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123RD ANNUAL GFWC ILLINOIS CONVENTION

MAY 17 - 19, 2018

PEORIA MARRIOTT PÈRE MARQUETTE



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OF THE SEA.
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IN MEMORIAM :

Alvaell (Nell) Schnulle, member of GFWC Indian Head Park WC
Past 6th District President
Past GFWC Illinois State Board Member

Teddy Eddleman, 68-year member of GFWC Illinois, mother of Dee Lenzi, GFWC Illinois Art School Chairman

SYMPATHY & SUPPORT EXTENDED TO:

Ruby Feely, GFWC Illinois Junior Home Life Chairman, on the passing of her brother-in-law Thomas.

Cyndi Fulco, GFWC Illinois Junior Public Issues Chairman, on the passing of her father-in-law.

Judy Wagner, member of District 3, on the passing of her sister Mary.

MARTHA A. BEIN RECOGNIZED AS GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION JENNIE NOMINEE

A member of GFWC since 1976, Martha has served this organization with dedication and passion at the club, district, state, region and GFWC International levels.

Leadership roles for GFWC Illinois and beyond:

- 1978-1980 Oswego Woman's Civic Club President
- 1984-1986 District Eleven President
- 1986-1988 Public Affairs Department Chairman
(now Public Issues)
- 1987-1988 Isabella Candee Foundation formation committee
- 1992-1994 Woman's Club of Aurora President
- 1994-1996 'Our Promise . . . A Safe Place of Every Child'
Chairman
- 1996-1998 Long Range Strategic Planning Committee
Chairman
- 1998-2000 GFWC Illinois Secretary
- 2000-2002 GFWC Illinois Northern Region Vice President /
Leadership Chairman
- 2002-2004 GFWC Illinois President Elect
- 2004-2006 GFWC Illinois President
- 2006-2008 GFWC Domestic Violence Committee
- 1997-2005 PCA Illinois Board of Directors
- 2016-2018 Great Lakes Region Standing Rules Chairman

GFWC ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Phyllis Skubic

Director of Junior Clubs: Jeanette T. Wells

President Elect: Shelli Fehr

Vice President Northern Region: Carol Jablonski

Vice President Central Region: Teresa Sanford-Shipplett

Vice President Southern Region: Alice Betlach

Secretary: LeeAnn Conlon

Treasurer: Michelle Schultz

Parliamentarian: Jacquelyn Pierce, RP

MAGAZINE CREW

Editor in Chief: Phyllis Skubic

Managing Editor: Natalie Kuchar Garling

Please send your articles, photos, and suggestions to:

nrkuchar@yahoo.com



Community Activities:

- Special Olympics Chairman of the Hospitality Luncheon for nine (9) years
- First Christian Church Chairman of the Board of Deaconess'
- Copley Hospital volunteer and White Cross Auxiliary member
- Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority honored as 'International Woman of Distinction Award'
- Oswegoland Antique Study Club
- Timely Talkers Toastmasters
- Member Lifelong Learning Institute at Waubensee College

Martha is first and foremost a loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother dedicated to her family and hands-on with those that need her loving and tender care. She is the epitome of what those roles should be. As a member of GFWC Illinois, she is a Leader by example, A Mentor to many, and a Friend to all! She is a priceless asset to GFWC. We are extremely proud and excited to celebrate her Leadership this June at the GFWC International Convention, St. Louis Missouri.

Congratulations Martha!

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CAPTAIN

Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Illinois President

Ahoy GFWC Illinois Sailors! As I turn the calendar to a new month and a new year, I can't help but reflect on the past year and all that has been accomplished by this Federation. Having the opportunity, and privilege, of traveling the state, visiting clubs and districts, I am humbled by what you achieve as members of GFWC Illinois. The difference you make in your communities- incredible! Enhancing the lives of others- awesome! The Volunteer Spirit you exhibit everyday- inspiring! I look forward to the Annual District Meetings this spring. It's such a wonderful time of fellowship, of celebration, and the opportunity to hear all the phenomenal projects you completed- not to be missed!!



As the Convention Committee tweaks, edits and finalizes all the planning for our Annual Convention in May, I hope you are making your plans to join us. We have some fun surprises in store, a great deal of business to conduct, Awards and Recognition, two informative and impactful workshops on Thursday and Friday, a service project for the USO and welcoming not 1, not 2, but THREE NEW CLUBS to GFWC Illinois!!!! I shake my head in wonder at how quickly this presidential journey passed. Having the honor of working with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, a most talented and dedicated Crew, is something I will always treasure. We've worked together to tackle the issues before us, to initiate some changes, and to address the future viability of this wonderful organization.

One of our initiatives began this past fall when members of the Executive Committee visited a number of districts and individual clubs, to present information, provide resources or simply answer questions. Our goal is simple: Re-establish connection and communication with our foundation . . . the members of GFWC Illinois. Another initiative we've been working for some time is the merging of our two websites: *GFWC Illinois* and *GFWC Illinois Junior Organization*. Soon there will be ONE website to serve EVERY member: General, Junior and Juniorette. Information and forms will be available in one location. Look for it to launch this Spring. There are many more projects to complete before we say 'Bon Voyage' in May.

Working with First Mate Jeanette as Director of Junior Clubs has been a joy. She is dedicated, thoughtful, creative, inspiring and a passionate member of this organization! I will forever treasure our friendship. From the bottom of my heart, I thank each of you for Sailing with me. It's been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Captain.

Sail On . . .Keep Exploring all your Possibilities!!

FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRST MATE

Jeanette T. Wells, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

As we put the close on the holiday season and look forward to all that 2018 will bring, I sit here in awe of the GFWC IL Juniors. You are nothing short of phenomenal. I look forward to seeing the reports telling of all the ways you were GFWC IL Juniors. . .helping design better lives. The countless lives that you have touched for the better is what we set out to do this administration. You have made this Director of Junior Clubs very proud. It has been my honor to represent the Illinois Juniors at the GFWC level, attending GFWC Convention and Board of Directors meetings. I am looking forward to traveling to Aruba at the end of January to serve alongside the Woman's Club of Aruba, along with our GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, Jolie Frankfurth, our GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs Trisha Shafer, our GFWC IL President Phyllis Skubic and over 60 other clubwomen from across the country.



