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THE DRAGONFLYS ARE FLYING!

By GFWC Great Lakes President Tric Heepe (IN)



It is hard to believe that it is already Summer and we are into the 2014-2016 Administration. I thoroughly enjoyed the International Convention in Chandler, Arizona. The speakers were fantastic and the facility was beautiful. I was most touched by the general atmosphere. Everyone was so friendly, positive and happy. It felt like a Great Lakes Region Conference! Just friends!

At the post-convention board meeting, I met with Sheila Shay, GFWC President-elect and the other Region Presidents. It is so interesting hearing how other regions do things. I am currently compiling the responses to a questionnaire about conference practices. I will share that with the State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs.

I am finding it is extremely easy to work with GFWC International President Babs Condon. Instead of GFWC directing every part of our Conferences, she has asked us to include only five items and specified the time needed for them. Of course those items are extremely important, but we are free to include other segments we think our individual regions' members will find useful. I am currently working on the program, but welcome any suggestions. The ladies of Michigan are working on their hostess duties and we are certain to have a wonderful time. The Bavarian Inn is beautiful, the food is super and the service excellent. I encourage you to come in on Thursday so you can do some serious shopping on

Friday. I just ask that you save some shopping time for the vendors who will be attending the conference. They know they will be competing against the Frankenmuth stores, but they will have some great products. Lin Wilken is inviting a variety of vendors for you.

During this administration, I am keying off Bab's theme and Spreading the Volunteer Spirit. Volunteering is natural to me because that is the way I was raised. I am proud that my children and now grandchildren think volunteering is a natural way of life. As you spread the spirit, I am inviting you to submit stories and pictures to share. Just as when one person opens a door for the person behind them and the next person follows suit, the same should be true for volunteering. Have you noticed that when you are participating in some volunteer activity, others look on and you can see their wheels turning, hopefully thinking, “I should do that.” You set the example. People in your community look up to you and your club members for all you do. Invite others to join in. Don't overwhelm them, but share the fun, friendship and satisfaction. You will not only be sharing the spirit but you may be grooming a new member!

Please call or email me at any time. I thank you for all you do and hope to be invited to your state conventions so we can spend time together!



From the Desk of your new PAST Region President

By Linda Clark (MI)



"First of all, I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts that were bestowed upon me at the GFWC International Convention Region Banquet. My plaque was wonderful and is already hung on the wall and my gift card to Chicco's will be gladly used. My husband has always said, my favorite comments on shopping are "shop til you drop" and "it was on sale"!

I can't thank all of my officers, board members and region members enough for a wonderful two years! I do truly believe we accomplished much and had fun doing it. I would like to include my farewell speech at the Region Banquet. It really depicted how I feel about this "Great" Lakes Region!

Farewell Speech

Given at the GFWC GLR Banquet in AZ

I'd like to congratulate our new officers. My wish for you is have lots of fun! The business will come along as expected. And remind you that the time goes so very quickly! Hence – part of my thinking when writing my speech!

A decade ago I began my exciting journey as GFWC Michigan's State President. My membership with GFWC had begun much earlier as a member of the GFWC Marlette Woman's Club. But a decade ago I started a different journey with our organization. My theme during my State Presidency was "I Hope You Dance". The most important message I could ever give anyone about that theme was "If you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance. Two years ago I chose for my theme as your Great Lakes Region President "GFWC & Friendship, now that's what I'm talkin' about".

I couldn't be happier than I am tonight to see all of you, because in the past decade I've seen a lot of dancing and I have also made many friends. That's what GFWC has done for me and will continue to do for all of us!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your friendship, love and support! It has truly been an honor to represent you as your Great Lakes Region President. We've brought together GFWC & Friendships and when we had the choice to sit it out or dance, we danced!

God Bless You All!

GFWC Great Lakes Region President's Report June 2014

As the e-mails were flying around about what we should write about I began thinking, what I would report on throughout the Great Lakes Region. It has truly been an honor to be the President of this Region the past two years.

My theme for the two years of my administration "GFWC & Friendship, Now that's what I'm talkin' about" has been experienced throughout my term. At both Region conferences we had a "good old fashioned friendship reunion. We made new and kept our old friends.

Our members have concentrated on the fact that we wanted to stay in communication. And in order to do that a new committee was formed and they in turn have created the quarterly newsletter that has kept us up to date on many events. We have stayed informed throughout our Region.

Friendship has to be my number one favorite project within our Region. Our club members have formed many teams of wonderful volunteers throughout the Great Lakes States, and have done many wonderful projects. But all in all, the friendships we have made along the way would never have happened if it wasn't for our organization, GFWC! Thank you General Federation of Women's Club Organization. I am truly indebted to you!

Take Care!

Linda Clark

When I arrived home from Arizona, I began the process of thinking what would I write to all as my farewell to you as your 2012-2014 Region President. It's not easy putting it all into words, but I am honored and grateful to have had the opportunity to be your President. It was a wonderful journey. This chapter of my life is finished, but I will never forget the members of our Region and I do plan on staying very active in the Region, my State and clubs. Congratulations to our new officers! Congratulations to all the region members, they don't call us the "Great" Lakes Region for nothing!!

Love to all!

