



# Key Notes

## Summer Seminar

### 3 Regions 3 Days 3 Reasons Why You Should Attend

#### Southern Region

- Information to help you become more aware of **Human Trafficking** in Southern Illinois;
- **Club Strengthening Ideas** to put in your Club's Tool Box;
- GFWC IL Officers & Chairmen present **information** within your own backyard as well as participate in a **Community Service project**,

#### Central Region

- Panel discussion on **Human Trafficking** in the USA.
- Presentation on **Rape Aggression and Defense** by National P.E. Teacher of the Year, Linda Carlson,
- A "**Living History**" program will be presented with period costumes and characters betraying two women who made a difference in our state in earlier times.

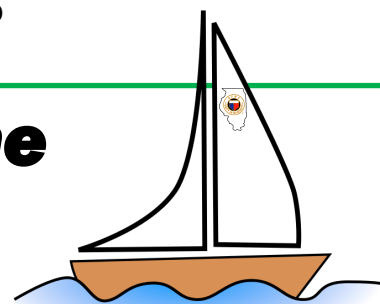
#### Northern Region

- Wear your club/district/ GFWC IL or GFWC t-shirts or polos and comfy bottoms. Actively participate to gain skills to help **keep you safe** when traveling or even going shopping for groceries.
- Learn more about **food insecurity** in your town and schools.
- Like reruns of popular shows? Watch GFTV's **Club Fixer Upper & New Club Hunter**.

Here's one more reason to attend Summer Seminar in your region: pick up your club's 2017-2018 GFWC Illinois Yearbook and updated Report Packet.

***Come join us as we explore the  
GFWC Illinois High Seas!***

Registration form on page 2





*GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs*  
**SUMMER SEMINAR / REGION MEETINGS**  
**JULY 13 - 15, 2017**



***"Set Sail for Adventure and Explore the Possibilities through GFWC"***

The GFWC Illinois Region Vice Presidents have planned an outstanding day for you. Chairmen, Officers and outside speakers will be sharing news and information you can use. **NEW THIS YEAR: The 2017-2018 GFWC Illinois Yearbook and updates for the Reporting and Treasurers Packet will be distributed to all clubs in attendance.** Attendance awards will be given to the club that has the largest number of members present

**Don't let the Ship Sail without You • Save the Date • Gather your Crew • Set Sail to a Seminar near you!**

**REGISTRATION: 8:15 - 8:45 A.M. SEMINAR: 8:45 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**SOUTHERN REGION - THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017**

Holiday Inn  
222 Potomac Boulevard, Mount Vernon 62864

**CENTRAL REGION - FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017**

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
3202 E. Empire Street, Bloomington 61704

**NORTHERN REGION - SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017**

Lemont Township Community Center  
16300 Alba Street, Lemont 60439

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Complete this registration form and include the names of each person for whom reservations are being paid. Please use the reverse side if you need additional space. The registration fee includes your Summer Seminar Booklet, lunch, presentations and more!

**COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC ILLINOIS DEADLINE: JULY 3, 2017**

**Please circle date attending:**

<i>Southern Region</i>	<i>Central Region</i>	<i>Northern Region</i>
<i>July 13<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>July 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>July 15<sup>th</sup></i>

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

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District: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: GFWC Illinois - 5 East Van Buren Street, Suite 208, Joliet IL 60432-4224**

**THE GFWC ILLINOIS REGION VICE PRESIDENTS HAVE PLANNED A GREAT DAY FOR YOU !**

# GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference

## September 14-17, 2017

### ALL ABOARD

**Sailing the Great Lakes . . .  
Red, White and You**

**C**ome aboard! We're expecting you. The U.S.S. GFWC Great Lakes is set to dock at Port Doubletree in Oakbrook, Illinois on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**A** send-off reception Thursday evening will begin our voyage, an event you won't want to miss. Come join us for a "Whodunit at Sea". Everyone has a part and everyone is a suspect. You might even be the Victim! If you're still alive on Friday you might enjoy an excursion across the street to the Oak Brook Shopping Mall or any number of the other nearby attractions.