I feel like it has been such a short time since we were installed in May of 2016, I was told by so many past Directors to enjoy it as it goes by fast, and they weren't kidding. Now May of 2018 is around the corner and we will be welcoming in a new administration, with Cherie Sieger being installed as Director of Junior Clubs and Shelli Fehr being installed as President. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending our Convention in Peoria, May 17-19, with May 16 being our LEADS Sessions. Last year our Junior Business Session was packed and we had an awesome party; I want repeat that, so please be sure to attend. Not only will we be celebrating you and your clubs, but we will be electing our new Junior Dean of Chairmen, Treasurer and Secretary. Wear your club shirts, bring your noise makers and be ready for fun! This year we will be awarding what we fondly call the "Girl Awards"- our Junior of the Year, Junior Outstanding Service, Junior Spark Plug and our Junior Lifetime Achievement Awards.

I want to thank the GFWC IL Junior Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Thank you ladies for your work and dedication to GFWC, thank you for agreeing to serve and for fulfilling that commitment. I couldn't have asked for a better group of ladies to work with. We learned a lot as we served together. You ROCK! I also want to thank the Executive Committee that I had the pleasure of serving with while representing the GFWC IL Juniors. It's been a lot of work and so much fun- you guys are the best. And last, but absolutely not least, our Captain, our GFWC IL President, Phyllis Skubic. When being installed I looked forward to serving with Phyllis, because I always looked up to her when I would hear her talk about ILS. I knew that she would be an amazing and effective leader, that we would work great together and I would learn a lot, which I did. What I didn't know is I would find such a wonderful friend and mentor. Phyllis, I couldn't have done this without you. Thank you for keeping us afloat as we Set Sail and Explored the Possibilities. And for helping us design better lives. Great Job Captain, this First Mate couldn't be more happy, humbled, and proud!

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Save the Date!



2018 REGION SUMMER SEMINARS

SOUTHERN REGION –

THURSDAY, JULY 26
AMERICAS BEST INN, VANDALIA

CENTRAL REGION –

FRIDAY, JULY 27
BLOOMINGTON HOLIDAY INN

NORTHERN REGION –

SATURDAY, JULY 28
CLARION HOTEL, JOLIET

GFWC CONVENTION

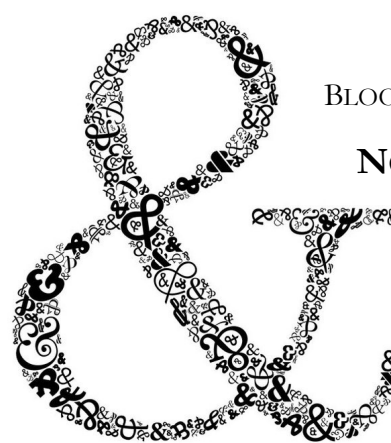
JUNE 23-26, 2018
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

No airfare needed!

Join club members from around the world at the 2018 GFWC International Convention at Union Station Hotel in St. Louis, MO.

The Installation of Officers for the 2018 – 2020

Administration will be on Tuesday, June 26th



70TH ANNIVERSARY

GFWC ILLINOIS SUMMER ART CAMP 2018

July 2018 @ Eastern Illinois University

Registration fees this year will be \$490 total which includes all instruction, six nights lodging, 18 meals in the residence hall, and the \$49 non-refundable art materials fee. EIU remains one of the most reasonably priced quality summer art camps in the state. We hope to see you at EIU!

Questions? Need an application? Please contact:

Dee Lenzi, Federation Art Chairman / deelenzi@yahoo.com



“WE’RE FUR ART” RAFFLE

Please contact the chairman if you have a fur item to donate for our annual “We’re FUR Art!” Raffle to be held at the spring State Convention. This year marks the 70th anniversary of this project. To commemorate this, let’s try to send 70 deserving young people to EIU this summer!



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GFWC Illinois is proud to support:
Deb Strahanoski, GFWC 1st Vice President
Trisha Schafer, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

GFWC ILLINOIS RAFFLE!

Meet us in St. Louis!

Vera Bradley Travel Accessories:

- Mandy Tote
- Grand Cargo Bag
- Cosmetic Bag
- Snacks and Beverages

AND \$200 Cash

The only thing left to do, is register for the GFWC Convention and ‘Meet Us in St. Louis’

Tickets are \$ 1.00 each / 6 for \$5.00
Drawing will be held during the
123rd Annual GFWC Illinois Convention
May 19, 2018

Great Lakes Region 2018

October 4 - 7, 2018

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NEW CHANGES AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE HORIZON FOR GFWC ILLINOIS

Shelli R. Fehr, President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

Can it really be time to clue my fellow clubwomen in on the 2018-2020 Administration? It is with optimism and excitement that I share with you just a portion of what is to be. I hope you embrace the next two years as much as I've pondered them!



While there are still plans to be made, the most important ones are already set. First, the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors will spend the next two years connecting and in some cases, reconnecting with our grassroots members. It is vital that all Illinois clubwomen know their organization and the value it brings to a community, club, and self. We have resources and support to share to make your community a better place, your club a visible and vital link in that community, and yourself the person you want to be. A simple visit to your club meeting or district by one of the Board members will begin this sharing process. This will also allow us to know how your club or district operates and what projects are near and dear to your heart. It's all about connections.

Next, the structure of the State Convention will change. This traditionally three-day event will become two days in 2019 and 2020. The same educational opportunities and celebrations will be packed into an action-filled weekend to save you time and money and cut costs at the state level. It's all about efficiencies.

Finally, effective communication with our members is one of my top priorities so don't be surprised if there is a new look to the Clubwoman Magazine, Key Notes e-newsletter, and monthly club presidents' letter. The goal is to make communication with the membership more cost efficient while still reaching ALL our members. It's all about the contact.

So there you have it, a small taste of what the next two years will bring. It is my hope that you find the plans for the 2018-2020 Administration worthwhile and successful. One thing I know—there will be plenty of camaraderie and enjoyment the next two years! Soon, we'll have contact! Then, we'll connect!

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE... UNITY WITHIN GFWC ILLINOIS JUNIORS

Cherie Sieger, Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Happy New Year, GFWC Illinois!! I am so excited for this New Year. I anticipate it to be a year of history-making changes for GFWC Illinois. I am encouraging you ALL to attend our state convention in May – Even if only for one day. If you have never been to a state convention, this is one you'll want to attend because it's an election year. The election process of GFWC Illinois is amazing, you will witness the leaders of our state organization moving up. And you can be sure they ALL said at one time, "I could never do that!", but here they are getting ready to take on leadership roles. Convention starts on May 17th and ends on May 19th with the installation of the new officers of GFWC Illinois 2018-2020.



As GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs, I will continue to keep the unity going that previous administrations have been working so hard to achieve. My emphasis will be all projects concerning children. My theme will be "GFWC IL Unfrogettable Juniors"; can you guess my symbol?

