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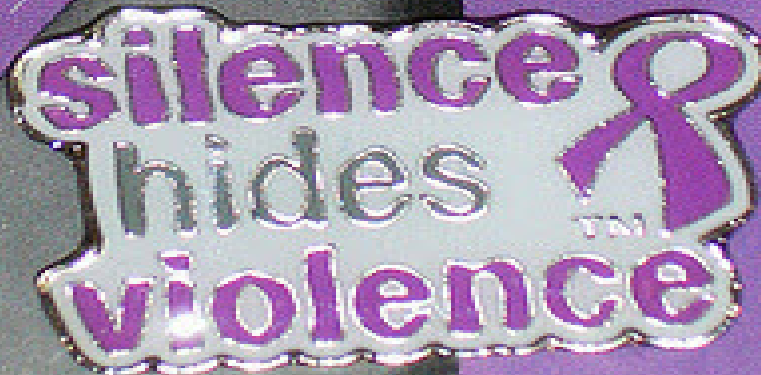
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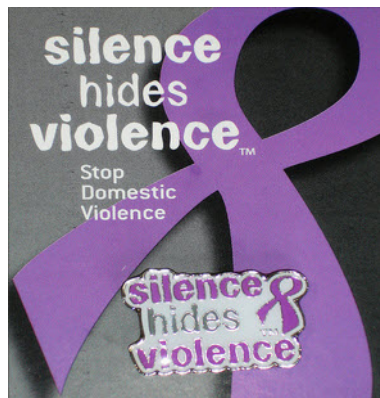
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Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention is the signature project of GFWC. President Nancy Willis of GFWC Illinois has also made this project her special emphasis.

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Welcome to Jennifer Groholski

Jennifer is the new Executive Secretary for GFWC Illinois in Joliet.



Jennifer is a mother of 4 children; Alexis 15, Emily 10, Matthew 8, and Megan 5 and wife to a wonderful husband, Mike.

Jennifer has worked as an Area Manager with AT&T for 15 years before she decided to be a stay at home mom. She remained very active in the business world by taking on positions with PTO at her children's school. She has held the positions of secretary, vice-president for 2 terms, and then president. She is also a member of the Joliet Junior Woman's Club and is currently their Corresponding Secretary for 2009-2010 season.

Since her youngest child is now in kindergarten, it was time to rejoin the work force on a part time basis. Jennifer brings us a wide variety of talents and business expertise. Jennifer is looking forward to meeting everyone and anxious to assist you in any way possible.

On Angel Wings 2010-2012



Nancy H. Willis
GFWC Illinois President
2010-2012

With Summer Seminars now behind us, I look forward to our members applying the information gathered to the daily business of their clubs and sharing this information with other club members who were not in attendance.

The Summer Seminars were the first step for clubs to show their **"Volunteer Wings At Work"**, and ladies, you have made me proud. It is really very true that **"Each of us are angels with only ONE wing. Only by embracing one another can we fly!"** It was quite evident at Summer Seminars.

The State Project for many years, "Our Promise, A Safe Place for Every Child" will continue to be very important to all our clubs, as we work with PCA Illinois (Prevent Child Abuse). The Blue Ribbon Fashion Show & Luncheon is set for April 2, 2011. And let us not forget the Juniors as "Advocates for Children," which ties in well with our commitment to the welfare of all children.

The signature project of GFWC and GFWC Illinois President's Special Emphasis is Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. GFWC Illinois will be working closely with the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) to educate our club members and their communities on the realities of domestic violence. It is with this partnership that we, as volunteers, will acquire the tools to help make positive changes within our communities. You can start learning more about this organization ICADV just by logging onto their website at www.ilcadv.org.

As club members, all clubs need to look at membership as a priority within their own club. The Membership Team consisting of the Region Vice Presidents have come up with a game plan that can be shared with all clubs. Clubs should follow the leaders and implement the ideas of the Membership Team into the recruitment and retention of both members and of clubs. Need help? Call on the team to assist you in developing your own game plan for membership.

Clubs, take special note that the nomenclature **"Departments"** have been replaced with **"Community Service Programs."** This is what we truly are - Community Service Programs - which has a more identifying status of our volunteer works within the community. This is all part of Communication and Identity and how we present ourselves (GFWC) to our members and to the public at large.

Our time together will go quickly, but we will strive to **"Make a Difference"** and with the time we do have together we will learn more about ourselves as volunteer angels with one wing.

Yours in Federation,
Nancy H. Willis



Candy Godbee
GFWC IL Director of Jr Clubs
2010-2012

How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment: we can start now, start slowly changing the world! How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make a contribution toward introducing justice straight away. These words of Anne Frank, I feel are appropriate to begin this new administration. We are ready to start **NOW** and I am excited to provide goals and suggestions to move GFWC Illinois Juniors forward. In much of the leadership material I have read, it has been proven that members will work toward a goal **IF** they know what the goal is.

