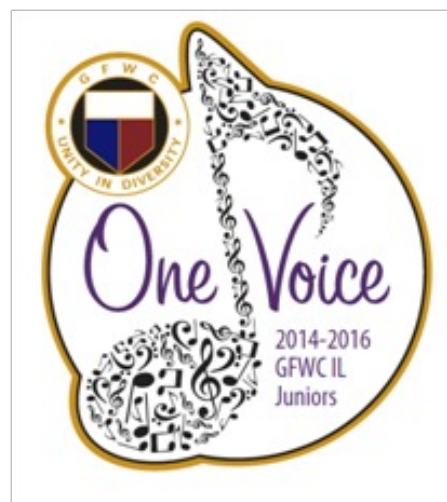




IF IT NEEDS TO BE, VOLUNTEERS ARE THE KEY!



ALL IT TAKES IS ONE VOICE





SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT

TO FAMILIES OF:

June LaMantia, Past Presidents and Officers Club, 7th District, on the passing of her husband, Tom.

Phyllis Nightlinger, Illiana Woman's Club, on the passing of her mother, Ora Shaffer. Mrs. Shaffer was 100 years young.

Eileen Place, Woman's Club of Champaign Urbana, on the passing of her husband, Lawrence.

Ruth Savoie, from the Gilman Woman's Club, on the passing of her husband, Richard .

Sandy Behrends, member of Femmes Unir of Bartonville,, on the passing of her husband, Bill.

Mary Truitt, GFWC Illinois Vandalia Woman's Club, on the death of her brother, Bill Truitt.

A WORD OR MORE FROM CAROL

A Word: Throughout this issue you will find photos of our clubwomen. You'll never know if you are included in this issue unless you look at every page!

Or More: An Announcement!

ANNOUNCING: KEYNOTES

In the next few months, GFWC Illinois will launch our own e-newsletter, called Keynotes. Similar to GFWC's News & Notes, we will be able to deliver to you news and ideas much more quickly than traditional ways.

We're going to take baby steps with this new means of communication. Please help us by joining this Google Group. This is the same Google Group that over 550 women have already joined and receive their *Clubwoman Magazine* electronically.

To join, please go to www.gfwcillinois.org and click on e-flash on the home page.

GFWC ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Vice President Southern Region: Alice Betlach

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MY HOPE

I hope that I will always see
My country working to stay free
That works to help its people grow
That will stand up to any foe.

I hope that all will understand
'Tis work that keeps our nation grand
So all may laugh and shout with glee
Be grateful for our liberty.



Agnes M. Simms (2003)

GFWC IL President, 1982-1984

THE KEY TO YOUR MAGAZINE

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THE KEYS TO BELONGING . . .

Diane Addante, GFWC IL President

Greetings! It's thrilling to be placing so much useful information in your hands! Please enjoy this issue.

When asked to cite my goals for this administration, here are a few: We will provide members with valuable information quickly and efficiently. We will simplify where possible. The Board of Directors will enjoy the Board experience so others are eager to follow. We will continue and expand our assis-

tance to Veterans. We know our way around State government and our knowledge helps us promote the issues important to us. And we never, ever, forget the struggles of the women who came before us. We are vigilant in knowing, preserving and advancing our history as women. These are my goals for our organization during 2014-2016. If we achieve these goals, I believe membership expansion will follow. I hope you will help us make these goals a reality. You are key to our success!

. . . AND THE BENEFITS TO BELONGING

For me, membership was a way to regain some balance in my life after having my second child. Three things really – I had so much information to share, being a lifelong reader and information sponge; I was desperate for time with other adults and I felt very blessed in having two healthy children and wanted to give back to my community in gratitude. Luckily, Lombard Juniors was holding a membership drive and I saw an ad in the paper for an upcoming picnic – bring the kids! I have been blessed many fold by my membership in GFWC. I have an epic forum to share much of the information I acquire. I have a network of like-minded friends that seems to grow daily – thank you social media! Some of my very dearest friends are people I would not know without club affiliation. And the satisfaction that comes from bettering my community and my world through volunteer service is incomparable.

ONE VOICE

Karyn M. McCarthy, GFWC IL Director of Junior Clubs

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I serve as your State 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!

In addition to moving most of our information online, which we hope will keep our Junior members engaged, our focus will be on Membership Re-

tention 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 the 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 our great state, 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 IL Juniorette club** would not only give them the foundation of community volunteerism, but it would reward them with years of friendships as well. Please consider starting a Juniorette club in your district. It is not difficult to charter a new club. You only need ONE VOICE to get things started!



