag, it is a step in the right direction. The complete BLS PEDS Bag (item: WI-BLS) is \$469.70. The LA Rescue Pediatric ALS Attack Pack (item: LA8404CC) –bag and inside Velcro bags only- is \$152.96. GFWC IL clubs must **use quote number SOT039426** to receive these prices. Quoted prices include standard ground delivery charges. Prepayment is required. Contact Emergency Medical Products, Inc. Ph.800-558-6270 **Use Quote # SOT039426** to receive special pricing. Direct salesperson for this project is Marc Engstrom, EMT-B/FF

MarcE@buyEMP.com www.buyemp.com

Your club may want to add a GFWC patch to your bag. These can be purchased from our Junior fundraisers. Let's not keep our good works a secret. We are enhancing lives through volunteer service!

For further info contact: Teresa Sanford Ph. 309-462-3909 sanford@abingdon.net or
Candy Godbee Ph. 815-253-9099 candygfwc@yahoo.com



**Pediatric Bags
for
Ambulance Project**

**LA Rescue Peds Bag
Item LA8404CC
Price- \$152.96**

**BLS PEDS Bag
WI-BLS
Price-\$469.70**



Community Improvement Chairman, Mabel Lou Weber, announced at the State Board Meeting that **“Make A Difference Day”** took in a total of 3,852 pairs of socks, with 1,887 members participating, and \$8,705 of In-Kind donations made to local abuse shelters throughout Illinois.
Now, that's what I call making a difference!

GFWC Candidates for Office...



REBECCA "BECKY" WEBER
Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014

Becky has been a clubwoman for 23 years and has been an active member of her club ever since, serving as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and many chairmanships. As the Community Improvement Project Chairman in 1996, Becky's club won 5th place at the GFWC International Convention. On the Junior District level Becky has held every office, as well as, Make a Difference Day Chairman and Secretary on the district level.

Becky served on the GFWC Illinois Junior Board of Directors for 12 years, including Junior Director 2004-2006. As Director, she represented the Juniors on the GFWC Illinois Executive Committee and GFWC International Board of Directors. Additionally, Becky served as the GFWC Illinois Public Affairs Chairman, Central Region Vice-President, GFWC Illinois LEADS Chairman, GFWC International Citizenship Chairman 2006-2010 GFWC Director/Elect of Junior Clubs 2010-2012.

Becky has dedicated her life to volunteering including; teacher's aide, room mother, the St. Mary's PTO, Snyder Village Nursing Home and Citizens Advisory Council and leads the St. Mary's Guitar Group. In 1996, she began and continues volunteering at Metamora Township High School most rewardingly in the Special Ed Resource Room. Most recently, Becky has added CASA volunteer to her resume. Becky's love for US Veterans began when she started playing Taps for Military Funerals in 6th grade, which she continues today. Becky also volunteered at the VA Outpatient Clinic, Danville VA Hospital and is an honorary member of the Key Volunteer Network with the 6th ESB, Company C Marines in Peoria, IL.

She has been married to Mike for 33 years and they have four wonderful children and one beautiful granddaughter.



DEBRA (DEB) STRAHANOSKI
Candidate for the office GFWC Treasurer 2012-2014

GFWC Illinois proudly endorses Debra Strahanoski as candidate for GFWC Treasurer. Her effortless leadership style, extensive experience and infectious enthusiasm have inspired both new and veteran members alike.

Deb's limitless energy has been apparent during her federation journey; she has served her clubs and district in various roles, currently serving as her District Corresponding Secretary. She has also served on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors as Scholarship and State Project Chairman (Prevention of Child Abuse), Junior Director 2000-2002, President Elect/Dean of Chairmen and GFWC Illinois President 2008-2010.

On a wider scale, Deb's leadership positions have included GFWC Home Life Chairman, GFWC Membership Chairman, and she is currently the GFWC Community Improvement Program Award Chairman.

