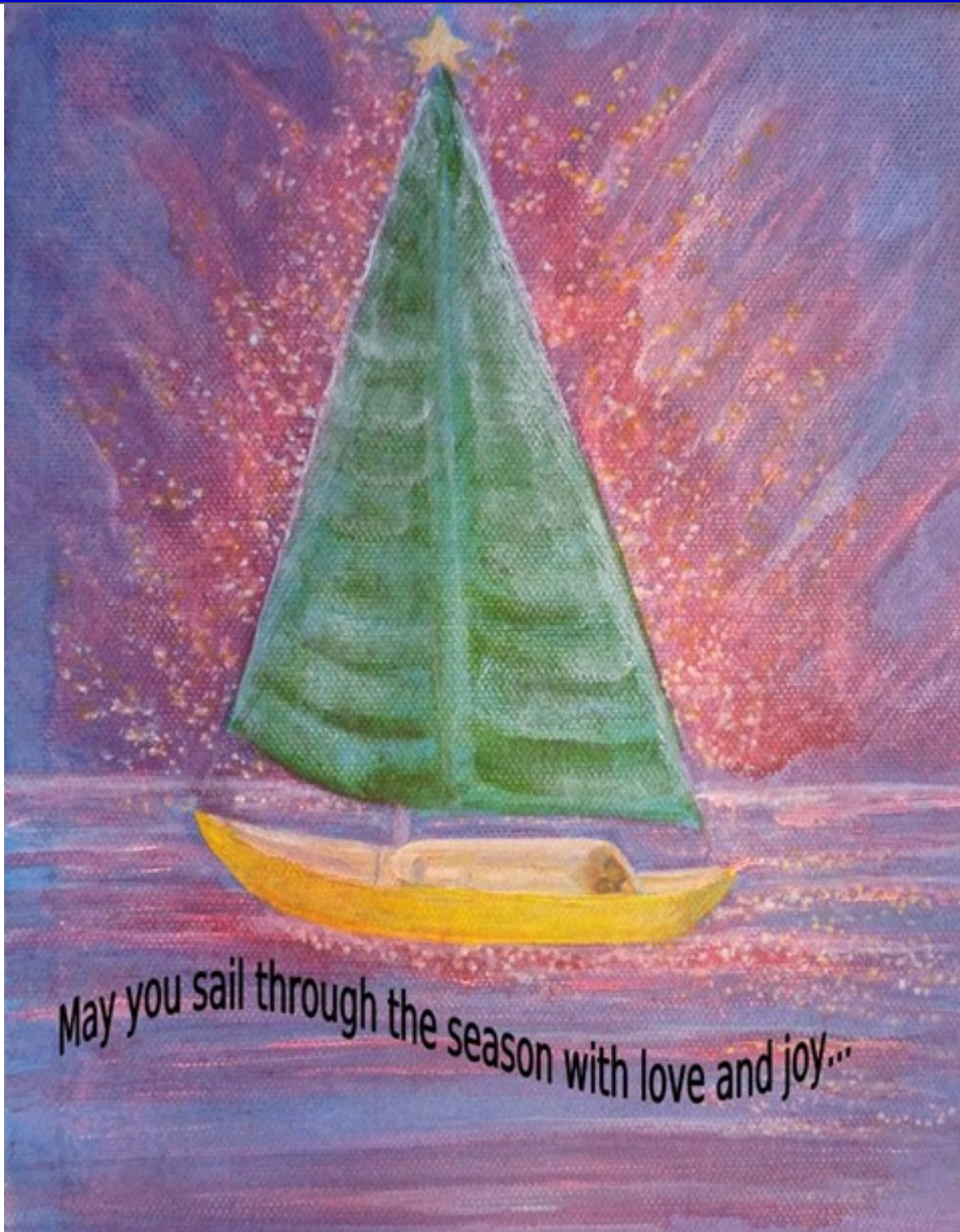


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GFWC ILLINOIS MEMBERS- LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT!

IN MEMORIAM :

Betty Peters, GFWC Illinois Elections Chairman

Carol Ely, Fairbury Woman's Club & District 17

Debbie Cassin, Lombard Service League



SYMPATHY & SUPPORT EXTENDED TO:

Jacquelyn Pierce, GFWC Illinois Parliamentarian, on the passing of her friend Gordon Demaine

Helen Crause, District 22 Past President, on the passing of her husband James

Deb Hazlett, GFWC Prairie State Women's Club President, on the passing of her son Ben



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IN MEMORIAM OF BETTY PETERS



Betty Peters (left) and her sister Alice Betlach (right)

GFWC Illinois lost our beloved sister, Betty Peters, on November 17. Betty was a dedicated and caring member of the Millstadt Civic Club, District 22, and GFWC Illinois. She served this organization in many capacities over the years and was a true joy to work with. Betty will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

The members of GFWC Illinois extend our deepest sympathies to Betty's sister Alice, her family, the members of Millstadt Civic Club and District 22 for their incredible loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Betty's service to GFWC Illinois:

2016-2018— Elections Chairman

2014-2016— GFWC Illinois Secretary

2012-2014— Community Improvement Award Program Chairman

2010-2012— Bylaws Chairman

2006-2008— ESO— Epsilon Sigma Omicron Chairman

2004-2006— District 22 President

Peters, Betty Jean, 73, of Millstadt, Illinois, died at her home on Friday, November 17, 2017. Betty was born on Tuesday, December 28, 1943, in Red Bud, IL the daughter of Helmut and Vivian, nee Cashion, Kinzinger.

Betty was a graduate of Waterloo High School, class of 1961. She was employed with the U.S. Army, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and at Scott AFB before joining the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Illinois, where retired as the Administrative Officer with over 25 years of service.

She was an active member of the Millstadt Community. She was a member of the Millstadt Civic Club for many years where she served as President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary; a charter member of GFWC IL Nancy's Bluebirds, and an active member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, where she held numerous positions on the Illinois State Board including Recording Secretary for the Executive Committee. As a member of Hope Christian Church, she served as an ambassador and a greeter at Sunday Services and a volunteer at the Hope Church Food Pantry. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Walter Eugene Kinzinger, who died in infancy.