*From left to right:
Diane Addante
and
Karyn McCarthy*

*I expect to pass through
this world but once; any
good thing therefore
that I can do, or any
kindness that I can show
to any fellow creature,
let me do it now; let me
not defer or neglect it,
for I shall not pass this
way again.*

Ettiene De Grellet

THE KEYS TO REPORTING . . . ONE NOTE AT A TIME

Phyllis Skubic, GFWC IL President Elect / Dean of Chairmen

Jeanette T. Wells, GFWC IL Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Cherie Sieger, GFWC IL Junior Dean of Chairmen



Phyllis Skubic

REPORTING PACKETS ARE KEY TO YOUR SUCCESS — We will be updating these forms over the summer. The District Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs will be attending a regional meeting with their respective Regional Vice President in September and will receive the reporting packet at this meeting. Reporting will be one of the many topics covered at those meetings. The District Presidents / Directors will distribute the 'Reporting Packets' to the clubs as quickly as possible.

GFWC Illinois will continue our 'going green' efforts. Therefore only one reporting packet will be distributed to each club. It will contain enough forms for the two year administration and updates will be provided the second year as needed.

TECHNOLOGY WILL BE A KEY BENEFIT — We will continue and expand our efforts utilizing technology by allowing the clubs to submit more annual reports electronically to our chairmen, via email. More details will be provided later this year on which GFWC Illinois Chairmen will accept emailed reports. Think about this: no postage, no addressing envelopes and no waiting at the post office to ensure the envelopes are postmarked before the deadline date: just a few mouse clicks and you are done. Emailing reports will save our clubs time and money.



Jeanette T. Wells

KEY TO TRACKING STATISTICS — One area we need to improve is tracking and reporting the time our members spend serving as District or State Officers and/or Chairmen. If your club has a member serving on the District, the State, or Junior Organization's Board of Directors, you need to include her statistics in your annual **Leadership Report**. The hours she spends working on her focus area and any out-of-pocket expenses she incurs. This is anything spent over and above any monetary assistance that your club/district may provide to her. If your club budgets funds to financially assist members serving beyond the club level, you should include that monetary donation in your annual report.

RECORDKEEPING IS THE KEY — Our wish for this administration is **100% of Clubs Reporting**. Yes, 100%. We can do this! Start now by reviewing the programs and projects done from January through June. Write down the **Who, What, When, Where and Why**. Do it now while it's still fresh in your mind. This will make it easier when you go to write the report in January. Going forward, Chairmen should complete a "project report" within two (2) weeks of the conclusion. If all the details of the project are included in the Chairman's report, your annual reports practically write themselves.

If this seems overwhelming, think of your favorite project or program your club does and commit to reporting in just that area this year. Yes just **ONE** project. That is the **KEY** to getting started! We are here to help you, any way we can.



Cherie Sieger

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BENEFITS OF BELONGING

Jeanette

The benefit of belonging to GFWC that is most important to me is helping others succeed, grow, survive, sustain, eat, play, smile, laugh, learn and simply stated, be in a better place after they meet us, than they were before. I joined GFWC to meet women that could become a “new circle” of friends after my divorce. However, I gained so much more than that. Not only have I met great women that I call my friends, I have also been able to help so many people along the way. We raised enough money to buy a wheelchair and adaptive bicycle for a little girl in our town; we have helped pay the mortgage of a family that was in danger of losing their home after a family tragedy. We have cleaned the highway, donated books, made sandwiches for the homeless, volunteered at our town’s festivals and events and so much more. Improving the lives of others, I feel is the biggest benefit of belonging to GFWC. Another benefit of belonging is the leadership skills I have learned and have been able to develop from programs at conventions, summer seminars/region meetings, and by attending the GFWC Illinois LEADS and GFWC LEADS.

Cherie

The benefit of belonging is a feeling that cannot be described. I have seen myself as well as others ‘blossom’ into leaders and I find myself really caring what happens in my community. I have learned how to be more organized, not only with GFWC things, but in my personal life. The friendships and the respect that evolve over the years with women from all over the state is more than I would have imagined when I first joined my club and this organization. When I meet someone new to the organization, I do what I can to make them feel the sense of belonging that I was given when I was new. That is what keeps me going in the organization and hopefully that keeps others going too.

Phyllis

The personal growth and development opportunities available, is without a doubt, one of the biggest benefits of belonging. The life-long friends I’ve made remains the number one benefit, but the unending support and encouragement to ‘break out of the box’ and expand your leadership development and potential is number two. GFWC offers unending, free, life-long learning and training to its members. I have my professional career thanks to GFWC, as do many, many others. Nothing else comes close to the joy, rewards, opportunities and support you get from belonging to a GFWC club!

GFWC Illinois Deb’s Diamond Divas

invites you to a

Wine & Cheese Reception / Fundraiser

Honoring our own Deb Strahanoski

Sunday, October 26, 2014

2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

at the home of Jackie Haddad

396 E. Madison St., Elmhurst, IL

RSVP 630-963-4771 or carolajablonski@att.net



Elena Lipinski

LEADERSHIP AND LEADS UPDATE

Elena Lipinski, GFWC IL Northern Region Vice President

What exactly is a **leader**? One online definition is the person who **leads** or commands a group, organization, or country. **Keys** to being an effective leader include:

Lead by example. Have club women do as you do, not as you say. That's so powerful!

Energize your members. Give them the tools to make it easy to step up to a **leadership** role.

