

GFWC Illinois



Clubwoman

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*She's making a list
and checking it twice . . .*



*. . . writing a report,
and keeping it short,
Sending to the chairman
in time!*



SYMPATHY & SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF:

Eleanor Marcella “Marti” Bamber, who was a member of Indian Head Park Woman’s Club and Jackie’s Bow Ties, District 11.

Mary F Weinhoeft, who was a member of the Woman’s Club of Springfield, District 21.

Mary Lou Feczko, member of Oregon Woman’s Club, District 13, on the passing of her husband George.

Long time member, **Margaret “Mickey” Nydam**, from Palos Heights Woman’s Club and Palos Park Woman’s Club, District 3, is the most recent member to pass away.

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CAROL’S COMMENTS

This ‘between the issues’ issue is all about reporting and other time-sensitive programs and projects.

Of note: would you like to download and complete the reporting form on your computer?

Go to our website, www.gfwcillinois.org.

Click on the Members’ Area tab.

Before you can download any of the forms or information in the Members’ Area, you will be asked to log in. Here’s the information you need:

id is: member

password is: illinois

Don’t capitalize anything!

Best wishes to all in your reporting efforts.

GFWC ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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SAD NEWS

from Diane Addante

It is with sadness that I report the recent passing of Mary Jean Houde, formerly of Lisle. Mary Jean served as GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs from 1960-62, GFWC Illinois President from 1970-72 and as GFWC



Director of Junior Clubs from 1964-66. She was a journalist and used that skill to great effect for our organization. She published “Reaching Out”, a history of GFWC and “The Clubwoman-A Story of the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs” which is a wonderful, must read account of our early years.

I attended Mary Jean’s wake and had a chance to speak with her daughter Linda. She assured me that Mary Jean passed peacefully. She enjoyed socializing with others where she lived and when Linda asked “Mom, what did you do today?” Mary Jean would answer, “I’ve been in meetings”. I love that, spoken like a real and true clubwoman. Her family was eager to share that story and I was so very grateful that they did.

Mary Jean was an elegant and gracious lady and served our organization well. She will be dearly missed.

THE KEY TO YOUR MAGAZINE

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FROM THE DESK OF DIANE ADDANTE, GFWC IL PRESIDENT

REPORTING

If your club reports, thank you! Because of your efforts, we can identify which projects and programs appeal to our members. That knowledge influences our direction. We can go to other organizations and encourage partnerships because we have quantitative proof that we share the same interests and goals. We have a record of the volunteer hours and dollars donated by our members. We are able to report GFWC Illinois statistics, which are added to data from all states and countries to determine total GFWC involvement. The information gathered from the reports you submit is useful for all these reasons. It DOES matter.

If you have not reported, that is somewhat understandable. It takes time, requires organization and comes at a busy time of year. We “get” that, we do.

But, it is not terribly difficult to start small. Pick your favorite project or a project for which your club is known. You probably know exactly where it would be reported – Home Life, Public Issues, Education, etc. Determine how much time your members spend on it, member or club money spent or donated on the project and tell us about it. If every club reported 1 project, that is 100% participation and that is one goal that your leadership has for our organization.

Reporting your club activities allows us to tell the complete story of GFWC Illinois Clubwomen. While the statistics for volunteerism reported by GFWC are incredible, I know that where Illinois is concerned, we are only reporting about 60% of our work. Tops. Now, do we need a pat on the back to serve others? Of course not. But as I’ve said before, if pats on the back are being handed out, I’d like to see Illinois members get the recognition they richly deserve.

We all stand ready to help you. Please consider it.

ILLINOIS YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

Last spring, several of us attended a portion of the Illinois YMCA’s “Youth & Government” program in Springfield. What an inspiration! This three-day Assembly is the culmination of a seven month “learn by doing” experience for these students. In 2013, almost 900 delegates participated, representing 35 high schools and YMCAs. The delegates use the Capitol’s facilities as they elect Youth Officers, debate and enact legislation, lobby, present appellant briefs and arguments, produce a newspaper and generate television newscasts. What an eye opening experience for them – and us! We have the opportunity to volunteer during the 2015 program which is March 20-22. You can come for the day or for the whole program, it is entirely up to you. Whether you want to supervise on the floor of the House or Senate or chaperone at the hotel, our help is needed. The application forms can be obtained at www.ilymcayg.org/advisors/forms. Scroll down to Advisor Form, print and fill out A-1 (select Program Volunteer) and A-2. Send to Illinois YMCA Youth and Government, 59 E. Park Blvd, Villa Park, IL 60181. There is a background check involved, understandably. In order to ensure enough time to process the background check, applying by January 15, 2015 is requested. If you have trouble accessing the forms, let Deana know and we’ll get copies to you. If you choose to participate, please let Deana know so we have an idea how many clubwomen to expect. I plan to attend for at least Saturday and look forward to sharing the experience with you.



Diane Addante



ONE VOICE

Karyn M. McCarthy, GFWC IL Director of Junior Clubs



Karyn McCarthy

Hello GFWC IL Juniors!

It is the most wonderful time of the year! No, not the holidays but REPORTING! I just love seeing all the projects and efforts our clubs have put forth all year long! But of course, we cannot share with each other if your club does not report! Please let 2015 be the year that we see more than 90% of our clubs report! It truly is a wonderful thing to be able to share your club's experiences and successes with other clubs around the state. In addition, the statistics you provide in your reports are sent up the ladder to GFWC HQ in Washington DC and become part of our Annual Report. If you haven't had a chance to see the 2013-2014 Annual Report, it high-

lights over 4.5 million volunteer hours spent on projects by GFWC clubwomen! You can access the report here:

<http://stage.gfwc.org/images/gfwc/annualreport2014.pdf>

Just think how many MORE hours would have been counted had all GFWC IL clubs reported!