Linda



***"GFWC and Friendship: Now
That's What I'm Talkin'
About"***

Installation Speech

By 2014-2016 GFWC Great Lakes President Tric Heepe (IN)



Members of the Great Lakes Region. May I first extend my sincere thank you

to Mary P (Pawlowski) and Lucy Devine for that beautiful installation? I present you a small token of appreciation for making this evening so special. As you know, my family was not able to attend, but you are my Federation Family. If not for Mary, I would not be here. Many years ago I came to a State Convention just to deliver art work. Soon Mary P (Pawlowski) and Wanda Williams were hovering and pointing. Thus it began. Thank you for leading me on this journey. Your sentence is not over. You must help guide me for the next two years! Barb Conaway, you are my friend and the sister I never had.

Lucy, you have been a strong supporter and a fellow dragonfly lover. I am so glad that you are sharing the symbol with me, and I know the ladies of Michigan are most grateful too!

Linda, you have been a great mentor. We have been able to question each other and worked to make the Region strong. I want to present you with this to wear proudly and remind you of your two years as Great Lakes Region President.

Please accept this token as my appreciation of your support and strength.

I am excited to begin this journey with you, Lin, Paula, and Pat. We will have a great time and become fast friends while we work with the members to lead the Region.

I, with your help, hope to encourage you and your members at home to share the volunteer spirit. I remember attending Homemakers Extension meetings. I was not relegated to the other room. I was allowed to sit in on the meetings. I spent 10 years in 4-H, volunteering, working and learning parliamentary procedure. We

were always doing for others. I had no idea that we were not rich because I had everything I ever wanted and we were always sharing what we had. Mom would buy something on sale and drive a circuit visiting friends and sharing the great buy, spending much more on gasoline than she had saved on the purchase. I was a volunteer at the Richmond State Hospital so when I was asked to chaperone patients at a local dress rehearsal for a play, I took my young children. They interacted with the patients and learned understanding. They clearly understood that we are all blessed and must share our time and our smiles with others-of all walks of life. Now, my daughter has taught her daughters to volunteer. They participate in Lemonade Aid Day and for the past three years have donated one-half of their proceeds to St Jude's. Two weeks ago, they helped me plant the urns in front of the local DV shelter. While we planted the purple flowers, we discussed the mission of the shelter and how many are not as lucky as we with loving homes. We are sharing the volunteer and therefore the GFWC Spirit. We are passing it down through generations.

Over the next two years, I want you to share the volunteer spirit. Then please share your stories with your state informant. Your informant's contact information will be found in the Region Directory that will be available when you exit this room tonight. Yes, I have asked Patrice Booze to continue the Tattler. I am not thrilled with the title, but I think that after two years, you know that it is not gossip. It is a newsletter where all region members can share success stories, pictures, and personal news.

I am so excited to be working with the 2014-16 State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs. You ladies are so dedicated and so much fun. You will lead your states with such grace and intelligence. My sincere thanks to the ladies who have agreed to serve on the GLR Board of Directors. Thank you for saying yes. We have so few appointments avail-

able and so many qualified candidates that it was an extremely difficult task. Because our Region is so well represented on the GFWC Board, I am inviting those members to attend all GLR Board Meetings. I want the outgoing State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs to have the GLR positions that they have earned and I want the seasoned members to remain active and to help share their knowledge and mentor the upcoming leaders. The past leaders are invaluable to the Region and I implore you to keep active and share!!!

While I learned some parliamentary procedure in 4-H, I am far from an expert. As the Indiana State President, I was honored to have Phyllis Dudenhofer, Past International President, as my parliamentarian. She would discretely tug on my skirt hem and keep me in line. She knew and loved GFWC and was one of my guides. I am thrilled to say that I am going to again be in great hands. Jackie, of course another Past International President and a registered parliamentarian, has agreed to try to keep me in line for the next two years. Her love of GFWC and her unparalleled knowledge of GFWC will give me the guidance I need to do my very best as your President.

In closing, I thank you for this great honor. I pledge that you will see many beautiful, dainty, dragonflies in the next two years. I plan to follow those dragonflies, hopefully visiting all the five Great Lakes States. I plan to see every one of you in Frankenmuth this October 10th and 11th and in Ohio October 8-10th 2015.

Thank you

Tric Heepe

GFWC GLR President
2014-2016

Gifts of GFWC

By 2012-2014 GFWC Illinois President Pat Heitman (IL)

The theme for this administration is "Gifts of GFWC" promoting the programs and advantages of belonging to GFWC with emphasis on the members. Two issues of the *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman* were dedicated to what the Illinois members were doing in their clubs. These issues were packed with pictures and information on projects that reflected that our members are our 'greatest gifts'.

Speaking of members GFWC Illinois received four new clubs; two Junior and two Juniorette clubs.

This President's Special Emphasis was Easter Seals; promoted through the Home Life Community Service Program Chairman. GFWC Illinois was honored on a recent Will County Easter Seals telethon during the 5:00 to 6:00 hour. Members from nine clubs answered



phones. This President and Director of Junior Clubs were also interviewed on television. GFWC Illinois was able to donate over \$2,500 during this administration.

GFWC Illinois State Project "Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child" which is a child abuse initiative has partnered with Prevent Child Abuse Illinois for over twenty years. For seventeen years GFWC Illinois has held a Blue Ribbon Luncheon and Fashion Show; this show generated around \$22,000 combined with clubs donations PCA Illinois received around \$40,000.



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EWE Make a Difference

By 2012-2014 GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs Trisha Schafer (IL)

Dear Federation Friends!

The Illinois Juniors 2012-14 Administration was bursting with clubwomen *Making the Difference* in their communities, country and world!