Activate your members. Brainstorm and then execute ways to increase club **membership**.

Disperse your club events. Use broadcast, print, outdoor, digital, and internet **communication**.

Strategize and plan out your year. Engage club women to meet and share their **voice**.

Look for **LEADS** training at upcoming GFWC Illinois State Board of Directors meetings!

*You don't lead by
pointing and telling
people some place to go.
You lead by going to
that place and making a
case.*

Ken Kesey

AND LEADERSHIP GOALS AND BENEFITS OF BELONGING

A **key leadership goal** I have is to **support and encourage** the Northern Region District Presidents and my Junior counterpart, Patti McNaught, in each of their leadership journeys. Another **key goal** is to **give leadership tips** and **provide LEADS training** that can be transferred to the work, club, and organization environment, making them positive, productive and performing.

Belonging to GFWC provides opportunities to rise to new challenges and lead with pride, knowledge, tradition, communication, unity in diversity, and vision. Belonging to GFWC involves action, after acquiring learning, through sharing with others.



Invest in a healthier world.
Immunize a child.

*Editor's note: Becky has
trained to be a Shot@Life
Champion. Go ahead and
contact her. She will
'inoculate' you and your
club with her 'infectious'
spirit!*

UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION: SHOT@LIFE

Becky Weber, GFWC IL Chairman

For millions of mothers living in poverty, access to vital health information is a matter of life and death. Every 20 seconds a child dies from a vaccine-preventable disease. Pneumonia and diarrhea are the leading causes of death for children worldwide, responsible for more than 1/3 of childhood deaths. Polio has recently reemerged in areas that had been polio-free for years and measles still kills an estimated 330 people each day – the majority of whom are young children.

By raising awareness and funds, we can help improve the health of women and children around the world! If your club would like a speaker on this important issue, please contact: Becky Weber, Shot@Life Champion, 309-369-1133 or mweber@mtco.com. Or visit, www.shotatlife.org.

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COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Judy Sochor, GFWC IL Vice President, Central Region

Communication means: any act by which one person gives to or receives from another person information.

I plan to get the word out so that people will know about GFWC Illinois. To gain and retain members clubs need to make themselves known to the community and keep them abreast of latest news.

All clubs need to know the names of state officers and know and understand the workings of the organization.

To make clubs aware that there are numerous tools available to help clubs pass on important information about their club and club activities, I plan to inform clubs of the tools that they can use.

I would like to see every club in Illinois have GFWC as part of their name. Also always use the logo on all correspondence. This would be a great first step that would result in a heightened awareness of GFWC, but your publicity efforts cannot stop there. Increased publicity for and awareness of GFWC will lead to greater partnership and advancement opportunities for clubs everywhere.



Judy Sochor

SECRETARY

Betty Peters, GFWC IL Secretary

The secretary's goal should be to completely and accurately record all business meetings and write them in a timely manner. This is my goal as GFWC Illinois Secretary for the 2014-2016 administration.

The secretary's duties are more than recording the business at the meetings. She will make sure that all the business on the agenda is covered. The standing rule is to record the action taken and not what was said. This means to record all action taken, including the exact

wording of every motion, the name of the person making the motion, that the motion was seconded and what action was taken on the motion. The motions should be written to ensure the accuracy of the motion. The motion should be read to the members before discussion.

The minutes should be brief, thorough and written in the order that business occurred. The minutes are presented at the beginning of the next meeting for review and disposition. Any corrections should be made in the mar-

gins, not by deleting or erasure.

The benefits of belonging to GFWC are numerous, including uniting with women around the world to make a difference in our communities and others by volunteering our time, talents, and resources. By networking with other women and sharing ideas and experiences, we broaden and enrich our lives. The many friendships that are formed with other women are a huge bonus.



Betty Peters

PIERCE'S PARLIAMENTARY POINTERS

Jacquelyn Pierce, GFWC IL Parliamentarian, NAP Registered Parliamentarian



Jackie Pierce

THE WRITTEN AND SPOKEN WORD AT A MEETING

THE WRITTEN WORD (agenda) is basically covered by the following:

- Call to Order
- Approval of the Minutes
- Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

Names are the easiest to forget so remember to include the names of all persons reporting.

THE SPOKEN WORD (report) needs a beginning, a middle and an end.

Once you've scripted these parts, the rest is EEEEEasy....

If you remember the six E's.....

Excite

Enthuse

Educate

Entertain

Eye Contact

Exit



Mary Jo Murphy

GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PROTECTION

Mary Jo Murphy, GFWC IL Chairman

The topic is not a fun, pretty one. The statistics which surround the topic are appalling. Domestic violence affects individuals and families in EVERY community across the United States. That, of course, includes YOURS. GFWC Illinois clubwomen are known for their ability to rally forces and funds in an amazing and unusual assortment of creative projects and programs.

I ask you to direct your attention to educate, advocate and engage in FUN projects and programs which will affect and highlight our collective concern for the well-being of women, children, elders, and families right in our own communities.