**F**riday afternoon we reach our first Port of Call, the beautiful **St. Jude's Island of Hope**, we will go ashore and participate in a Service Project for the ALSAC (the fundraising and awareness organization for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital). Itinerary and details will be shared in June at the GLR meeting at the GFWC Convention in California.

**A**fter re-boarding we are off to the next stop on our journey, **Port Illinois State Night** to recognize the Great Lakes Naval Base, home of the United States Navy's only boot camp. Please join us at the Captain's Dinner where Admiral Wilken, Captain Skubic, First Mate Miss Jeanette, and all the crewmembers of Illinois, will salute the Great Lakes Naval Base. After dinner, entertain yourselves by either watching or participating in the **Inaugural Lip Sync Challenge!** We may need to send up flares after the on-board performances rock the ship! Nautical and R-W-B attire optional, and costumes are encouraged for Lip Sync performers.

**I**t's All Hands on Deck early Saturday morning while we are docked as there will be several informative workshop excursions. Get all the current information so you can take it back to your Districts and Clubs . . . "Souvenirs" for them from you. Admiral Wilken will be at the helm of our business portion of our trip. We did tell you it was a working cruise, didn't we?

**A**nd now the event you have all been waiting for . . . Saturday night's **Admiral's Ball**. Put on your Cocktail Bling and meet and greet Admiral Wilken and her honored GFWC guests: President Sheila Shea, President Elect Mary Ellen Brock and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Deb Strahanoski, as we celebrate **"The Great Lakes Region, the Heartbeat of GFWC"**.

**S**unday morning, before we pull up anchor to set sail back home, please join us as we enjoy breakfast together and tackle a few items left on our ship's manifest, including the invitation to the 2018 Conference by GFWC Indiana. There will be hugs for all as we disembark and head to our home port.

**D**on't miss the boat! Send in your reservations now and get ready for a trip filled with lots of GLR memories. You know, the kind you never forget!

**Bon Voyage!**

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Kathy Koran, GLR Conference Chairman

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# GFWC Great Lakes Region Lip Sync Battle 2017



Ladies of the Great Lakes, this is your time to shine! Grab your gal pals or hit the stage solo to compete for the inaugural title of GFWC Great Lakes Lip Sync Battle Champion(s)!

You and/or your group will have no more than 5 minutes to wow the judges with your lip syncing and performance ability!

\*HINT: Creativity and originality count toward your final score, so costumes may be a good idea!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

STATE DELEGATION \_\_\_\_\_

SOLO ACT?      Y or N

GROUP ACT?      Y or N



## RULES

Only the first 10 acts to turn in their registration forms will be allowed to compete due to timing of the event. Email this form to Karyn Charvat – [DrakeU92@aol.com](mailto:DrakeU92@aol.com) by September 1, 2017.

All songs and performances must be in good taste.

Please try to keep your performance under 5 minutes.

Performances will be judged on the following criteria:

Originality & Creativity

Appearance (Costume/Props)