My goals include having one new club in each district and four new collegiate clubs by May 2012. Stephen Covey advises to **"Start with the end in mind."** So I ask you, if your goal is five new members, can you truly envision those members at your closing banquet or a District Convention? I can envision it and our sights set.

We must strive to maintain our current members, but we must do it while we are organizing new clubs. When you think of all of the benefits your community has enjoyed due to your club's work, why would any community **not** want a GFWC club? Right now, jot down a community or two that you think would benefit from a GFWC club. Then tell your District President and Director of Junior Clubs and tell me! Together the leadership of Illinois will make it happen. While you're jotting, each week think of one person you could invite to join GFWC...**then do it!**

Forward thinking leaders need to fuel the appetite for self-revelation that women are seeking today. The experience of learning, seeing, feeling, or living something new is what today's women can't seem to get enough of. With economic conditions as they are, it seems that our society is turning away from material and financial excesses of past decades. Surely the renewed human desire for revelation and fulfillment offers us the opportunity to share the experience of GFWC with these women. The days of the stay at home mom just wanting

"to get out to meet other women" are long gone. Take a look at what your club has to offer and then ask that question again.

Let's strive to create a world like that of a teddy bear. The world of a teddy bear is an innocent one: A world that **"gives delight and hurts not."** A world that appeals to all generations and all nationalities. With the projects and programs we will be focusing on during this administration, we have that opportunity.

Experience the joy of GFWC and **enjoy the experience** of being one of the **"Loveable Huggable Volunteers"** of GFWC Illinois.

Bear Hugs,
Candy



follow the leaders...



Reporting - not too soon to be thinking about **REPORTING**. There have been some changes to the Report Form and how the information is divided. Reporting has now been divided between three divisions - Special Projects, Community Service Programs, and Advancements.

>**Special Projects are GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and GFWC Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children.**

>**Community Service Programs are Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues.**

>**Advancements are Communications & Identity, Fundraising, Leadership, Legislation, Public Policy, Membership, and Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC).**

Patricia Heitman -Dean of Chairman

When you receive the Informational Packets in the fall this will be explained again and you will have the report form in front of you for easier understanding. One of the most significant changes this year will be that **ALL FUNDRAISING** will be reported under Fundraising even if you have reported the fundraising in another area.

ALL FUNDRAISING is to be reported under FUNDRAISING.



Reporting can be fun! Remember that you are recording the history of your club for the past year. You may be surprised just how much your club has actually done. The first rule is to start working on your reports early- **START NOW**. Six months has already passed and you can get one half of your reporting done ahead if you **START NOW**.

NEED HELP? Plan ahead, don't wait until the last minute. Call now to schedule a reporting workshop for your club or district. Be sure to include time to go through the report forms and to have questions answered. This Chairman, Patricia Heitman, is ready, willing and able to help you. Call me at (815) 478-3084 to schedule your workshop or if you have questions and you just want the answers feel free to call me.

Leadership is Essential to the "**LIFE**" of our Organization

Nancy Lee, Leadership Chairman

Leadership

Individual

Focus

Enthusiasm

"L".....Leadership relates to and affects every phase of our Federation. Leadership involves a positive attitude, as well as the ability to motivate others. People will accept leadership positions if they are given specific assignments and if they feel they have skills necessary to the position.

"I".....Individuals knowledge of Federation is one of the first steps in the formation of GFWC leaders. To develop Federation knowledge, devise unique ways to inform club members about the different levels of GFWC. Try implementing "Federation Moments" at each meeting and "Federation Tidbits" in each newsletter. **KNOW YOUR ORGANIZATION.**

"F".....Focus on the knowledge of parliamentary procedures and meeting plans. This area is the one that "scares away" many people from being an Officer or Chairman. Planning is an important part of being a leader. Provide a procedure book with deadlines, responsibilities and ideas to make the job more manageable. Use a standard agenda at all meetings. Presiding is not so scary if there is a standard form to follow while planning the meeting.

"E".....Enthusiasm and a sense of belonging should be encouraged. Remember that being a mentor and an enthusiastic role model is essential to developing continued leadership for our organization at all levels. Encourage positive attitudes, motivation and enthusiasm.





the VP corner...



Diane Addante
Northern Region Vice President

My goals for this administration are simple. Add new members and clubs while retaining the dear members and clubs currently on our roster. I will work with members to establish new clubs in all categories - Juniorette, Collegiate, Junior and General. GFWC is instituting a campaign to replace "Act in Oct." This effort is called "3 New Members is a Great Reason Recruit This Season." Imagine 12 new members in your club this year.

Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb):	"Flurry of Members"	Report Date 3/1
Spring (Mar, Apr, May):	"Growing Members"	Report Date 6/1
Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug):	"Warm-Up with Members"	Report Date 9/1
Fall (Sep, Oct, Nov):	"Rake in New Members"	Report Date 12/1

The GFWC Illinois Membership Committee is working on a kit to assist you in your membership efforts. This is scheduled to be completed by December 31. Stay tuned!

GFWC ILLINOIS SPECIAL PROJECT -

"Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child"

by TERESA SANFORD, Chairman 2010-2012

"One person caring about another is life's greatest value"

.....Jim Robin

This is year number 16 for GFWC Illinois clubwomen who have been committed to "Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child." We have a solid partnership with Prevent Child Abuse Illinois (PCA). They have many resources that can be ordered for your club members and that may be distributed throughout your communities. Simply contact me or their office directly to order these brochures. Their office number is 217-522-1129. Their email is www.preventchildabuseillinois.org.

The 16th Annual PCA Illinois Child Abuse Prevention Conference will be held October 14-15, 2010 at the Springfield Hilton Hotel in Springfield. We will be asking for raffle basket donations for the raffle held during the conference. If you would like to donate a basket or some items for a basket, please contact me. I will also accept gift cards that can be used anywhere! Thanks ahead of time for your support.

The 14th Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon and Style Show is tentatively set for April 2, 2011. The exact location and time will be announced at a later date. Plan to attend with your friends and club members as we kick off April's Child Abuse Prevention Month. Blue ribbons and pinwheels are the national symbols for raising awareness everywhere. We will be displaying a pinwheel at our Annual Convention and you can help light it up with your donations! You may make a monetary donation or buy a pinwheel pin of a purple/blue ribbon pin that supports both child abuse and domestic violence prevention. Coinciding with President Nancy's "Wings" theme, we are offering an angel ornament. What a marvelous way to let someone know you are thinking of them or remembering a loved one!

Here are a few more ideas that your club can do for child abuse prevention. Get involved with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), donate "Birthday Bags, or "ditty" bags with hygiene items to shelters, donate "First Night" bags or school bags to DCFS or shelters., learn more about EMSC Pediatric "Jump Kits" for ambulances.

Shelli R. Fehr
Central Region Vice President



The duties of a Region Vice President are to serve on the membership committee and to work closely with the District Presidents in our region, answering questions and offering general support. In addition to these duties, this officer will work closely with the Membership Committee to design, and distribute membership toolkits to all GFWC Illinois Districts and clubs; charter at least four new clubs in the Central Region over the next two years; mentor districts, clubs, and members who want an outside viewpoint; and provide leadership training to those who want to become stronger as an entity or as an Individual. These are not goals but activities that will be accomplished during this administration. Count on it!



Sandy Rae Hutchings
Southern Region Vice President

When I became a member of the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs in 1979, my goal was to share as much information with the club members so they would become leaders in the future. My goal is still the same, but with a few additions. To retain and promote new members we need to look at what the membership interests are in their community are today. Changes in projects and programs are something that is an ongoing task and needs to be looked at every year. Time Management is also something that needs to be practiced with every project and program. We need to be more efficient and effective with our time so members do not become burned out and feel they don't have the time to be a volunteer. Delegating is another way of practicing membership skills. Another goal is to promote the General Federation of Women's Clubs issues and programs. Again, sharing as much information with the club members will make them better members and leaders of the future. The membership team will be available to the entire Illinois membership, so please contact me ifwc55@yahoo.com

community service programs..

ART

by Judy Sochor

Art is the process of deliberately arranging elements in a way to affect the senses or emotions. It encompasses adverse range of human activities, creations, and modes of expression, including music, literature, theater, film, sculpture, and paintings. It allows us to express those unconscious basic instincts that are integral to being human; express our basic human instinct for harmony, balance, and rhythm; experience the mysterious; and express the imagination. It also allows for meaningful direct action on the part of an artist or creator.

Art plays an important part in the lives of GFWC members, as Art helps to instill confidence, provides opportunities, and broadens clubwomen's horizons. Moreover, members are the catalysts in their communities for encouraging and actively promoting all forms of art.

A new project for the arts is the American Mural Project (www.AmericanMuralProject.org). The American Mural Project is a nonprofit organization focused on creating the largest collaborative piece of indoor artwork in the world, a celebration of American ingenuity, productivity, and commitment to work. The piece, when finished, will be a three dimensional-painting 120 feet long and five stories high-so large that a special building is being created for it-made of a wide variety of materials, including honeycomb aluminum panels, fiberglass, ceramic tiles, fabric, marble, and blown glass.