The consequences of domestic violence cross generations and last a lifetime. GFWC Illinois clubwomen can and will make a difference. As you plan your club year ahead, include discussion time for how you and your members will make this difference.

Together we will be a strong 'Voice against Violence'.

GFWC ILLINOIS STATE PROJECT

"OUR PROMISE...A SAFE PLACE FOR EVERY CHILD"

Karel Volpert, GFWC IL Chairman



Karel Volpert

The Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Conference will be held on November 6th and 7th in Springfield. Districts, clubs, or members who wish to donate a raffle basket for this conference are asked to contact me at 217-497-7616 or karelvolpert@fullchoice.tv. Members may bring their baskets to Legislation Day on October 24. The baskets will be stored at the PCAI office and brought to the conference on November 6th.

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WHAT A TREASURER NEEDS TO KNOW

Janice Perkins, GFWC IL Treasurer

Loretta Revesz, GFWC IL Junior Treasurer

It's that time of year.

Clubwomen, your dues are needed!

When sending dues remittances, please include each paid member's correct postal and e-mail addresses. There are some new initiatives coming along which will require more information (e-mail addresses). Other chairmen will be explaining these as they are readied for implementation. The initiatives should save us money and storage space.

Remittance for dues must be sent by General and Juniorette clubs to your District Treasurer and by Junior clubs to your District Junior Treasurer. At Summer Seminar you will receive a Treasurer's Packet which will include the appropriate form to submit along with your club check and a list with the name, address, and e-mail address (when available) for each member being paid. There are separate remittance forms for general clubs (includes juniorettes) and junior clubs. The remittance forms have the dollar amounts entered for all areas except the district. Since Districts set their own dues, the Club Treasurer must enter this. After doing the calculations, a check needs to be written

and made payable to your district or junior district. This is then mailed to the District Treasurer or Junior District Treasurer by October 15, 2014. Dues for new or additional members are handled in the same manner with remittances submitted by January 15, 2015.

The District Treasurer then mails the dues for GFWC and GFWC IL to GFWC IL Headquarters, 5 East Van Buren Street, Suite 208, Joliet, IL 60432. The first deadline to submit dues to the state is November 1, 2014. Dues for new or additional members are due to the state by February 1, 2015. The Junior District Treasurer mails GFWC and GFWC IL dues to GFWC IL Headquarters, the GFWC IL Junior dues to the Junior State Treasurer (payable to GFWC IL Junior Organization) and the District dues to the District Treasurer. Same deadlines as above apply. These instructions are detailed on the dues remittance forms.

Now it's time to sit back and enjoy your club activities and indulge in the fruits of GFWC membership on all levels.



*Loretta Revesz
(above)
and
Janice Perkins
(below)*



GFWC ILLINOIS LEGISLATION 2014-2016

Becky Weber, GFWC IL Chairman

The GFWC Illinois Legislation Committee has the responsibility to keep the GFWC Illinois clubwomen informed concerning state and national legislation, to assist our club members in supporting legislation consistent with the policies of GFWC Illinois, to receive and consider proposed resolutions and to present to the Annual Convention such resolutions as are pertinent to the work and objectives of GFWC Illinois.

Proposed resolutions need to be sent to Becky Weber, 602 Malone Ct., Metamora, IL 61548, NO LATER THAN: **OCTOBER 1, 2014.**



*Mary Ellen Laister (left)
with
Becky Weber (right)*

If it needs to be . . .



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IMMEDIATE PAST DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS

Trisha Schafer, GFWC IL Director of Junior Clubs, 2012-2014

It was my honor and pleasure to represent you as Illinois Director of Junior Clubs on the State, Regional and International Levels for the 2012-14 administration! And an opportunity that I hope many of you will aspire to do!

Working with the JEC (Junior Executive Committee: Karyn, Jeanette, Loretta & Sue) 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 Illinois, 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 GFWC Illinois 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.

Thank you ladies, for *all* that you do to *make The difference* in your communities, across the state and our world!!

I am looking forward to walking our GFWC journeys together!



Trisha Schafer



Pat Heitman & Trisha Schafer accepted First Place Honors at GFWC Convention for GFWC IL's involvement with Easter Seals.



Members of the 2012-2014 GFWC IL Administration

The data is clear. If you give a woman an opportunity, she will make a huge difference.

Carly Fiorina

*former Hewlett-Packard
CEO*



HONORING OUR 50 YEAR MEMBERS

District 4

Marango WC

Shirley Wisted

District 5

Downers Grove WC

Jean Nystrom

Past Presidents Club
of DuPage County

Charmaine Tellefsen

District 12

Somonauk Jr WC

Madelyn Crouch

District 17

Saunemin WC

Helen McDowell

Bessie Rich

Metamora WC

Barbara Fandel

Dorothy "Dottie" Goetz

Joann Heinzmann

Marge Mason

Joyce Stromberger

WC of Cullom

Helen Trost

District 18

Fithian WC

Lorena Barnes

District 19

Tuscola WC

Wilma Allen

Mary Carmack

Tommi Davis

Carolyn Dennis

Teddy Eddleman

Mary Kay Kalmar

Catherine Kellogg

Kathryn McCumber

Jeanne Miller

Mary Williams

District 22

Columbia WC

Evelyn Blank

Ruth Schmidt

District 25

Anna Jonesboro WC

Dorothy Hilliard

If we missed your name, please have your club president

submit your name to your district president.



