

GFWC Illinois



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Rock Island, IL



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Members of the GFWC Illinois State Board at the 2011 Convention in Rock Island, Illinois.

Seated from left to right: Pat Heitman, President Elect; Candy Godbee, Director of Junior Clubs; Nancy Willis, President; Shelli Fehr, Central Region VP; Sandy Hutchings, Southern VP; Diane Addante, Northern Region VP; and Karen Wrzesinski, Secretary. Chairmen and District Presidents featured on the staircase.

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With Our Sympathy

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

Eleanor Flinn's husband Dr. Robert A.
Martha Bein's husband Robert (Bob)
Evelyn Dill's husband William (Bill)
Marriet Harrison's husband Harvey
Cherie Sieger's mother-in-law
Teresa Sanford's mother-in-law
Doris Wehmeyer's mother
Florence Pankey's husband Lowell*

**Lowell passed away in December 2010
this Editor overlooked printing our most
sincere condolences to Florence*

GFWC Members:

Lucille Lindahl
Portage Park WC—District 7



SPREAD YOUR WINGS AND LEARN NEW THINGS 116TH ANNUAL CONVENTION ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS



Congratulations! You, the Illinois Clubwomen have outdone yourselves again! Our state would be doing without so many things if the volunteers of GFWC Illinois were to suddenly disappear! The 116th Conventions was a time for sharing.

Sharing the memories. Sharing project ideas. Sharing joy with the Honor Flight. Sharing the passions at the Domestic Violence Vigil. Sharing the friendships. Sharing the “numbers” of how much money and time we have shared with our communities. I only wish that we could know the **REAL “numbers”**. As each of you know, clubs are not required to report, so the “numbers” that we celebrate at Convention are only the “numbers” that ARE reported. We do so much more. I want to extend congratulations to **ALL clubs**, not just those who reported this past year. Every hour that you volunteer is so greatly appreciated in your communities.

Please take a few moments this summer in your clubs to think about **CHANGE**. Now is the perfect time, while you are planning your new year’s activities. Look at you club as a business. What resources do we have? How much time do have to devote to projects? Which project could be our biggest “cash cow”? Your club cannot DO IT ALL. Be selective. Choose the projects that your members are the most passionate about. Perhaps this is the year that thing you have ALWAYS done needs to be retired. Our world has changed. The needs of your communities and the passions of your members have changed. Take time to refocus your club goals to match the priorities of your members.

Change does not start with new beginnings. **Change starts with ENDINGS**. You must make room in your club life for new things. You have only so many resources to “spend”. Consider retiring those project that are just no longer filling a need or are no longer touching the lives of a lot of people. You must surrender something to make room for new things.

When planning you new club year, please DO remember that your Executive Committee and State Board of Directors are here to help you! Please do not hesitate to call on us! We would love to come to your meetings to give a presentation, to make new friends, to answer your questions. All it takes to get one of us to your meeting is a phone call or an email.

Please consider joining you fellow members at one of our Summer Region Meetings “**Spread your wings, Learn new things**”. Our region Vice Presidents have exciting things planned for us. The Community Service Chairmen will have new information to share with you in the traditional “informational booklet” which will be distributed at the Region meetings. There will also be memories of special moments from our Past State Presidents for you. Also, the brand new **Membership Tool Kit** will be ready for you at this time. **One FREE Tool Kit for each club will be available.**

Keep your eyes open for details of a special “**Just for You**” event on **Saturday, August 20th**. In the morning we will have a motivational speaker and a light lunch. In the afternoon all are invited to an Open House at our GFWC Illinois Headquarters in Joliet. Your Executive Committee has been working hard to bring our technology into the new century and revamp the storage systems at HQ so our new Executive Secretary, Jennifer Groholski, can more effectively assist you with your club needs.

Again, congratulations and thank you for all you do!

Take care,
Nancy H. Willis 2010-2012 GFWC Illinois President



from the helm...