She served Easter Seals as President of their board of directors 1995-1997. Deb also served on the Joliet Township High School Foundation board and is currently serving as a board member for both the Agencies United Way and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois.

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

Deb and her husband Bill have recently celebrated 30 years of marriage and have two grown children. She has the support of her family to take the journey to run for the office of GFWC Treasurer 2012 - 2014.

Be a part of the journey and join the GFWC Illinois members who will be supporting Deb for GFWC Treasurer, at the 121st GFWC Annual Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, June 14-17, 2012. If you are interested in going to the International convention,

GFWC Illinois Convention...



**Office of
President Elect**

GFWC ILLINOIS CANDIDATES FOR 2012 - 2014

CANDIDATE for OFFICE OF PRESIDENT ELECT

It is with great pride that the 5th District nominates Diane Addante for the position of GFWC Illinois President Elect.

Joining Federation in 1991, Diane is a member of the Lombard Junior Woman's Club where she has chaired every Community Service Program! She's been secretary, vice president and president, and has been co-director of TLC Camp three times.

Diane's other GFWC accomplishments include:

- Founding member of the Junior Cyber Stars – a club using technology to make volunteering more accessible through the internet.
- 5th District chairman of Health, Education and Home Life, and was Treasurer, President Elect and President.
- Junior state board chairman of Health, Legislation and Special projects
- GFWC Illinois Scholarship chairman, Secretary, and currently the Northern Region Vice President
- Coordinated the Honor Flight trip at state convention in 2011
- Organized the collection of 300 watches for the American Mural Project
- Initiated a state-wide collection of buttons for seamstresses in Haiti – to date she has delivered 63 lbs. of buttons!

Diane is a devoted Clubwoman with a willingness to serve and assist others. Her *"can do"* spirit makes Diane the ideal candidate for GFWC Illinois President Elect.

CANDIDATE for VICE PRESIDENT OF NORTHERN REGION

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Since a candidate for Northern Region Vice President was not verified by the January 1, 2012, deadline, nominations will be needed from the floor of the Convention. Potential candidates, please review our State Bylaws for required documentation needed to be nominated from the floor.

Potential candidates for ALL offices and their District Presidents are invited to attend a special candidates meeting at the March State Board Meeting.

**Office of
Vice President
Northern Region**

GFWC Illinois Bylaws - Article 5 Officers; Section 1 Officers:

A. Eligibility

1. To be nominated to a state office a member shall:
 - a. Have served a full term as a District President or as a GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, and;
 - b. Have served an additional two years as a voting member on the Board of Directors.
 2. Only a member of GFWC Illinois shall be eligible to hold office.
 - a. There shall be no more than two candidates at a time from any District for state office.
- Candidates from a District may not be nominated for the same office.

C. Nominations

1. Nominations shall be made from the floor of the annual convention the day proceeding the election.
2. If a candidate so chooses, she may be nominated by the District from the floor of the convention the day proceeding the election without prior notice of her candidacy, providing she is an eligible candidate. District endorsement shall be properly documented.
3. A nominating speech shall be limited to three minutes.
4. Candidates shall be given two minutes each in which to set forth their goals for the office being sought.
5. Consent to serve if elected shall be obtained from all nominees before nominations are made.



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**Office of
Vice President Central Region
Karel Volpert**

CANDIDATE for VICE PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL REGION

The GFWC Illinois 18th District proudly endorses Karel Volpert for Central Region Vice President. Karel has been a member of the Woman's Club of Bismarck for 37 years, serving as President for three terms. She has served as chairman of all departments. As chairman of the Community Improvement Program, Karel was instrumental in the installation of \$20,000 worth of playground equipment at the Bismarck Lions Park. Karel's 18th District involvement includes: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and a variety of department chairmanships.

Karel is active at the State Level serving as GFWC Signature Project and GFWC Illinois President's Special Emphasis Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman.