Carol Haw

A WOMAN YOU SHOULD KNOW:

CAROL HAW, GFWC IL DISTRICT 3

by Annette Andretich

Carol, a member of the Morgan Park Juniors for 51 years, received her 50 year pin last year. She was instrumental in the success of the Drama Club which presented Three Act Plays at Drury Lane Theatre, Evergreen Park, during the Christmas holidays. She worked on the club's flea markets which were successful fund raisers.

She has served, or chaired, every committee of work and served as President several times.

Carol was instrumental in saving the Morgan Park Woman's Club when it was about to disband at its 100th anniversary. She joined, persuaded other friends to also become members, and the club is still flourishing to-

day. She has sold Uncle Al's pecans as a holiday fund raiser for many years. She was President for 2 years and is still an active member.

Carol is married to Fred Haw, has two sons and two grandchildren. She loves to play golf and is quite a bridge player.

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HONORING OUR 25 YEAR MEMBERS

District 5

Darien WC

Jeanette Campo
Cindie Hagen
Lorraine Palermo
Kathy Wanta

Glendale Heights Jr WC

Sharon Fonte

Lisle WC

Pat Abelson
Dianna Daly
Erene Panos

Lombard Service League

June Kolar
Mary Rada

Naperville WC

Barbara Walsh
Lea Davies

Woodridge Jrs

Mary Ann Frank

District 7

Arlington Heights WC

Gail Brown

District 8

Gillman WC

Rikha Dodia
Judy Furia

District 10

Libertyville WC

Katherine Steel

District 11

Joliet Jr WC

LuAnn Peters

District 13

Byron WC

Wanda Cacciatore

Franklin Grove WC

Maxine Beeghly
Mary Bennitt

Reva Brierton

Larena Floto

Shirley Hann

Dotty Hillison

Linda Ramsdell

Phyllis Williar

District 12

Prairie State WC

Brenda Hatch

Deb Hazlett

District 14

Macomb WC

Marilyn Weller

District 16

Princeton Jr WC

Trisha Schafer

District 17

Carlock Jr WC

Pat Luber

Catherine Metzker

Fairbury WC

Mary Jo Graham

Lincoln WC

Jean Peters

Metamora-Germantown Hills

Jr WC

Donna Cross

Becky Weber

Metamora WC

Jo Crow

Nancy Bernius

Sue Devine

Mary Dexter

Cyndi Ginder

Ann Heisler

Linda Jones

Linda Keys

Murellen Kramer

Sandy Madsen

Jolene Pelton

Judy Riggert

Arlene Rush

Mary Ann Spencer

Phyllis Thomas

Jane Winkler

Janet Winkler

Saunemin WC

JoAnn Becker

Dorothy Kovach

Edith Mies

Jean Quigley

Carol Rich*

Sue Rich

Delores Schulz

Helen Spafford

Elaine Young

WC of Cullom

Judy Ehlers

Meri Knapp

Vi Kyburz

Teresa Stark

Linda Vercler

District 18

Fithian WC

Beth Cannon

Jody Payne

Jo Ann Trimble

Leah Sperry

District 19

Tuscola WC

Margo Baludow

Kathy Frye

Ellen Hall

Sara Holmes

Donna Lamb

Rhonda McCumber

Marie Owen

Susan Patterson

Darlene Weisner

Jane Wood

District 22

Columbia WC

Wyona Crosley

Rose Marie Crossley

Carol Giffhorn

Alice Haberlah

Evelyn Hopkins



Please note...

*Names were submitted
by District Presidents at
the request of the GFWC
IL President.*

MEMBERSHIP

Alice Betlach, GFWC IL Southern Region Vice President



Alice Betlach

One thing is certain about all clubs - they all need members! Recruiting, welcoming, and incorporating new members must involve everyone. Member recruitment is an ongoing process that requires the focus and commitment of all members. Wherever you go, you are bound to meet someone with whom you can talk and share information about GFWC and your club.

While it's true that all members should be involved in the recruitment process, each club should have one person (and a committee) who is willing to step up and take the lead on membership efforts. Appointing a membership chairman is an important indication of your club's dedication to recruiting new members, and can make a world of difference to the future of your club. The membership chairman should be: organized, motivated and enthusiastic, knowledgeable and positive about your club and GFWC.

Members are more likely to remain in a club that has a positive and fun atmosphere. Members do not join to be recognized, but it is always nice to have your efforts appreciated. Positive words mean a lot. Words like **"Your efforts are really making a difference"**, or **"Great job; you made us all look good!"** Celebrate members' GFWC service with a variety of GFWC membership pins.

Present your members with the GFWC Member Pin.

