



Key Notes

Wreaths Across America

Clubwomen across Illinois participated in honoring our fallen soldiers at National Cemeteries on December 17, 2016.



The Mission of Wreaths Across America

REMEMBER

Our fallen U.S. veterans.

HONOR

Those who serve.

TEACH

Your children the value of freedom.

Mark your calendars for this year's event:

December 16, 2017.

To learn more go to

<http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/#join-us>



From left to right:

Karel Volpert, Congressman John M. Simkus, and Teri Merrell



HOBY Encounter

Judy Rader, 2016-18 GFWC ILLINOIS Scholarship Chairman

For several years when GFWC ILLINOIS was active with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Foundation, I served as a counselor. Our seminars were held on the campus at Illinois Wesleyan University and were educational, energizing and exhausting! What a whirlwind time it was! We brought in several hundred active, boisterous, excited sophomores from high schools across central and southern Illinois. Our goal was to provide programs designed to enhance their leadership and teamwork skills.

While I had the opportunity and privilege of working with many exceptional students, there are always a few that stand head and shoulders

above the others. One of those was a young man named Chris Jackson. He was full of energy, had opinions about everything and had the ability to agree and disagree with his peers in a positive and encouraging manner. By the second day, he knew nearly every student

and counselor by name and was usually one of the first to jump up and start a chant or cheer if there was ever a lull in the action. We all loved him. What made him even more special was his pride in his hometown. He made sure that we all knew he was from Cairo, Illinois. That's pronounced "Care-ro" as in "I care about you," not KAY-ro or KY-ro, as it was often mispronounced.

He made us all practice saying it the correct way, a lesson I've never forgotten. This exceptional young man was even selected to represent our group at the national HOBY seminar.

After that summer, I heard from him a few times, I wrote some scholarship recommendations for him and was a reference for some part time employment opportunities, but as both of our lives went different directions, we fell out of touch.

Fast forward 20 years...I was in New York City this past July with my daughter attending the Broadway Theatre Teachers Workshop, a whirlwind 5 days where we attended 4 Broadway shows and participated in daily workshops with the staff and stars of the shows. It was a wonderful experience in itself. And we were fortunate that one of those shows was the current smash hit, *Hamilton*. As I was reading the *Hamilton* program, I noticed that George Washington was played by a young man named Christopher Jackson. It brought back to mind that great HOBY kid from years ago, Wonder where he could be now?

Then I read the next line in his bio, "Chris got his start singing in the church choir in Cairo, Illinois." UNBELIEVABLE! At intermission of the play, I wrote a quick note saying how proud I was of him and that I remembered our HOBY days with a smile. When I handed the note to the house manager, he promised to deliver my note to Chris in person and asked, "Did you



want to go backstage after the show?" Backstage at *Hamilton*? Really? Of course, I do!

The second act of the play was a blur as I sat and worried if he'd remember me. What if this is not MY Chris Jackson? What if I'm tossed out by security? However, when he stepped out of his dressing room after the show, he pointed across the room at me and said, "Judy? What are you doing here???" I had the same question for him! I learned that he has been very successful in life. This is his 3rd Broadway show, he's won an Emmy for writing music for *Sesame Street* and he is currently appearing in the new CBS tv show *Bull*.



When he was the keynote speaker at the teacher's conference 2 days later, he pulled me out of the audience and acknowledged how his teachers, family and early experiences with HOBY and similar seminars had given him direction and confidence to truly pursue his dream. He specifically thanked the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs for helping to point him in the right direction.

Part of HOBY's mission statement is "to provide lifelong leadership development opportunities that empower youth to achieve their highest potential..."

I think it just might be working!



Information on workshops in your April GFWC IL Key Notes



SUMMER ART SCHOOL

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

JULY 16-22 2017

JOIN US FOR A WEEK-LONG SUMMER ART EXPERIENCE



- Eastern's Summer Art School is your opportunity to:
- meet other young people who are passionately creative
- try your hand using new art media
- spend a week immersed in the Arts
- expand your creativity
- experience campus life in EIU Residence Halls
- test-drive EIU - see if you could be a FUTURE PANTHER!