Please don't let us down! Share your successes with your fellow Juniors and clubwomen from Illinois! Complete all reporting guidelines and deadlines and then make plans to celebrate with us on Junior Day at the GFWC IL Convention, May 15th at the Hilton Lisle.

1734 SOCIETY / CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal: \$1734 by May 16, 2015

GREAT NEWS! GFWC Illinois' campaign for the 1734 Society will be sending a medallion to Diana Taylor, GFWC Illinois Elections Chairman, for her recent \$100 donation. Can we send one to you too?

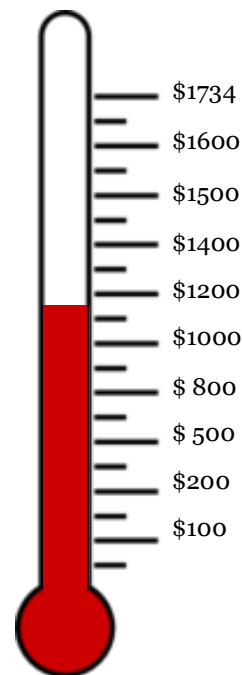


in good working order?

As of December 1, 2014, \$1,173.00 has been raised with a goal of raising \$1734 for our GFWC Headquarters, which is a National Historic Landmark. This is your home, and as your home, GFWC is responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. Will you help GFWC make the repairs necessary to keep our home

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 the medallion shown here (see Fall issue for its history). 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.





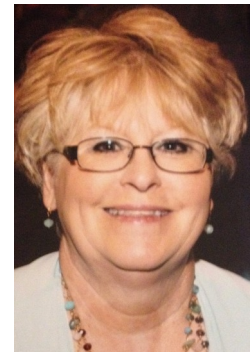
THE KEYS TO REPORTING . . . ONE NOTE AT A TIME

Phyllis Skubic, GFWC IL President Elect / Dean of Chairmen

Cherie Sieger, GFWC IL Junior Dean of Chairmen

With the end of the year just around the corner, I would like to reiterate some of the information shared earlier this year at the Orientation and Regional Summer Seminar meetings. This information will help make your club reporting easier and take some of the stress out of January.

- Review the entire [Reporting Packet](#) now. Don't wait until January. Get a head start by reading the information included. Pay close attention to the contest DEADLINES . . . there are different dates when contests are due to the District or State Chairman or to GFWC.
- Annual reports must be postmarked or emailed by **11.59 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015**
- Begin gathering the facts and figures that need to be included in the Statistical and Narrative Reports. These will be found in your meeting agendas, Secretary's minutes, Treasurer's reports, project chairman's reports, your personal calendar, etc.
- The first KEY step is determining where each project should be reported. You can divide a project and report DIFFERENT aspects of the project under different Community Service Programs (CSP). Be very careful that you don't include the same information on two different CSP reports. You can and should reference where the rest of the project has been reported. This helps the Chairman get a better overall look of the project.
- Electronic version of the report form can be found on the GFWC Illinois website www.gfwcillinois.org or by calling (815) 724-0195 or emailing headquarters at: gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net
- All members who serve on the District and/or State Board of Directors need to submit what you did in 2014 for Federation to your HOME club. This information should be included on the club's Leadership Report. Start gathering and tabulating your personal statistics. If you serve on multiple levels of GFWC and GFWC Illinois – report your statistics for each level: District, State, Great Lakes Region and GFWC International.
 - Hours spent working on your office, chairmanship or committee
 - Money spent out of pocket –report only expenses over and above what was reimbursed by your Club, District, GFWC Illinois, Great Lakes Region or GFWC.
 - Number of Programs or Workshops given on your focus area to Clubs, Districts or State Meetings This includes reports given at Board of Directors Meetings, State Convention, Summer Seminar, Regional Meetings or GFWC Convention.
 - Highlights of what your position entailed. Your club is not going to know all that you did serving GFWC unless you tell them . . . give them an overview of your accomplishments and responsibilities.
 - This is a transition year with one Administration ending and the new one beginning. If you served on both, you need to report your activities for both positions.



Phyllis Skubic



Cherie Sieger

We are here to assist the clubs and districts in any way we can. Please don't hesitate to call, text or email us with your questions or confusion. Together we will get this done . . . One Note At a Time.



KEY REPORTING TIPS

What constitutes a “good” report? First, there is no such thing as a “bad” report. If you receive the GFWC Clubwoman magazine, please check out the GFWC Annual Report in the November / December edition. You will see just how important and vital reporting is to our organization, on all levels. The reporting process starts with you.

There is a misconception that chairmen just “skim” the narratives and only look at the stats. **NOT TRUE.** The chairmen serving at the district and state level take their responsibility very seriously. They read and re-read the narratives of all reports submitted and using those DETAILS, determine those that will receive recognition at the annual Convention. It’s VERY, VERY HARD to choose those winners. We have OUTSTANDING clubs in Illinois that do PHENOMENAL work in their community. Those are the true winners . . . our Communities !

Tip #1: Write your narrative of your project in detail so when someone who has never heard of the project can visualize in detail.