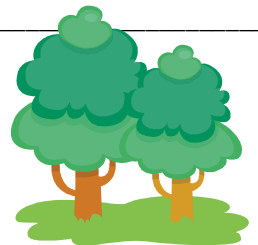
GFWC Illinois members can support the American Mural Project by:

- >> Helping spread the word regarding the American Mural Project <<
- >> Promoting membership in the American Mural Project <<
- >> Outreaching with schools and civic groups to collaborate on an American Mural Project workshop fundraiser <<



CONSERVATION

by Diana Taylor



As part of the Conservation Community Service Program, we will first take a look at partnerships for the beautification of communities such as tree plantings, butterfly gardens, or regular vegetable gardens. What are the needs in your community?

Check with local officials to get their approval before starting a project. Use GFWC (www.gfwc.org) tools provided for you to choose projects and programs suitable for your club. For publicity on your projects use signs and articles in area local papers. Please contact me at PO Box 303, Cullom, IL 60929-0303 orinfarm@mchsi.com. I am here to help all clubs in anyway that I can.

- * Pick-up of litter and clean-up projects can be done. Your club can select a stretch of road, street, block or park to pick up litter or clean up river banks and streams in your area.
- * Arbor Day plantings are especially important in local areas for schools and parks. Our reforestation program with Shawnee National Forest is a wonderful way to plant trees in honor or memory of someone.
- * KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL, (www.kab.org), has many ideas and projects including anti-graffiti projects.
- * AUDUBON SOCIETY has many ideas to beautify gardens and parks to attract wildlife.
- * Partner with Garden Clubs or ask a Master Gardener to speak at one of your club's meetings on care and maintenance of planted gardens.
- * Have programs with educators on soil and water issues within the community.
- * Have Park Rangers speak about preservation of National Parks throughout our country.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH by Jaclyn Hancock & Sandi Lawson



Our goal is to enable members to become better world citizens through advocacy, education, and action, which will affect change in and for our global communities. Our world communities have major problems. It is distressing to see people suffer. Yet, it is wonderful to see how America reaches out in so many ways. It is true, we GFWC Clubwomen make a difference.

Plan USA is one chance. They give people and communities in the poorest countries tools to help them effect real chance-improving life today and offering children a chance for a better tomorrow. GFWC Clubs can sponsor a child from 48 countries around the world. A club can communicate with its sponsored child, can support the Global Women's Fund; which helps through vocational training and micro-finance programs. A certification of appreciation is given to each club that supports the Global Women's Fund.

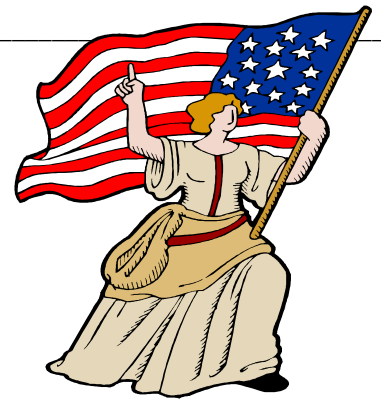
Operation Smile International (DMorrison@OperationSmile.org.) provides free cleft lip and cleft palate repair, making a shunned child a normal child, one can even swallow better. Preparing smile bags, smile dolls, children's hospital gowns, blankets and quilts, and armbands for the children undergoing surgery are ways we can help also. A great video is available to show to your clubs.

Heifer Project International (www.Heifer.org) is also so worthwhile. For more than 65 years. Heifer International has provided gifts of livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income.

PUBLIC ISSUES by Leatha Poshard

FLAG ETIQUETTE

Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005 which the President signed into law in July of 2006, prohibits any Condo Association and other Real Estate Management companies from denying unit owners the right to display the American Flag from their individual units. This new law means that even though homeowners may have signed an agreement that restricted modifications to the exterior of their condos or townhouses the display of the American flag is exempt from those rules.



WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE FOR AMERICA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

Recognize the dedication and patriotism of women who have served in defense of the country by inviting them to speak at club meetings and community forums. Honor local servicewomen, women military leaders, and women veterans. Provide support for these women in the community. Sponsor WIMSA registration drives at the club, district, or state level. Although 2 million women have served, only 15% are registered. (See Resources in the GFWC Manual on line) Encourage the governor, mayor, or city council to proclaim the week preceding Veterans' Day as "**Women Veteran Recognition Week.**" Find and identify women veterans (members and non-members, living or deceased) and send their information to WIMSA with designation that the names were sent by a GFWC club.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Assist with the cataloging of monuments at national cemeteries. Seek volunteer opportunities through the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service. Assist with the care of outpatients in Community Care Clinics as well as in Veterans Hospitals. Conduct projects that recognize and honor all veterans. Support and create ways to observe the National Day of Remembrance. Promote the Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 pm on Memorial Day each year. Encourage young veterans to join the Veterans Association.