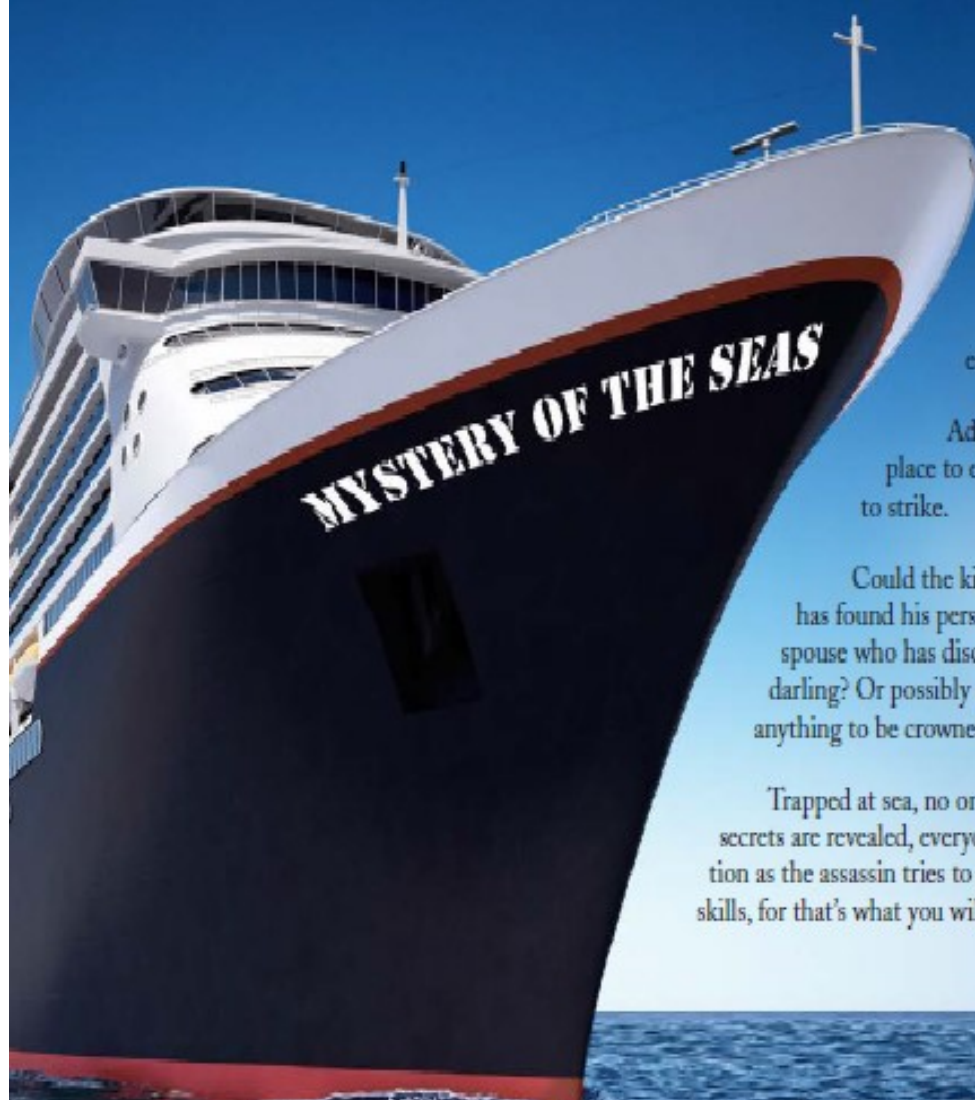
Lip Sync Ability





⚓ All aboard for an arousing adventure filled with  
peculiar passengers and conspiring crewmembers. ⚓

# CRUISING FOR MURDER



After a luxurious week at sea, all those onboard the Mystery of the Seas are ready for a night of romance and intrigue at the Captain's Cocktail Reception—an extravagant affair to top all others.

Adrift on the ocean, there is no better place to escape your troubles...or for a murderer to strike.

Could the killer be the commanding captain who has found his personal life out of control? A seething spouse who has discovered the dastardly deception of their darling? Or possibly a conniving contestant who will do anything to be crowned ambassadress by the cruise line?

Trapped at sea, no one is safe and everyone is a suspect. As secrets are revealed, everyone's innocence will come into question as the assassin tries to appear angelic. Sharpen your sleuthing skills, for that's what you will have to rely on to call out the killer!



**DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago - Oak Brook**  
**1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook, IL 60523**  
**Phone: (630) 472-6000**

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### **ROOM RATE**

\$119.00 per night plus applicable tax

Rooms are Double/Double Beds

**Reservation Deadline: August 24, 2017**

Group Code: **FOW**

### **ROOM FEATURES**

- Cable TV with movies and complimentary HBO®
- Complimentary USA Today® and The Wall Street Journal®
- Iron with board and hairdryer
- Individual climate control and Electronic door locks
- Aroma Actives Essential Bath Products
- Check-in: 3:00 P.M. Check-out: 12:00 P.M.
- All rooms and public space are non-smoking
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- 24-Hour complimentary business center

### **DINING & ENTERTAINMENT**

• **Atrium Cafe, American:**

Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.  
(6:30am – 9:00pm)

• **Foxes Sports Bar and Grille, American:**

Open for lunch and dinner  
(11:30am – 1:00am)

• **Room Service:**

Available 6:00am – 11:00pm

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**[www.DoubleTreeOakBrook.com](http://www.DoubleTreeOakBrook.com)**  
**Central Reservations: (866) 812-3959**

### **RECREATION**

- Heated indoor swimming pool and whirlpool  
Open from 6am – 11pm
- DoubleTree Fitness by Precor-cardio equipment with personal TV screens, free weights and room to stretch  
Open from 6am – 11am
- Golf courses, putting green, tennis courts, and hiking trails nearby

### **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS**

- Oakbrook Center Mall - 1 block
- Drury Lane Dinner Theater - 1/2 mile
- Brookfield Zoo - 7 miles
- The Morton Arboretum - 12 miles
- United Center  
Chicago Bulls & Blackhawks - 15 miles
- Rivers Casino - 15 miles
- Downtown Chicago - 18 miles
- Navy Pier - 19 miles
- Wrigley Field Chicago Cubs - 20 miles
- US Cellular Field Chicago White Sox - 20 miles



**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**GFWC – GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE**  
**September 15 – 17, 2017**

DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago – Oak Brook  
1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook Illinois 60523  
Phone (630) 472-6000 Fax: (630) 573-1909

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Home

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Officer/Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/District/State Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee** \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*A late fee of \$25 will be added with a postmark after the due date*

**Thursday Night – “Cruising For Murder”** \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Check your bags and Set Sail for a Sinuous Night of Secrets, Scandals and Seafaring Scoundrels

Come help us solve the murder aboard the “Mystery of the Seas” – You may be the Victim or the Murderer

Happy Hour Hors D’ouvres included Cash Bar

**Friday – Illinois State Night –** \$49.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Pan Roasted Chicken Breast, Baby Spinach Salad, Eli’s Cheesecake*

**Saturday – Lunch** \$39.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Soup & Sandwich, Fresh Seasonal Berries*

**Saturday – Banquet** \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Smoked Beef Tenderloin, Bibb & Iceberg Salad, Crème Brulee*

**Sunday – Breakfast** \$31.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*American Breakfast with Bacon*

**Mini Mart Space** - FOR STATE FUNDRAISING ONLY- \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Opportunity Basket Tickets** (Quantity of 20 ) \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate any dietary, food allergies or medical restrictions:* \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable To: GFWC Illinois

Send Registration To: Karen Meyer

10011 S. Claremont Avenue, Chicago IL 60643

(773) 619-3050 [kmeyer5396@aol.com](mailto:kmeyer5396@aol.com)

Registration must be postmarked by August 15, 2017 • NO REFUNDS AFTER September 1, 2017



**THANK YOU !**

# T-Shirt Project

Oh the generosity of our members!

In spite of limited space, these members sorted t-shirts and toiletries, then bagged the items. Not only did they make 540 bags filled with a t-shirt and toiletries, there was so much leftover that they were able to send extras back to the Springfield area with our Saturday morning speaker, Dana Pfeiffer, founder and Director of Grounds of Grace, for their human trafficking resource center that covers Central Illinois.



**Filling the bags**



**Leftover boxes sent to Springfield**



**Filling the car**