I am excited to have Shelli Fehr as my counterpart. She was Illinois Director of Junior Clubs when I served early in my federation career and watching her then I was the one saying, "I could never do that?" We will make a great team, we will be there for you!!

I look forward to representing ALL Illinois Juniors and Clubwomen of GFWC Illinois.

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GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OFFICERS' TRAINING INSTITUTE



Saturday, June 2, 2018 • 9:30am registration • 10:00am-3:00pm
Holiday Inn & Suites • 3202 East Empire St. • Bloomington, IL 61704 • (309) 662-4700

NEW for the 2018-20 Administration is an Officer's Training Institute designed for all Club and District Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers. This training will prepare members for their new role to make their term in office a successful one.

ALL INCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT OFFICERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.
(District Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs are required to attend.)

Sleeping Accommodations may be made directly with the hotel by calling (309) 662-4700.
Group Name: GFWC Illinois. Group Rate: \$105.00 plus state and local taxes. **Deadline Date – May 2, 2018**

MEAL RESERVATION FORM:

(Complete a separate form for all attendees.)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Club _____ Office _____ or District Office _____

Select one boxed lunch: Ham & Swiss | Smoked Turkey Wrap | Roast Beef | Grilled Vegetable Wrap

Please indicate any dietary restrictions: _____

Saturday, June 2, 2018 Luncheon \$30.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity) \$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Make check payable to GFWC Illinois. Mail reservation form/s and check no later than **May 15 to:
GFWC Illinois, 5 E. Van Buren St., Suite 208, Joliet, IL 60432



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GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs

OFFICIAL CALL

One Hundred Twenty-Third Annual Convention

"Together Our Dreams Set Sail"

May 17, 18, 19, 2018

Peoria Marriott Péré Marquette

501 Main Street, Peoria 61602

(309) 637-6500



The One Hundred Twenty Third Annual Convention of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs is hereby called for May 17, 18 and 19, 2018 at the Peoria Marriott Péré Marquette in Peoria, Illinois. Session I, Business, will be called to order at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 17, 2018 by Phyllis J. Skubic, President, GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs.

REPRESENTATION

ARTICLE VII

CONVENTIONS

Section 2. REPRESENTATION

A. The voting body of GFWC Illinois shall consist of:

1. Club Delegates

Any member in good standing may attend Convention as a delegate

2. Members of the Junior Board of Directors

3. Convention Committee Officers

4. Members of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors

5. GFWC Illinois Past Presidents

6. GFWC Illinois Past Directors of Junior Clubs

B. Delegates shall pay registration fees for the entire convention to be entitled to vote.

C. A delegate shall represent only one club and shall have only one vote at the annual convention.

D. Any Club whose member dues are not paid by April 1st shall be notified and shall not be entitled to representation at the annual convention or to receive awards, except those clubs admitted at Pre-Convention Board Meeting.

E. Members paying daily registration shall have no voting privileges.

Section 3. NON-VOTING MEMBERS / VISITORS

GFWC Illinois club members who attend in addition to the

voting delegates shall be considered non-voting members and attend all sessions.

B. Non-members attending Convention as a guest of a member, a personal guest of the President, or persons invited to be participants in the convention program shall be referred to as visitors.

C. Visitors badges shall be issued at registration.

BRING TO CONVENTION

Delegates are requested to bring The Convention Issue of the *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine*. Limited copies will be available at Convention. Delegates may also wish to bring their 2017-2018 GFWC Illinois Yearbook and Resolutions Booklet.

CREDENTIALS/MEAL RESERVATIONS

The GFWC Illinois Convention Registration Form can be found on pages **29 & 30** of this magazine. The Credential and Meal Reservation Forms have been combined.

*****Please fill out both sides of the form and mail, with check payable to GFWC Illinois, to:**

Michelle Schultz, Treasurer

828 West Reynolds Street

Pontiac, IL 61764

Forms must be postmarked by April 15, 2018.

Registration Fee is **\$25.00**. Late registration fee (postmarked 4/16 or later) **\$40.00**. Non-voting members may register for one or more days at \$15.00 per day.

All delegates must pick up their credentials by 7:00 pm on Friday, May 18, 2018.

***Registration fees for the *GFWC Illinois Past Presidents and Past Directors of Junior Clubs* shall be waived.

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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All sessions of the One Hundred Twenty Third Annual Convention of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at the Peoria Marriott P re Marquette, 501 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602.

Hotel reservation information can be found on page 25. Reservations may also be made by calling (800) 228-9290. Please use code **GFWR** when making reservations.

Per night rates are \$129.00 plus applicable taxes and fees for all rooms. Deadline for hotel reservations is **April 15, 2018**.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Pre-Convention Meeting for the 2016-2018 Board of Directors will be held in the LaSalle Ballroom Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 4:00-5:30 pm.

PRE-CONVENTION DINNER

The theme for the evening is **"Work Like A Sailor - Party Like A Pirate"**. Your favorite Pirate or Sailor themed wear is encouraged. Dinner will start at 7:00 pm. Hostess for the evening is the Convention Committee, Bonnie Heydorn, Chairman.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The One Hundred Twenty Third Annual Convention will officially open with

Session I – Business, on Thursday, May 17, 2018, beginning at 9:00 am in Marquette Ballroom.

Session III – Business, will begin at 3:30 pm on Thursday afternoon in the Marquette Ballroom followed by a Workshop/Panel on Human and Sex Trafficking.

Session V – Business, will begin at 9:15 am on Friday, May 18, 2018 in Marquette Ballroom.

Session VII – Junior Business will convene at 3:15 pm on Friday, May 18, 2018 in Cheminee Ballroom.

Session VIII– Business on Saturday, May 19, 2018 begins at 9:15am in Marquette Ballroom.

Admittance for Business Sessions will be by Credential Badge only.

FOOD FUNCTION SESSIONS

Food Function Sessions are open to all Delegates and Non-Voting Members who purchase a meal ticket for that event and have a credential badge.

Opening Luncheon – Session II

"Drop Anchor with GFWC" will begin at Noon on Thursday, May 17, 2018 in Cotillion Ballroom.

Federation Banquet – Session IV

"Our Children... Our Promise" will begin at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 17 2018 in Cotillion Ballroom. The evening will be hosted by the Metamora Woman's Club, Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club and the Junior Woman's Encore Club of District 17. We will celebrate our 24 year partnership with Prevent Child Abuse-Illinois. Please join us afterwards in the President's Suite for a reception honoring Mary Ellen Brock and Trisha Schafer, GFWC Guests.

Unity Luncheon – Session VI

"All Hands on Deck for the USO" Keynote speaker will be GFWC President Elect Mary Ellen Brock. The session will begin at Noon on Friday, May 18, 2018 in Cotillion Ballroom. Service Project for the USO of Illinois will also take place. Complete details will be shared this Spring.