At each Illinois Junior Board meeting, collectively, the board decided that in lieu of giving gifts to each other, we would rather help a cause in the community where we were meeting. First, Joliet Easter Seals, we brought books and monetary donations for their Autism Room, Veterans home in Peoria, Family Shelter in Joliet, and Tornado victims from Washington IL.



In keeping with my theme... donations of a few dollars from Board members wanting to share great news, joys etc. were collected into a "Braaagggg Jar"! Our first year's collection was used to purchase a brick for \$150, at Joliet Easter Seals, in honor of our State President's special project. The second year, we donated over \$175 to the GFWC Survivor Scholarships.



It was my Honor and Pleasure to represent Illinois as Director of Junior Clubs on the State, Regional and International Levels and an opportunity that I hope many of you will aspire to do!

Working with the four Illinois Junior Executive Board Members has been very rewarding and I have learned so

much for each one of them!...What an amazing group they are! Hardworking, Enthusiastic, Lifelong friends!

Relationships! That is a BIG part of "Living the Volunteer Spirit"! Relationships or you may call it Connections with people... Relationships leave a legacy!

EWE are all caring, giving individuals. We all have a lot to share. The clubwomen that help you don't have to be a State officer.... In GFWC, there is a wealth of dedicated clubwomen that will assist you in any task. All you have to do is ask. So don't re-invent the wheel, chances are, one of our clubs may have had the same issue or held the same type of event that you are. Reach out, via, social media, email... and yes! That old thing called a phone call.



Together we can make things easier. Carly Fiorina, former Hewlett-Packard CEO said: "The data is clear; If you give a woman an opportunity, she will make a huge **difference**"!!

Thank you GFWC GLR Clubwomen, for ALL that you do to **Make The Difference** in your communities, across the county and our world!!

I am looking forward to continue our GFWC journeys together!

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Courage, Strength, Happiness and Renewal

By 2012-2014 GFWC Indiana President Lucy Devine (IN)

Being the State President for Indiana these past two years has been a wonderful journey and I wish to thank the Indiana members for embracing the Dragonfly and joining me with "Courage, Strength, Happiness and Renewal" as we explored new ideas and challenges proving we could "Make it Work".



The Club Presidents and members, District Presidents and State Chairman were all wonderful in their show of support to "step out of the box" and try new ideas.

The members were generous and supportive. Their donations allowed the state to award a \$1,000.00 to the Art and Music Scholarship as well as \$1,000.00 to the Latin American Fellowship in 2013 and 2014. Their generous contributions of pop tabs and monetary donations to Riley Parent Care made it possible for a check of \$1,175.00 along with over 500 T-Shirts to be presented at our 2014 Convention.



As Indiana's President I fulfilled all my duties by attending all the GFWC Board meetings; presiding over the GFWC Indiana Board meetings, the 2012 Council. I had the honor of presiding at our 2013 Convention, when GFWC First Vice President, Sheila Shea, helped us make Pinwheels for "Prevent Child Abuse" and chartered the state's newest club. At the 2014 Convention, GFWC President Elect Babs Condon, helped tie knots on blankets for our veterans, conducted a leadership workshop and installed the 2014-2016 State Officers.

With the help of my state sisters I extended an invitation to the 2013 Region Conference in Indianapolis, IN at the 2012 GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference in Oak Brook, IL. I enjoyed working with the Indiana Officers and the Advisors planning a Hoosier welcome for the International President, President Elect, Treasurer and Director of Junior Clubs and our Region Sisters.

I feel that a President needs a strong Board and the support of the members to succeed. I wish to say "Thank you" to the 2012-2014 GFWC Indiana officers for your hard work and dedication; to the Parliamentary and Presidential Advisors for your shared wisdom and to the members of GFWC Indiana for your support. You have given me two years of growth, friendships and discovery.



GFWC Michigan worked as TEAM

By 2012-2014 GFWC Michigan President Marty Groleau (MI)

The past two years GFWC Michigan worked as TEAM accomplishing many fabulous programs and projects. I am extremely proud of their success. Exercise and wellness are my passion and believe it can save lives. Members participated in a Start Moving and Weight Loss Challenge.



We joined hands together participating in Habit for Humanity Women Build. We worked on new houses and a renovated house. Members loved this project making a difference.



Membership is so important to our state. Because of our passion and dedication, we had a successful year recruiting new members and four new clubs. Our state focused on Leadership. We had workshops at our state conventions and a Leadership Day.



A highlight for our state was the National Basketball Association Detroit Pistons Self Defense Day of which GFWC Michigan was invited to attend. We learned skills to increase our confidence in defending ourselves. Our final event was a girlfriend weekend with our Federation sisters to Mackinac Island on May 31, staying at the famous Grand Hotel.

I am thankful for the GFWC sisterhood and all the empowering women I have met. I want to say thank you GFWC Michigan for the honor of being your State President, 2012-2014.



Just Do *One* Thing

By 2012-2014 GFWC Ohio President Corky Nosek (OH)

The GFWC Ohio President's theme, "Just Do *One* Thing!" challenged members to make one *sustainable, positive and permanent* change in their lives.



Initiatives included "Who Will Fill Your Shoes?" encouraging clubs to start new clubs and a new Junior and Juniette Club were chartered during this administration. "Who Will Fill Your Purse?" offered monetary rewards for each new member recruited in 2013 and Ohio showed a net membership gain in 2013!