When doing your report, be detailed and descriptive with your narrative part, this gives the Chairman the tools she needs to visualize what happened with the project. You know what happened with the project, you know the outcome of the project and you know the work that went into the project. Tell us the story.

Tip #2: Use Spellcheck and Grammar Check. This will make your report much more professional looking.

Not trying to make this into English 101, but please double check your spelling and grammar. Believe it or not, it does reflect poorly if “thier” is misspelled, as an example. You work hard on your reports, don’t let this be a poor reflection of your club.

Tip #3: The number of members that participated in a project can’t be higher than the number listed in the current GFWC Illinois Yearbook.

Tell us how many members helped with each project reported. The number of members listed in the 2014-15 Yearbook must be used for projects that every member contributed to in some way.

Tip #4: Reporting Deadline is February 2, 2015

Monday, February 2, 2015 --- that is the absolute deadline for submitting your reports. Your report must be post-marked no later than February 2, 2015. If you are emailing your report, it must be received by the Chairman no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 2nd.

Happy Reporting! We look forward to 100% reporting from all GFWC Illinois Clubs!





REPORTS THAT NEED MORE DETAIL TO GIVE THE READER A MORE COMPLETE PICTURE

Two members attended the GFWC Great Lakes Conference that was held in Indianapolis (40 hrs.)

**Details
that are
missing
that
would
give a
more
complete
picture.**

Description of the reports heard or programs presented at the Great Lakes Region meeting. Were any workshops or hands-on demonstrations attended? Did these members report back to their home club on what took place, what they learned or participated in at the Conference? If they did report at a club meeting or in a club newsletter, this should be reported here with the number of members, either present at the meeting or the number of members who receive the club's Newsletter, and the time spent listening to or reading the report.

There is no money spent / donated listed. If the members' club paid for them to attend, the registration fee, meal costs and hotel registration should be noted as **MONEY SPENT** by the club. If the members paid for these expenses 'out-of-pocket', the total should be noted as **MONEY DONATED**.

Club members collected 500 pairs of shoes for 'Soles for Souls'

What details are missing?

Why were the shoes collected? What is 'Soles for Souls'?

How did the members acquire 500 pairs of shoes? Did the members purchase them, were they donated by various shoe store, by Goodwill and/or Thrift stores? Where were the 500 pairs of shoes taken and by whom? How many hours were spent collecting and delivering the shoes to their final destination by club members? Did other community organizations help with this project? How many members participated in this project?

What was the amount of '**In-Kind Donations**' worth? **Answer:** Use the GFWC "In-Kind Donation Guide" included in the Report Packet to determine the value of items collected. Any money spent by the Club would be reported as '**Money Spent**'.

Tell us a 'Story'

What did you do . . .

How did you do it . . .

Why did you do it . . .

When did you do it . . .

Who did you do it for . . . who benefited from the club project or program

How much money was spent by the club

How much was donated by club members or community residents as 'In-Kind Donations'

Was this a new or continuing project for your club

Determine where to report each project:

Community Service Programs (Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues),

Advancement Areas (Communications/Public Relations, Leadership, Legislation/Public Policy, Membership, WHRC, Fundraising) or ,

Special Projects (GFWC Signature Projects and Advocates for Children). Each project is reported in just one of these fourteen different areas. Pick the area that fits the project and tell us your story. Include hours, money (donated, spent, In-Kind) and membership participation for each project reported.



TWO EXAMPLES OF A PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

DON'T DO: BULLET POINTS

Public Relations

Hours – 128, Members – 31, Dollars Spent – \$294

In order to maintain the vitality of our club and keep our community informed about our events, we have found a multi-faceted public relations approach that works very well.

- We submit articles to our local newspaper for Junior of the Month, Member Initiation, and most club projects, events, and fundraisers. We include pictures whenever possible. Publicity takes approximately 40 hours per year and was done by three members.
- We have a website for our club which provides information to our club members and the general public. One member updates the website using information given by members, 24 hours. We paid \$180 for the Internet Service Provider.
- The tri-colored brochure tells people about our club events and donations from last year, has pictures of club events, a membership application, and contact information. Two members updated the brochure (4 hours); and \$186 was charged to print the brochures.
- At all of our events, we provide information about our club through the display board that exhibits pictures of our members taking part in various programs. People look at the pictures and see people that they know, sometimes even themselves.

To make the GFWC name visible, we wear our GFWC pins and clothing with the GFWC name to all events.

We carry a banner that displays the GFWC logo with our club name when marching in the local parade.

DO: NARRATIVE WITHOUT BULLETS

Public Relations

Members – 21, Hours – 128, Dollars Spent – \$366

In order to maintain the vitality of our club and keep our community informed about our events, we have found a multi-faceted public relations approach that works very well.