Fun Night – "Diva-licious Night of Hollywood Glam"

Friday evening, May 18, 2018, will be hosted by Deb's Diamond Divas, Amy Vicioso and Karyn Charvat, Chairmen. Social Hour is at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm in Cotillion Ballroom. Fun, Raffles, Music and Dancing. See page 26 for more information.

Recognition Luncheon & Installation Ceremony – Session IX

"Sail On... New Adventures Ahead" beginning at 11:45 am on Saturday, May 19, 2018 Cotillion Ballroom. We will be recognizing our newest clubs, celebrating the Juniorette Awards, and presenting funds to the "Let's Make Change" Organizations. As we 'Relinquish the Helm' for this administration, we celebrate the Installation Ceremonies for the 2018-2020 Administration.

Bon Voyage!

Captain Skubic & First Mate Wells

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BYLAWS The GFWC Illinois Bylaws Committee recommends the following amendments for adoption:

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. ADMISSION OF NEW CLUBS TO GFWC

ILLINOIS - Page 29

Insert a new A. to read: A club wishing admittance into GFWC Illinois must have GFWC or GFWC Illinois in its legal name.

Insert a new D. to read: The District Director of Junior Clubs shall present the application for all new junior clubs to the GFWC Illinois Junior Board of Directors for action.

Letter C. Insert after application and before to “of all new clubs”

Re-letter existing sections

To Read:

A. A new club wishing admittance into GFWC Illinois must have GFWC or GFWC Illinois in its legal name.

B. Application for membership must be accompanied by:

1. The GFWC Illinois application form.
2. A membership list of names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses
3. Bylaws of the applicant, which shall not conflict with any provision of the District or GFWC Illinois Bylaws.
4. The membership dues for the ensuing GFWC Illinois fiscal year.

C. Application for membership shall be made to the District and/or Junior District for approval by the Respective District Board.

D. The District Director of Junior Clubs shall present the application for all new junior clubs to the GFWC Illinois Junior Board of Directors for action.

E. The District President shall present the application of all new clubs to the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors for action

RATIONALE: Having GFWC in a club name will promote and brand the organization. Clarifies the application process.

ARTICLE IV DUES AND FINANCE

Section 1. FISCAL YEAR – Page 31

Strike “June 1st” and insert “July 1st” and strike “May 31st” and insert “June 30th”

To Read:

The fiscal year of GFWC Illinois shall be from July 1st through June 30th.

RATIONALE: This allows state convention bills and year end expenses to be fully paid before the start of the next fiscal year. It is also in accordance with GFWC’s fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV DUES AND FINANCE

Section 2. ANNUAL DUES – Page 31

B. Strike “of five dollars (\$5.00), insert “Dues shall increase \$1.00 each year for the next five years, beginning with the 2018-2019 club year.”, strike “2000” and insert “2024”

To Read:

B. Each member of a club shall pay annual GFWC Illinois dues of five dollars (\$5.00). Dues shall increase \$1.00 each year for the next five years, beginning with the 2018-2019 club year. The GFWC Illinois dues structure shall be reviewed every four years beginning with the year 2024.

RATIONALE: to achieve fiscal responsibility.

ARTICLE IV DUES AND FINANCE

Section 2. ANNUAL DUES – Page 31

C. In the second sentence insert “Junior” after state and before Treasurer and strike “at GFWC Illinois Headquarters”

To Read:

C. Dues shall be payable by October 15th to the District Treasurer who shall forward same to GFWC Illinois Headquarters by November 1st. GFWC Illinois dues from Junior Districts shall be sent directly to the state Junior Treasurer.

RATIONALE: To conform to current practice.

ARTICLE IV DUES AND FINANCE

Section 5. AUDITING AND BONDING – Page 32

Insert “Meetings and” before “Convention” in A., B., and C.

To Read:

A. An annual audit by a C.P.A. of the books of GFWC Illinois to include the records of the Treasurer, Headquarters Executive Secretary, Meetings and Convention Treasurer, Fund Raising Chairmen, and Treasurer of the Junior Organization shall be made at the close of the fiscal year.

B. An audit shall be made when the Treasurer, Headquarters Executive Secretary, Meetings and Convention Treasurer, Fund Raising Chairmen, or Treasurer of the Junior Organization resigns before completing her term of office, the cost of the audit to be borne by GFWC Illinois.

C. The Treasurer, the Headquarters Executive Secretary, Meetings and Convention Treasurer, Fund Raising Chairmen, Treasurer of the Junior Organization and all others who handle GFWC Illinois funds shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine, the cost of the bond to be borne by GFWC Illinois.

RATIONALE: The title of this position is changing.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 2. CANDIDACY - Page 33

A. Eligibility

3. Insert a new sentence: “Candidates for President Elect and Director Elect of Junior Clubs shall not reside in the same district.” Add a new 4. Qualified members with dual club memberships can only be a candidate for a Region Vice President’s office for the region in which they reside.

To Read:

3. There shall be no more than two candidates at a time from any District for state office. Candidates from a District may not be nominated for the same office. Candidates for President Elect and Director Elect of Junior Clubs shall not reside in the same district.

4. Qualified members with dual club memberships can only be a candidate for a region vice president’s office for the region in which they reside.

RATIONALE: to broaden the representation of the GFWC Illinois Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 2. CANDIDACY – Page 33

A. Eligibility

Add a new 5. “A member may repeat an office if there are no other eligible candidates.”

To Read:

5. A member may repeat an office if there are no other eligible candidates.

RATIONALE: to address there being no other eligible candidates willing to serve.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 3. ELECTIONS

C. Terms – Page 34

In 1. Strike “,except the Treasurer who shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year, June 1st.”

In 3. Strike “An officer shall serve only one term in the same office.” and insert a new sentence “A member may continue an office if there are no other eligible candidates.”

To Read:

1. The term of office shall be two years from the close of the annual convention at which the officers are elected, to the close of the annual convention at which their successors are elected.
2. Service as an officer for any part in excess of one year shall be considered as service for a full term.
3. A member may continue an office if there are no other eligible candidates.