Our 2012 Signature Project initiative found Ohio leaders helping members make over 500 purple and white bracelets at Fall District Meetings. The bracelets, symbolizing teen dating abuse and prevention, were donated to local youth groups and to the



Cleveland Youth Leadership Conference. Instructions on making shelter pillowcases were demonstrated at 2013 Fall District meetings.



"Virtual Visits" had the GF Ohio President visiting clubs via SKYPE and Facetime. GFWC Ohio clubs volunteered 65,489 hours, donated \$309,820 and gave \$113,789 as in-kind donations the first year of the administration and volunteered 71,947 hours, raised and donated \$399,347 and gave \$195,762 in-kind during the second year.

It has been my honor and pleasure to represent the women of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs



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The Symphony of One Voice

By 2012-2014 GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs Linda Crish (OH)

Today's Junior's are dedicated club members that continue to provide for their families, work full time jobs, and survive in this fast paced environment. They are an inspiration not only to me but to members of their communities that have felt their presence with their volunteer spirit.

Over the last two years, the Ohio Junior's and Juniette's have found many ways to impact and execute many community projects. They have supported projects such as the Purple Light campaign, held community "shred" days, sold "Support Your Troops" yellow ribbon magnets and Walked for Those Who Can't Talk! They raised money and purchased Emergency Pediatric bags and they participated in 1200 projects and volunteered 48,562 hours.



It has been my honor to be the Ohio Director of Junior Clubs, being the Director has given me a new purpose and a renewed hope that we will succeed. The Junior



Pledge that was written in 1916 still conveys the thoughts of the women that have come before us, "By living each day, trying to accomplish something, Not merely to exist."

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The Administration in Review

By 2012-2014 GFWC Wisconsin State President Elizabeth Griesser (WI)

The GFWC-WI Administration of 2012-2014 started out the summer with seeing a large glass paper weight collection along with learning about the Community Service Project Partners.



Then at our winter meeting we toured a Historic Indian Agency House built in 1832. This is located on the portage between the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers. We had reports from several of the chairmen and heard of by-laws and resolutions that would be voted on at the state convention.

This moved us to our annual state convention where we concentrated on Leadership. We had a workshop on Leadership from our GFWC International President and heard from state chairmen on how to write Resolutions and present correct Parliamentary procedures.



The summer meeting found us in the north of Wisconsin at a Conservation camp where we toured our own forest and heard from a forester. We also had a bonfire and s'mores. Don't get me wrong, we also talked about each of our Community Service Programs.



The final winter meeting was held in the middle of the state. We heard from several of the Advancement chairmen and had a jewelry sale with the money going to "A Shot at Life" program.



The final state convention was held in Baraboo, WI where the Ringling Brothers Circus Museum is, and of course we toured this and saw the country's largest collection of circus wagons along with a Magical presentation. Canines for Companions found two graduates for us and we had a great presentation by them along with their companion dogs. Club report winners and member Art winners along with the WI Helen Mears contest for Junior High School children art contest winners were awarded. We also had a newsletter contest and a club membership contest. We honored our past State Presidents with a tea.

And, to finalize our administration the state project of "Dimes for Pines" brought in over \$10,000.00 - WOW - what wonderful GFWC-WI members.



Creating a Future One Seed at a Time

By 2012-2014 GFWC Wisconsin Director of Junior Clubs (Kim Bruns WI)

"Creating a Future One Seed at a Time" was the theme for the 2012-2014 Junior Administration. The Director of Junior Clubs Special Emphasis was Feeding America's Backpack Program and Shot@Life. Feeding America's Backpack program provides children in need with food over the weekend. These children would otherwise go hungry and on Monday would have a difficult time concentrating. Through the efforts of the GFWC Wisconsin Women, Feeding America and numerous other food pantries across Wisconsin received over 4,200 hours of volunteer service, \$10,343 cash, and \$10,418 of in-kind donations.



Shot@Life is the United Nations Foundation global effort to prevent childhood deaths by getting children worldwide vaccinated against the preventable diseases of polio, measles, diarrhea (rotavirus), and pneumonia. For every \$20 donated a child can be vaccinated for these four diseases and have a greatly improved chance of living. To date, the Wisconsin Juniors and Generals have donated \$2,520 to Shot@Life giving 126 children the opportunity to grow-up and contribute to the world! Both of these programs fit the Director of Junior Clubs theme of "Creating a Future One Seed at a Time"; one providing the seed of food to help the children grow and one providing vaccinations that will allow the children of the world to have a future.



I am proud to say I am a GFWC-Wisconsin Junior. I have enjoyed representing these women at all the GFWC regional and international events and I look forward to their future success while they continue "Living the Volunteer Spirit"!



2013 Reporting Year GFWC Awards Presented in Chandler, AZ

Congratulations to all of the hard working GFWC clubwomen in all five of our GFWC Great Lakes Region states. Because of all of the hard work we were recognized with the awards listed below. No clubwoman volunteers her valuable time and energy for the awards but they are a nice validation. We know that the REAL winners are those that benefit from each and every one of our programs and projects. We can be proud that we make a positive difference in all of our communities!