We submit articles to our local newspaper for Junior of the Month, Member Initiation, and most club projects, events, and fundraisers. We include pictures whenever possible. **3 members, 40 hours,**

A website for our club provides information to our club members and the general public. One member updates the website using information given to her from members. **1 member, 24 hours, \$180 for service**

The tri-colored brochure tells people about our club events and donations from last year, has pictures of club events, a membership application, and contact information. **2 members, 4 hours, \$186 expenses**

At all of our events, we provide information about our club through the display board that exhibits pictures of our members taking part in various programs. To make the GFWC name visible, we wear our GFWC pins and clothing with the GFWC name to all events. We carry a banner that displays the GFWC logo with our club name when marching in the local parade. We update messages on the community sign in our town, keeping local residents up to date on current events and activities. **21 members, 60 hours**

GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
REPORTING/STATISTICAL FORM
January 1 through December 31
20_____

Club Name _____

District _____

Completed by:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Members (Per the current GFWC Illinois Yearbook) _____

	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Member Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Included?
SPECIAL PROJECTS						
GFWC Signature Project:						
Domestic Violence						
Awareness and Prevention						
<i>Community Service Projects</i>						
GFWC Illinois State Project:						
"Our Promise...A Safe Place"						
<i>Community Service Projects</i>						
<i>Partnership Project:</i>						
Prevent Child Abuse-Illinois						
GFWC Juniors' Special Proj:						
Advocates for Children						
<i>Community Service Projects</i>						
<i>Partnership Projects:</i>						
Emergency Medical						
Services-Children						
March of Dimes						

COMMUNITY	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Member Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Included?
SERVICE PROGRAMS						
ARTS						
<i>Community Service Projects</i>						
<i>Partnership Project:</i>						
American Mural Project						
Total Arts						
CONSERVATION						
<i>Community Service Projects</i>						
<i>Partnership Projects:</i>						
Alliance for Community Trees					XXXXXX	
Total Conservation						
EDUCATION						
<i>Community Service Projects</i>						
<i>Partnership Projects:</i>						
Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership						
Illinois Leadership Seminars						
Total Education						

Club Name _____

District _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Member Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Included?
HOME LIFE						
<i>Community Service Projects</i>						
<i>Partnership Projects:</i>						
Canine Companions						
Easter Seals						
Inside Knowledge				XXXXXX	XXXXXX	
The Heart Truth Campaign				XXXXXX	XXXXXX	
Total Home Life						
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH						
<i>Community Service Projects</i>						
<i>Partnership Projects:</i>						
Heifer Project International					XXXXXX	
Operation Smile International						
U.S. Fund for UNICEF					XXXXXX	
UN Foundation-Shot@Life					XXXXXX	
Total Intl Outreach						
PUBLIC ISSUES						
<i>Community Service Projects</i>						
<i>Partnership Projects:</i>						
Kettering Foundation				XXXXXX	XXXXXX	
Sew Much Comfort						
USO						
Total Public Issues						

GWFC ADVANCEMENTS	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Member Hours	Dollars Spent	Narrative Included?
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS					
LEADERSHIP					
LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY					
MEMBERSHIP					
WOMEN'S HISTORY & RESOURCE CENTER					

GWFC ADVANCEMENTS	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Member Hours	Dollars Raised	Narrative Included?
FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT					
<i>Club Fundraisers</i>					
<i>GWFC Endorsed Fundraisers:</i>					
It Takes Two					
Flower Power					
Total Fundraising					



ADDITIONAL REPORTING INFORMATION

Membership Numbers from the 2014-2015 State Yearbook are required.

Dollars Donated and/or In Kind Donations have been eliminated in some areas as noted by xxxxx in those columns.

Membership is being reported with other Advancements. For Advancements, dollars will either be spent or raised.

Most Charimen are willing to receive emailed reports. Those who will accept emailed reports are noted on the reporting grid. Clubs can obtain email-ready report forms from our website at www.gfwcillinois.org or by requesting a copy from headquarters via gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net or (815) 724-0195. Thanks in advance for your patience!

DEFINITIONS

Partnership Projects are projects in each area for organizations with whom GFWC has established a formal relationship.

Community Service Projects are projects members initiate that are not GFWC partnership projects.

Number of Projects - self explanatory

Member Hours - the amount of time members worked on club-approved programs and projects.

Dollars Donated - the monetary amount given to programs and projects

In Kind Donations - the monetary value for pre-owned goods provided to programs and projects. Refer to the GFWC In Kind Donation Guide for estimated value of these items at www.GFWC.org/Reporting.

Dollars Spent - costs incurred by members or clubs to achieve Advancement goals.

Dollars Raised - dollars earned from fundraising.

INSTRUCTIONS

Narratives for each Special Project, Community Service Program and Advancement **may not exceed two (2) pages**.

Please complete this form and send to the appropriate State Chairmen as listed on the Grid

Postmarked on or before **February 2, 2015**. NOTE: No copies are to be sent to GFWC in Washington.

If you are emailing reports, **please place "GFWC Illinois Reports 2014 and your Club Name"**

in the subject line. Emails must be dated no later than February 2, 2015, 11:59pm.

District Chairmen will no longer be listed on the GFWC Illinois Chairmen's Grid (enclosed)

District Presidents: A grid for your use is included in your packet.

To be considered for awards, please include narratives.

NO DUAL REPORTING.

Questions: GFWC Illinois President Elect / Dean of Chairmen: Phyllis Skubic

Email: pjskubic@gmail.com

Mobile: (815) 735-9947



Special Projects	GFWC Illinois	GFWC Illinois Junior
GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention	Mary Jo Murphy 2037 S Canterbury Place Wheaton IL 60189 whtnsmurfs@yahoo.com	Maria Uribe 104 Boardwalk St, Unit 2W Elk Grove Village IL 60007 mfuribe8@gmail.com
GFWC Illinois State Project “Our Promise ... A Safe Place for Every Child”	Karel Volpert PO Box 345 Bismarck IL 61814 karelvolpert@fullchoice.tv	
GFWC Junior Special Project – Advo- cates For Children		
Community Service Programs		
ARTS Art Contests	Betty Koran 5349 S 73rd Court Summit IL 60501 georgekoran@aol.com	Sue Lucio 2917 Talaga Dr Algonquin IL 60102 slucioejwc2006@aol.com
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JUNIOR LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Patti McNaught, GFWC Illinois Junior Leadership Chariman

There are 3 Junior Leadership awards given annually. To be nominated, members must be an active federated clubwoman using only activities in federated club work. Nominees cannot be current board members of the GFWC Board, GFWC Illinois Board or the GFWC Illinois Junior Board. Previous State winners of this award and current candidates for Junior of the Year cannot apply.