Karel serves her community in a variety of ways. She is the director of the Fair Hope Children's Ministry and serves her church as organist, Nurture Chairman, and choir member. Karel is a Trustee for the Village of Bismarck and is the Keep Bismarck Beautiful Chairman. Karel is a retired teacher with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She is the Membership Chairman of the Vermilion County Retired Teachers Association. She currently volunteers in her daughter's first grade classroom. Karel is dedicated to serving others through the projects and programs of GFWC.



**Office of
Vice President Southern Region
Jaclyn "Jackie" Hancock**

CANDIDATE for VICE PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN REGION

With pleasure and pride, the 25th District endorses Jaclyn "Jackie" Hancock for 2012-2014 Southern Region Vice President.

Jackie is a member of GFWC Illinois Marion Woman's Club where she has served faithfully since joining in 1994. She has held offices of President for 7 years, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian make her a qualified candidate along with her other qualifications.

In District 25, she has been District President twice, now serving as the former President had to resign, Secretary and Treasurer often, as well as Chairman of Bylaws and Education.

State wide, Jaclyn has been active as District 25 President, Chairman of Education, Conservation, Home Life and is currently Chairman of International Outreach. She also has served on the Budget and Finance Committee as well as the Convention Committee.

Jaclyn "Jackie" was married till her husband passed away. She has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. She taught High School and College for a combined 41 years. She is very active in her church activities. Jackie helped charter the Marion Lioness Club and has been President several times. She is a Beta Phi Sorority member, is on the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Board, serves as Trustee for John A Logan College, and is a liaison to the local Community Theatre.

We ask for your support in electing "Jackie" as Southern Region Vice President.

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CANDIDATE for TREASURER



**Office of Treasurer
Linda K. Bowlby**

The 19th District enthusiastically endorses Linda K. Bowlby for GFWC Illinois Treasurer 2012-2014. Linda belongs to the Decatur Woman's Club and has served Federation for 28 years. Club level: Cerro Gordo JWC Secretary, President, 3 department chairmanships, all special and standing committee chairmanships; Charter President of Hope Welty Woman's Club of Cerro Gordo, Secretary/Treasurer, all special and standing committee chairmanships; Decatur Woman's Club Secretary, Parliamentary Advisor, ESO Special Projects, Newsletter Co-Editor, and Vice President.

In the 19th District Linda has held several department, special and standing committee chairmanships, Jr. District Treasurer, Jr. District Newsletter Editor, District Vice President, President Elect and twice as District President. Linda has served GFWC Illinois as Arts Chairman (twice), ESO, Home Life, International Affairs, Central Region Vice President, and currently is Historian/WHRC Chairman. She attended GFWC Illinois 1st LEADS class and is the GFWC Illinois 2010-2012 Jennie recipient.

Linda and husband Bob have farmed near Cerro Gordo for 36 years. She is a Stampin'Up! demonstrator and avid cross stitcher. Helping in the family business and being a former business secretary, Linda is qualified to fulfill the duties of GFWC Illinois Treasurer.

GFWC Illinois 19th District wholeheartedly endorses Linda K. Bowlby for GFWC Illinois Treasurer 2012-2014.

CANDIDATE for SECRETARY



**Office of Secretary
Candy Godbee**

GFWC Illinois District 17 proudly endorses Candy Godbee for GFWC Illinois Secretary.

A 30 year member of GFWC, she has played an active role in Fairbury Junior Woman's Club, Woman's Club of Cullom, Pontiac Junior Woman's Club, and is a founding and sustaining member of Livingston Co. President's Club and Illinois Junior Cyberstars. She has been instrumental in the formation of several other clubs. She has held every office at club or district level, including District President 2000-2002, and is currently GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs. In 1988, Candy was the recipient of the State Junior of the Year Award and has received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition to working her way through many state chairmanships and offices of the Junior Organization, her involvement includes: 17th District as Leadership Chairman., Elections, Bylaws, Treasurer, 1st Vice President and President; GFWC Illinois as a member of Long Range Planning, Bylaws, Resolutions and State Convention Committees; at the GFWC level on Junior Special Projects Committee and will serve as GFWC Home Life Collaboration Chairman 2012-14. Candy is a Past President of PTO, former Girl Scout Leader, certified lay speaker for the United Methodist Church and active in Community Chord Chorale.