SUPPORTING MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Collect and send coupons to military families overseas. When received, volunteers onsite sort and distribute. Note that military commissaries will redeem coupons up to six months after they have expired. (Visit <http://couponing.about.com/blex.htm>) Support Homes For Our Troops, a nonprofit group that builds specially adapted homes for disabled veterans. (www:HomesForOurTroops.org) Support Fisher House, a home that helps family members to be close to loved ones during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury. (www:FisherHouse.org)

New Club

GFWC Illinois Junior Cyber Stars

The Junior Cyber Club was federated in 2009. We wanted to meet electronically as a way to conduct business with women from across the state. Since many of us were on Facebook, we used their Group feature to gather. E-meetings are useful because you can quickly provide others with information about a project and get their feedback instantaneously. With the click of a button, all members are contacted at once. These meetings are valuable if members can't attend regular meetings but want to stay connected to a federated club. It has proven useful when a GFWC Illinois clubwoman moved out of state, but wanted to stay involved in a club with friends. We post links to sites that members find valuable. We have a means of keeping track of statistics for reporting right on the site. E-meetings save postage, paper and travel expense and you can meet in your pajamas! We currently have 26 members, meet once-a-month and will reach out to former clubwomen offering them this opportunity to reconnect with GFWC Illinois. For more info, contact Diane Addante at dinaper@cs.com.



Some of the Cyber Stars who attended the Junior Business Meeting at the May 2010 Convention

The Lansing Junior Woman's Club hosted a Veterans

Appreciation Dinner on, May 6, 2010, at the Lansing American Legion Post #697 for about 120 guests. Local veterans and a guest were treated to a catered dinner. Dinner music was provided and several door prizes were raffled. In attendance were male and female veterans, who had served in war time and peace time, including veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War. Attendees had contributed more than 300 years of combined service.



Veterans and guests
Lansing Juniors



Junior Installation at the May 2010
GFWC Illinois Convention
in Bloomington, IL



Juniors Jiving with “Loveable, Huggable Volunteer” Projects

Illinois Juniors are anxious to get started on the new projects we are setting forth, as well as looking forward to some FUN! As schools get back into session, please let us know of colleges and universities that you might have family or friends attending. We would like to explore the possibility of starting new clubs on each campus, but what better place to start than where we already have contacts. If you know of former Juniorettes who are attending college, please let Mary Farris, our Collegiate Membership Committee Chairman know, so we can follow up with them to help start a new college club.

Bunny Dalton and Teresa Sanford are working hard on Junior Special Projects in the area of Advocates for Children, especially Emergency Medical Services for Children, specifically the Pediatric Jump Kits for ambulances. Be sure to contact them if your community does not have the Jump Kit in their ambulance. With our **“Loveable, Huggable Volunteers”**, it is only fitting that the Bearenstain Bears are the spokespeople for Prevent Child Abuse America. Be sure to watch for them to promote the Pinwheels for Prevention. Of course, Children’s Research Foundation will continue to be the IL Jr. Special Project. We are in our 33rd year of partnering with CRF and will be setting monetary goals for their benefit.

Oh, and then the FUN....Be sure to sign up to join the GFWC Illinois Juniors for a fabulous Shopping Getaway to beautiful Frankenmuth, Michigan! Just in time for early holiday shopping, you will experience the world’s largest Christmas store, Bronner’s, during our trip Nov. 6 thru 9, 2010. Look for the registration elsewhere in this Issue of the Illinois Clubwoman.

If you are aware of any programs particularly in the area of Advocates for Children that should be brought to our attention, please contact any member of the Jr. Board. Together, WE are the helping hands and giving hearts of the **“Loveable, Huggable Volunteers”** of Illinois.

Join the GFWC Illinois Jr. Organization for Shopping and a FUN Get-Away to
Frankenmuth, Michigan

Sat. Nov. 6 through Tues. Nov. 9, 2010



You will enjoy 4 days and 3 nights at the lovely Bavarian Inn, including Sunday night dinner and entertainment, Monday breakfast, Monday night World Famous Chicken Buffet, and Tuesday continental breakfast. Trip includes Round Trip Bus fare with snacks, beverages and games (pick-up locations to be determined after we know where registrants will be coming from), daily trips to Bronner’s Christmas Store and much, much **more**.

Open to non-members too! Visit www.frankenmuth.org to discover all they have to offer!

More information: Candy Godbee candygfwc@yahoo.com or Carol Rich cmrich77@msn.com

Single \$499 Double \$425 Triple \$399 Quad \$385
 Prices are per person \$50 deposit required by Sept. 1, 2010 (No refunds after Oct. 6th)

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Mail Checks made payable to
 GFWC Illinois Jr. Organization to:
 Cherie Sieger
 (Email Candy at above address
 for information)

Check one: Single _____ Double _____ Triple _____ Quad _____

Names of roommates _____

...standing committees



LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY by GERRI ECK

My goal as chairman for the 2010-2012 administration is to help each club and district achieve in acquiring a Legislation Chairman. The Legislation Chairman should fill out the legislation report at the end of the year and possibly schedule programs and speakers for her club. Provide your club and district with a list of Legislators, Representatives, Congressional Persons, or Senators from your area.