Category I Illinois

Home Life Program

Easter Seals	Volunteer Services for Easter Seals	
Public Issues	Partner Awards USO	GFWC Antioch Woman's Club
Year in Pictures	September "Nuts for You"	Ruth Sloat
Outstanding Junior Director Award		Trisha Schafer

Category V Indiana

United Nations Foundation's Shot @ Life Campaign

Membership	Coveted Shoe Award	GFWC Highland Woman's Club
A Year in Pictures July	Memorial Day Tribute	Beverly Zmigrocki of the GFWC Highland Woman's Club
GFWC Fayette County ESO	GFWC Munster Junior Woman's Club	GFWC ESO Regional Readers

Category III Michigan

Conservation	Program Award	
Conservation	Partnership Award	
Conservation	Club Creativity Award Honorable Mention	GFWC Millington Junior Women's Club
Home Life	Partnership Award	
International Outreach	Program Award	
International Outreach	Partnership Award	
Membership	Club Creativity Award Honorable Mention	GFWC Hastings Women's Club
Membership	Coveted Shoe Award	GFWC Hastings Women's Club
Communications and Public Relations		

Category IV Ohio

Arts Program

International Outreach Program

Communication and Public Relations

Legislation and Public Policy

Youth Writing Contest, Short Story Grades K-2	Olivia Paguirigan	Sponsored by the GFWC Montgomery Woman's Club
Youth Writing Contest, Poetry Grades 6-8	River Lewis	Sponsored by GFWC West Union Women's Club
Great Lakes Region 2014 Jennie June Award Honoree		Mary Davis
Charlotte Emerson Brown Award		Corky Nosek
Outstanding Junior Director Award		Linda Crish

Category III Wisconsin

Fundraising and Development

Shot @ Life

USO Top Fundraiser

Member Writing Contest, Poetry Third Place

Youth Writing Contest, Poetry Grades K-2

A Year in Pictures

Ruth Diedrich Chairman

GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club

Marilyn Jaeger Blanchardville

Grace Versnik Sponsored by GFWC Woman's Club of Monroe

December Fish House Pat Parsons Amery

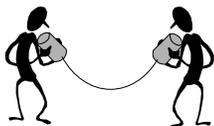
If It Needs To Be, Volunteers Are The Key

By 2014-2016 GFWC Illinois President Diane Addante (IL)

My theme for the 2014-2016 administration is "If It Needs To Be, Volunteers Are The Key", using the key as a symbol and the colors red, white and blue. The focus of this administration is "Being a Good Citizen" with special emphasis on veterans issues, legislation and women's rights/history. Our organization has a rich tradition of involvement in these areas and our focus here is as important today as it was then. Clubwomen are good citizens by virtue of "Living the Volunteer Spirit". I hope our members will find their commitment to their clubs and communities strengthened as they reflect the value of their club work to the community. I want each member to enjoy involvement and the opportunity to work with other women on things that really, truly matter.



I am a traditionalist to a large extent, deeply valuing the past and how it brings us to where we are today. We must also be aware of the winds of change to stay viable for generations to come. How we communicate is a major change in our lifetime. We are studying those changes and working to use them to our best advantage. The goals are to be more efficient and therefore more productive, to be cost effective allowing us to do higher level work with the resources we have and to keep in step with the times so membership appeals to women of all ages. These are several of the challenges we face. But all of the challenges are minor when we remember our common goal. And that can be summed up: gathering like-minded people to fill the needs in our communities.



I am proud to serve the members of GFWC Illinois and it is an honor to be affiliated with GLR and GFWC!

Diane Addante

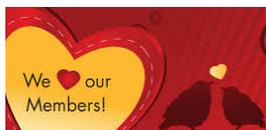
One Voice

By 2014-2016 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs Kathy McCarthy (IL)

Greetings from the GFWC Illinois Junior Organization!

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I serve as the GFWC IL Director of Junior Clubs for this 2014-2016 administration. I truly believe each and every one of us can use our voice to help change lives in our communities. By sharing our ideas and thoughts with other like-minded volunteers, there is nothing we cannot achieve!

A main focus during my administration will be on Membership Retention and Growth. I place Retention first to serve as a reminder to us all to be appreciative, kind and supportive of one another. It is much easier to KEEP members than to FIND members! Because if your members feel appreciated and supported, they will FIND new members for you!



Within this area of focus is a most sincere wish: to charter more Juniorette Clubs. With over 50 active Junior clubs in Illinois, I'm hopeful that several would take on this ever-important duty to get our young ladies more involved. Many schools have community

service program requirements and clubs, but we know that a **GFWC Juniorette** club would not only give them the foundation of community volunteerism, but it would reward them with years of friendships as well.

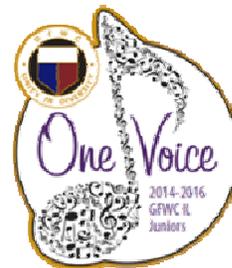


I would also urge you to please consider starting a Juniorette club in your home state. It is not difficult to charter a new club. You only need ONE VOICE to get things started! If you have one or two members who are willing to serve as the new club's advisor, you're already on your way! And by approaching local schools, park districts, community churches, etc, you'll have your club chartered in no time!

In closing, I wish each of you the most successful of club years ahead and please let me know if I can be of any service to you. I truly believe learning is best achieved through collaboration.

In Federation Friendship,
Karyn M. McCarthy

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Busy GFWC Indiana Clubwomen

By 2014-2016 GFWC Indiana State President Dana Jones (IN)

GFWC Indiana Clubwomen are going to be busy over the next two years. It's not that they usually aren't, but they are going to continue doing the great work that they do and have fun while doing it. Along the way, I am certain that they will make new friends and invite them to join their club. Other ladies will see the great things that our Hoosier Clubwomen are doing and want to start clubs in their community and we will warmly welcome them!