As evidenced by the resume presented, Candy is a leader in GFWC.

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Office of
GFWC Illinois
Director Elect
of Junior Clubs
Karyn M. McCarthy

At the GFWC IL District 11 fall meeting, members voted unanimously to endorse Karyn M. McCarthy for the position of GFWC Illinois Director Elect of Junior Clubs for the 2012-2014 Administration.

Karyn is presently a member of the GFWC IL Joliet Junior Woman's Club (JJWC) and the GFWC IL Plainfield Junior Woman's Club (PJWC). She has been an active leader in JJWC since 2002, serving as President in 2005-2006; she also chartered the Joliet Juniorette Club in 2005.

Karyn served as GFWC IL District 11 Director of Junior Clubs 2006-2008 and chartered PJWC in 2008, serving as the club's first President. She went on to charter the Plainfield Juniorette Club in 2009. In 2010, Karyn was instrumental in the formation of the GFWC IL Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club and has served as mentor for their chartering members.

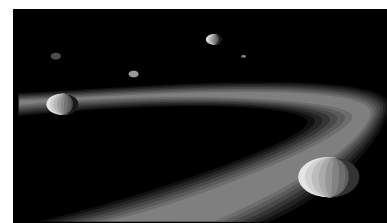
She is presently serving GFWC IL District 11 as Vice President/Membership Chairman. She also serves GFWC IL Junior Organization as Dean of Chairmen. Her dedication and enthusiasm for GFWC Illinois Junior Organization has been inspiring to many. Karyn is committed to her focus of membership, including the continued chartering of new clubs as well as nurturing future leaders of current clubs.



Pennies for Art is great way of making a statement in the Arts Community Service Programs. Collect those pennies at each meeting to watch the **Pennies for Art** project grow. Submit your savings to the State Headquarters that will enable students throughout Illinois to participate in the GFWC Illinois Arts Scholarship at Eastern Illinois University. *"A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned."* Save pennies and earn students an opportunity to enhance their skills.

Website Coordinator Report By Karen Erb

Did you know that Facebook has almost a billion subscribers now? A recent workshop at the GFWC International Convention pointed out that Social Media is far more effective than the traditional methods your club has always used for public relations.



Your club is probably having trouble getting your local newspapers to print articles about your projects and fundraisers. What would you put on Facebook or My Space or Linked In or Twitter? How about a reminder that a meeting is coming, or a fundraiser, or a service project? The subscribers to your page WANT to hear what you are doing. Please join Facebook and go to the new GFWC Illinois page and "Like" us. Then be sure to go back there and post lots of information about what is happening in your club. In fact, the GFWC Workshop recommended every club get their own Facebook page. We even have one club in Illinois that only meets on Facebook...the GFWC Illinois Cyber Stars. Anyone can join that club. I invite you test your technology and become Facebook savvy.

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There's no time like the present, I always say. So take my advice and continue reading this Convention Issue of The Clubwoman Magazine. There are lots of articles on all the events we have planned at the GFWC Illinois 117th Annual Convention **"Spread Our Wings and Fly"**, from May 3 - 5, 2012 at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel located in District Nineteen Territory in Decatur, Illinois.

We are wrapping up the plans but we need YOU to make it the ultimate success. So won't you please make a commitment to attend as this is an election year, and we would like to see your districts and clubs fill each and every one of those delegate spots so that we have a full house in Decatur. There is plenty of parking, large meeting rooms and very comfortable sleeping rooms.

Thank you to all of you who took the time to fill out the convention questionnaires as we don't know what you like until you tell us. With that in mind as you read on you will see that we once again are trying a few things different. Unfortunately, we have had to raise the registration fee as the hotels are giving less and less complimentary and we must now absorb the cost.