GFWC Silver Pins, which recognize 25 year members, are available for purchase directly through GFWC Illinois Headquarters. 25-year pins are \$5 each. This pin should be awarded by the club.

GFWC Gold Pins are awarded to 50 year GFWC members. These are awarded at GFWC Illinois Convention, and they are free! 25 year members are also recognized at convention with a certificate unless prior arrangements are made with the Membership Chairman. At our 119th Convention, 30 fifty year members were recognized. I see this number growing as the news gets out! Let's Go!

Volunteering makes the heart grow stronger! Reports show that volunteers have:

- Greater longevity
- Higher functional ability
- Lower rates of depression
- Less incidence of heart disease

MEMBERSHIP GOALS AND BENEFITS OF BELONGING

Alice Betlach, GFWC IL Southern Region Vice President

As a GFWC *Clubwoman*, we can expect to gain a lot from our club affiliation. Here is a list of points that all members can realize by belonging to a woman's club.

- The satisfaction that comes from making a difference in the community; every member contributes her individual efforts.
- A network of support and encouragement from women with similar interests and concerns-fun, fellowship, and most important of all, lasting friendships based on mutual respect and shared experiences.
- Leadership training and professional skills development-skills gained from volunteer work can be used to open career doors, build a resume, or put to use in a personal business venture.
- A diversified set of national resources are offered in the Arts, Education, Conservation, Home life, International Outreach, and Public Issues Community Service Programs, as well as the special emphasis areas of GFWC.

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GFWC ILLINOIS ISABELLA CANDEE FOUNDATION

Lou Brown, GFWC IL Chairman

Isabella Candee of Cairo, was the first president of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, 1884-1886.

The Isabella Candee Foundation was established in 1987 to create an investment structure from which interest

could be withdrawn and placed in the general fund to support the budget. Individuals, clubs and districts can contribute any amount to the foundation, as all contributions are cumulative. You may contribute in honor of, in

memory of, in recognition of, or by making personal contributions.

Checks should be made payable to: GFWC Illinois, and sent to: 5 East Van Buren, Suite 208, Joliet, Illinois 60432.



Lou Brown

WEBSITE

Karen Erb, GFWC IL Webmaster

The website for this great organization can be found at www.gfwcillinois.org, and has been the website since 2007. In that time the site has been visited over 21,000 times. I try to keep current information available for upcoming events, and state contests. A fill-in form that automatically tallies your hours can be found close to reporting time. There are electronic copies of our logos, including the new "key" logo from President Diane Addante. We have an email group that we would like all Illinois GFWC members to join. Our *Clubwoman* magazine can be viewed on our website, and so can several of our past issues. One of the most popular areas of the website is the links to photo albums from our past events. The convention pictures from this year's convention are there, and so are pictures going all the way back to Jackie Pierce's installation

as GFWC President in 2008. You will enjoy seeing all the models that participated in this year's Blue Ribbon Fashion Show, and you will probably enjoy the memories of clicking through old picture albums and seeing your friends.

Upcoming events that you can find include the registration forms for the GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference in October in Frankenthum, Michigan.

Over 100 clubs in Illinois have their own websites. On the page called 'Related Links' you can find the links to all of those websites. Most of those clubs have websites that I created for them free of charge. Your club can avail yourself of this service by just sending me the information requested on the page called 'Your Website'. The clubs that do have websites really,

really need to send me updated information, so that their websites can be brought current. Please go to our website and check the link to your club to see if the link is working and if your information is correct. Typically the list of officers and current projects need updating.

New State Chairmen, please send me information about the projects you will be emphasizing this year. If you have any forms for the clubs, please email me those forms, so that I can include them under the page called 'Projects'. Be sure to put GFWC in the subject line of any email to me.

It has been great fun continuing to bring you information about our state organization. I thank you all for your help. Tell your members to visit our website and our Facebook page too.



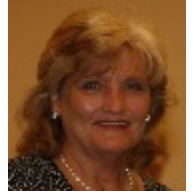
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FROM OUR GFWC ILLINOIS DISTRICTS

District 6

Gerri Eck, President

The GFWC Illinois Sixth District theme for the 2014-2016 is “Volunteers Are The Key To The Garden Of Service”. Our district consist of six clubs with 161 members. This distinct may be small, but we are mighty. Six members are serving on the GFWC Illinois State Board including a Past State President. New for the Sixth District will be a monthly newsletter. The clubs stay very busy during the summer serving their communities. One club has been working on Linus blankets and knitting baby caps. Several clubs presented scholarships to high school students. They are also beautifying their communities by planting flowers, trees and cleaning up. Collecting items for the domestic violence shelters was a priority for our district. The six amazing clubs are working on agendas for the upcoming year to make a difference in their communities.



District 7

Beth Magoon, President

The 7th District, located in the Northwest Suburbs of Cook County, has 5 clubs: Arlington Heights Woman's Club, Franklin Park Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club of Des Plaines, Mt. Prospect Woman's Club and the Past Presidents and Officers Club.