Here are a few GFWC Action Plans for Legislation and Public Policy:

- * Invite a national, state or district public policy chairman to a club meeting to discuss GFWC's impressive history of advocacy efforts.
- * Invite an elected official to discuss the importance of input and direction from constituents. Hold a letter writing session after a meeting. Have each member write a short letter, on club stationary, to a legislator stating her stand on an issue chosen by the club and based on GFWC and GFWC Illinois Resolutions. Have addressed envelopes ready to mail those letters.
- * Appoint an interested, informed member to serve as public policy chairman.
- * Become familiar with the public policies of GFWC and GFWC Illinois by reviewing the current Resolutions Book.
- * Devote time at club meetings for discussion on existing resolutions, proposed amendments, current events and news stories of interest.
- * Learn about the functions of all levels of government and elected officials through club programs.
- * Educate your club members on the legislative process (e.g., "How a Bill Becomes a Law").
AS YOUR STATE CHAIRMAN, I WILL HAVE THIS FOR ALL THE CLUBS IN ILLINOIS.
- * Use advocacy guides and tools. To sign up contact the GFWC Public Policy Department at their e-mail address legislation@gfwc.org Use the GFWC website www.gfwc.org click on "Our Work," click on "Public Policy," on "Legislative Resources" or "Club Advocacy" or "Priority Issues." You will find real good information.

A CLUB, DISTRICT OR A STATE BOARD MEMBER MAY SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR "NEW RESOLUTIONS" OR "AMENDMENTS" TO THE EXISTING RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1ST.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

THE GFWC ILLINOIS LEGISLATION DAY WILL BE HELD IN SPRINGFIELD ON MARCH 17, 2011. DETAILS WILL BE IN THE WINTER ILLINOIS CLUBWOMAN.

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM by Lou Brown



GFWC Illinois will again work with the American Indian Center. Founded in 1953, the American Indian Center of Chicago (AIC) is a non-profit organization. It is the oldest urban Indian organization in the United States. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, there are approximately 73,000 Native Americans in Illinois, with over 32,000 residing in Chicago, which gives Chicago the third largest Native American population in the country with over 100 tribal nations represented.

The American Indian Center is located at 1530 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640. Clubs are asked to support the center through donations: clothing of all sizes, school supplies, and items of food for their pantry. Now is the time to purchase flower and vegetable seeds as they are on sale and these can be sent to the Center. Clubs are encouraged to donate money for the Native American Scholarship program. The Annual American Indian Center Pow-Wow is November 20-21, 2010, call for more information at (773) 275-5871.

ESO by Janice Kretschmer



Epsilon Sigma Omicron

ESO, an honorary education society, promotes a love for reading and encourages self improvement. Are you the "**reader**" who hasn't gotten around to joining the Illinois chapter? This chairman got around tuit and encourages you also. Applications and instructions are in the Summer Seminar Booklet and your clubs reporting info packets which your club will receive in September.





LEADS Graduates
Leadership Chairman and Junior Chairman

GFWC Illinois LEADS
Candidate Jeanette T. Wells



GFWC ILLINOIS COOKBOOKS

GFWC Illinois Fundraising will be selling a series of small cookbooks. The cookbooks will be the size of a quarter sheet of paper and spiral bound. They will sell for \$5.00 each.

You can help by submitting your tried & true recipes - then later by purchasing cookbooks. The books will be focused on a particular type of recipe. A new one will be released at each State Board meeting.

The Schedule for submitting recipes is as follows:

- Appetizers - submit by August 1st - for Fall Release
- Cookies/Candies - submit by November 1st - for Winter Release
- Crockpot/Microwave - submit by February 1st - for Spring Release
- Summer Favorites - submit by April 1st - for Convention Release

Please submit recipes via email to nhw31@hotmail.com.



CLUBS START YOUR SEARCH FOR YOUR JENNIE AWARD NOMINEE



Contact Neva Boyce Jennie Award Chairman for information on how your club can enter an application of a club member as a nominee for this Prestigious GFWC Award.

Forms are available from the Summer Seminar Booklet or by logging onto the GFWC website to download to your printer.



GFWC Great Lakes Region 2010 Annual Conference October 15-17, 2010



President Deborah Bach will open the conference on October 15, 2010 at the Dayton Marriott Hotel in Dayton, Ohio. Official Call can be found in the Summer Seminar Booklet or as a download from the GFWC website.

Friday includes a trip to the Wright Patterson Air Force Base, lunch with the Dayton Federation of Women's Club, a tour of their Victorian mansion, and a tour of Carillon Historical Park.