She is survived by her children, Tamara "Tammi" (James Landry) Peters, Millstadt, IL. and Jason (Lawanda Shepherd) Peters, Kansas City, Mo; grandchildren, Brandon (Danielle) Peters, Ft. Polk, LA, Bailee Boker, Millstadt, IL; and Jordan Peters, Vandenberg AFB, CA; great-grandson, Owen Peters; a brother, Richard (Mary) Kinzinger, Waterloo, IL.; sisters, Mary (Richard) Dambacher, Freeburg, IL., Delores (Dee) Kinzinger, and Alice (Richard) Betlach, both of Millstadt, IL; nieces, nephews, and many friends.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CAPTAIN

Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Illinois President

I find it incredibly hard to believe that in six months' time this administration will come to an close. The time serving as your President has flown by and the rewards and benefits truly are priceless. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me this opportunity!

As we head into the craziest, busiest month of the year, I hope that each of you enjoy the season for all the special events it brings, most importantly the opportunity to spend time with the special people in your life. In the hustle and bustle to get things done, we often forget to savor the special moments of the holiday season; time spent with friends and family, helping out at the food pantry, serving meals to those in need, visiting the residence in an assisted care facilities, or enjoying a school Christmas program, even if you don't have a child or grandchild performing.

Reporting time quickly follows the fast approaching holiday season. If your club submits annual reports each year, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Due to your efforts, we can identify which programs and projects appeal to our members and to the communities our clubs service. GFWC takes the information provided by each State Chairman, President and Director of Junior Clubs to other organizations in support of their program of work. Your club's annual reports are the key to providing quantitative proof, that we, GFWC and GFWC Illinois, share the same interests and goals with organizations like: Canine Companions for Independence, Easterseals, Prevent Child Abuse – America, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, USO, Heifer International, etc. . . . the list of partners we work with is never complete. Every club finds a new partner to work with. One deserving of our members' time and efforts.

If your club hasn't sent annual reports in the past, please start by telling us about just one of your club projects completed in 2017. I know that you did something to enhance the lives of others within your community. It doesn't have to be the biggest project, pick the project that your members enjoy the most and tell us what you did and who benefitted. Many clubs think that a small project that wasn't well attended shouldn't be reported. You couldn't be more wrong . . . work was done, planning took place, money may have been spent and members volunteered their time to put on the project, all things that should be reported, regardless of the final outcome. The fact that the community didn't support it doesn't lessen the work done by the members and club.

Reporting your club activities gives us the complete history of GFWC Illinois – 2017. Be a part of that history by telling the State and Junior Chairmen about the many programs and projects completed in Illinois in 2017. If you need help or guidance in starting, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Officers or Chairmen. We are all ready and eager to help you.

As we gather together with friends and family, we rejoice in having those dear to us, close enough for hugs and kisses . . . and with love and sadness we say a special prayer for our loved ones, far away. Wishing you a holiday season filled with moments to savor!



FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRST MATE

Jeanette T. Wells, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

As I write this article we are experiencing unusually warm November weather and it is a little hard to realize we are in the middle of the Holiday Season. But we are! Thanksgiving brought us together with family and friends and the thoughts of thankfulness. I am so thankful for GFWC it has given me so many things, first my club and the friends I have made locally.

Second, GFWC has given me the friends I have made in districts across the state and across the country. It is so amazing to spend time with ladies from all over. And it's also amazing to realize everything we have accomplished to help design better lives of others. I am so thankful for that opportunity. I am excited to be traveling to Aruba in January to spend time with and serve with the Woman's Club of Aruba. There are 65 ladies going including our GFWC Illinois President Phyllis Skubic and GFWC Director Elect Trisha Shafer.

For those of you that attended the Great Lakes Region Conference in Oak Brook this fall, I am sure you will agree it was an amazing weekend. Ladies from 5 states gathered together to celebrate our accomplishments, have fun, and hear plans for the future from our GFWC Leaders. I'd have to say there were three highlights from the weekend, first our Murder Mystery Cruise was so fun and I cannot believe how many ladies stayed in character all night; second, our first ever Lip Sync Challenge (Who knew the hidden talent we had here in the Great Lakes Region?); and lastly and certainly not least, in fact probably the best part was recognizing our very own Martha Bein as our Jennie Award nominee from GFWC Illinois.

Looking back on our 2017 club year, I hope you have been keeping track of all of your projects and programs that you completed as you were helping design better lives in your communities, across the state and around the world. Please don't keep those efforts to yourself, share your accomplishments with everyone by reporting. Reports are due February 1, 2018. I would love to see a report from every club. Even if you just report on one project, big or small or maybe your club's favorite project/program, that would be great. We want to hear from you. If you have any questions while writing your reports, feel free to reach out to me or Loretta Revesz our GFWC Illinois Junior Dean of Chairman.

Please do not forget to submit your entries for Junior of the Year, Junior Outstanding Service, and Junior Spark Plug Awards. We would like to see entries from every club. Surely there is one clubwoman in every club that should be recognized for one of these awards. Also don't forget to look at the Junior Lifetime Achievement Award, which is based on accumulation of points. Take a look, because you may qualify. If you have any questions on this, please reach out to our Junior Leadership Chairman, Debbie Monteith.

Phyllis and I are busy working on plans for the 2018 GFWC IL Convention where we will celebrate the accomplishments of this administration and begin the 2018-2020 Administration with Shelli and Cherie at the helm. Let's finish strong as we continue to Explore the Possibilities by helping design better lives.

I truly hope that you and your families have a wonderful holiday season and that 2018 brings you health, happiness and many blessings.



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REPORTING FAQs!!

Shelli R. Fehr, President Elect/Dean of Chairmen & Loretta Revesz, Junior Dean of Chair-

Reporting is a wonderful way to document club activities and share that information with others. It is valuable for recognition and history and can be an easy activity if advance planning is done. We want to know what your club does and we want to celebrate your successes with you! We are so grateful to the clubs who always report – your efforts are truly appreciated! If your club doesn't report, please consider picking an event your club really enjoys and report on that. If the narrative seems overwhelming, report your statistics. Start simple. Pick one project and tell us what you did. Your community work is valuable and we would love to hear about it!