You requested a more volunteerism atmosphere so we have planned a Night of Service dinner on Friday night with GFWC IL attire requested. And while we are on the subject of attire make sure you pack your fashionable blue for the Federation Banquet and purple for the Domestic Violence Unity luncheon and pins, don't forget to wear your pins proudly.

Now as much as some things change, others stay the same. We still have our early morning breakfasts and our after dinner receptions. We once again will have a GFWC representative as our own Rebecca Weber, GFWC International Director of Junior Clubs Elect has graciously agreed to bring us greetings from headquarters. And of course our Installation Banquets will be celebrations of the present administrations as they pass the gavel to the new officers. But don't let me spoil all the surprises and give you a reason not to read on and see all the things the Convention Committee have planned for you. **We just hope to see everyone there!**

Kathy Koran, Convention Chairman



Shelia Simon Lieutenant Governor of Illinois

The Convention Committee is eagerly working on a time frame for speaker Lieutenant Governor of Illinois Shelia Simon, lawyer, teacher and working mother to attend our Convention.

Simon graduated from law school Georgetown University in 1987. Instead of taking on a corporate position, Ms. Simon chose to service clients without financial resources at the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance. She advocated for people facing Domestic Violence, discrimination, and loss of housing.

Simon then prosecuted DUI and domestic violence cases as an Assistant State's Attorney in Jackson County. Four years later, she helped launch the Southern Illinois School of Law's domestic violence clinic while also teaching legal writing as part of the faculty. The domestic violence clinic continues to serve clients and train law students today.

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GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS **ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION** **"Spread Our Wings and Fly"**

DAILY HOURS

Registration & Credentials	Thursday, May 3, 2012	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	LOBBY
	Friday, May 4, 2012	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	
	Saturday, May 5, 2012	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
Information Desk	Thursday, May 3, 2012	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	LOBBY
	Friday, May 4, 2012	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	
	Saturday, May 5, 2012	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
Arts & Crafts Room	Thursday, May 3, 2012	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	
	Friday, May 4, 2012	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	
	Saturday, May 5, 2012	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
Exhibitors/Federation Fundraising	Thursday, May 3, 2012	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	
	Friday, May 4, 2012	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	
	Saturday, May 5, 2012	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	

PRECONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 2, 2012	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
	5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	GFWC Illinois State Board Meeting

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 3, 2012	7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Jackie's Bow Ties Meeting
	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	General Session I - Opening Business Meeting
	11:30 AM - 3:00 PM	General Session II - Opening Luncheon
	3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Workshops
	6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	General Session III - Federation Banquet
	10:30 PM - 11:30 PM	President's Reception
Friday, May 4, 2012	7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Past State Board Members Breakfast
	8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Junior Board of Directors Meeting
	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Session IV - Business Session
	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Session V - Unity Luncheon
	3:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Session VI - Junior Business Session
	5:45 PM - 6:45 PM	Meet the Candidates
	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Night of Service Dinner
	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Session VII —Junior Organization Banquet
Saturday, May 5, 2012	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	First Time Attendees Reception
	7:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Election Polls Open
	7:45 AM - 8:45 AM	Junior Board of Directors Meeting
	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Session VIII - Final Business Meeting
	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Session IX - Awards Luncheon
	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Session X - Installation
	10:15 PM - 12:00AM	Installation Reception

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

"Spread Our Wings and Fly"

May 3-5, 2012

The Decatur Hotel & Conference Center,
4191 US Highway 36 West, Decatur, IL 62522

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

RATE: \$95.99 plus 12% tax for Single, Double, Triple or Quad. Rooms are either King Bed or Double/Double Bed. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly at (217) 422 – 8800 or fax (217) 422 - 9155. Please specify that you are with GFWC IL Federation of Women's Clubs.