The GFWC Illinois Outstanding Junior Service Award recognizes the dedicated hard work and accomplishments of a special Junior in your club for her entire Junior career. One Junior District Award Winner will be presented and recognized at the GFWC Illinois State Convention. This award is one of the most prestigious awards a Junior can receive.

The GFWC Illinois Junior Of The Year recognizes the work of a special Junior in your club for her club efforts in one calendar year. Each club should try to find one member who stands out over the course of the year.

The GFWC Illinois Spark Plug Award recognizes the work of a special Junior in your club for her club efforts as a **new club woman**. Nominees must have given **less than two years** of service to their GFWC IL Junior Club.

The GFWC Illinois Junior Lifetime Achievement Award is a special award presented to veteran Juniors. Nominees must complete a special form that outlines federation activities that she has accomplished over the years. Any nominee attaining a total of 170 points will receive this award. This is the ultimate Junior award!

For more information, look for the blue papers in your reporting packets. All nominations must be postmarked by February 2, 2015. Please send all nominations to Patti McNaught, State Junior Leadership Chairman – 733 S. Oakwood Ave, Geneseo, IL 61254 or rmcnaught@mchsi.com.





REPORTING: ORGANIZATION IS THE KEY

Going forward in 2015 and beyond

Appoint or ask someone to volunteer to be the ‘Keeper of the KEY Notes’

- ***Get a Three-Ring Binder*** with tab dividers for each month. Make notes on all projects discussed during the General Membership Meetings. Brief descriptions of the project, when held, monies spent or earned, where the proceeds are being donated. Note the Project Chairman’s name and committee members so you can get more details than may have been relayed during their verbal report at the meeting.
- ***Fill in any additional information*** that may be relayed at future meetings.
- ***In July*** using your notes determine what reporting area is best suited for each project completed between January and June. Gather any missing details from: Treasurer’s Records, Secretary’s Minutes, Agendas, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, and the Project Chairman.
- ***Utilize the technology available.*** Type your Narrative Reports on the computer. This makes editing information a breeze and will cut off considerable time for report writing in the future.
- ***You are half done*** with 2015 reports and it’s only Summer . . . do the same thing when club meetings resumes in the fall. Fill in the projects done through December 31st.
- ***Tell us a story*** with clear, concise, complete details of each project.
- ***Review, edit and submit*** to the State / Junior State Chairmen by February 1st.

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MEMBERSHIP

Alice Betlach, GFWC IL Southern Region Vice President



Alice Betlach

A Proud Past and a Promising Future with Friends . . .

Yes, we have gone through *Summer* - my tan is gone! *Fall* is pretty much history – my husband and I raked the last of our leaves right before Thanksgiving!

Now, get ready for **A Flurry of New Friends for Winter!** “*It’s The Most Wonderful Time of The Year!*” December, January and February provide many opportunities to obtain new members. Use one of your fundraising events to serve as a venue of casual recruitment, or designate one of your club meetings as a recruitment event. Send invitations to potential recruits and let invitees know *they can bring a friend*. Lay out your club’s Membership Brochures telling all that your club does in support of your community. Don’t forget to include GFWC Brochures to get out the structure of our great organization. Be sure to remind your members to wear their GFWC pins, scarves, apparel and bracelets.

Clubs achieving and reporting three new members as a result of their Winter Seasonal Recruiting efforts will be recognized in **GFWC Clubwoman Magazine**. Send your Winter Recruitment Campaign Report to GWC Headquarters by March 1, 2015, and forward a copy to me.

Lastly, while you are busy making your list and checking it twice for the holidays, remember to make a list of your 25 and 50 year club members who attained their milestone during calendar year 2014. The deadline for submission to GFWC IL Headquarters is April 1, 2015. Be sure to send a copy to me, GFWC Illinois Membership Chairman!.

MEMBERSHIP

Terri Tatroe, GFWC IL Junior Membership Chair



Terri Tatroe

In my hustle and bustle of getting ready for my Mexican vacation, I had neglected to put together anything for membership. I thought about packing my suitcase, and how getting everything I need is similar to membership. You need your toothbrush to make sure your smile is bright when you meet a prospective member. You need relaxing clothes to ease into a conversation. Workout clothes to help them understand what you do for your community keeps it happy and together. Your swimsuit for the fun social times you have with your members and elegant evening attire to celebrate all your club members have done together! You will never know when you will meet a new member, just as my nephew never knew he would meet his future bride on a Mexican beach, and we are here to celebrate their love in a cathedral! Enjoy your lives and share all the riches you have in your club and your members will want what you have! Cheers!



PIERCE'S PARLIAMENTARY POINTERS

Jacquelyn Pierce, GFWC IL Parliamentarian, NAP Registered Parliamentarian



Jackie Pierce

Why Report?