A Look Back on a Whirlwind Year and Look Forward to a New Year



Wow! Spring has sure been a **“whirlwind”** this year. District conventions were a delight for this director when I met many members as I dashed around the state. Then as we gathered for State Convention in Rock Island, we saw rushing, rising rivers whirling their excess waters. We’ve gone back and forth from furnaces to air conditioning as the weather changes in extremes each week. Most recently, we share our concern and sympathy with those affected by historic tornadoes that ripped through the south and Joplin, MO. As usual, GFWC Clubwomen are anxious to help those in need. You may contribute to the GFWC efforts by sending checks to **GFWC, Attn: Spring 2011 Storms Disaster Relief, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990**. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the families and communities that have been affected by these storms.

The magnificent work and concern for others of club women throughout Illinois was evident as we gathered for convention to recognize those outstanding clubs who report. Recognition is a big part of convention, but additionally, I like to refer to it as a big family reunion, renewing friendships and sharing the news of our families and communities. If you didn’t get to be part of it, do you know if your club got awards? More importantly, did you report? To see if your Junior club received recognition, you can simply go to www.gwfciljuniors.org, visit the Members Only tab and go to the Downloads to view the **“Beary Brightest”** club projects in the 2001 Convention Awards. If your club didn’t report, it’s not too soon to start planning for the 2011 reports. A little planning now makes it an easy process next January. We know that every club has outstanding projects and ideas that other communities could benefit from.

GFWC is a two-way street. Club members see a need in their community and take action. They share their successes with their districts, the districts share with other state members and the state reports are shared with GFWC. When GFWC sees a project that is outstanding, they share it with clubwomen from around the country, coming back to the grassroots clubs. Before you know it an entire movement can sweep the country, much the way GFWC members started the movement to put yellow lines in the center of roads.

The most recent movement I have taken under my wing is the effort to have **color-coded emergency pediatric bags** in every ambulance in Illinois. GFWC Wisconsin started this project several years ago. Via that two-way street, the Illinois Juniors learned of this project at GFWC meetings and are bringing this project to the Illinois clubs. I am happy to announce that through working with a manufacturer, we have been able to design a bag that will meet the needs of emergency personnel, and will only cost approximately \$150. We are waiting for the second prototype to be completed for final approval and will be distributing information on purchasing these bags for your community, during the summer region meetings. Although this project has taken three years to make it one that most clubs can afford, it has been worth the wait. The price for the original bag that we saw was \$800. Perseverance has paid off, and I encourage all clubs to look into this project.

Speaking of Region Meetings, I encourage all members to take the opportunity to attend. Meetings such as this are just one of the benefits of belonging to a GFWC club. You will learn from them and can take the information back to your clubs on that same street you take to get to the meeting.

It takes “u” to make GFWC succeed. That is what makes you a “Loveable, Huggable Volunteer”.

... follow the leaders

PIERCE'S PARLIAMENTARY POINTERS ORDER IN THE COURT

by Jacquelyn Pierce 2010-2012 GFWC Illinois Parliamentarian

Parliamentary procedure is intended to facilitate progress in meetings; enable the assembly to make wise collective decisions within a reasonable time; uphold the principles of fairness, equality and common sense; and protect fundamental rights.

Such rights include:

the right of the majority to rule;
the right of the minority to be heard;
the right of the assembly to civil and orderly deliberations;
and the rights of individuals, absentees, and the organization as a whole to be protected from abuse.
How close do you have **ORDER IN THE COURT** in your club?

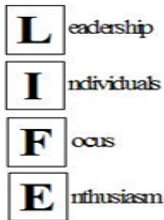
Consider this thought-provoking acronym...MAD:

M stands for Monarchy (under this regime, the presiding officer makes the decisions.)

A stands for Anarchy (under this regime, a vocal minority dictates and imitates others.)