RATIONALE: To comply with current practice and is addressed in Robert’s Rules.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS – Page 36

A. President

Insert “Meetings and” before “Convention”

To Read:

6. Appoint a Meetings and Convention Committee, a Historian, and a Parliamentarian to serve during her term of office.

RATIONALE: Committee name is changing.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS – Page 36

C. President Elect

4. Insert “May” before “Serve”

To Read:

4. May serve as Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee

RATIONALE: Allows another board member to serve as chairman if desired by the President.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS – Page 36

C. President Elect

7. Insert “Meetings and” before “Convention”

To Read:

7. Appoint a Meetings and Convention Vice Chairman.

RATIONALE: Consistency with the name of the committee.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS – Page 36

D. Vice Presidents

In the first sentence insert “Committee” after “Membership”

To Read:

Each one of the three Vice Presidents, in consultation with the incoming President, shall become either the chairman of Communications and Public Relations, Leadership, or Membership Committee.

RATIONALE: Consistency with the name of the committee.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. VOTING MEMBERSHIP- Page 38

Insert “and members” after “Chairman” and strike “, and the Convention Committee Officer” in the first sentence.

Add, after the first sentence, “The Junior representatives will only have a vote on the Junior Board of Directors.”

To Read:

The voting members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the Elected Officers, District Presidents, Chairmen and members of Community Service Programs, Standing and Special Committees. The junior representatives will only have a vote on the Junior Board of Directors. The number of voting and non-voting members of the Board of Directors shall not exceed the number of sixty as designated in the amended Articles of Incorporation.

RATIONALE: All committee members will have a vote on either the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors or GFWC Illinois Junior Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6. MEETINGS – Page 40

Letter the first paragraph A. and insert a new B.

To Read:

A. At least four Board of Directors’ meetings per administration shall be held, one immediately prior to each annual convention. Written notice of all meetings shall be sent to every Board member at least ten days before the date of the meeting. If a post convention Board meeting is to be called, notice shall be given in the Call of the Convention, and announcement made from the floor of the convention.

B. In the case of urgency, the Executive Committee or Board of Directors may meet and vote via email, telephone conference or other electronic means. The President will schedule the e-meetings and establish a quorum of 51% of either the Executive Committee or Board of Directors. At the request of the President, the Parliamentarian shall serve as teller in case of any ballot/electronic vote. Such vote shall be ratified at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: To address urgent matters requiring immediate attention without the increased cost and time of travel.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN Page 40

Add “s” after “COMMITTEE” and strike “chairmen” in the title

To Read:

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BYLAWS, CONT.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

RATIONALE: Addresses the new structure of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

A. Application Procedure – Page 40

Insert “or committee member” after “chairman”, strike “GFWC Illinois Headquarters and”, and add “or the Director Elect” after “President Elect”

To Read:

A. Application Procedure

Members desiring to be a chairman or committee member shall complete an application and return it to the President Elect or the Director Elect before December 1st of the odd numbered years.

RATIONALE: Describes the new procedure for application.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

B. Eligibility – Page 41

Insert “or committee member” after “Chairman”

To Read:

A Chairman or committee member shall be a club member.

RATIONALE: to broaden.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

B. Eligibility 1.a. – Page 41

Add “s” after “Committee”, strike “Chairmanships” and after “President Elect” add “and the Director Elect of Junior Clubs” and strike “at” and insert “by”

To Read:

a. Recommendations to fill Community Service Programs, Standing, and Special Committees shall be made to the Executive Committee by the President Elect and the Director Elect of Junior Clubs by the Spring Board Meeting in the even numbered years.

RATIONALE: Addresses procedure change.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

B. Eligibility 1. b. – Page 41

After “Chairmen” insert “and committee members”, after “Board of Directors” strike “at” and insert “by”, and strike “plurality” and add “majority”

To Read:

b. Chairmen and committee members of Community Service Programs, Standing and Special Committees shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the Spring Meeting in the even
Page 12

numbered years. Election shall be by voice vote unless there is more than one nominee for any chairmanship; then election shall be by ballot. A majority vote shall elect.

RATIONALE: Addresses change in procedure.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

B. Eligibility 1.c. – Page 41

Strike “chairmanship” and insert “committee”, strike “at” and insert “by”, strike “ratified” and insert “approved”

To Read:

c. Any committee not filled by the Board of Directors by the Spring Meeting shall be filled by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: Addresses change in procedure.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

B. Eligibility 2. Selection Procedure – Page 41

Insert “and members” after “Chairmen”

To Read:

Special Committee Chairmen and members shall be appointed by the President.

RATIONALE: Addresses change in procedure.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

C. Term – Page 41

Insert “and committee members” after “Chairmen”

To Read:

Chairmen and committee members shall take office at the close of the convention following their election.

RATIONALE: Address change in procedure.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

D. Reports – Page 41

Strike “Reports” in the title and insert “Duties of Chairmen and Committee Members”, insert “and committee members” after “chairmen, and insert a new 4. Perform other duties as assigned.

To Read:

D. Duties of Chairmen and Committee Members

Each chairman and committee member shall:

1. Keep a complete record of the work done in her community service program or committee.
2. Submit an annual report and such other reports as may be requested by the President.
3. Deliver the record and copy of reports to her successor at the close of her term of office.
4. Perform other duties as assigned.

RATIONALE: to broaden.

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Strike ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 12. VICE CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Page 41

RATIONALE: No longer the procedure or addressed elsewhere in ARTICLE VI.

ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS

Section 2. REPRESENTATION A.3. – Page 42

Insert “Meetings and” in front of “Convention” and strike “officers” and insert “members”

To Read:

3. Meetings and Convention Committee members.

RATIONALE: New name of the committee.

ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS

Section 2. REPRESENTATION - Page 42

Strike E.

RATIONALE: Every member attending convention is a voting delegate. This was approved in 2013. Therefore we will no longer offer a daily registration fee.

ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS

Section 3. NON-VOTING MEMBERS/VISITORS – Page 42

Strike “Non-Voting Members/” in the title of Section 3

Strike “A”. and re-letter B and C to A and B

To Read:

Section 3. VISITORS

A. Non-members attending Convention as a guest of a member, a personal guest of the President, or persons invited to be participants in the convention program shall be referred to as visitors.

B. Visitor badges shall be issued at registration.

RATIONALE: to reflect change in practice.

ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS

Section 4. REGISTRATION – Page 42

Under A. Strike “and nonvoting member”

To Read:

A. A registration fee shall be required of every delegate attending convention. Registration fees shall be waived for visitors.

RATIONALE: Members attending any part of convention pay a full registration fee.

ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS

Section 4. REGISTRATION - page 42

B. Strike “by 7 p.m. on the day preceding the election.” Insert “no later than one hour prior to the close of the polls.”

To Read:

B. All election credentials shall be claimed no later than one hour prior to the close of the polls.

RATIONALE: Eliminate the need to pay for hotel accommodations the night before, the need to take one more vacation day from work which could possibly result in the loss of a day’s pay, and which could severely impact the member’s job productivity.

ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS

Section 6. GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION A. – Page 43

Strike “outgoing” before “GFWC Illinois officers”

To Read:

A. The GFWC Illinois officers corresponding to the GFWC officers shall be delegates to GFWC International Convention.

RATIONALE: It is not just the outgoing officers who are delegates.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Section 2. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS – Page 43

Strike “October 1st” and insert “November 1st”, insert “Finance Committee” after “the Bylaws Committee” and before “or”

To Read:

Amendments to the Bylaws shall be proposed by the Executive Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, the Junior Executive Committee, the Bylaws Committee, Finance Committee, a district or two (2) or more clubs, and shall be sent in writing to the Bylaws Chairman by November 1st.

RATIONALE: Housekeeping. This date was changed in 2015 to November 1st. Adding the Finance Committee is needed as their main responsibility is the financial viability of the organization.

Bylaws Committee:

Elena Lipinski, Chairman

Annette Andretich-Gross

Alice Betlach

Jeanette T. Wells

Shelli Fehr

Jackie Pierce, Parliamentarian

Phyllis Skubic, Ex-officio



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RESOLUTIONS

The GFWC Illinois Resolutions Committee reviewed 5 resolutions: 3 reviewed with no change; 1 to be moved from Public issues to Homelife; 2 proposed to be amended **Bold + italics** = proposed new amendments/resolutions. ~~Strikethrough~~ = strike.

REVIEWED WITH NO CHANGE

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Adopted 2008

WHEREAS, Renewable energy resources reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign energy, are environmentally sensitive, create economic opportunities for America's farmers and rural communities, and are necessary in meeting the nation's future energy need; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports legislation to fund and expand renewable energy resources.

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

BASIC EDUCATION

Adopted 2004 – Revised 2009

WHEREAS, Many United States students are not ~~prepared~~ **academically (*academically prepared*)** to compete in a global community; and

WHEREAS, Solutions to our educational ~~problems~~ **(*challenges*)** must be addressed; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, realizing that meeting children's basic needs must begin at an early age and start in the home, urges its members to:

1. Encourage parents to work in partnership with schools and teachers,
2. Establish strong early childhood educational programs with ~~challenging~~ **(*comprehensive*)** academic curriculum for all students,
3. Establish and participate in tutoring programs and mentoring programs linking volunteers, business representatives or professionals with individual students,
4. Encourage respect, tolerance, and cooperation among the students, parents and teachers,
5. Recognize teachers who are highly qualified, well prepared and dedicated, and who display excellence in developing our youth,
6. Encourage more students to study advanced mathematics, science and foreign languages to enable them to be highly competent and competitive in the global society.

7. Work for equality of education and high standards for all students,
8. Encourage gender equity for students through gender-fair teaching and reviewing curricula and text books for gender-role stereo typing,
9. Establish or participate as tutors in programs that encourage high school drop-outs to pursue a general equivalency diploma (GED) in order to provide them with wider career opportunities, and
10. Establish scholarships for students **(*working towards their General Equivalency Diploma (GED).*)** ~~of GED classes in need of funding for testing.~~
11. Support efforts at the federal, state and local levels to reduce student-teacher ratio for the purpose of improving academic achievement
12. **(*Promote the STEAM approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.*)**

RATIONALE: to clarify

PROPOSED TO MOVE TO HOMELIFE

MASS MEDIA

Adopted 2003 - Revised 2008

WHEREAS, Printed matter, movies, internet use, music videos, radio and television programs are powerful media for transmitting to masses of people, particularly youth, new ideas, cultural and ethical values, and social attitudes; and

WHEREAS, There is widespread distribution through mass media of production which results in a desensitizing of society, even to the point of encouraging violent, sexually promiscuous, unethical and materialistic behavior, and in which youth identifies itself with such anti-social behavior; therefore

- RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs:
- Endorses a program of education of parents, educators, religious, community and civic leaders concerning their share of responsibility for teaching, particularly to youth, discrimination in the selection of printed matter, movies, music videos, video games, internet use, comic books, radio and television and wireless communication devices; and
 - Urges a program of action on a local, state, and national scale in cooperation with other organizations, with youth, and with producers and distributors of the mass media for broadening the diversity of communication, promoting productions conveying ethical, moral values and high ideals for citizenship; and
 - Urges its members to become advocates against media violence to prevent an increase in physically and verbally aggressive behavior, aggressive thoughts and aggressive emotions.
 - Urges its members to join the call to major TV networks for a voluntary return to family hour programming.

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REVIEWED WITH NO CHANGE

OUR PATRIOTIC HERITAGE

Adopted 1982 - Revised 2002

WHEREAS, GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs has consistently fostered appreciation of our patriotic heritage and encouraged the observance of American patriotism, both public and private; and

WHEREAS, The American flag stands for patriotism and love of country; and

WHEREAS, The American flag is a rallying point for Americans at a time when relentless forces wish to divide us; and

WHEREAS, For generations Americans have given their lives to preserve our flag for the freedom it represents; and

WHEREAS, The flag of the United States of American is meant to be respectfully displayed daily with an emphasis on national holidays and other special occasions; therefore

RESOLVED, GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs expresses its belief that all Americans should be reminded of our patriotic heritage and the respect due the flag of the United States of America, and urges its members and others to learn and practice proper flag etiquette and endorse the flying of our flag daily in a correct and respectful manner in their communities; and further

RESOLVED, GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs expresses its strongest objections to the improper burning of the American Flag, and to any manner of desecration of the American Flag.

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

PROSECUTION OF HATE CRIMES

Adopted – 2008

WHEREAS, The incidence of violence motivated by the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, (*gender identity*), sexual orientation, or disability of the victim poses a serious national problem; and

WHEREAS, Research indicates that hate crimes have more serious psychological effects than non-bias motivated crimes; and

WHEREAS, Federal and state authorities are responsible for prosecuting the overwhelming majority of violent crimes in the United States, including crimes motivated by bias; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports the enactment and enforcement of federal and state legislation that includes additional penalties for hate crimes.

RATIONALE: to update

GFWC Illinois Legislation/Public Policy

Resolution Committee:

Becky Weber, Chairman

Trisha Schafer

Teresa Sanford-Shipplett

Linda Valentino

Shelli Fehr

Jeanette T. Wells

Jackie Pierce, Parliamentarian

Phyllis Skubic, Ex-Officio

GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Illinois President

"LET'S MAKE CHANGE"

2017-2018

My challenge is a donation of little more than a 'penny-a-day' . . . \$4.00 to be exact. If **Every Member of Every Club** donates \$4.00, it would generate approximately a \$4,800 donation to each of these four organizations:

EASTER SEALS

ILLINOIS LEADERSHIP SEMINARS (ILS)

CHILDREN'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CRF)

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL



All funds received by April 1, 2018 will be distributed evenly to these organizations at the GFWC Illinois 123rd Annual Convention in May. The donation form was included in the Treasurer's Packet this past fall and is available on the GFWC Illinois website or by calling Headquarters. Thank you for helping to make change in the lives of others!!