- ➔ Reports are "a diary" of the club's activities during the year, providing a picture of the achievements of the club and the accomplishments of individual members.
- ➔ Reports are the heart and soul of a club's history, reflecting the concerns and interests of club members at a particular point in time and over time.
- ➔ Reports are the basis of a publicity campaign, illustrating what the group is doing at a specific time.
- ➔ Reports help future club members plan activities, knowing what was or wasn't successful in the past.
- ➔ Reports are useful for membership recruitment efforts, allowing potential members to gain a realistic picture of the club's purpose.
- ➔ Reports are necessary to compete for recognition and awards on the district, state and national levels of GFWC.
- ➔ Reports provide critical statistical information to help GFWC procure financial support from foundations and corporations.
- ➔ Reports assist clubs when writing grants as they provide the history of the club's projects which are often required.

"In the end, it is important to remember that we cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are."

Max De Pree

LEADS UPDATE

Elena Lipinski, GFWC IL Northern Region Vice President



Elena Lipinski

Annually the GFWC has a Leadership Education and Development Seminars (LEADS). This seminar is a successful training program for GFWC members who have been identified by their respective state federations for both their potential and desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond the club level. LEADS training provides these women with necessary skills for pursuing and achieving higher office as well as serving effectively. This seminar is held the day prior to the official opening day of the GFWC Annual Convention.

The LEADS applicants need to submit an application to their state federation by the state deadline. This application is in the reporting packet handed out to each club president after the September Regional Meetings with the GFWC Illinois Vice Presidents. Along with the form, each LEADS applicant needs to submit two letters of support from active GFWC club members. The Illinois LEADS deadline is February 2, 2015. The GFWC Illinois LEADS seminar will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Hilton Lisle-Naperville starting at 10 am and ending by 2:30 pm with a forty-five to fifty minute pause for lunch starting at noon.

Leadership is one key to the success of any organization, company, or group. It is vital in moving the organization forward, performing efficiently and effectively as an agent of change in its sphere of influence. Leadership is not possible without your cooperation and participation. So, get on board by signing up to attend the GFWC Illinois LEADS seminar in May 2015.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Nancy Willis, GFWC IL Scholarships Chairman

“Love makes the world go round”; but, if you want to go to college or trade school, all you hear is “Show Me The Money”!

Unfortunately, we live in a country where “free education” stops after you graduate from high school. And while people who graduate from high school have a much higher chance of success in life than those who do not graduate... people who can afford to get MORE education will go even further in life.

YOU can help! As a member of GFWC Illinois, you have access to a variety of scholarships that can help someone afford to get MORE education.

The scholarships that are available in 2014-2016 are:

- Lorado Taft Art Scholarship: \$1,000
- Arthur Grant Smith Drama Scholarship : \$500
- Hamilton Ridge Music Scholarship: \$1,000
- Centennial Library Scholarship: \$300
- Illinois Cottage Park Ridge Scholarships (Vocational for Girls): two @ \$1,000 each
- Lincoln Lodge Scholarships (Vocational for Boys): two @ \$1,000 each
- Vina A. Miller Memorial Scholarship, Conservation (2015) / Education (2016): \$1,000
- GFWC Illinois Cultural Exchange Scholarship: This scholarship is only awarded during the second year of an administration. It is to go to a student who has applied for acceptance in a student Cultural Exchange program either through their high school, university or college or a group listed in the resource section of the GFWC International Outreach Community Service Program.

THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION that I have received about scholarships this year so far concerns their NAMES.

- The NAMES of the scholarships DO NOT in any way LIMIT where a student can go to school and still qualify for funding.
- The NAMES are simply indicators of where the monies originally came from when the scholarship was first created.

PLEASE take the time to share the scholarship forms available with students in need.

This year, the AVERAGE student loan debt has hit the \$30,000 mark . . . while the GFWC Illinois scholarships will only make a small dent in that \$30,000, I assure you that every single dollar in scholarship funds helps make a student's life easier.

GUIDELINES

- All clubs need to give the scholarship guidelines, and applications to the proper person within their club to facilitate the distribution of applications when and where needed. **NOTE:** Prior to distributing scholarship applications, have the club President sign them. All subsequent copies made by the school will then include the signature, which is necessary for consideration of the application.
- Chairmen doing the scholarship application distribution need to make enough copies to give to the local high schools, to have at club meetings, and other places that would be helpful in finding eligible student applicants.
- Keep in touch with the people/places you have given applications to. Be prompt and courteous in your dealings with these people/places. Be sure all necessary information is included with each application you receive.
- Student submitting applications must be planning on attending an Illinois school, college, or university.
- Forward application materials to Nancy Willis, PO Box 157, Thomson IL 61285. **Application must be post-marked by February 15, 2015.**
- Students will be notified of their status by April 1. Scholarship funds will be disbursed to the college/university financial aid office after verification of registration is received by GFWC Illinois Headquarters. **No money will be disbursed to students directly.**

PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT SIGNS ALL APPLICATIONS AS SPONSORING GFWC ILLINOIS CLUB. If this is not completed, it will hinder the processing of the application.

Do not hesitate to call or email me if I may be of any help to you regarding the GFWC Illinois.



GFWC ILLINOIS STATE PROJECT

“OUR PROMISE...A SAFE PLACE FOR EVERY CHILD”

Karel Volpert, GFWC IL Chairman



Karel Volpert

[Prevent Child Abuse America](#) has introduced the pinwheel as the symbol for child abuse prevention nationwide. GFWC Illinois clubs are encouraged to plant “pinwheel gardens” in April 2015 to demonstrate their commitment to healthy child development and child abuse prevention in their communities.