The reporting period includes club activities from
January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.



Deadline for submitting reports is 11:59pm on February 1, 2018.
Reports may be sent electronically to the appropriate chairman.



1. Who should submit reports?

2. *EVERY club! Reports are an excellent way to keep history of your club for future club members. Reviewing the previous year's events gives members a better idea of how much they accomplished for the year. They are great member recruiting tools and can be used to show prospective members all the wonderful things you do for your community.*

2. Is the President of the club the only person who can write reports?

No! It's up to each club how to handle reporting but one suggestion is to make it a fun activity by having members get together to prepare the reports. Wine, cheese and reporting—what could be better?

3. When are reports due?

Reports must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2018.

4. To whom should the reports be sent?

The reporting packet given to each club President in 2017 has an updated grid of each receiving Chairman's name, address and email. Your District President or District Junior Director should also give each club a grid with the District chairmen information. (It's also on pages 10-11 of this magazine!)

5. How long should a report be?

Reports must be no more than 2 written pages maximum.

6. What information should be included in a report?

Reports should include complete details outlining how many members participated, how many hours, how much was spent or donated, to whom it was donated—who, what, when, where and why. The reports can also include a narrative describing the project.

7. What is a “narrative” in a report?

A narrative is a descriptive paragraph all about the project. It's a story about what was done. Some clubs only submit statistics while others will include a description of the project/s.

8. What is the difference between a Community Service Program and a Community Service Project?

*The Community Service **Program** is the general designation of the six areas that clubwomen work within: Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues. Within each of those Community Service Programs are two categories—Community Service **Projects** or Partnership Projects. The Community Service Projects are the “other” projects a club does in the area. For example, walking in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is reported as a Community Service **Project** in the Home Life Community Service **Program** while work with Canine Companions for Independence is a Partnership Project.*

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9. Where do we get the information for the reports?

Information is found in meeting minutes, newsletters, project wrap-ups, treasurer's reports, and member activity reports. Chairmen of all club projects should turn in a report as part of the permanent record of the club. The project report should include complete details outlining how the project was implemented, hours worked on the project, monies raised or donated and any in-kind donations. Then it's only a matter of "cut and paste" into your reports for GFWC.

10. Can I submit reports electronically?

Many of the chairmen are accepting reports electronically and the grid showing where to send the reports will include a column showing which Chairmen can accept this way. They must be submitted no later than 11:59p on February 1, 2018

11. Where can I locate copies of the statistical form?

An electronic version of the Statistical Form is found at www.gfwcillinois.org or by calling or emailing headquarters at (815) 724-0195 or gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net. Paper copies were included in the reporting packet your club President received.

12. Can my report include pictures?

Absolutely!! "A picture is worth a thousand words." To save space and stay within your 2 page maximum, wrap your text around the pictures, adding them as part of your narrative.

13. How do I determine the value of an in-kind donation?

If the item was brand new, the cost of that item is recorded as the value. If the item is used, the reporting packet your club President received Fall 2016 has a convenient list of many items that get donated with dollar values to record as in-kind.

14. I have submitted reports in the past, but I'm sometimes confused about where to record a project. How do I know what Community Service Program to use?

This is always a dilemma because a project can usually fit in more than one Community Service Program. For example, doing crafts with children at a domestic violence center could be Arts or Domestic Violence. The reporting packet will include a list of areas with suggestions of where they can be reported.

15. Can I report a project in more than one category?

No, you must select either one Special or Community Service Program or one Advancement area. The exception is the Community Improvement Program Award, Make a Difference Day, and Unity Award. Projects can be reported in each of those as well as a Community Service Program, Special Program, or Advancement area.

16. Do I need to send reports directly to GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC?

No, we are saving you postage and paper! Your reports are compiled at the state level and that info is sent to GFWC so you don't have to!

17. Are there any other changes this year?

Yes! New this year is where to report ESO information. This is now a separate report that will be sent directly to the GFWC Illinois Chairman Barbara Potter, 414 S. Thomas St., Gilman, IL 60938. Call or email her with questions at: Barb@PotterRentals.com or 815-265-4407.

Where can I receive more help if I need it?

The GFWC Illinois President Elect and Dean of Junior Chairmen are available anytime to come to your club or District meeting and present reporting workshops. Don't hesitate to call!



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GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

REPORTING/STATISTICAL FORM

January 1 through December 31

20_____

Club Name _____

District _____

Completed by:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Members (Per the current GFWC Illinois Yearbook) _____

	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Included?
SPECIAL PROGRAMS						
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION (GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM)						
<i>Domestic Violence Activities</i>						
<i>Our Promise...Prevent Child Abuse IL</i>						
TOTAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE						
ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN						
<i>Partnership Activities:</i>						
St. Jude Children's Research Hosp						
March of Dimes						
<i>Child/Children Activities</i>						
TOTAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN						

	# of Projects	# of Mem- bers Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Included?
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS						
ARTS						
<i>Art Activities</i>						
<i>Partnership Activities:</i>						
N/A at this time						
Total Arts						
CONSERVATION						
<i>Conservation Activities</i>						
<i>Partnership Activities:</i>						
The Nature Generation						
Total Conservation						
EDUCATION						
<i>Education Activities</i>						
<i>Partnership Activities:</i>						
Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership						
Illinois Leadership Seminar						
Total Education						
EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)				# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	# Books Read

Club Name _____

District _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Included?
HOME LIFE						
<i>Home Life Activities</i>						
<i>Partnership Activities:</i>						
Canine Companions						
Easterseals						
Total Home Life						
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH						
<i>International Outreach Activities</i>						
<i>Partnership Activities:</i>						
Heifer International						
Operation Smile International						
UN Foundation-Shot@Life						
U.S. Fund for UNICEF						
Total International						
PUBLIC ISSUES						
<i>Public Issues Activities</i>						
<i>Partnership Activities:</i>						
Sew Much Comfort						
USO						
Total Public Issues						

GFWC ADVANCEMENTS	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Spent	Narrative Included?
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS					
LEADERSHIP					
LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY					
MEMBERSHIP					

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Raised	Narrative Included?
<i>Club Fundraisers</i>					
<i>GFWC Endorsed Fundraisers:</i>					
Flower Power					
Terri Lynn Foods					
Total Fundraising					

WOMEN'S HISTORY & RESOURCE CENTER (WHRC)	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Included?

