



Key Notes

Legislation Day: March 15, 2017

GFWC Illinois Legislation Chairman, Becky Weber

Legislation Day is your chance to make an impact in Springfield and our state! It is the perfect opportunity to visit your State Representative and State Senator's offices and meet their staff. If you would like to try to meet personally with your legislator, please call their Springfield offices 10-14 days before our March 15 Legislation Day. Each GFWC Illinois member will be given a "1 page leave behind" or information sheet. Please take the time to stop by your legislator's office to meet their staff and let them know we are dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of other through our volunteer service, living each day trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist!!

We will meet in the Illinois State Library, across the street from the Capitol, from 9-11. Speakers will include, state legislators, PCA

Illinois, Illinois DCFS and Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence. From 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., members will have time to visit their

legislator's offices and have lunch on their own. Due to renovations, the Governor's Mansion is closed for the next 18 months. We are working on a 2 p.m. program which will be announced by March 1.

Suggested places for lunch and parking will also be announced by March 1.

Due to the fact that we cannot lunch together, **there is no registration fee to attend Legislation Day.**

However, we do need to know how many members will be attending, so Springfield is prepared for us, and we bring enough material for everyone.

Please email or call Becky with your commitment to attend by March 10, if you have any questions: 309-369-1133; mweber@mtco.com



**WEBSITE TO FIND YOUR STATE
LEGISLATORS:**
IL-nea.capwiz.com

20th Annual Fashion Show to Benefit Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

GFWC IL Blue Ribbon Fashion Show Chairman, Karyn M. Charvat

Plans are underway for another wonderful **GFWC Illinois Blue Ribbon Fashion Show...our 20th Annual!** Can you even believe it? 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!

RESERVATIONS: How can your and your club help? Make reservations for yourself, fellow club members and guests! And by helping us with reservations for the fashion show, YOU can help your club to win **\$100!** We've got an incentive for you:

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

The cost remains at a great value at **\$40.00!** This year's show will once again be held at the beautiful **BOLINGBROOK GOLF CLUB, 2001 Rodéo Drive, Bolingbrook, Illinois.** The Bolingbrook Golf Club is conveniently located just minutes from I-55 (Stevenson Expressway – exit Weber Road). It will be a perfect setting for our amazing fashion show!

Remember, the Blue Ribbon Fashion Show will be held on **Sunday April 2, 2017!**

RAFFLE BASKETS: We are once again requesting that each club donate a themed basket worth a minimum of \$50.00. It can be worth more, but it needs to be at least \$50.00 in value. If your club cannot support this request, we would like to ask the clubs to please make a monetary donation (made payable to GFWC ILLINOIS) and the committee will use toward building baskets.

STREET OF DREAM ITEMS: Lastly, if you can assist the committee in obtaining unique items (trips, jewelry, and tickets for concerts/events, restaurants, etc...) that can be used in our Street of Dreams Raffle Baskets, please let us know ASAP! Or if you'd like to just send a monetary donation and have us create a basket on your club's behalf, just indicate that on the form below.

PCA ILLINOIS depends on our annual support through funds raised at our Blue Ribbon Fashion Show and we want to continue to help assist them in their commitment to the prevention of child abuse.

Thank you for all of your efforts and the efforts of your club members over these past 20 years! Without you, this event would not be a success.

DEADLINES: Please bring your completed raffle basket to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting, **March 3 & 4, 2017 at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville.**

Please adhere to these deadlines so that the committee receives the baskets in time to prepare them for the show. Please let me know as soon as possible if you need to make other arrangements, and we will work through any challenges. If you do not plan to or cannot attend the Spring Meeting, please deliver your club's basket and the completed Raffle Basket Form to your District President prior to the dates noted above, or ship to Raffle Chairman Gerri Eck no later than **March 10, 2017.** Gerri Eck, 1608 Campbell St., Unit C, Joliet, IL 60435, gerrieck@gmail.com, 815-641-1285



GFWC IL 20th Annual Blue Ribbon Fashion Show

Raffle Donation Form

Please include this form with your raffle donation

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

RAFFLE BASKET THEME _____

DONORS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO BASKET _____

VALUE _____

BASKET DELIVERED TO _____

SUBMITTED BY _____ DATE _____

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CREATE A BASKET FOR OUR CLUB. PLEASE ACCEPT THIS MONETARY DONATION* IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____.

*Make checks payable to GFWC ILLINOIS and list "2017 BRFS BASKET" in the memo section.

GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs
in partnership with Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
Proudly Presents the 20th Annual

GFWC IL Blue Ribbon Fashion Show: Project Catwalk



Sunday, April 2, 2017
Bolingbrook Golf Club
2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, IL

\$40.00 Adult/\$18.00 Child 12 years or younger

Doors Open	11:00am
Luncheon	12:00pm
Fashion Show	1:00pm



Club Name:

District:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$40.00 per adult \$ _____

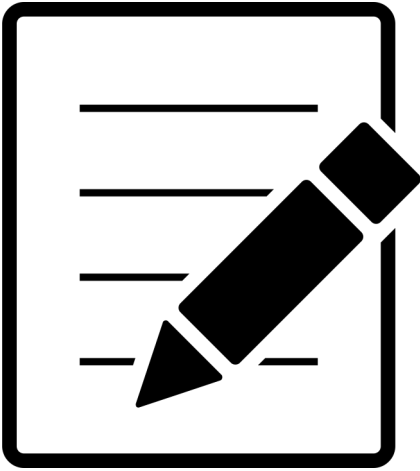
Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$18.00 per child under 12 \$ _____

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

Please make checks payable to GFWC Illinois

Complete and mail by March 24, 2017 to: Amy Vicioso, 3402 Wells Way, Joliet, IL 60431

Last Minute Help for Your 2016 Reports



- ❑ Did you put your club's name and contact information on every page, even the narrative?
- ❑ Did you make a copy for your club's records? This is a great source for your club's history.
- ❑ If you included a narrative, is it upbeat and interesting?
- ❑ Did you include a new project or program? If yes, be sure to state that it's NEW.
- ❑ Not sure where to report a project or program? Contact either Shelli Fehr, GFWC IL Dean of Chairmen at Shellifehr@hotmail.com; or Loretta Revesz, GFWC IL Junior Dean of Chairmen at slr735@comcast.net.

GFWC IL Special Project: Let's Make Change

Did you see the January 5th edition of GFWC News & Notes? Illinois got recognition for President Skubic's Special Project. Here it is again.

Making Change in Illinois

GFWC Illinois President Phyllis Skubic has entitled her State President's Project "Let's Make Change." The goal of the year-long project is to have every member of every Illinois club donate \$4.00. This small amount is a little more than a penny-a-day and will support four charities. President Skubic said, "The hardest part was keeping it to just four charities as there are so many in need of our monetary donations." In the end, the causes selected each held a personal connection for President Skubic.

The Illinois Leadership Seminars (ILS) are at the top of her list as a result of her 28 year involvement with the program. President Skubic became aware of the seminars when her eldest daughter was selected for participation. Personally having witnessed the passion and enthusiasm of the high school sophomores attending the seminars, she was strongly motivated to become a leader within the organization and to choose ILS for assistance during her administration.

Due to an even more profound connection, President Skubic advocates for the support of Easterseals. There was a time when her granddaughter Libby was consid-

ered unlikely to ever walk. However, with the help of programs and physical therapists provided by Easterseals, Libby not only walks but runs and plays. The dedication of the Easterseals' staff and their mission to change the way the world defines and views disability has made a lasting impact on President Skubic's granddaughter and countless others.

The final two organizations selected for support, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Children's Research Foundation (CRF), also help children with medical concerns. CRF has been the Illinois Junior Project since 1979 and over the last 38 years more than \$400,000 has been raised to assist the Foundation. The research funded by the Foundation saves children like President Skubic's nephew who underwent open heart surgery just three days after his birth.

The organizations GFWC Illinois members will be supporting over the coming year have made a significant difference in their president's life and will doubtless benefit many others in the future. When clubwomen join forces, their collective impact can change lives.

GFWC IL Special Project: Let's Make Change

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION FORM -- 2016-2017

Goal is \$4.00 from every member of every club - would be approximately a \$4,800 donation to each
Funds will be distributed evenly to the four organizations listed below



Illinois Leadership Seminars - (ILS)
Easter Seals
Children's Research Foundation - (CRF)
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Amount of Donation \$ _____ Date _____

Club _____ District _____

Member _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make checks payable to: GFWC Illinois




Mail to: GFWC Illinois, 5 E Van Buren Street, Ste. 208, Joliet, IL 60432

Contributions must be received by **April 1, 2017** to be included

Donations will be presented at the 122nd Annual GFWC Illinois Convention

Thank you for helping to 'Make Change' in the lives of others !!

Dates to Remember

	Regular Mail: reports must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2017. Email submissions must be time stamped no later than February 1, 2017, 11:59pm.
	Friday, February 3, 2017
	Wednesday, March 15, 2017 Legislation Day
	GFWC IL Fashion Show, Sunday, April 2, 2017 Donations form needed by March 10, 2017 Reservations due by March 24, 2017
	April is Prevent Child Abuse Month

Coming Soon!
Clubwoman Magazine:
The Convention Issue