D stands for Democracy (under this regime, the members collectively make the decisions.)

Strive for **ORDER IN THE COURT**, strive for a democracy within your club meeting where the members collectively make the decisions.



LEADERSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE LIFE OF OUR ORGANIZATION



"LIFE" Leadership Tips to Start a New Club Year

- Start club year with a leadership workshop including GFWC history, structure, accomplishments, and other pertinent information.
- Have club members break into groups and design an ideal fundraising project for your club year. Share and select the most popular.
- Break your membership into teams and challenge each team to come up with a solution to a particularly sticky club problem, i.e., obtaining officers, attendances, etc.
- Plan a brainstorming session with your club and/or board to investigate your club's priorities and goals for a year and/or for five years.
- When the club administration changes have a meeting of the old and new board so projects continue harmoniously and ideas can be exchanged.
- **HAVE FUN** at all meetings and events! **PLAN** it that way! This is *good leadership*!!



GFWC Illinois 2011 Convention Awards For Leadership
GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville
GFWC Illinois Abingdon Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Cullom
GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Sandoval Woman's Club
Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc.
The Woman's Club of Aurora
Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club, Inc.



regional meetings...



GFWC ILLINOIS
2011 Region Meetings—"Spread Your Wings, Learn New Things"
July 14, 15, & 16
8:00—9:00 am Registration



The Region Meeting is a day of information relevant to your club work. We also strive to make it meaningful to the member personally. The Presiding Officer of the meeting is the Region Vice President. The day will include comments from President Nancy Willis and Director of Junior Clubs Candy Godbee. The State Fund Raising Chairmen will also be on hand to provide Federation supplies needed. The agenda includes the discussion of membership topics, interactive membership projects and speakers of interest. The day will also include lunch and a tour of the facility listed. All meetings start at 9:00 am.

Please choose a date and a location and join us for the day!

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Holiday Inn, 222 Potomac Boulevard, Mt. Vernon
Tour of Cedarhurst Museum, 2600 E. Richview Road, Mt. Vernon

Friday, July 16, 2011

Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. 6th St. Springfield
Tour of Abraham Lincoln's Home

Saturday, July 16, 2011

Hines VA Hospital, 5000 South Fifth Avenue, Hines
Tour of Fisher House

REGISTRATION FORM

2011 GFWC Illinois Region Meetings
Mail to: GFWC Illinois, 81 N. Chicago St., Suite 406
Joliet, IL 60432-4395

NOTE: Deadline Registration - July 6, 2011

Name(s) _____ Phone () _____

Address _____

Club/District _____

of Reservations _____

Total \$ _____

Circle Date You Will Be Attending

July 14

July 15

July 16

...the vice presidents' forum

Sandy Rae Hutchings
Southern Illinois Region Vice President

Thursday, July 14, 2011, 9:00 am, Region Meeting, Tour of Cedarhurst Museum

Nestled on a 90-acre site in southern Illinois, Cedarhurst celebrates the arts year-round with exciting visual and performing arts programs for the public. Explore rolling meadows and woods, home to Cedarhurst Sculpture Park, the museum's outdoor gallery with over 60 large-scale sculptures. Visit the Mitchell Museum with contemporary art exhibitions in two galleries, including the Children's Gallery. Enjoy works by Mary Cassatt, Maurice Prendergast, Childe Hassam and more, part of the museum's American painting collection acquired by founders John R. and Eleanor R. Mitchell.

Shelli Fehr
Central Illinois Region Vice President

Friday, July 15, 2011, 9:00 am, Region Meeting, Tour of Abraham Lincoln's Home

Beautifully restored to its 1860 appearance, the Greek Revival house was Abraham and Mary Lincoln's home for 17 years. In 1844 they bought it for \$1,200 and some land from the Rev. Charles Dresser, who performed their marriage ceremony in 1842. Three of the four Lincoln sons were born here, and one (Edward) died here in 1850 at nearly four years of age. When Lincoln won the 1860 Republican Presidential nomination, he received a delegation of party officials in his parlor. When Lincoln became a presidential candidate the house became a magnet for visitors, parades, rallies and other political festivities. After holding farewell receptions there in 1861, the Lincolns rented it, sold most of their furniture, and entrusted the family dog to a neighbor.