At our District Conventions, clubwomen will be sharing project ideas, fundraising ideas, and building stronger clubs. I look forward to traveling around the state of Indiana to visit our five Districts and hear more about their activities and get to know everyone even better.



Once GFWC Indiana Clubwomen report all the great projects they have done for their community, we will gather at our Annual Convention in April and celebrate all that has been accomplished! In April of 2015 our convention will have an education focus – homecoming style with a tailgate party and homecoming celebration! There may even be a homecoming queen crowned!

I am hopeful that Indiana will be well represented at the Great Lakes Region Conference in Frankenmuth, MI to support our own Tric Heepe who is serving as President. We are confident that she will serve the region well. Never mind that Frankenmuth is a great destination to shop and stock up for Christmas – that's just a bonus for attending!

We will continue to fund our State Scholarships which are an Art Scholarship, a Music Scholarship, and also our Latin American Fellowship which is handled through Indiana University. We are proud to continue to support students in their pursuit of Higher Education. We will also continue to support the Riley Parent Care Unit at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Our ladies always think of creative ways to support them so we will see where these next two years lead!



Reconnect with GFWC by Sharing our Abundant Resources

By 2014-2016 GFWC Michigan State President Fran Leonard (MI)

GFWC Michigan is in the reconnect mode! My 2014-2016 theme is "Reconnect with GFWC by Sharing Our Abundant Resources." Why? Over the last few years Michigan leadership is finding there is a disconnect between clubs, members, and GFWC. GFWC's legacy, value, and focus has been slowly diminishing over the years. Therefore, it is important for our members to be focusing on a renewed connection with GFWC.



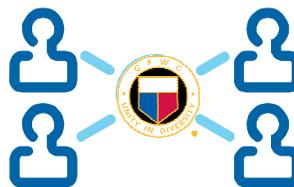
To go forward with the Reconnect, we find that our communication highway is in need of repair. Information that comes from GFWC is out there and we need to get it delivered to our membership. We will go back to "square one" by making sure that our state chairmen of Community Service Programs, Special Projects, Advancement Areas, and Contests seek out that information and pass it along to their counterparts at the district level. From there the district presidents and chairmen need to know that their responsibility is getting the information to club presidents who follow the procedure by giving it to their club members. It is a good system when implemented! If these sources don't communicate, then they need to initiate contact. That's where the "reconnecting" starts.



Another focus is to have GFWC Michigan move forward in technology, and tighten spending, as well as re-embracing GFWC roots. We need to implement the many resources available through GFWC and GFWC Michigan, identify those spots where money can be saved and involve more members in the techno-age.



By working together Michigan members can Reconnect with GFWC by "Sharing Our Abundant Resources." By working together we can do it! We can SOAR!



Once Upon a Time ~ Women Through Time

By 2014-2016 GFWC Ohio State President Linda Ross (OH)

The theme of the 2014-2016 administration will be: "Once Upon a Time ~ Women Through Time" the symbol for our theme will be an old fashioned ladies pocket watch.

I chose this theme because my hope is that it will inspire all of us to use our time wisely, to spend the time we have helping others, to take time for ourselves and each other, to respect the time that others also devote to the Federation and to make the time commitment to follow through with the duties of the positions and offices that we agree to hold.

A well-known business author Harvey Mackay said:

"time is free, but it's priceless
you can't own it, but you can use it
you can't keep it, but you can spend it
once you've lost it you can never get it back"



We will also focus on 'Women Through Time' with our Women's History and Resource Center. We will see how these women of the past inspired us to continue the work of our Federation.

I am setting a goal for the design and implementation of an Ohio LEADS program during this administration.

We will also create and have available to every Ohio clubwoman, a GFWC Ohio brochure.

The president's special emphasis during the next two years will be in the Home Life Community Service Program. We will be focusing our efforts on "Canine Companions for Independence/The Wounded Veterans Initiative". We will strive to raise awareness in our communities so people with disabilities may benefit from these remarkable animals. For 35 years, Canine Companions has provided assistance dogs and ongoing support - all free of charge. Our fundraising efforts are vital to CCI. We will continue with CCI as usual, but will put a special emphasis on The Wounded Veterans Initiative.



As a special treat at the Installation of officers at our April 2014 Convention, I invited two trainers who work with Canine Companions for Independence and a couple of four legged friends to give us a special demonstration.

After witnessing this short demonstration, it is my hope that the GFWC Ohio Clubwomen are as excited as I am about supporting this worthy partnership.

That's what it's about – when we see a need, we fill it. When someone needs help, we lend a hand. When we work in our communities to make things better for everyone there, we accomplish our goals. We have 3 choices in life ~ we can give up, give in or give it all we've got. I say we give it all we've got together.



Tradition of Community Service Conservation

By 2014-2016 GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs Yvonne Ford (OH)

This is an exciting time for the General Federation of Women's Clubs I believe in the tradition, continuity, and Mission of the Ohio Juniors.

I want to say thank-you to the 2014-2016 GFWC OFWC Junior Board who said YES when they were asked to volunteer. We have wonderful group of women and I am looking forward to working with them.