Conference will continue with workshops and speakers. GFWC Signature Project - Prevention of Domestic Violence will be addressed. President Carlene Garner will inspire the members with words of wisdom. A Membership workshop and a speaker on Women's Health are also part of the conference agenda.

Last day to make reservations at the hotel and conference is September 23, 2010.

gems of convention...

2010 ARTS & CRAFTS WINNERS

WALLHANGING

1st Place - Phyllis Moritz - Cullom WC

CROCHET

1st Place - Jean K. Groklus
2nd Place - Jo Redman - Bement WC
3rd Place - Jean K. Grosklus



KNITTING

1st Place - Ramona Henricks - GFWC Cerro Gordo WC
2nd Place - Ruth Savoie - Gilman WC

EMBROIDERY

1st Place - Barbara Potter Gilman WC
2nd Place - Liz Freeland - Fairbury WC

QUILTS

1st Place - Liz Freeland - Fairbury WC

NEEDLEPOINT

1st Place - Carol Coker - Antioch WC



HANDMADE DOLL

1st Place - Phyllis Morrison - Glenwood Jr. WC

HOLIDAY DECORATION

1st Place - Phyllis Morrison Glenwood Jr. WC

WREATH

1st Place - Darla D. Weltmer - GFWC Decatur WC

ACRYLICS

1st Place - Janice Kretschmer - Past Presidents & Officers WC, Dist.7
2nd Place - Janice Kretschmer - Past Presidents & Officers WC, Dist.7
3rd Place - Janice Kretschmer - Past Presidents & Officers WC, Dist.7

POTERY/CERAMICS

1st Place - Janice Kretschmer - Past Presidents & Officers WC, Dist.7

JEWELRY

1st Place - Darla Weltmer - GFWC Decatur WC
2nd Place - Janice Kretschmer - Past Presidents & Officers WC, Dist.7

DECORATIVE PAINTING

1st Place - Susan Schove - Fairbury WC

OIL PAINTING

1st Place - Sally Steketee - Lombard Service League

STAMPING UP

1st Place - Judy Sochor - GFWC Cerro Gordo WC
2nd Place - Linda Bowlby - GFWC Decatur WC

PAPER ART

1st Place - Jeanine Leonhart - Antioch WC
2nd Place - Joanne Dugenske - Antioch WC

LATCH HOOK

1st Place - Pat Tessler - Lombard Service League
2nd Place - Pat Tessler - Lombard Service League

SEWING

1st Place - Catherine Kellogg - Tuscola WC



SCRAPBOOKING

1st Place - Irma Joynt - GFWC Cerro Gordo WC
2nd Place - Sherry Metz - Fairbury WC

MISCELLANEOUS

1st Place - Christine Smith - GFWC Waukegan WC
2nd Place - Mary McCool - Vermillion Jr. WC



WEARABLE ART

1st Place - Mary Jo Kelly - Woman's Club of Bismarck

...gems of convention

May 2010 GFWC Illinois 115th Annual Convention

"A Royal Celebration" was attended by clubs from around the state bringing this Convention close to 400 members and guests. The FIRST GFWC ILLINOIS LEADS (Leadership, Education and Development Seminar) took place prior to the Convention with 27 members attending. This well organized seminar provided members with materials to help strengthen their club, but most of all build future Leaders for GFWC IL. From this class of GFWC ILLINOIS LEADS participants, the announcement that Jeanette T. Wells of the District 5 Glendale Heights JWC would be the GFWC ILLINOIS LEADS participant attending the GFWC International Convention in June held in Omaha, Nebraska.

A special reception was held celebrating the 20th anniversary of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. Both GFWC ILLINOIS members and special guests of PCA IL were present for this recognition starting with a Governor's Proclamation and hearing from many past board members who served PCA IL over the 20 years. The final celebration of the evening was the presentation of funds to PCA IL of \$20,500!

Junior activities were planned throughout Friday with the Iron Chef – the final club edition workshop. The Unity Luncheon **"Shining Together in Community Service,"** keynote speaker was GFWC President Elect, Carlene Garner, who spoke to us on working together in GFWC. Attendees welcomed FOUR NEW CLUBS, all were excited to hear that GFWC IL brought a total of FIVE NEW CLUBS into GFWC during the 2008-2010 administration! The traditional Junior Installation banquet took place with the announcement of the Junior Leadership Awards. The contribution to Children's Research Foundation of \$5,697.76 was a special part of the banquet.

As the Convention came to an end, members attended the lovely Installation Banquet and Reception, **"The Crowning Touch" & "On a Wing and a Prayer"**. The newly elected officers of the 2010-2012 GFWC IL Executive Committee were installed by Martha Bein, Past GFWC IL President 2004-2006. A Royal Celebration it was from start to finish! The Greatest Jewels of GFWC Illinois are the Volunteer Wings at Work! Looking forward to a great 2010-2012 administration!