Diane Addante
Northern Illinois Region Vice President

Saturday, July 16, 2011, 9:00 am, Region Meeting, Tour of Hines VA Hospital Fisher House

Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital is located 12 miles west of Chicago and sits on a 147 acre campus. The hospital specializes in spinal cord injury, neurosurgery, radiation therapy, and cardiovascular surgery. Lt. Edward Hines Jr. died while serving in France during WWI. His family (the Hines Lumber Company) donated the property to the government and the hospital was named in his memory.

The Fisher House is a \$6.2 million, two-story comfort home provides free temporary housing for families of wounded service members and other military or veteran patients receiving medical treatment at Hines VA hospital. The house consists of 20 suites and has been open for over a month. The house features common living and dining rooms areas and top-of-the-line kitchens. Gov. Pat Quinn and Tammy Duckworth helped cut ribbon officially dedicating the 44th Fisher House in the country. There is at least one Fisher House at every major military medical center to assist families in need and to ensure that they are provided with the comforts of home in a supportive environment.

Tentative Schedule

8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration	10:20 am – 10:30 am Break
9:00 am – 9:30 am Welcomes, Intros, State Officers Comments	10:30 am – 11:00 am Interactive Membership Presentation
9:30 am – 9:50 am "Succeeding In Membership"	11:00 am– 11:40 am Speakers (various sites)
9:50 am – 10:20 am Speakers (various sites)	11:45 am – 12:30 pm Lunch
	12:30 pm Tours

We will be presenting the new **Membership Kits** to each club at this meeting. Membership Recruitment and Increase certificates will also be given to those recognized at GFWC Illinois Convention for their efforts in these areas.

getting involved...

Legislation and Public Policy Gerri Eck, Chairman

Highlights from Legislation Day



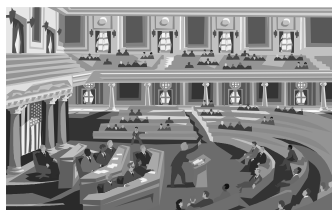
The GFWC Illinois Legislation Day was held on Thursday March 17, 2011 at the Howlett Building Auditorium in Springfield, Illinois. The day started with greetings from our GFWC Illinois State President, Nancy Willis and GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs Candy Godbee.

Our Speakers for the Day included:

State Senator A.J. Wilhelmi
Prevent Child Abuse - Denise McCaffrey
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence - Vickie Smith, Executive Director
Illinois Lieutenant Governor - Shelia Simon
Program Specialist Policy Director- Office of Illinois Attorney General - Erin Ruebbelke
to the GDL Coordinator-Office of the Secretary of State - Debbie Fleck

After the program everyone went Hall of Flags to have lunch and share friendships. After lunch, time was spent with visits to members' Legislators at the Capital. And we were recognized both in the Senate and the House. It was such a full day filled with information as sharing Federation Friendship. **I would like to send a special "Thank you" to Deb Hazlett, Karel Volpert, and Teresa Sanford for helping me that day.**

Ladies, don't be left out. Make your plans to attend GFWC Illinois Legislation Day 2012!! If anyone need help getting a Legislation Chairman in their club do not hesitate to contact me.



GFWC Illinois 2011 Convention Awards for Legislation & Public Policy

GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Heyworth
GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Cullom
GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club
Palos Park Woman's Club
Lombard Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
The Woman's Club of Aurora



CONSERVATION **Diana Taylor Chairman**

I want to thank all who reported what they did in Conservation. We had a lot of Clubs picking up litter from roadsides, to streets in their towns, as well as cleaning up parks. Some Clubs also helped their Park Districts fixing up their baseball areas, planting trees, planting flowers, and maintaining butterfly gardens, and planting flowers in planting pots on streets in the business areas.