Organization: **GFWC IL Federation of Women's Clubs**

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

_____ Single _____ Double _____ Triple _____ Quad

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Rooming with _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 2, 2012 on or before 12 Midnight local time

All reservations need to be guaranteed with a major credit card or advanced payment. A 24-hour advance cancellation notice is required for deposit refund. Hotel Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and Check-out time is 12:00 Noon. Guests arriving before 4:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms are available. Please be aware that although an adequate block of rooms has been reserved, the availability of reservation at the group rate cannot be guaranteed if the block has been filled or the cutoff date has passed.



The **117th Annual GFWC Illinois Convention** is right around the corner and a welcomed tradition is the door prizes that are given away during each of the meal functions throughout Convention. Vice Convention Chairman, Deb Strahanoski is asking for club and member door prize donations. Please make your donation valued at a minimum of \$25, which can be cash or a gift (i.e. gift basket). If you or your club/district would consider a donation, please send your gift to:

Deb Strahanoski, 1011 Galway Road, Joliet, IL 60431

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"Spread Our Wings and Fly"

May 3 - 5, 2012

CONVENTION MEAL RESERVATION RULES

Terry Grbac, Convention Treasurer

All seats will be reserved. After Special seating considerations 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 meals that each will be attending. The reverse side of the form may be used. Each person attending must submit an individual meal reservation form.

NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT CONVENTION other than 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 happen if someone from your club is unable to attend; your club is responsible for the sale of those tickets.

A CONVENTION BADGE and MEAL TICKET will be required for admittance into all meal functions; the Doorkeepers will be strictly enforcing this so PLEASE comply with this Convention Rule. Meal tickets will be collected at the table.

MEAL RESERVATION DEADLINE: Postmarked by April 13, 2012. 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 check payable to GFWC Illinois and mail to GFWC Illinois Headquarters, 5 East Van Buren Street., Ste. 206, Joliet, IL 60432-4395 postmarked by April 13, 2012.



Jackie's Bow Ties



JACKIE'S BOW TIES BASKET RAFFLE!



The favorite basket raffle will be back once again at the Annual Convention. These great themed baskets with a value of at least \$25 will be located in the vendor's room. Tickets may be purchased at the raffle table and all proceeds will be split equally between the **Isabella Candee Foundation** and the **GFWC Signature Project - the awareness and prevention of Domestic Violence**.

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Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, 4191 US Highway 36 West, Decatur, IL 62522

Meal Reservation Form for May 3, 4, & 5, 2012

EACH MEMBER ordering meal tickets must complete this Meal Reservation Form* and mail with total amount of money postmarked by **APRIL 13, 2012** to: GFWC Illinois Headquarters, 5 E Van Buren St., Ste. 206, Joliet, IL 60432-4395.

		<u>Number of Tickets</u>	<u>Ticket Amount</u>	<u>Enclosure Amount</u>
Opening Luncheon	Thursday May 3	_____	\$25.00	_____
Federation Banquet	Thursday May 3	_____	\$42.00	_____
Unity Luncheon	Friday May 4	_____	\$28.00	_____
Night of Service Dinner	Friday May 4	_____	\$32.00	_____
Junior Banquet	Friday May 4	_____	\$42.00	_____
Awards Lunch	Saturday May 5	_____	\$25.00	_____
Installation Banquet	Saturday May 5	_____	\$42.00	_____
TOTAL:				_____

NO RESERVATIONS OR REFUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 27, 2012.

TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT REGISTRATION.

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

() Please indicate here if you require changes in menus (food allergies, vegetarian, religious beliefs). Please specify changes on the reverse side of this form with alternate foods listed i.e. no lettuce substitute cottage cheese.

DISTRICT _____ CLUB NAME _____

NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____

ADDRESS _____ E-Mail Address _____

**** NOTE:** Meal Reservations and Credential Registration may be paid by one check payable to GFWC Illinois.

Please select your workshop choice below:

_____ Rise To The Challenge _____ Bloom And Grow _____ President 101

_____ EMSC – Making A Difference In A Child's Life

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GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION "Spread Our Wings and Fly"

CREDENTIALS / REGISTRATION Betty Koran, Credentials Chairman

All Convention attendees (Delegates and Non-Voting) MUST 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 email georgekoran@aol.com.