I have just returned from GFWC Convention in Phoenix and would like to congratulate all of the GFWC officers who were installed for the 2014-2016 Administration. The Great Lakes Region Banquet on Sunday night was wonderful it was so nice see so many familiar faces and friends.

The tradition of Community service and conservation will be the focus of the 2014-2016 OFWC Junior Clubs. We will be working on garden- ing and improving our communities. The theme is "Thyme to Plant a time to Grow."

Gardening enhances our quality of life in numerous ways: providing fresh food, exercise, health benefits, and life-long learning. It creates pleasing landscapes, improves the environment, and brings people together. Garden-based learning programs result in increased nutrition and environmental awareness. It gives young people the chance to develop a wide range of academic and social skills.

Gardening experiences enhance an awareness of the link between plants in the landscape, our clothing, food, shelter, and wellbeing. They also provide children and youth with the time and space to explore the natural world something that occurs rarely in this generation of elec- tronics. To quote Lady Bird Johnson "Where flowers bloom, so does hope"

Some of the ways this can be achieved are:

- Initiate a successful community gardening project with kids.
- Demonstrate how plants are grown from seed and let them take the fresh vegetable home. Many children have no idea how the pro- duce ends up on the grocery store shelves.
- Plant an indoor garden in a nursing home or for a shut in.
- Start and sustain a school garden.
- Discuss seed saving, how to "go native" and use compost.
- Start a community garden.
- Raise vegetable to be donated to a homeless shelter, veterans clinic, or food pantry.
- Plant a cutting garden.
- Take arrangements to a local nursing home, hospital, or church to brighten someone's day.
- Plant a Butterfly Garden.
- Include Milkweed for the Monarch Butterflies. Monarch Butterflies are in danger of becoming extinct.
- Plant a Garden of Hope for Cancer Survivors.
- Work with ACTrees our GFWC Conservation Partner. <http://actrees.org/>
- Plant a tree in October for NeighborWoods® Month. <http://neighborwoodsmoonth.org/>



The ideas for gardens are endless and I'm sure that GFWC/OFWC members will come up with some exciting ideas. I can't wait to see the reports! Across the state and in your communities all of the gardening will certainly make an impact and improvement!



Our Teachers, Our Schools, Our Future

By 2014-2016 GFWC Wisconsin President Jan Allen (WI)



For me, Fall has always meant back to school. My kids are grown, but I still love all the energy behind getting ready to go back to school – supplies, meeting the teacher, going to football/cheerleading/band practice, books, fees, etc....

Harken back – what do you remember most about going back to school? My emphasis for the next two year is "Our Teachers, Our Schools, Our Future" and my symbol is an apple. I want our clubs to reach out and touch their local schools with their love, support, time and talent. We are encouraging clubs to call the school principal and the guidance counselor and tell them about their club and ask how they can help. (good recruiting tool!)



Is there a new teacher that could use some help with initial supplies? Would stocking the teacher's lounge with snacks the first couple of days back be a nice "welcome back" surprise? Is there a child that cannot afford their athletic fees or band fees? What about the first PTO meeting? There are a ton of clever, inexpensive, and much needed items our schools need. Our club woman are the best when comes to these kinds of initiatives.



I am thrilled to have this opportunity to serve our Federation. We are welcoming two new clubs into our Federation – Pewaukee Junior Woman's Club is federating with 50 new members, and the West Allis Juniors are being started by two very ambitious members who were in a woman's club and wanted to start a junior club. I am serving along with my very dear friend, Kristina Higbee – Director of Junior Clubs. It's going to be a great two years!

"Arts in our Schools"

By 2014-2016 GFWC Wisconsin Director of Junior Clubs Kristina Higbee (WI)

*"Every child is an **artist**, the problem is staying an **artist** when you Grow up"* – Pablo Picasso

The special project for my administration is "arts in our schools." As budgets get crunched, more art programs get diminished or vanish in the school systems. I would like to inspire all of our Wisconsin clubwoman to support and promote the arts to our youth. This could be visual, literary or performance art.



There are countless ways to do this below are just a few suggestions...

- Host an art supply drive within your club. Contact your school district to see what is needed.
- Hold a fundraiser to purchase a large piece of equipment for your local schools' art, music or drama department. (potter's wheel, kiln, microphones, technology)
- Sponsor a concert or play at your area school.
- Provide funding for printing of programs for student productions.
- Donate to the Wisconsin Arts Education Association
- Sponsor Youth Art Month (March) activities in your school district
- Hold an art--based event for area youth. A Plein Air Art (outdoor) event is one example.
- Offer art scholarships for area youth. This could be for an arts school or camp.
- Sponsor an author visit to your school or local library.
- Sponsor an "Artist in the School" presenter for a local school.
- Volunteer your time to transport and display student art at local businesses and other public buildings.
- Donate changeable art frames to schools to facilitate an easy way to professionally display student art.
- "Hire" student jazz combos, string quartets, or even the whole band to perform at club events.
- Use student art for club cookbook covers, greeting cards, program covers, etc.
- Attend public student art displays, plays, concerts as part of a social event for your club. Purchase student art if it is offered for sale.



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OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION



OCTOBER 10-11, 2014

TRIC HEEPE, GFWC GLR President

"SHARING THE GFWC SPIRIT"

You are invited to attend the 2014 GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference October 10-11, 2014. The Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, Michigan. Conference co-chairmen Renee Horist and Chris Burns and the ladies of Michigan have arranged for a wonderful weekend in this beautiful German town. Please come early and visit all the unique stores so you will be ready to rest your feet and enjoy the Conference. Remember.....save back some money to purchase GFWC merchandise and visit the Conference vendors.