One Club helped a member who had a fire at her home to re-landscape her yard while recycling bushes and plants that were taken out. Another Club recycled computers and gave them to a school to fix up and send to other schools who were in need due to Katrina and tornadoes. Many Clubs gave buttons to SCARCE and the buttons are sent overseas. Again thank you for all that your Clubs do.

Remember: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

GFWC Illinois 2011 Conventions Awards for Conservation

GFWC Illinois Fairbury Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Abington Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Saunemin Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Bloomington Normal Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Illinois Metamora Woman's Club
Lombard Junior Woman's Club
Palos Heights Woman's Club
Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club

...community service programs



Historian/WHRC
Linda K. Bowlby, Chairman
Reporting

GFWC Illinois Clubs are active preserving history in many ways...but where to report them? Club and District histories could be reported under Leadership. Helping restore historic buildings with money and labor could be reported under Citizenship (Public Issues) or possibly Arts. Contributing to the restoration of an historic location might also be included in Fund Raising if you're helping in that aspect of a project. Promoting the history of GFWC could be reported under Leadership, Membership or Communications & Identity (PR) depending on your Club's specific activities. They do not, however, go on the WHRC report.

The WHRC report should be any SPECIFIC activities with and for the **Woman's History and Resource Center**. Did your Club promote WHRC and/or WHRC Month in your Club Newsletter/Club Meeting? Is anyone, or your Club a **FRIEND of WHRC**? Have you informed Club members what is the scope and purpose of WHRC? Do you have a Club WHRC Chairman? Report all these on the WHRC report. Check out WHRC on the website—and send LOTS of WHRC specific reports!

GFWC Illinois 2011 Convention Awards for Women's History and Resource Center Advancement

GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville
Somonauk Community Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Nancy's Bluebirds
Glendale Heights Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Decatur Woman's Club

Membership..."How Does Your Garden Grow This Season"

Vice Presidents: Diane Addante, Shelli Fehr, Sandy Rae Hutchings

Membership Recruitment

We are currently in the "**Warm up with Members**" season of member recruitment. This covers the months of June, July and August with the report due to GFWC on September 1, 2011. Reporting forms are available in the Membership Advancement Guide (pg 78) of the GFWC Club Manual. Report all your new members for this time period and clubs reporting three or more new members during the period will appear in an upcoming edition of the ***GFWC Clubwoman Magazine***. We are so proud of all the Illinois clubs who have made this project high priority within their

Membership Orientation Contest

GFWC Illinois 2011 Convention Awards for Membership Advancement Program

GFWC Illinois Joliet Juniorette Club
Somonauk Community Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
Lombard Service League, Inc.
GFWC IL Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Decatur Woman's Club
Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc.
Palos Heights Woman's Club
Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club, Inc.

Elgin Junior Woman's Club
Champaign-Urbana Community Woman's Club
Wood River Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Manhattan Woman's Club



Membership Contests

We will be updating the Membership Recruitment and Orientation Contest forms as well as the Star Recruitment program. These forms come to your clubs via the Informational Packets in the fall. If you have any questions at any time about these forms, please don't hesitate to let us know.

standing committee programs...

Native American Indians

by Lou Brown



The GFWC Illinois Federation will again work with the **American Indian Center in Chicago**. Over 32,000 Native Americans live in the Chicago area. The center is located at 1530 West Wilson Ave, Chicago, IL 60640. Clubs are encouraged to support the center through donations: Clothing of all sizes, school supplies, and items of food for their pantry.

For monetary donations, passing a basket at each meeting can be an easy way and a great way to help the Native Americans.