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SAMPLE REPORT.....SAMPLE REPORT.....SAMPLE REPORT

**Our Promise / Advocates for Children
GFWC Illinois Special Projects 2016
XYZ Woman's Club, District 1
10 members**

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Children's Research Foundation—Our club donated \$100.00 to this organization. (10 Members, .5 Hours, \$100.00 Donated)

Christian Friendliness Association—a donation of \$100.00 was made to this association that provides after school activities to at risk children. (10 Members, .5 Hours, \$100.00 Donated)

NEW! Closet2Closet—This organization was introduced to us by a new member at a meeting. It provides clothing to foster children. (8 Members, 1 Hour)

PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Prevent Child Abuse America/Illinois—the following projects were completed for these organizations:

Pinwheels for Prevention

- \$25.00 was given to District 3 towards a pinwheel garden for the district convention. (10 Members, .5 Hours, \$25.00 Donated)
- We planted our own pinwheel garden during the week of Federation Day at our meeting place with pinwheels purchased the year before. We prepared a small presentation and gave each attendee a pinwheel to plant in buckets outside our event building. We also posted the Pinwheels for Prevention sign. As an aside, when we went outside to plant the pinwheels, there were two one-dollar bills in the buckets, presumably deposited there by golfers that were attending the golf tournament that day. What a nice surprise! (7 Members, 3.5 Hours, \$2.00 Donated)
- We purchased another \$100.00 worth of pinwheels for next year. (10 Members, .5 Hours, \$100.00 In Kind)

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

- A donation of \$100.00 was given to this organization. (10 Members, .5 Hours, \$100.00 Donated)
- NEW! PCA Illinois Conference Raffle Baskets—Our club donated 5 baskets to this conference. (7 Members, 5 Hours, \$250.00 In Kind)
- Three members attended the Blue Ribbon Fashion Show. (3 Members, 16.5 Hours)

NEW! St. Jude Children's Research Hospital—Two members participated in the St. Jude Walk, raising \$300.00 for the organization. (2 Members, 7 Hours, \$300.00 Donated)

March of Dimes--\$100.00 was donated. (10 Members, .5 Hours, \$100.00 Donated)

11 Projects 10 Members 36 Hours \$727.00 Donated \$350.00 In Kind

Contests and Deadlines

CONTEST TITLE	CONTEST FOR	ENTER BY	CLUB WINNERS TO	DISTRICT WINNERS TO	STATE WINNERS TO
ARTS					
GFWC Illinois Youth Art Talent	Grades 4-12	February 1	District Art Chairman	Betty Koran by March 1	
GFWC Youth Writing Short Story and Poetry	Grades K-12	February 1	District Art Chairman	Betty Koran by March 1	GFWC by 4/1
GFWC Short Story and Poetry	Members in Good Standing	February 1	Betty Koran Chairman		GFWC by 4/1
GFWC Photography "GFWC Volunteers in Action"	Members in Good Standing	March 1	Betty Koran Chairman		GFWC by 5/15
GFWC Photography "The World in Pictures"	Members in Good Standing	March 1	Betty Koran Chairman		GFWC by 5/15
GFWC Photography Calendar "A Year in Pictures"	Members in Good Standing	March 1	Betty Koran Chairman		GFWC by 5/15
GFWC Illinois Painting Contest	Members in Good Standing	First Day of Convention	Arts & Crafts Room		
Arts & Crafts Exhibit Entries	Members in Good Standing	First Day of Convention	Arts & Crafts Room		
Arts Grant for Schools & Very Special Arts (VSA)	Clubs in Good Standing	March 1	Betty Koran Chairman		
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AWARD	Clubs in Good Standing	March 1, 2018	Linda Valentino Chairman		GFWC by 4/1/18
LEADERSHIP					
GFWC Jennie Award	Members in Good Standing	June 1, 2017	Janice Perkins Chairman		
GFWC LEADS Application	Members in Good Standing	February 1	Teresa Sanford-Shippelt Chairman		GFWC by 4/1
MEMBERSHIP					
Membership Recruitment Recognition	Member, Club or District in Good Standing	February 1	Alice Betlach Chairman		
Membership Increase & Member Orientation	Clubs in Good Standing	February 1	Alice Betlach Chairman		
GFWC Star Pin Program	Members in Good Standing	February 1	Alice Betlach Chairman		
25 & 50 Year Members	Members in Good Standing	April 1	Alice Betlach Chairman		
PUBLIC RELATIONS					
GFWC Club Newsletter Contest	Clubs in Good Standing	March 15	GFWC		
GFWC Media Campaign Contest	Clubs in Good Standing	March 15	GFWC		
GFWC Website Contest	Clubs in Good Standing	March 15	GFWC		

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State Chairman Contact Information

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News to Share?

Send your club/district news or project details and photos to Carol Jablonski for mention in KEY NOTES!

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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Alice Betlach, Southern Region Vice President, MEMBERSHIP



- **Growth is vital to the continued success of your club and this concept needs to be shared by everyone in your club.** There's no "*secret formula*" for recruiting members to your club. It takes enthusiasm, creativity, and determination. Growth produces new talent, brainpower, and *womanpower*. It propels your club to greater involvement and more meaningful community service, and it boosts the club's ability to raise funds for charities and service projects. There are many ways to find prospective members! Embrace new ideas and new members!
- **Consider involving prospective members in a club project *before* asking them to join.** Recruits may volunteer because of an interest or a passion, but may be reluctant to jump into membership. Introduce them to a project, teach them a skill, and make sure they have a good time volunteering with the group. A memorable experience may provide the motivation to tempt them to a regular club meeting.
- **Invite past members to a meeting.** Ask a former member or two to relate a memory of a project or event they experienced with the club. Highlighting past involvement during a membership event is a great way to rekindle interest.
- **Post Recruitment.** After any successful membership event, your club will likely gain several new members. However, there may still be a few who are undecided. It is important to continue to communicate with these prospective members.
- **The president should send a letter thanking the prospective member for coming and let them know they are welcome to join at any time.**
- **Send the club newsletter to prospects who attended an event to keep the door open for membership in following months.** List the names of the prospects who attended in the newsletter. Even more important, list the names of all the new members who joined!
- **Overcome the fear of trying new things;** you will learn as much from what does not work as from what does work. Embrace new ideas and new members!

GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Illinois President

"LET'S MAKE CHANGE" 2017-2018

Let's Make Change 2017 raised over \$10,000!!! Thank you doesn't come close to expressing my deep appreciation for your support of this program last year! Each recipient presented at our Convention in May and reaffirmed how much each organization needs our help.

I'd like to challenge you all again— a donation of little more than a 'penny-a-day' - \$4.00 to be exact. If **Every Member of Every Club** donates \$4.00, it would generate approximately a \$4,800 donation to each of these four organizations:



All funds received by April 1, 2018 will be distributed evenly to these organizations at the GFWC Illinois 123rd Annual Convention in May. The donation form is included in the Treasurer's Packet sent this fall and will also be available on the GFWC Illinois website. Thank you for helping to make change in the lives of others!!

EASTERSEALS

ILLINOIS LEADERSHIP SEMINARS (ILS)

CHILDREN'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CRF)

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL

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COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS, OR CPR!

Carol Jablonski, Northern Region Vice President, COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Liken this to a mashup of our topic today: CPR, which is the way to resuscitate a person, or in this case, your recruitment goals.

Most know that CPR stands for cardiopulmonary resuscitation. For your club to function, it must have a pulse (working, volunteering members). If you feel like your club is flatlining (no new members), it's time for some CPR.

The heart of your club is your president and officers. The arteries are the committee chairmen. The veins include all your members. They all must be in touch with one another to function optimally. Your club might be able to function without a vein or two, but to lose an artery? Bleed out! How do you survive? Keep your CPR skills sharp at all levels, from a member to a chairman to an officer.

CPR is a valuable tool for a club, and for the district, the state, and even at the international level. If the veins don't know what the arteries are doing, that can cause a crisis that can be harmful to the health of the organization. Keep your CPR skills sharp, and you never know when you might meet a new member!



PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE— THE TRANSITION OF POWER

Jacquelyn Pierce, GFWC Illinois Parliamentarian

The minute one assumes a leadership position they should begin preparing their successor.

Suggestions are as follows:

1. Many organizations have the successor "groomed" by having them serve "under." For example, 2nd vice president becomes 1st vice president.
2. The Transition Box is often implemented in organizations. Every board member is given such a box with the request that all materials, reports, hand-outs, etc. be placed in this box to be given to the successor.
3. Once your successor is announced, hold a one-on-one meeting and relate all information face-to-face.



It's up to you to make this a smooth transition....and a little reminder....the better your successor is in the position, the better you will look!

PASSING THE BATON— A MUST-DO LIST:

Presented by *Jan Allen*, GFWC Leadership Chairman

@ GFWC Board of Directors' Meeting– Quincy, MA

- Notes organized in binder: agendas, programs, etc.
- Important dates and deadlines for newsletters, meetings, convention
- Dollars spent
 - Noting any expectations to pay for specific items
- Contact List besides GFWC: partners, vendors, etc.
- Answer questions two (2) months prior
- Never say . . . "When I was President" ---- You are the PAST president
- Don't be offended if your successor changes things
- Let the Chair / President BE . . . it's her administration
- How you leave your job says more than how you do your job



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BE A GOOD NAVIGATOR WITH.... L.E.A.D.S

Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, Central Region Vice President, LEADERSHIP

Life isn't about waiting for the winds to change...its learning to adjust the sails!

GFWC Illinois LEADS is adjusting their sails to better meet the winds of leadership and here is how we plan to do it. There will be two separate workshops this spring.

LEADS 101 will focus on members that are new to their leadership role. They maybe new chairmen, officers or presidents in their local clubs. It could be a member who is new to the organization and wants to know more about our missions and goals. Items covered will include agendas, parliamentary procedure, job descriptions, public relations, reporting and recognizing achievements.

LEADS 201 will focus on members who are taking a step forward and want to be an officer or chairman on the district level or even on the state board of directors. This workshop will help members understand what to expect and the duties they will perform. There will be information on time management, getting the word out, protocol, new clubs, how to delegate and on reporting to the captain and crew!

*Please note that to be eligible for the International LEADS program at GFWC Convention a member must attend an Illinois LEADS workshop. They must also fill out a separate application with endorsements which must be submitted to the Illinois Leadership Chairman by March 1st.



Save The Date:

Illinois LEADS Workshop
Wednesday, May 16 @ State Convention
\$30 Registration includes LEADS Workshop and Lunch



Thirteen LEADS Encore graduates received their LEADS pins and certificates in Effingham on November 3rd at the GFWC Illinois Board of Director's Meeting.

Congratulations to our future GFWC Leaders!!

**“A leader’s job is to look into the future and see the organization
not as it is but as it should be!”**

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SET YOUR SAILS FOR 2018 GFWC ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

Judy Radar, GFWC Illinois Scholarship Chairman

GFWC Illinois Scholarships available for Fall 2018 semester include:

- Arthur Grant Smith Scholarship - **Drama** (\$500)
- Hamilton Ridge Scholarship – **Music** (\$1000)
- Illinois Cottage Park Ridge **Vocational Scholarship** for Girls (\$1000)
- Lincoln Lodge **Vocational** Scholarship for Boys (\$1000)
- Lorado Taft Scholarship - **Art** (\$1000)
- Vina Miller Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) *Emphasis in **Public Issues***
- IFWC **Cultural Exchange** Scholarship (\$1000) - Awarded to high school OR college students planning to study abroad Fall 2018

*These scholarships are open to all students for Fall Semester 2018: current high school graduates, existing college students and adults returning to school. Former applicants/winners may reapply. Submission deadline for applications to the GFWC Illinois Scholarship Chairman is Feb 15, 2018

What can your club do to promote the GFWC Illinois Scholarship Program?