Debra A. Strahanoski, GFWC IL President 2008-2010



May 2010 GFWC Illinois Convention in Bloomington
Executive Committee



Roy Harley of Prevention of Child Abuse Illinois
along with Debbie Bach and President Debbie



Debbie, Martha
& Teresa

Awards

Debbie &
Teresa



Opening Ceremonies

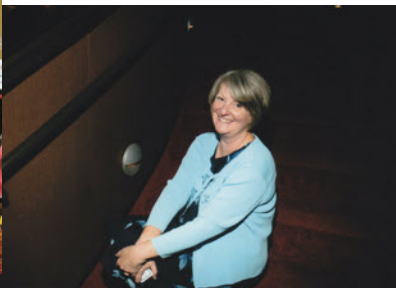


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May 2010 GFWC Illinois 115th Annual Convention



Convention Chairman
Bonnie Heydorn



Fun Night Attendees



GFWC President Elect Carlene A. Garner



Convention Vice Chairman
Kathy Koran with Debbie

A New Angel in the Making -
Martha Bein Installs Nancy Wiilis



Installation of our new officers 2010-2012 Angels with one wing

...gems of convention

June 2010 GFWC 119th Annual Convention

Twenty-seven GFWC Illinois members recently gathered in Omaha, Nebraska for the 2010 GFWC Convention. The GFWC Illinois members were very proud of two of our members who were elected and installed in positions of GFWC leadership. At the GFWC Great Lakes Region Banquet on Sunday, June 13 the installation of Debbie Bach as President of the Great Lakes Region for 2010-2012. GFWC IL Past President, Carol Rich, performed the installation ceremony. The installation ceremony using the four seasons fit perfectly with the theme for the 2010-2012 administrations, ***“Volunteers for all Season”***. GFWC Illinois members were very proud of Becky Weber being elected to the position of GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Elect. Receptions were held for both Debbie and Becky with the Illinois members welcoming many GFWC members from around the country to these receptions.

We heard from wonderful keynote speakers from Powerful Positive Attitudes to the American Mural Project. The GFWC Illinois Great State Photo (winner was Karen Erb) hung beautifully among the 50 states photos that were on display at the Convention. At the ***“Celebration of Service Awards Breakfast”***, GFWC Illinois won first place in **Membership, Leadership**, and for the **Best State Newsletter/Magazine**. Congratulations go out to **GFWC Brussels Woman’s Club of Illinois** for winning the \$50 award for best project in Conservation Beautification Program and **GFWC Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman’s Club** for winning \$50 for best project in the Health Program and fundraising program endorsed fundraiser – Grounds for Change.



June 2010 GFWC International Convention in Omaha, Nebraska



Becky Weber candidate for
GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs





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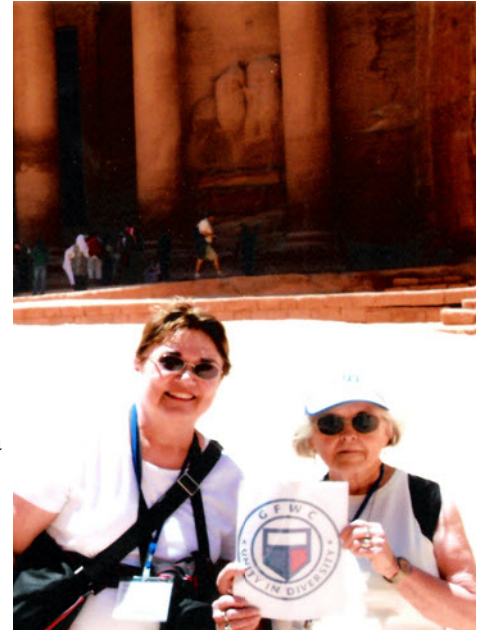
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS GFWC?



Joann Pickel of Femmes Unir Woman's Club of Bartonville - District 16, on a photo safari with Channel 25 Travelers Club Peoria, shown standing with Maasai Village Elder in Ambolseli National Park, Kenya, Africa.



Judith Jepsen-Popel and Cynthia Swanson, members of the Paxton Woman's Club - District 8, are shown displaying the GFWC emblem in front of the Treasury (Al Khazneh) in Petra, Jordan. Petra is more than 2000 years old and is carved into the sandstone cliffs.



Sherman Health dedicates the flagpole at its new hospital main entrance to the Elgin Woman's Club (EWC). The EWC founded Sherman Hospital in July, 1888, and the plaque at the base of the flagpole honors the club's commitment to the campaign for the new Sherman Hospital.

Woman's Club of Cullom has a new banner to help promote their club and GFWC. Pictured holding the banner are Judy Wojciechowski and Candy Godbee.