All monetary donations for the American Indian Center and monetary donations for Native American Scholarships should be sent to your District Treasurer. All non-monetary donations can be given directly to the American Indian Center in Chicago. Clubs reported 148 programs/projects, 1,831 volunteer hours, \$4,664.00 donated money, and \$22,684 in-kind donations. **Arisa St. Germaine received the Native American Scholarship.**

Some ideas that clubs reported: members attended Pow Wow's, programs on Native Americans were presented at club meetings, Native American Prayers were presented at club meetings, and donations of ink cartridges, school supplies, baby showers, used and new clothing, tray favors for holidays, and Christmas gifts for the children were donated to the Center.

GFWC Illinois 2011 Convention Awards for Native American Community Service Program

GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Heyworth
GFWC Illinois Abingdon Junior Woman's Club
Gurnee Woman's Club
The Glenwood Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Macomb Woman's Club
Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc.
Morton Grove Woman's Club

*Applications for the
Jenny Award
Nominations
Close on June 15, 2011
Good Luck to all
nominees*

SCHOLARSHIPS

By Darla D. Weltmer

2011 GFWC Scholarship Winners

Loredo Taft Art Scholarship \$1,0000

Hollis K. Dollinger

District 17—GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club

Arthur Grant Smith Drama Scholarship \$500

Madelyn E. DePorter

District 14—GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Island

Hamilton Ridge Music Scholarship \$1,000

Marlee A. Wilde

District 16—GFWC Woman's Club of Princeton

Centennial Library Scholarship \$300

Dana Fine

District 16—GFWC Woman's Club of Princeton

Cottage Park Ridge Scholarship (Girl's Vocational) \$1,000 ea.

Tara Pruemer & Kylie L. Zumbahlen

District 23—GFWC Effingham Women of Today

Lincoln Lodge Scholarship (Boy's Vocational) \$1,000 ea.

James C. Leigh

District 17—GFWC Metamora Woman's Club

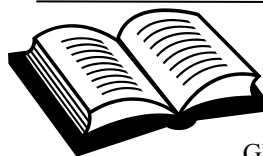
Khoa Dang Nguyen

District 5—GFWC Naperville Woman's Club

Vina A Miller Scholarship \$1,000

Emily Van Waardhuizen

District 14—GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Island



GFWC Illinois 2011 Convention Awards for Education

GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club
of Greater Belleville
Somonauk Community Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
GFWC Illinois Geneseo Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Coal City Woman's Club
Lisle Woman's Club
Joliet Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Indian Head Park Woman's Club
Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club, Inc.

Saturday, August 20, 2011, "Just For You Event"

Jacob Henry Mansion & Luncheon

GFWC Illinois Headquarters Open House



...special emphasis programs

Girls Just Wanna' Have Fun! State Board Pajama Party For Domestic Abuse Awareness

Pajama Sets were donated by State Board Members at their meeting in Rock Island, Illinois. Items went to a local Abuse Shelter for Women.

What's in the bag?

Not sure! Kind of smells good

I'm going to eat mine

Got my popcorn!
When does the movie start?

GFWC Illinois President Nancy Willis' Special Emphasis & GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence Awareness And Prevention.

"There is No Excuse for Abuse!"



Lots of PJ's to give away!

Girls having fun at the Pajama Party.



See what happened when I ate the stuff in the bag.



GFWC Illinois 2011 Convention Awards for Special Emphasis:

GFWC Illinois Federated Club of Greater Belleville
GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Geneseo Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Coal City Junior Woman's Club
Wood River Woman's Club
Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club, GFWC IFWC



President Nancy addresses members & guests at Candle Light Vigil

Candle Light Vigil after the Convention

Guests at the Candlelight Vigil

Karel Volpert, Chairman listens to speaker on Domestic Abuse issues



discover the districts & clubs...