How can you find a winner in your own backyard?

- If you haven't already received your 2018 Scholarship forms contact your district president or the GFWC Illinois Scholarship Chairman at judyrader51@gmail.com
- Have your club president sign a copy of each different scholarship application (Schools may make as many copies of the signed applications as they need)
- Take the applications to area high schools' guidance offices
- Publicize! Let the schools and community know what's available and where to find the applications
- Consider making a club donation directed to GFWC Illinois Scholarships to further support our scholarship program and maintain its continued success.

*Scholarship applications are available (a) online at gfwcillinois.org under the "Members' Area" Tab, (b) from your District President or (c) email Judy Rader at judyrader51@gmail.com .

ARTS CONTESTS @ CONVENTION

Betty Koran, Chairman, Community Service, ARTS

This Art Chairman would like to challenge ALL the clubwomen of Illinois. As this holiday season approaches, I would like you to make a piece of holiday art and after the holidays don't pack it up and put it away. Instead, bring or send it to the Art Room at the GFWC Illinois 123rd Convention, May 17 – 19th at the Marriott Peoria Pere Marquette. Who knows; you could end up with a First Place Blue Ribbon!

Not Artsy Craftsyy?? Then why not try your hand at photography? Snap a shot of your fellow clubwoman as they work on a holiday project. Or maybe take a picture of a beautiful fall or winter scene. Submit them at convention and your photo could end up in the GFWC Calendar. Another idea is to jot down your thoughts and feelings in the form of a poem while you are snuggled under the covers on a chilly evening. Have a funny story to tell? Put it down on paper and submit it in the short story category.

So you have heard the challenge; now I hope you will rev up those artistic juices and fill the Art Room to capacity. Contest information at the state level can be found in your Reporting Packet. But if you have any other questions or want to read the GFWC International contest requirements, don't hesitate to contact me or go directly to the GFWC website at www.gfwc.org. Go to Membership Services and click on Awards, Contests and Grants for the full contest information.

And finally to all the clubs who sponsored and submitted Youth Short Stories and Poetry contests-- keep up the good work! Last year's entries were amazing and I so look forward to reading all the entries this year. I hope everyone considers this project for the upcoming club year--- it's not too late!

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SET SAIL & CELEBRATE...



Members of the GFWC Waukegan Woman's Club were asked to serve as Grand Marshals for the Independence Day Parade in Waukegan. This was a tip of the hat to the club as WWC was instrumental in creating the Waukegan Park District 100 YEARS ago!!

Save the Date!



123RD ANNUAL GFWC ILLINOIS CONVENTION

MAY 17-19, 2018
MARRIOTT PEORIA
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The Pere Marquette features a 24-hour fitness room, in-house eats and historic downtown digs attract our guests to the non-smoking Marriott Peoria Pere Marquette.

Built in 1927 and reopened in summer 2013, the 12-story Pere Marquette was once frequented by the likes of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Today, the non-smoking hotel is home to 286 rooms that feature cable TVs, duvets, and coffeemakers. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and limited room service are offered via the on-site restaurant. Guests have 24-hour access to the fitness room and the front desk. Self- and valet parking are offered for an additional fee.

The hotel is off I-74, a half-mile from Lake Peoria and a five-minute stroll east of the Peoria Civic Center. You'll find a host of popular attractions within minutes, including the Central National Bank Building, two blocks away, and the Madison Theatre, across the street. A seven-mile drive west lands guests at General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport. A legendary setting, are highlights at the Marriott Peoria Pere Marquette.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER (WHRC)

Diane Addante, Chairman

The WHRC was established by GFWC in 1984 to collect, preserve and interpret information and artifacts pertaining to the history of GFWC and women volunteers. Information readily available at gfwc.org/what-we-do/whrc/ makes for great programs and/or materials to help tell the story of our clubs and our organization. We strongly encourage you to visit this site and avail yourself of the bountiful information at your fingertips. Members may contact WHRC Manager Alyssa Constad at GFWC Headquarters for assistance with research projects in this area. (202-347-3168, ext 137)



The WHRC has a quarterly newsletter available via email and archived online. If you visit GFWC.org and scroll down to the bottom, you will see the sign-up, requiring only your email address. As a member of the GFWC Communications & PR Committee, I also encourage you to sign up for News & Notes right above the WHRC registration, if you have not already done so.

GFWC Illinois WHRC Challenge: We would like to have 50 club/member "Friends of WHRC" from Illinois. A donation of \$30 will help accomplish this. Donations are made through the GFWC Marketplace. As with our 1734 Challenge last year, please communicate with Diane Addante or Donna Cross when you have signed up as a Friend. Deadline for our purposes is 4/15/18. All "Friends of WHRC" will receive a token of appreciation and those who attend GFWC Illinois Convention in Peoria will be entered into a prize drawing for a fabulous gift to be awarded at Convention. If this great incentive isn't enough, your donation helps the WHRC engage in outreach activities, preserve and catalog the center's multimedia collections, build the research library collection and offer internships and research fellowships. Thanks in advance for your support!

GFWC 1734 Society

Last year, we challenged clubs/members to donate at least \$17.34 to assist with the preservation of the structural integrity of GFWC Headquarters at 1734 N Street, NW, Washington DC. Thanks to your generosity, we sent over \$1,700 to GFWC for this. We encourage you to continue contributions to this fund, which ensures that this valuable, vital center for women's issues and outreach will be maintained. Remember, members are cordially invited to visit and stay at headquarters so you can see for yourself why preserving this gem is so important. Call in advance to make arrangements.



**GFWC 1734 SOCIETY DONORS
@ STATE CONVENTION 2017**

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TREASURER REPORT

Michelle Schultz, Treasurer (pictured top right)

Erika Dobrotka, Junior Treasurer (pictured bottom left)

Welcome to the 2nd year of the administration! We want to share several items with you and provide a "TO DO" list for the Treasurers and club officers. The "TO DO" list is to address Dues, items based on some lessons learned this past year and some information related to becoming a 501©(3) entity.