Partnering with [Prevent Child Abuse Illinois](#), members can plant pinwheels as a way of building awareness, providing education, and inspiring hope to everyone involved, in an effort to prevent the abuse and neglect of all children in Illinois and across the USA.

Here’s some ideas to get your club started with their pinwheel garden:

- ✦ These blue and silver pinwheels can be planted outside clubhouses, in parks, and at schools, malls, community centers, town halls, houses of worship, and more.
- ✦ A registration form for clubs who participate in this project will be available on the [GFWC Illinois website](#), in the President’s Letter sent in mid-December, or by contacting Karel Volpert.
- ✦ The names of participating clubs will be listed on a banner which will be displayed at the GFWC Illinois Annual Convention.
- ✦ Pinwheels can be ordered by contacting [Prevent Child Abuse Illinois](#).
- ✦ A sample press release will be available on the GFWC Illinois website, in the President’s Letter, or by contacting Karel Volpert.
- ✦ Clubs are encouraged to use campaign signage to explain the pinwheels’ meaning. A template that can be customized can be ordered from Prevent [Child Abuse America](#).
- ✦ Clubs may wish to invite a speaker to their planting.
- ✦ Suggested messages are in PCA’s April Toolkit.
- ✦ Local businesses can be asked to help sponsor the pinwheel gardens.

Let us join together in planting pinwheel gardens throughout the state of Illinois. For information, please contact me at 217-497-7616 or karelvolpert@gmail.com.





WHAT A TREASURER NEEDS TO KNOW IN JANUARY

Janice Perkins, GFWC IL Treasurer

Loretta Revesz, GFWC IL Junior Treasurer

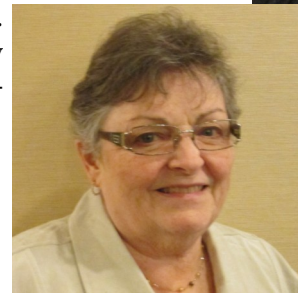


For some clubs, January 1st is the beginning of their club year. This is the time to send in dues for all of your returning and new members.

For other clubs, June 1st is the beginning of their club year. These clubs sent in their dues in October and in January will be sending in dues for those members that weren't included with the October payment.



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



Member Dues Instructions

Dues per member for 2014-2015 are:

GFWC \$15.00 (Juniorette-\$10.00)

GFWC Illinois \$5.00

District Per District Bylaws

Junior Clubs pay these additional dues:

GFWC Illinois Juniors \$2.00

Junior District Per Junior District Bylaws

ALL DUES REMITTANCES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LIST OF NAMES AND COMPLETE ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS. Email addresses, where available, would be appreciated.

GENERAL / JUNIORETTE CLUB TREASURER: Dues remittance with names and complete addresses of members should be sent to your District Treasurer by **January 15, 2015**. CHECK IS MADE PAYABLE TO YOUR DISTRICT.

DISTRICT TREASURER:

1. Send all GFWC (\$15 General/\$10 Juniorette) and GFWC Illinois (\$5) dues with names and complete addresses to GFWC Illinois, 5 E. Van Buren St, Ste 208, Joliet, IL 60432.
2. Due February 2, 2015.
3. Check to be made payable to GFWC Illinois.

JUNIOR CLUB TREASURER: Dues remittance with names and complete addresses should be sent to your District Junior Treasurer by **January 15, 2015**. CHECK IS MADE PAYABLE TO YOUR JUNIOR DISTRICT.

JUNIOR DISTRICT TREASURER:

1. Send all GFWC (\$15) and GFWC Illinois (\$5) dues with names and complete addresses to GFWC Illinois Headquarters, 5 E. Van Buren St. Ste 208, Joliet, IL 60432. Check is made payable to GFWC Illinois.
2. Send GFWC Illinois Junior (\$2) dues to State Junior Treasurer, Loretta Revesz, 735 Scott Dr., Elgin, IL 60123. Check is made payable to GFWC Illinois Junior Organization.
3. Send District Dues to District Treasurer.
4. Due February 2, 2015.

NOTE: All dues must be paid by April 1, 2015 for representation at the 2015 GFWC Illinois Annual Convention.



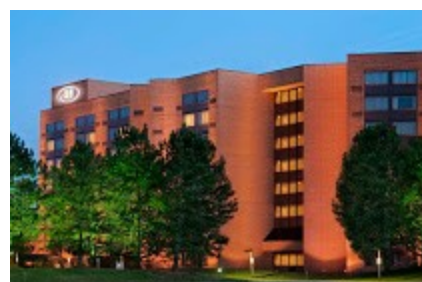
HAVE YOU SAVED THE DATE?



MAY 14, 15 & 16, 2015

**GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB
120th ANNUAL CONVENTION**

WHERE: LISLE/NAPERVILLE HILTON



JOIN US FOR FUN



FRIENDSHIP



**CHEERS for our clubs'
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**





ARTS

Betty Koran, GFWC IL Art Chairman

"Calling all Amateur Artists!"

By now everyone should have received their information and all the forms required for the various Visual Arts contests. As GFWC Illinois Arts Community Service Program Chairman, I am asking the District Presidents and Club Presidents to really promote these contests to the members at your meetings.