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PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

1. The Convention shall be one meeting, recessing from session to session within the meeting.
2. A credential badge, signifying Delegate or Non-Voting status is required to be worn by all persons at all business sessions, workshops, and Federation sponsored activities.
3. Delegates shall be seated in the section reserved for their Districts on the Convention floor. Non-Voting Members with badges shall be seated in the sections reserved for them, seating to be based on pre-registration numbers.
4. Delegates with badges, who are members of Junior Clubs, shall be seated in the section reserved for them during the Junior Business Meeting.
5. There shall be a reserved section for State Board Members on the Convention floor.
6. Delegates shall be in their seats at the opening of the Convention, be seated at all sessions and stay for the full Convention until the close.
7. Those who are appearing on the program shall report to the Platform Hostess one-half hour before their time to appear on the program, unless otherwise noted.
8. All motions made from the floor shall be presented to the presiding officer in writing
9. A Delegate shall speak only once to a question. Debate shall be limited to two minutes per person. Debate shall be limited to ten minutes for each amendment/motion.
10. A motion shall be carried by an affirmative vote of the Delegates present and voting.
11. Printed copies of resolutions recommended by the Resolutions Committee, not included in the Call to Convention, must be in the hands of the Delegates at least six (6) hours before they are voted upon by the Convention body.
12. No materials shall be placed on the chairs at any time except those approved by the Executive Committee prior to Convention opening.
13. Hats are not to be worn on the Convention floor except for medical reasons/procedures or at the discretion of the presiding officer.
14. No food other than that provided by the Convention, will be permitted on the Convention floor.
15. Cellular phones are not to be used on the Convention floor, in workshops, during programs or meal functions. Audible ringers on cellular phones and beepers are to be turned off when you enter the Convention floor.
16. Doors will be closed at the direction of the presiding officer during business meetings. When doors are opened periodically, be seated as promptly as possible in your designated area.
17. No recording devices, may be used on the Convention floor or in workshops or during programs without the approval of the President and Executive Committee.
18. A credentials badge and meal ticket are required for admittance into the room to all food functions. Meal tickets will be collected at the tables.
19. There will be reserved banquet seating for all ticket holders. Table numbers will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.
20. Written messages may be left with the Convention Chairman
21. All official Assistants as well as the Convention Chairman and Vice Chairman will be permitted to enter and exit all Sessions as needed.

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REGISTRATION / CREDENTIALS --- Pre-Function Area

Thursday, May 17 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday, May 18 from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 19 from 8:00 am – 10:00 am

ARTS & CRAFTS ROOM --- Illinois Room

Thursday, May 17
7:00 am – 9:00 am Receiving Artwork
1:00 pm Closed for Judging
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Open for Viewing

Friday, May 18
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Open for Viewing

Saturday, May 19
8:00 am – 10:00 am Pick Up Artwork

EXHIBITORS --- Marquette Salon B

Wednesday, May 16 from 4:00-8:00 pm --- Set Up
Thursday, May 17 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday, May 18 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2018

PRE-CONVENTION SCHEDULE

10:00 am till 3:00 pm LEADS Workshops
Peoria & Bradley Rooms

4:00 pm till 5:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting
LaSalle Ballroom

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE

Immediately following the Board Meeting
Convention Committee
Executive Committee
Board of Directors
President Elect with Chairmen
Region VP with District Presidents

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Social
7:00 pm Pre-Convention Dinner
Cheminee Ballroom

“WORK LIKE A SAILOR~ PARTY LIKE A PIRATE”

Hosted by Convention Officers
Bonnie Heydorn, Chairman

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2018

SESSION I - CONVENTION OPENING

(Program Agenda is subject to change)

9:00 am – 11:00 am Marquette Salon A

Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President

Invocation Deborah J. Bach
GFWC Illinois President 2000-2002

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

National Anthem, “The Star Spangled Banner”
“Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America”
Led by Gerri Eck, Public Issues Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS

Welcome Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President
Jeanette T. Wells
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Greetings from the City of Peoria

Credentials Report Carolyn Riggs
Credentials Chairman

(DOORS CLOSE)

Convention Rules Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman

Convention Program Jackie Haddad
Convention Program Chairman

Minutes of the 122nd Annual Convention, 2017
LeeAnn Conlon, Secretary

Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes
of the 123rd Annual Convention

Greetings from GFWC Mary Ellen Brock
GFWC President Elect

(DOORS OPEN)

Reports of GFWC Illinois Executive Officers

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Recommendations from the Board of Directors

Bylaws Amendments Elena Lipinski
Bylaws Chairman

Resolutions Revisions Becky Weber
Legislation/Public Policy Chairman

Presentation of Awards and Funds Shelli Fehr
President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

WHRC / 1734 Society Diane Addante, Chairman
Donna Cross, Junior Chairman

Make a Difference Day Linda Valentino, Chairman

Public Issues Gerri Eck, Chairman
Cyndi Fulco, Junior Chairman
American Indian Center-Chicago
USO of Illinois
Fire Safety Alliance "Camp I Am Me"

****Recognition of First Time Attendees****

Announcements Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman

Closing Thought Ruth Sloot
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 1994-1996

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11:45 am Musical Prelude
Noon – 3:00 pm Cotillion Ballroom

SESSION II – OPENING LUNCHEON
“DROP ANCHOR WITH GFWC”

Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President

Luncheon Grace Marge Nelson
GFWC Illinois President 2002-2004

LUNCHEON
(DOORS CLOSE)

Memorial Service LeeAnn Conlon
GFWC Illinois Secretary

(DOORS OPEN)

Remarks Trisha Schaffer
GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Presentation of Awards / Funds Shelli Fehr
President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

Legislation Becky Weber, Chairman

Conservation Wanda Burklow, Chairman
Sandy Christofanelli, Junior Chairman
Shawnee National Forest

Education Phyllis Nightlinger, Chairman
Kim Kalafut, Junior Chairman

Door Prizes Carol Rich
Convention Vice Chairman

Announcements Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman

Closing Thought Judy Rader
Scholarship Chairman

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3:15 pm– 4:30 pm Marquette Salon A

SESSION III - BUSINESS

Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President

Bylaws Amendments Elena Lipinski
Bylaws Chairman

WORKSHOP

Panel Human / Sex Trafficking

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE
Please report 10 minutes early