District 18

President Phyllis Nightlinger

Fairmount Woman's Club
Fithian Woman's Club
Georgetown Ladies Community Club
GFWC Illinois Illiana Woman's Club

GFWC Illinois Vermillion County Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck
GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Danville

In our District 18 we have 6 General Clubs and 1 Junior Club. We are hoping to increase the number of Junior Clubs as well as the General Clubs. Some of our clubs increased their membership this year. All clubs are busy with different projects, such as nursing homes, the VA, care clinics, Domestic Violence Programs, parades, conservation, recycling, town projects, and scholarships. Our District works together on large projects.

We have a members that serves as the State's Domestic Violence Chairman. Karen Volpert has done a great job this year. Many of the members are getting on in years and cannot do a lot, but they still come to their Club meetings. We held our Convention in Fairmount and it was a great Convention. We always **"Care With Open Helping Hands"**.



District 19

President Dot Belden
Director of Junior Clubs Mary Farris



Atwood GFWC / IL Woman's Club
Bement Woman's Club
GFWC Cerro Gordo Woman's Club
Champaign-Urbana Community Woman's Club
The Champaign-Urbana Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
GFWC Illinois Champaign Woman's Club
GFWC Charleston Junior Women's Club

GFWC Decatur Woman's Club
The GFWC Juniorette of Champaign-Urbana
The Mahomet Town and Country Women's Club
Monticello Woman's Club
Newman Woman's Club, Inc.
Philo Woman's Club
Tuscola Woman's Club
GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Champaign-Urbana

Our District 19 is **"special"** because we are a group of hard working club members who belong to ten General, three Juniors and one Juniorette clubs.

Each club has certain projects they do each year such as taking former service men and women to church on Sundays, collecting empty pill bottles for overseas medical use, arranging Bingo Parties for residents of nursing homes, or Card Parties for members and guests as a fundraiser for some of their projects.

School snacks are provided in one community after the students have completed their achievement tests. In another area, money is made to send overseas for the Operation Smile project to give children medical assistance due to cleft palates or other facial problems.

Another club places American flags on community streets for the various holidays, then removes them later.

Our clubs have many other projects and they earn both district and state level awards after their reports are turned in annually and judged by the district and state chairmen.

One club is proud to have six active fifty year members. Club anniversaries are also celebrated in various ways and some of these clubs are over one hundred years old, which speaks well for our district.

As you can judge, our District 19 have been industrious group for many years. We are truly proud of our many accomplishments.

...discover the districts & clubs



Back row: Kathy Fairbairn, Ruth Burnham, Doris Miller, Pat Lowe, Margo Cooper, Sonya Cunningham
Middle row: Nita Chevalier, Terry Ward, Ann Drover
Seated: Virginia Babcock, Dorothy Willey

Batavia Woman's Club—District 11 2011 Citizen of the Year

Virginia Babcock, past president of the Batavia Woman's Club, has been recognized for her many volunteer activities when she was named Citizen of the Year in Batavia. Batavia Mayor Jeff Schielke and others spoke of her involvement in the community including her leadership in many environmental issues, her leadership in making Batavia a Tree City, and her efforts with the Conservation Department of the GFWC. Members of the Batavia Woman's Club joined her to celebrate her award at a special dinner.

Congratulations Virginia !

- you inspire us to become leaders within GFWC.



District 17

GFWC Illinois Fairbury Woman's Club "We Hear You America"

Good job Fairbury WC and GFWC Members!

The Fairbury Woman's Club entered the Reader's Digest Promotion and became the recipient of a \$25,000 check for the \$2.4 million renovation project of their 106 year old Dominy Memorial Library. Fairbury WC thanks all GFWC members that helped with their votes in the Readers Digest Promotion. Ground breaking for the start of this project will be Sunday, June 5, 2011. Fairbury WC has raised \$5,000 of their own and will continue to raise money for this project. The power of networking within the GFWC organization members and clubs can reap great benefits.