With this new club year for GFWC Illinois, the Dues collection process was changed somewhat from previous years. Last year some issues were encountered related to the timely collection of dues and getting those dues to Headquarters. Some changes were made in hopes of addressing some of those issues. The dues forms were redesigned with separate forms for General, Junior and Juniorette clubs. In addition, procedures/instructions were developed for District and Junior District Treasurers that were included with the forms you received from Headquarters. All of these forms were distributed earlier so that the forms got into the hands of the Treasurers sooner.



If you were at State Convention or a Summer Regional meeting, you heard about some issues that a club and a District encountered this past year that leads to what we are calling "Lessons Learned." A District encountered an issue when the Treasurer became seriously ill, and it was found that the checking account only had one signer. The District also learned when moving the account to another financial institution that the Tax Identification Number that was being used was listed on the Bank's records as belonging to an individual GFWC club (not the District). The District did not have their original IRS letter to verify if the number really belonged to them or not. For the individual club, it was a similar circumstance in which the Treasurer became seriously ill and unfortunately did pass. Again the account only had one signer; however, the bigger issue was that the account was opened under her personal name and Social Security Number. Upon her death, this checking account was then frozen by the Bank as she was the sole owner.

Lastly, the topic of becoming a 501©(3) entity has been more prevalent lately as GFWC opened up opportunity last year for individual clubs to apply to become a 501©(3) club under the umbrella of GFWC's status. Each club had specific guidelines requirements to meet to potentially qualify for the designation. There is the potential for this opportunity to be offered again by GFWC in the next administration so be looking for upcoming news. If your club does not want to wait and wants to tackle becoming a 501©(3) on your own, do your homework.

Treasurer To-Do List:

- ◇ Collect dues & get the checks sent to all appropriate parties **TIMELY**
- ◇ Get that list of all members with mailing & email addresses ready now to send with your dues
- ◇ Determine if the club/District account(s) has more than 1 authorized signer & the signers listed are correct.
If not, get the appropriate persons added
- ◇ Locate the IRS letter with your Tax Identification Number
- ◇ Ensure the club/District account(s) is not under a personal name &/or Social Security Number
- ◇ Thinking of applying for 501©(3) status, check out IRS Publication 4220 & IRS Publication 557 online.
Another reference is a publication put out by Secretary of State Jesse White's office entitled A Guide for Organizing Not-for-Profit Corporations which is also available online.

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GFWC ILLINOIS SPECIAL PROJECTS

Karen Meyer, Chairman (right)

Allison Meyer Hale, Junior Chairman (left)



Junior week was Oct 22- Oct 28 and here is a sampling of some of the wonderful projects and activities that our Junior Clubs sponsored.

- **Pontiac Juniors** had a pizza dinner then assembled and filled 10 shoeboxes for shipment to underprivileged countries for Christmas for Operation Christmas Child along with a Thanksgiving craft project that will be given to the residents of a local nursing home to decorate their rooms.
- **Wheaton Juniors** did a Kindness Rock Service Project, they painted the Kindness Rocks and then hid them on Make a Difference day at a local playground for kids to find to benefit from the kind words and spread it to others.
- **Homer Glen Juniors** filled every day of the week: The Executive Board sponsored a Penny Wars during our October General Meeting between the Standing Committees and raised \$246.61 to donate PCA IL. They sponsored a phone and letter bank to support Shot@Life. They asked K-12 students to submit an essay or picture about family member who served in armed services and what it meant to them. Finally, on Make a Difference Day they sponsored a table outside of Jewel and handed out 180 Thank you cards to Veterans and their families. They also raised over \$1000 for Wreaths Across America and will sponsor 70 wreaths with the donations!
- **Morgan Park Juniors** Seven members of the MPJWC participated in the Literacy Development Program" at Barnard School. The members spent two and a half hours weekly to develop and increase reading, writing, and language skills, for students in Kindergarten through Second Grade. On "Make a Difference Day", 19 Juniors and one Junior High School Volunteer, made 27 soft, cuddly, fleece, tie blankets with 27 different prints. The blankets were donated to pre-school children at Beacon Therapeutic School (now UCAN Academy).
- **Glendale Heights Junior Women's Club** had a fundraiser on Sunday, October 22nd. We had our mayor present us with a proclamation stating that October 24th will be recognized as Junior Day and October 22nd through the 28th be recognized as GFWC Advocates for Children's Week.
- **Coal City Junior Woman's Club** held Fingerprinting for Kids during Junior week which was also Advocates for Children. They fingerprinted 130 students at the Coal City Early Childhood Center with five juniors participating. Eighteen juniors collected food and paper goods for their local Food Pantry and donated about \$375 worth of food. The Food Pantry was very grateful!

JUNIOR SPECIAL PROJECT – Advocates for Children

GFWC just celebrated the 18th anniversary of the Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children! Although the program itself is fairly new in the scope of GFWC's 127-year history, advocating for youth and supporting children all over the world is a core part of GFWC values and tradition. A push for improved public schools, the establishment of kindergartens, and public libraries were among the very first civic missions of GFWC in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

During the 1896 GFWC Convention in Denver, Colorado, members focused on solving problems affecting women and children that had been exasperated due to rapid urbanization and industrialization. In Denver, clubwomen unanimously resolved that no child under the age of 14 should be employed in a hazardous setting, and that proper sanitation and safe working conditions must always be provided. This resolution would become the cornerstone of legislation preventing child labor. Clubwomen such as Jane Addams led the way in advocating for children by heading GFWC's Child Labor Committee in 1901. GFWC is proud of our history of supporting children and providing a voice to those without one.

Proper hygiene for children, as well as nutrition and care for infants, also became a rallying point for clubwomen throughout the 20th century. When President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established the March of Dimes in 1938, clubwomen immediately found an ally in the fight for proper health care and hygiene for mothers and their children. Today, GFWC continues to partner with March of Dimes through our Juniors' Special Program. Whether hosting an event, participating in a walk, or collecting spare change, clubs are dedicated to helping March of Dimes in its mission to end premature birth and infant mortality.