I have personally experienced that if you put the challenge out there the clubwomen and their creative juices get flowing. Together let's find those writers out there to enter the [GFWC contests](#) such as the Member Writing Contest, and for the shutterbugs there is the GFWC Photography Contest with categories like The

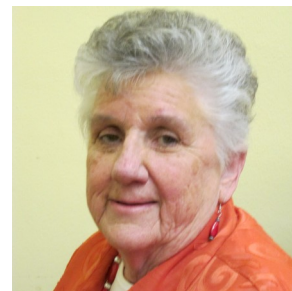
World in Pictures Photography Contest, GFWC Volunteers in Action Photography or A Year In Pictures Contest.

At the past International Convention Ruth Slood, GFWC Illinois Past State Director of Junior Clubs, 1992-1994, entered a photo "Nuts for You", and was selected for the month of September in the upcoming GFWC 2015 Calendar, A Year in Pictures. To see her picture and the other eleven truly breathtaking pictures you can order your very own calendar at the [GFWC Marketplace](#). A simple purchase of a calendar and, BAM!, you are supporting the visual arts. Ruth entered, and so can you, but you need to enter to win.

With the holidays coming up fast, this is the time of year when just about everyone is

doing some sort of craft or art project to celebrate the season. What I am asking is come January don't pack those pretty creations away. Why not enter them at this year's convention? With a wide array of categories I don't see any reason why every clubwoman attending convention couldn't enter an art or craft project. I know it sounds like I have high expectations, but as I said many times, when you challenge a clubwoman they come through.

Another challenge that I have submitted to the membership is the Pretty Piggy Pennies for Art contest. Please encourage your clubs to participate. I look forward to the Piggies on Parade at convention.



Betty Koran



UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES

2/2	Club Reports Postmarked or Emailed
2/2	GFWC LEADS Application Postmarked and Mailed to Elena Lipsinski
2/2	Junior Leadership Awards Postmarked and Mailed to Patti McNaught
2/15	Scholarship Applications Postmarked and Mailed to Nancy Willis
2/27-28	Winter/Spring Board Meeting, Lisle Hilton
3/20-22	YMCA Youth & Government Sessions, Springfield
4/12	Blue Ribbon Fashion Show, Bolingbrook Golf Club
5/13	GFWC Illinois LEADS Program, Lisle Hilton (am)
5/14-16	GFWC Illinois Convention, Lisle Hilton



BLUE RIBBON LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2015



Becky Weber
*Blue Ribbon Luncheon &
Fashion Show Chairman*

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

Plans are underway for another wonderful **GFWC Illinois Blue Ribbon Fashion Show!** How can your club help? Make reservations for yourself, fellow club members and guests! By helping us with reservations for the fashion show **YOU** can help your club to win **\$100!** See the feature box on the left for a special incentive for you.

The cost remains at a great value at **\$40.00!** This year's show will be held at the beautiful **BOLINGBROOK GOLF CLUB, 2001 Rodéo Drive, Bolingbrook, Illinois.** The Bolingbrook Golf Club is conveniently located just minutes from I-55 (Stevenson Expressway – exit Weber Road). It will be a perfect setting for our amazing fashion show! Remember, the Blue Ribbon Fashion Show will be held on **Sunday April 12, 2015!**

RAFFLE BASKETS

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

DEADLINES

Please bring your completed raffle basket to someone, such as your District President or GFWC Illinois State Board Member, that will be attending the Spring Board of Directors Meeting, **February 27 & 28** at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, Lisle, IL.

District Presidents and Board Members, it is **imperative** that you all follow these directions so that the committee receives the baskets in time to prepare them for the show. Please let me know as soon as possible if you need to make other arrangements, and we will work through any challenges. If you do not plan to or cannot attend the Spring Meeting, please deliver your club's basket to your District President prior to the dates noted above, or ship to my home address no later than **March 10, 2015:**

***Contact Becky Weber, Chairman, at: mweber@mtco.com , or 309-369-1133
Or send your raffle basket to Becky at: 602 Malone Ct., Metamora, IL 61548***

AUCTION ITEMS

Lastly, if you can assist the committee in obtaining unique items (trips, jewelry, and tickets for concerts/events, restaurants, etc...) that can be used in our Silent Auction, please let us know ASAP. We will need a wide variety of items for our Silent Auction so our attendees will bid and bid often!

PCA ILLINOIS really depends on our support each year through our Blue Ribbon Fashion Show, and we want to help as much as we possibly can to aid them in their commitment to the prevention of child abuse.

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



BLUE RIBBON LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2015



PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH RAFFLE BASKET

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

RAFFLE BASKET THEME _____

VALUE _____

DONORS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO BASKET _____

BASKET DELIVERED TO _____

SUBMITTED BY _____ DATE _____





GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs

Cordially invite you to attend the

18th Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show to benefit Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

(a non-profit 501(3) organization)

Sunday April 12, 2015

Bolingbrook Golf Club

2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, Illinois

(off I-55 at exit Weber Road – 25 miles south of Oak Brook)

11am Social

12pm Luncheon, Fashion Show, Raffles

\$40 per person

\$16.75 for children (10 years or younger)



Come early to take advantage of the SPECIAL Raffle, Basket Raffles, Split the Pot and Silent Auction!!

Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

REPLY BY MARCH 20, 2015

Please Reserve _____ tickets at \$40 per person

Please Reserve _____ table(s) at \$400 per table

____ Please find my check enclosed (payable to GFWC Illinois)

Kindly accept my donation in the amount of \$ _____

Please seat the following people together: _____

Send Reservations to:

Michelle Schultz, 828 W. Reynolds Street, Pontiac, IL 61764

Questions on Reservations contact:

Becky Weber, Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show Chairman— mweber@mtco.com or 309-369-1133

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.