NO TOURS HAVE BEEN PLANNED BECAUSE FRANKENMUTH IS A TOUR IN ITSELF!

Registration: 3-5 p.m. Thursday, October 9th; 8:00am-5:00pm Friday the 10th, and Saturday 8:00am - 12:00pm.

Friday afternoon - The GFWC Great Lakes Region Board of Directors will meet from 3:00-4:30p.m. Officers and Chairmen who are being asked to give reports at this meeting and during the conference are asked to bring the secretary's copy to this meeting. A box will be provided.

Friday evening begins with a social hour. This is your time to catch up with long-time friends and make new Federation Friends. Please be sure to save time for the GFWC International President, Babs Condon and President-elect, Sheila Shea. Then enjoy State Night, as the Michigan ladies welcome us to their state.

Saturday - The opening ceremonies of the **2014 Great Lakes Conference** will begin at 9:00 with the Business Session, Reports from the Region officers and GFWC Chairmen within the Region. Workshops, dynamic speakers and information on our Signature Project/Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children will fill the day. Bring your notebooks (paper or electronic) so you can jot down the many ideas you get from the presenters and your seat mates.

Saturday evening - Featuring Babs Condon, GFWC International President, as our keynote speaker. We will have the invitation to the 2015 Conference in Ohio and the official end of the Conference.

DRESS FOR THE WEEKEND

When traveling, remember to wear your GFWC membership pin.

Friday - Comfortable shopping clothes & shoes -Wear your GFWC Apparel. We want the citizens and visitors in Frankenmuth to be able to recite the "elevator speech" by Friday night!

Friday Board of Directors Meeting- Wear your favorite T-shirt (Big Bang, funny sayings)

Friday Evening - Cocktail

Saturday - Business Casual

Saturday Evening - Cocktail

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

State Presidents & Directors of Junior Clubs - Please be prepared to present a five-minute report. GLR Vice President, Lin Wilken will be in contact with you with more information. Please remember to bring your state flag, pole and stand for Saturday morning opening ceremonies. The flag bearer is to wear white gloves.

GFWC Appointees- Please be prepared to give a two-minute report.

Deadlines - Please adhere to the GLR and Hotel deadlines as listed on the Registration Form.

Please share this Call with all the members in your state and club. Invite them to ride along for a fun-filled and very worthwhile weekend. We look forward to seeing you in Michigan!

REGISTRATION FORM
GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 10-11th, 2014

Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center
One Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ OFFICER/CHAIRMAN _____

CLUB/DISTRICT/STATE AFFILIATION _____

REGISTRATION \$ 25.00 _____

FRIDAY - Michigan State Night - Buffet \$ 35.00 _____
Chicken/Cod/Roast Beef

SATURDAY LUNCH - Soup & Salad Buffet \$ 16.00 _____

SATURDAY - Spreading the Volunteer Spirit - Buffet \$ 35.00 _____
Wiener Schnitzel/Pork/Chicken

MINI MART SPACE \$ 10.00 _____
(FOR STATES AND CLUBS FUNDRAISING)

In Lieu of a Tour everyone is free to go shopping

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE INDICATE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

GFWC-Michigan

SEND REGISTRATION TO:

Chris Burns
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Beverly Hills, MI 48025
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Registration must be received by SEPTEMBER 21, 2014 NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 4, 2014

Willkommen to Little Bavaria



Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center

(Downtown Frankenmuth – Across the Wooden Covered Bridge)

One Covered Bridge

Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Phone: 989-652-7200 / Fax: 989-652-3509

NOTE: Cutoff date is September 7, 2014

(Room rate may not be available after this date ~ Use the Group Identification #11N8UR)

Room Rates: \$125.00 per standard room or \$185.00 per suite on Friday or Saturday Night
\$ 99.00 per standard room or \$149.00 per suite on Wednesday, Thursday, or Sunday night

Rates are per night for up to four guests in each room; rates are subject to 6% state sales tax and 5% county occupancy tax. There is an additional \$12 charge (which includes a rollaway per person for a 5th or 6th person in the same room. Rollaway bed charges are \$12 per night and cribs are \$5 per night.

Reservations can be made by calling our toll free number at 1-855-652-7200 and referencing your group's name and number. **The group number is 11N8UR.** A credit card guarantee is required at the time a reservation is made.

Reservations must be made at least 30 days in advance of arrival. Requests for specific room types or room placement are offered on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made within 30 days of arrival will be accepted only as space and rate availability permit.

Group rooms are not blocked together in the same area of the hotel. If guest would like their rooms together, they must be booked at the same time within the same phone call. The method of payment for each room must be given when the reservation is made.

Cancellations must be made at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of arrival to avoid being charged a cancellation fee of the first night's room and tax

Check in time is 3 PM and Check-Out Time is 11 AM. Pets are not allowed. Per State of Michigan law, the entire hotel is non-smoking, including all public areas, guest rooms and balconies.

Amenities: Unlimited free parking
Free Wi-Fi in all public areas and guest room-just ask for password at check in
Swimming pool and exercise room
Fun Center downstairs for kids

For more information visit us at www.bavarianinn.com

Take a Virtual Tour - just click on **Take the Tim Allen Tour** located at the bottom of the right side menu on the site

See You in Frankenmuth – Michigan's Little Bavaria