Classes for 2017:
Metals - Erin Rice
Painting - Chris Kahler
Printmaking - Alan Pocaro

Cost: \$490.00
Scholarships available from the
Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs

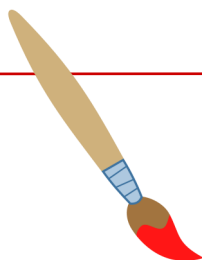


Contact:
School of Continuing Education
learn@eiu.edu
217-581-5114



EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY™

www.eiu.edu/adulted/kids.php



GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

2017 FEDERATION ART SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

JULY 16-22, 2017 Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois

Student must be sponsored by a Federated Woman's Club.

Enrollment is open to students who will have freshman, sophomore, junior or senior standing in high school for the coming fall school term or graduating high school seniors.

Each application must be accompanied with the following:

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION from an art teacher or principal that includes art accomplishments, areas of interest, desire for art education, plans for art in the future, type of student, personality.

TWO PARAGRAPHS from the **STUDENT** stating reasons she/he wants the scholarship and personal education goals.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION from the President of the sponsoring Federated Woman's Club.

Name _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Address _____
(STREET) (CITY) (ZIP CODE)

Grade attending Fall 2017 _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____
(STREET) (CITY) (ZIP CODE)

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name of High School _____ Phone Number(_____) _____

Address _____
(STREET) (CITY) (ZIP CODE)

This Scholarship covers instruction, lodging, meals, and recreational activities.....\$490.00

(includes a \$50 non-refundable deposit)

MAIL completed application WITH THE 3 ATTACHMENTS POSTMARKED BY MAY 5, 2017 to:

Diana (Dee) Lenzi
Federation Art School Chairman
811 Lakeshore Drive
Tuscola, IL 61953
deelenzi@yahoo.com (h) 217.253.4488 (c) 217.621.8167



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

GFWC IL Blue Ribbon Fashion Show: Project Catwalk

Many surprises are in store for you at this year's show as we celebrate our 20 year commitment to PCA IL. You won't want to miss the fashions, our club raffle baskets and the unreal Street of Dreams raffle packages! Also new this year are the pop-up shopping experiences, including a GFWC IL favorite, Mary Ann's Shoppe!

Send in your reservations today!

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

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

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



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



Dates to Remember

	April is Prevent Child Abuse Month
	<p>Wednesday, April 1, 2017</p> <p>Send to GFWC IL HQ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members' names and club who reach their 25th and 50th anniversary by this date. • President Skubic's Donation Challenge "Let's Make Change" • Names of members and club lost since May 1, 2016 for the Memorial Service.
	<p>Sunday, April 2, 2017 GFWC IL Fashion Show</p> <p>Reservations due by March 24, 2017</p>
	<p>Saturday, April 8, 2017</p> <p>Easterseals Telethon—Joliet Region</p>
	<p>April 15, 2017</p> <p>Deadline for submitting club news for publication in <i>GFWC IL Clubwoman</i> magazine.</p> <p>Deadline for registering for GFWC IL Convention.</p>
	<p>April 24, 2017</p> <p>Federation Day</p>
	<p>June 1, 2017</p> <p>Deadline to register for GFWC Convention at</p> <p>https://www.cvent.com/events/2017-gfwc-annual-convention/registration-c2780abded5946c59574a1d79872d129.aspx</p>

**GFWC IL Convention
Hands on Project**

T-Shirt Project

- Wanted:**
- Men's new or very gently used t-shirts , size L or Larger (no undershirts, please)
 - Travel Size toiletries
 - Disposable razors
 - Shaving cream
 - Deodorant

When: GFWC IL Convention,
Friday afternoon

Where: To be determined

Why: For our homeless veterans