CREDENTIALS/ REGISTRATION HOURS will be:

Thursday, May 3 -	8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
Friday, May 4 -	8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 5 -	8:00 a.m. until 11 a.m.

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, 2012. 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 \$25.00 for the entire Convention – May 3 - 5, 2012. **Registration must be postmarked on or before April 13, 2012. Credentials/Registration fee postmarked after April 13, 2012 is \$40.00.** Make checks payable to GFWC Illinois.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS REGISTRATION FORM: Please complete the form below to register for Convention and specify the day or days that you will be attending i.e. May 3, May 4, or May 5. Registration fee is \$25 for all three days or \$15 per day.

Past GFWC Illinois Presidents, personal guests of the President, and those invited as participants shall not be required to pay a registration fee. **For an explanation of Delegates and Non-Voting Members please refer to the GFWC Illinois Yearbook, pages 45-46.

CREDENTIAL REGISTRATION FORM FOR NON-VOTING MEMBERS ONLY!!

Registration Fee: \$25.00 for 3 Days or \$15.00 per Day

Please Specify day(s) attending: 1st Day, May 3 or; 2nd Day, May 4 or; 3rd Day, May 5

DISTRICT _____ CLUB NAME _____

NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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Great Workshops being offered at Convention!



Leadership is Essential to the Life of our Organization. *Rise to the Leadership Challenge*"and Lead with Pride, Knowledge, Tradition, Communication, Unity, and Vision. By attending the Leadership Workshop you will learn **CONSTRUCTIVE** and **FUN** ways for you and your club to do just that. Through the review of many points of

interest in the new GFWC Illinois Leadership Kit, you will realize interesting points of interests pertaining to: I.. Know your Organization. II. What is Leadership. III. GFWC Structure. IV. Meetings. V. Duties. VI. Miscellaneous. The Kit is a great resource for club, district, state and international reference. Through action and vision of tomorrow in leadership training we can secure the future of Federation. There are many **HATS** that symbolize the magic of our Leadership positions. **WEAR YOUR HAT** to the Leadership Workshop, that best describes your present leadership position, for a program of ***Leadership Magic*** and a ***Leadership Pattern*** that fits all.

All attendees will receive the new GFWC Illinois Leadership Kit.

PRESENTED BY: NANCY LEE, GFWC IL LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN 2010-2012

"Bloom and Grow"

Membership Workshop. We will share proven recruitment/retention tools and ideas to help your membership thrive. A brief tutorial on ways to utilize the new Membership Kit will be provided. The workshop will also include a review of current trends in volunteerism to help clubs maximize their appeal to new members.



PRESENTED BY: DIANE ADDANTE, NORTHERN REGION VICE PRESIDENT;
SHELLI FEHR, CENTRAL REGION VICE PRESIDENT AND
SANDY HUTCHINGS, SOUTHERN REGION VICE PRESIDENT 2010-2012

DO YOU HAVE A PLAN? – PRESIDENT 101

We hope to help with making the plans for your year as President easier by sharing with you some of the techniques that have proven successful for other presidents.

We will discuss the development of a club year time line, the planning of a club meeting, preparation of an agenda, and the writing of a script for your meeting.

We will review the various types of committees, committee structure, and how to make the best use of each type of committee. We will explore contact sources and networking. Other topics will include but not be limited to organizational skills, communications, and parliamentary procedures.