Reader's Digest Truck



Mayor Robert Walter
holds up the
\$25,000 check from
Reader's Digest



Fairbury GFWC members and friends

District 21—Nokomis Woman's Club 100th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrating their 100th Anniversary on November 4th, this club will be celebrating with many activities throughout the year. They will be present in the Homecoming Parade in July with most members in attendance either on the float or walking in the parade. An Open House with the Past Presidents of the Club will be scheduled. An open letter to the community will be written by the club to announce their 100 years of community service.



Life Line Screening...

New Member Benefit from Life Line Screening



General Federation of Women's Clubs-Illinois (GFWC-IL) would like to introduce a new membership benefit now available to you and your family. GFWC-IL has partnered with Life Line Screening, the nation's largest mobile, vascular screening provider in the country. Anywhere our members are located, Life Line Screening has local presence through community events at various locations and times of the year, which you can take advantage of through our discounted member program.

Life Line Screening offers painless, noninvasive ultrasound screenings for stroke and vascular disease. These are tests that are often not part of routine physicals and can only be ordered by your doctor if symptoms are present, and by then, many times – it can be too late. In fact, every year in the United States, stroke strikes 750,000 victims, killing 160,000 and forever changing the lives of those who do survive. Prevention is key.

The 4-test package includes ultrasound screening for stroke/carotid artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral vascular disease and 6-lead EKG for atrial fibrillation.

In addition to the normal risk factors for stroke of high blood pressure and cholesterol, diabetes, excess weight, smoking and heredity, there are other risks for stroke that are unique to women:

- taking birth control pills
- being pregnant; stroke risk increases during a normal pregnancy due to natural changes in the body such as
- increased blood pressure and stress on the heart
- using Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT), a combined hormone therapy of progestin and estrogen, to relieve menopausal symptoms
- having a thick waist and high triglyceride (blood fat) level; post-menopausal women with a waist size larger than 35.2 inches and a triglyceride level higher than 128 milligrams per liter may have a five-fold increased risk for stroke
- being a migraine headache sufferer; migraines can increase a woman's stroke risk 3-6 times, and most Americans who suffer migraines are women

Take a moment to learn more about Life Line Screening's offerings and when they will be in your neighborhood by following this link: www.lifelinescreening.com/memberbenefits. Please call to find the next event in your area or make an appointment for you and your family members by calling **1-866-964-5845**, please mention **priority code: CSMS-018** when calling. The cost is a member discounted price of \$135 for a 4-test screening package, but the ultimate savings of piece of mind and quality of life is priceless.

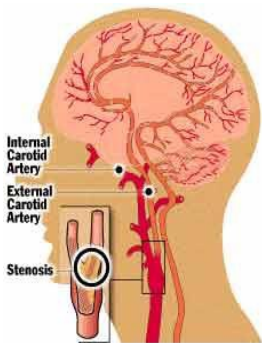
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LIFE LINE SCREENING POINT OF INFORMATION

Life Line Screening is a new opportunity for GFWC Illinois. We have the opportunity to get funding through a service being offered to you by Life Line Screening. You may have already heard about Life Line Screenings in your area. They provide low cost medical testing for several common conditions that could affect any of us.

We want you to know that it is entirely up to you if you choose to use the service or not. We do not want you to feel obligated to schedule a screening. As with any medical issues, if you have any concerns, please contact your own personal physician.

If you choose to schedule screening AND use the reference number provided, GFWC Illinois will receive a portion of the fee you pay for the service.



A new member benefit offering for GFWC-IL members and family: Life Line Screening offers painless, noninvasive ultrasound screenings for stroke/carotid artery disease, atrial fibrillation, abdominal aortic aneurysm, and peripheral arterial disease at various locations throughout the country available to you and your family at a member rate of \$135. Please call 1-866-964-5845 to find a screening event near you, mention Priority Code CSMS-018 or visit their website for further information or to find a screening location in your community: www.lifelinescreening.com/memberbenefits.



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