The theme I have chosen for the 2014-2016 Administration is “Back to the Basics”, getting back to the basics of

- **Leadership**, so other District members feel confident enough to step into our positions,
- **Membership**, bringing in new members and retaining those we have, most importantly, getting our members out to District meetings, and
- **Public Relations**, making sure our name is out there. Are you tired of being the ‘Best Kept Secret’- I AM.

Don't you love the ‘Meeting after the Meeting’? I do. We will start having lunch together after each District Meeting again; we did that years ago and we all enjoyed it.

Our clubs have been very busy, with collections for veterans, expired coupon and toiletries, and even a visit to Fisher House. At our District Holiday gathering we collected 58 new/gently used books for the Northwest Suburban Day Care's Lending Library. The day care director joined us and accepted our generous gift. We've had penny carnivals, split the pots, raffles, discussion on various trees, card/game parties, fashion shows combined with tasty luncheons, membership teas, legislation updates. The list can go on.

Five clubs doing great work for their communities and the world around us.

District 14/15

Teresa Sanford and Shelli Fehr, Co-Presidents

“United We Stand” is the 14th /15th District's more than appropriate theme for the 2014-16 administration. Why? Because we consolidated two districts into one in March 2014 and are now in the process of merging the treasuries of both districts and the junior district, and rewriting our bylaws and standing rules to represent both districts' points-of-view. There is still work to be done as we make our transition complete, and our strong Executive Committee will make it happen. The 10 clubs in 14th/15th District are relying on the officers' knowledge of GFWC to make them united and proud to call themselves GFWC members. We are not just one voice. We are the merging of counties, clubs, and membership and will **Keep** our membership strong by **Everyone** working together to say “Yes!” to GFWC!



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District 17

Michelle Schultz, President

The 17th District encompasses Livingston, Logan, McLean and Woodford Counties and is in the Central Region. There are 17 clubs in the 17th District with 7 Junior Clubs and 10 General Clubs. Donna Cross is the Director of Junior Clubs for the 2014-2016 administration.

The clubs will continue donating items and time to Operation Santa, sewing gowns for Operation Smile, providing books and school supplies to children, planting pinwheel gardens, purchasing pediatric medical bags, hosting House and Garden Walks, educating our members on various topics, sponsoring a Citizen of the Year, and helping domestic violence shelters as they have always done, and continue "Extending our Hand in Service and Friendship" for this administration.



District 19

Darla D. Weltmer, President

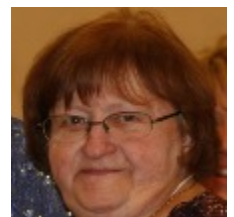
Greetings from the 19th District!

1982 - 1984

I had the pleasure of serving as 19th District President with 76 clubs. Agnes M. Simms was the State President, and I have many happy memories from those two years.

2014 - 2016

I am serving as 19th District again for this administration. I invite the 9 clubs in our district to 'Come Fly With Me' for a productive successful administration. One thing I have heard over the past few years is, "we do the same things as that club and they win state awards and we don't - so what's wrong with our reports?" On September 19th, Pat Heitman will lead us in a reporting workshop at our District Fall Institute, and will educate us all. It will be held in Decatur, so please plan to attend our meeting and learn with us. I plan to visit each of the 9 clubs during my term as President since I did that my first time around. To the 9 clubs in 19th District: INVITE ME!



District 25

Wanda Burklow, President

Southern Illinois is on the map again! Isn't it wonderful to travel through our great state and know that wherever we go, we have GFWC friends close by?

District 25 covers lots of miles and lots of events. We have seven very active clubs. Many of the events are community oriented but that does not stop them from making a great impact in everything they do. There are several clubs that do not meet during the summer months, but will be the KEY to many activities by the end of summer. I can already taste those peach cobblers served up by the Cobden Women's Club during the annual Peach Festival. Eldorado Woman's Club members will enjoy a night out, while taking part in the Saline County CASA fundraiser in July, which will be a dinner theater that I am sure will be a huge success for the kids that need those services.

Our District is getting ready to update our bylaws during this administration. It is amazing how quickly things get outdated. (especially myself). I am looking forward to being back on GFWC Illinois Board of Directors. Let's see what doors we can unlock with the great KEY volunteers of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs.

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PUBLIC ISSUES

Karen Meyer, GFWC IL Chairman



Karen Meyer

2014, in case you didn't know, is the 70th Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. What better way to honor and give thanks to the "The Greatest Generation" as coined by Tom Brokaw and all of the other US veterans who have done so much for this country and each of us than to focus on veteran's during this administration. Here are some ideas on what you can do.

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. They transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. There are flights running out of Midway, St. Louis and Peoria. Get together a group from your club, invite your families and friends, put on your red, white and blue, gather your flags and go out and meet one of the upcoming flights. If you want to know when flights are scheduled, you can visit the following website which has

general schedule information along with links to each of the Illinois flight locations - <http://www.honorflight.org/programs/?s=IL#map>. It is hard to say who is rewarded more by the experience, the veterans or those that are there to greet them.

Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. You and your club members can raise wreath sponsorships for Arlington or your local ceremony, and you can volunteer to place wreaths on a veteran's grave at any of over 750 participating locations. You can find more information about how to participate at <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/act-now/>.

So while you are enjoying the lazy days of Summer, remember our veterans!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY (MADD)

Evelyn Dill, GFWC IL Chairman



Evelyn Dill

October 25, 2014 is Make-A-Difference Day, a national day calling volunteers to do something for others to make a difference in their lives personally or in the community. Some suggested projects: collect items to donate to your local abuse shelter, food pantry, homeless shelter, and care packages for veterans, How about making cookies for policemen and firemen? If your club participates in a MADD project, please submit a report to me by November 1, 2014.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

Evelyn Dill, GFWC IL Chairman

This program has provided GFWC Clubs with a platform for developing projects that meet the needs of their community since the 1950's. It enhances relationships between clubs and their communities. Establish a partnership with other GFWC clubs, other organization and nonprofit organizations and raise your clubs profile, increase membership and leadership opportunities. This is a two year project starting January 1, 2014 to December 31 2015. Almost any project can be turned into a CIAP, so take a look at your community's needs and get started. You could be the winner of one of the state prizes: 1st Place \$50, 2nd-\$35, 3rd- \$25, with the first place entry going to GFWC for competition with other projects nationwide, where 1st place is \$5,000.

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WHRC (WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER)

Mary Truitt, GFWC IL Chairman 2012-2014

Eleven clubs nominated an outstanding member of their club to be recognized by GFWC Illinois and be submitted to the WHRC museum. Five additional clubs honored members in their own communities. Those clubs and eleven others shared their accomplishments with their communities.

A committee of three non-woman's club members who understand volunteer activities were appointed to choose the three most outstanding nominees. Here are the nominees. The three women selected by the committee (in bold) will be featured in future editions of our soon-to-launch e-newsletter, Keynotes.

- District 7 Franklin Park Woman's Club: Terry Grbac
- District 13 Byron GFWC Woman's Club: Wanda Cacciatore
- District 17 GFWC IL Woman's Club of Collum: Candy Godbee
GFWC IL Woman's Club of Heyworth: **Nancy Beveridge**
- District 22 GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Cahokia: Nancy Lee
- District 23 The Centralia Woman's Club: Elaine Bush
GFWC Vandalia Woman's Club: **Florence Cocagne**
Mt. Carmel Woman's Club: Phyllis Dersch
St. Francisville Woman's Club: Lois McKelfresh
- District 25 Anna-Jonesboro Woman's Club: **Martha Ann Webb**
GFWC Illinois Eldorado Woman's Club: Wanda Burklow



Mary Truitt

YOUR CLUB'S WEBSITE

Does your website need an update? Please contact Karen Erb for help at kerb@email.com.

BEST OF THE BEST

CLUB CREATIVITY ENTRIES SUBMITTED TO GFWC

In this and future issues, we will feature creative entries submitted from the 2013 reports submitted by clubs.

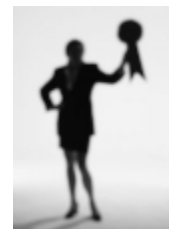
PUBLIC ISSUES – USO
BBQ ON FATHER'S DAY
Antioch Woman's Club, District 10

They raised \$1,500 for the USO and an additional \$500 for the local USO at Great Lakes. The club received great support from businesses and residents.

HOME LIFE – EAT WELL, BE WELL

Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club, District 5

A dietician, vendors and health-related stations were part of the day. Zumba was available and healthy food samples and discounts/coupons were distributed to attendees.



Congratulations!!
Stay tuned, more to follow. . .

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GFWC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Many of you know that our GFWC Headquarters at 1734 N Street NW in Washington, DC, is a National Historic Landmark. This is your home, and you can visit any time that the building is open.

As your home, GFWC is responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. Since this building is more than 100 years old, it was discovered that the entire plumbing system must be replaced. Replacement is being done in steps as funds become available.

Will you help GFWC make the repairs necessary to keep our home in good working order?

Donations large and small are thoroughly appreciated. With a donation of \$100 or more, your name will be listed in an upcoming issue of this magazine and you will receive this medallion. You will also receive a letter of thanks from GFWC.



Please send your check to GFWC Illinois, and note Capital Campaign in the memo section.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE

October 10-11, 2014

Event registration must be received by 9/21/14;

no refunds after 10/4/14

(Form available at gfwcillinois.org)

Bavarian Inn Lodge

One Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

1-855-652-7200 – Group Number 11N8UR

Cutoff date for group rate (\$125) is 9/7/14

GFWC ILLINOIS “DAY AT THE CAPITAL”

October 24, 2014

Event registration must be received by 10/13/14

“a reservation made is a reservation paid”

(Form available at gfwcillinois.org)

MADD (MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY)

&

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN WEEK

October 19-26, 2014

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION FOR DEB STRAHANOSKI

October 26, 2014

See page 5 for details