At the 2015 Annual Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, GFWC was proud to begin partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, giving clubs another way to support the Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children. GFWC has demonstrated our commitment to ending childhood cancer by bringing all hands on deck for the St. Jude Run/Walk to End Cancer.

"Advocates for Children" is designed to encourage General, Junior, and Juniorette clubs to make a difference in our world by becoming advocates for children. Clubs may choose to do projects that support our GFWC partnerships, March of Dimes and St. Jude, or projects that are member initiated and serve children in their club's local community such as Princeton Pediatric Jump Bags and Coal City's Backpack Program. Remember clubs: General, Junior, Juniorette clubs may report under the Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children category.

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FRIDAY,
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CRF's NIGHT AT THE CABARET!

Announcing the GFWC IL CRF Juniors Inaugural Fundraiser for Children's Research Foundation – **CRF's Night at the Cabaret!** On Friday, February 9th, 2018, join us as we enjoy a fabulous plated dinner and cocktail hour, then be prepared to go back in time to 1930's Berlin as we are transported to a musical world far away! *Cabaret* is one of the most well-known Broadway musicals **of all time**, and it's because of the extraordinary songs, universal appeal and a spellbinding story that still holds true in today's world. Nominated for a total of 26 Tony Awards over three decades and winning a total of 12 including Best Musical and Best Revival of a Musical, *Cabaret* is a must see!

Your **\$125.00 ticket** includes valet parking, cocktail hour, dinner and a main floor ticket to see this fantastic performance in one of the oldest and most beautiful theatres in the Midwest, the Paramount Theatre in Aurora, IL. Tickets will be sold through our club and will be available in early December. Watch the GFWC IL Facebook page and your email for announcements of when they will be on sale because they will GO FAST!

If you are not able to join us or live too far from the area, you and your club can support this very unique fundraiser in another way by becoming a **Backstage Sponsor** of the event. For **\$250.00**, your club, district or a special individual you would like to honor can be listed in the Event Program as a **Backstage Sponsor**. All those who participate will also be included in a special mention at the **2018 GFWC ILLINOIS State Convention!** If you would like to participate in this fundraiser, please complete the form below.

On behalf of the GFWC IL CRF Juniors and Pat Broggi of CRF –

Thank You for your support!

CRF's NIGHT AT THE CABARET BACKSTAGE SPONSOR LISTING FORM

**Please list your business or club name exactly how you would like it to appear in the program book.
Example: GFWC IL CRF Junior Woman's Club*

Club/District _____

Contact Name _____

Sponsorship Amount: \$ _____

Address _____

*I cannot sponsor at this time,
but please accept this donation:* \$ _____

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Email _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

*Please make checks payable to GFWC IL CRF Juniors

** Mail to Karyn Charbat, 716 Wildflower Circle • Naperville, IL 60540 by January 10, 2018

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21ST ANNUAL GFWC ILLINOIS BLUE RIBBON FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH TICKETS: \$45.00 ADULT / \$20.00 12 OR YOUNGER

DOORS OPEN @ 11AM / LUNCHEON @ 12PM / FASHION SHOW @ 1PM

BOLINGBROOK GOLF CLUB- 2001 RODEO DRIVE, BOLINGBROOK, IL

**TICKET
FORM
BELOW!**

Plans are underway for our 21st Annual GFWC Illinois Blue Ribbon Fashion Show. Let's make sure we honor our commitment to Prevent Child Abuse Illinois by making this year's show bigger and better than ever before!

Can you help with Street of Dreams items??

The Street of Dreams Raffle was a huge success in 2017, and in 2018 we will continue with "themed" experience raffles. We are approaching the "prime shopping" time of the year, and we'd love it if you could do some "Pre GFWC IL Blue Ribbon Fashion Show" shopping! As you all know, many items are available at substantially discounted prices and who doesn't want to get more for their money? All donation from clubs and individual donors will receive recognition in the event program.

Below is a proposed list of "experiences" we are considering, and with your help, we can make these dreams come true!

- Disney Experience – airline miles, hotel gift cards, Disney luggage, Disney themed items for adults and children. We are applying for a Disney Pass donation from Disney World in Florida
- Ravinia Experience – picnic basket, folding wagon, gift certificates for the 2018 Ravinia Season and/or their restaurant, bottles of wine, small folding table and/or chairs, Mariano's or Whole Foods gift cards
- Ladies Spa – SpaFinder Gift cards, fluffy robe and slippers, hotel gift certificate, luggage
- Downtown Chicago Experience – hotel gift certificate, restaurant gift cards, gas gift cards, Chicago Tour vouchers or gift cards, museum passes, Escape Room, etc.
- Sports Experience – tickets for Chicago Teams – Bears, Sox, Cubs, Hawks, Bulls; Total Golf gift certificate, memorabilia, jerseys, hats, etc.
- If you have a "vacation location" you'd like to donate, we'd love that too!

Please contact LeeAnn Conlon at leeann.conlon@aol.com with questions and/or let her know what you or your club will be able to donate. And we will always take cash donations! Happy Shopping and thank you as always for your generosity.

21st Annual GFWC Illinois Blue Ribbon Fashion Show & Luncheon

TICKET RESERVATION FORM

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Bolingbrook, Golf Club 2001 Rodeo Drive, Bollingbrook, IL

11am– Doors Open / 12pm– Luncheon / 1pm– Fashion Show



Club Name _____ District _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please reserve _____ Tickets @ \$45.00 per adult = \$ _____

Please reserve _____ Tickets @ \$20.00 per child under 12 = \$ _____

I am not able to attend; please accept this monetary donation = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

*Please make checks payable to GFWC Illinois

** Mail to Amy Vicioso, 3402 Wells Way, Joliet, IL 60431



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MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

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FRIDAY, MARCH 2—SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

BLUE RIBBON FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

BOLINGBROOK GOLF CLUB

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

EASTERSEALS JOLIET REGION ANNUAL TELETHON

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

GFWC ILLINOIS 123RD ANNUAL CONVENTION

GFWC ILLINOIS LEADS SEMINAR 101 & 201 SESSIONS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018