PRESENTED BY: PATRICIA HEITMAN, PRESIDENT ELECT 2010-2012
& INCOMING GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT 2012-2014

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"Spread Our Wings and Fly"



"NIGHT OF SERVICE DINNER"

Friday, May 4, 2012 – 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Welcoming home the US Veterans of the Honor Flight at last year's convention was a special treat. This year a night of service has been planned. Attendee will be making fleece blankets that will be donated to the local domestic violence shelter, Dove, Inc., in Decatur, IL. The members of the GFWC Decatur Woman's Club invite you to dinner but most of all sharing in federation friendship while helping women who are dealing with the affects of Domestic Violence.



"PRESENCE OF GFWC ~ VOLUNTEER WINGS AT WORK"

Installation Banquet

Saturday, May 5, 2012 – 7:00pm to 10:00pm

GFWC Illinois Manhattan Woman's Club cordially invites you to attend the Installation Banquet **"Presence of GFWC ~ Volunteer Wings at Work"** on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Celebrate the accomplishments of the 2010-2012 administration and watch the installation of the newly elected Executive Committee. Nancy Willis, outgoing President will give her farewell address and newly installed President Patricia Heitman presents her plans for the 2012-2014 administration.



"GIFTS OF GFWC"

Installation Reception

Saturday, May 5, 2012 - 10:15pm to Midnight

Join the members of GFWC Illinois District 11 for an evening of sweets and spirits at the **"Gifts of GFWC"** installation reception. Visit with Patricia Heitman, GFWC Illinois President 2012-2014 and congratulate the newly elected Executive Committee members.

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Local Talent Showcased for this Convention

Julie McClarey is an awarding winning pianist with a style that lights up every venue in which she appears. She has performed at notable locations in Branson, Missouri, Nashville, Tennessee and throughout the United States.

An undefeated National Ragtime Piano Playing Award winner three years in a row, she is equally accomplished with classical selections, hit standards from many eras, as well as traditional hymns and contemporary Christian music. Julie's love of people spills over into her performances, often playing "Name That Tune" with the audience and even having fun playing the piano "backwards." Julie's piano skills began to develop at the early age of six as she learned how to play on the family's upright piano in the living room of the house where her parent's still reside. Her training continued as she graduated Suma Cum Laude with a degree in Piano Performance. Julie loves to teach as well as perform and is available for private lessons for students of all ages and skill levels. She is available for private functions, corporate events, church activities, and benefit concerts.

- *Appeared on National Television*
- *Entertained Audiences in*
- *Branson and Nashville*
- *Performed with Dino and with*
- *Jo Ann Castle of the*
- *Lawrence Welk Show*
- *Band Leader/Pianist of the Country*
- *Music USA Show at Opryland USA*
- *Guest on the Pat Sajak Television Show*



GFWC Illinois

*** Past and Present State Board Leaders to Meet ***

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.

Our annual breakfast meeting will be on Friday, May 4, 2012, at the Decatur Hotel & Conference Center, Decatur, IL 62522. The breakfast will start at 7:00 am to 9:00 am. The cost for the breakfast function is \$14.00.

Please send dues or dues and cost of breakfast to Treasurer Linda Bowlby, 804 N 200 East Road, Cerro Gordo, IL 61818-4304. Make check payable to **GFWC Illinois Past State Board**. Deadline to submit dues and reservations is April 13, 2012 for a total of \$17.00.

Elaine Bush, President of the Board, is asking for pictures of any members that have currently passed away this term. Elaine can be reached at her email address: emb118@charter.net or by phone: (618) 533-1403.

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE: _____

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After many State Board meetings and canvassing the members at the State Board meetings, President Nancy Willis decided to give everyone ample opportunity to select the emblem they liked best and one that would represent Illinois the best in the last issue by printing all four options in the Clubwoman Magazine. Members made their selections from the four offered. Here is the emblem that members chose for their correspondence and other items to identify GFWC Illinois from other states and clubs. It's all a matter of identity and use of the emblem that makes our readers know that we are a part of a large organization within many states. Thank you all for helping to select our identity within GFWC with our new logo.

At Convention, GFWC Illinois members will vote to change the **BYLAWS** to make this logo our official permanent logo.



Logo as seen in color
and black & white