5:00 District 25	5:25 District 3
5:05 District 23	5:30 District 5
5:10 District 22	5:35 District 11
5:15 District 19	6:10 Past Directors Jr Clubs
5:20 District 14/15	6:15 Past Presidents

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm Social Hour
Pre-Function Area

6:45 pm Musical Prelude

6:45 pm Processional Assembles Pre-Function Area

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Cotillion Ballroom

SESSION IV - FEDERATION BANQUET
“OUR CHILDREN...OUR PROMISE”
Hosted by Metamora-Germantown Hills JWC
Metamora Woman’s Club / Junior Woman’s Encore Club / District 17

Processional Introductions Jo Koenig
Platform Hostess/Convention Secretary

Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President

Greetings Annette Andretich-Gross
District 3 President / PCA Illinois Board President

Dinner Grace Becky Weber
PCA Illinois Board Member

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DINNER

(DOORS CLOSE)

Introduction of Guests Phyllis J. Skubic
 GFWC Illinois President
 Keynote Speaker Denise McCaffrey
 Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

(DOORS OPEN)

Presentation of Funds
GFWC Illinois State Project
'Our Promise... a Safe Place for Every Child'
 Karen Meyer, Chairman
 Allison Hale, Junior Chairman
 Karyn Charvat, Blue Ribbon Fashion Show Chairman

Presentation of Awards Shelli Fehr
 President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

GFWC Illinois State Project Karen Meyer, Chairman
 Allison Hale, Junior Chairman

Leadership Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, Chairman
 Debbie Monteith, Junior Chairman

2018 LEADS Representative Teresa Sanford-Shipplett

GFWC Signature Program / Domestic Violence
 Mary Jo Murphy, Chairman
 Allison Hale, Junior Chairman

Isabella Candee Foundation Patricia Heitman, Chairman

Door Prizes Carol Rich, Convention Vice Chairman
 Announcements Bonnie Heydorn, Convention Chairman
 Closing Thought Martha Bein
 GFWC Illinois President 2004-2006

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Reception honoring GFWC Guests President's Suite

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

7:30 am – 8:45 am LaSalle Ballroom
 Past State Board Members Breakfast Meeting

8:00 am – 9:00 am Peoria Room
 Junior Board of Directors' Meeting

9:15 am – 11:00 am Marquette Salon A

SESSION V – BUSINESS

Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
 GFWC Illinois President

Thought for the Day Natalie Garling
 GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine Editor

Credentials Report Carolyn Riggs
 Credentials Chairman

GFWC Illinois Art School Dee Lenzi, Chairman

Jennie Award Janice Perkins, Chairman

Community Improvement Program Award
 Linda Valentino, Chairman

(DOORS CLOSE)

NOMINATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2018-2020 PRESENTATION OF NOMINEES' GOALS

(DOORS OPEN)

Bylaws Amendments Elena Lipinski, Chairman

Resolutions Revisions Becky Weber, Chairman

Presentation of Awards / Funds Shelli Fehr
 President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

Home Life Mary Jane Koester, Chairman
 Ruby Feeley, Junior Chairman

Canine Companions for Independence
Winning Wheels *Brain Research*
March of Dimes

Communications/Public Relations Carol Jablonski, Chairman
 Sherena Smith, Junior Chairman

International Outreach Ruth Sloat, Chairman
 Beth Magoon, Junior Chairman

Helping Babies Breathe
Heifer International
Operation Smile
Shot@Life

Recognition of First Time Attendees

Announcements Bonnie Heydorn, Convention Chairman
 Closing Thought Karen Wrzesinski
 Director's Assistant

RECESS

11:45 am Musical Prelude

Noon-3:00 pm Cotillion Ballroom

SESSION VI – UNITY LUNCHEON “ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR THE USO”

Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
 GFWC Illinois President

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Greetings Jacquelyn Pierce
 GFWC Illinois President 1992-1994
 GFWC International President 2006-2008

Remarks Jeanette T. Wells
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Luncheon Grace Donna Cross
 WHRC Junior Chairman

LUNCHEON

Keynote Speaker Mary Ellen Brock
 GFWC President Elect

Presentation of Awards / Funds Shelli Fehr
 President Elect / Dean of Chairmen
 Loretta Revesz
 Junior Dean of Chairmen

Junior Special Projects / Advocates for Children
 Allison Hale, Chairman

Membership Alice Betlach, Chairman
 Karen Hill Davis, Junior Chairman

Unity Award Jeanette T. Wells & Phyllis J. Skubic

Junior Leadership Awards Debbie Monteith, Chairman
Junior of the Year
Outstanding Junior Service
Spark Plug Award
Lifetime Achievement

Door Prizes Carol Rich, Convention Vice Chairman
 Announcements Bonnie Heydorn, Convention Chairman
 Closing Thought Patti Kuchar, President's Assistant

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WORKSHOP

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Marquette Salon A

SESSION VII – JUNIOR BUSINESS MEETING “DESIGNING THE FUTURE”

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm Cheminee Ballroom

Call to Order Jeanette T. Wells
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Inspirational Thought Trisha Schafer
 GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America . .
 Led by Ruby D. Feeley, Junior Home Life Chairman

Junior Pledge Marie Mueller
 District 5 Director of Junior Clubs

District Roll Call Cherie Sieger
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Director Elect of Junior Clubs
 Approval of 2017 Convention Minutes

Joanne Meyer, Junior Secretary
 Appointment of committee to approve 2018 Minutes

Financial Report Erika Dobrotka, Junior Treasurer

Credentials Report Joanne Meyer, Junior Secretary

Election of Junior Officers-Dean of Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer
 Patti McNaught, Junior Credentials Chairman

Presentation of Club Awards Loretta Revesz
 Junior Dean of Chairmen

Election Results Patti McNaught, Junior Credentials Chairman

Split the Pot Drawing Amy Vicioso
 Fundraising Chairman

Closing Thought Cherie Sieger
 Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Adjournment Jeanette T. Wells
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Meet & Greet **GFWC Illinois 2018-2020 Candidates**
 5:30 - 6:15 pm Pre-Function Area

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE

Please report 10 minutes early

5:20 Junior Exec Committee	5:50 District 10
5:25 Junior Board of Directors	5:55 District 13
5:30 District 12	6:00 District 16
5:35 District 4	6:05 District 17
5:40 District 6	6:10 District 18
5:45 District 7	6:15 District 21

FUN NIGHT

“DIVA~LICIOUS NIGHT OF HOLLYWOOD GLAM”

Hosted by

Deb's Diamond Divas - Pat Heitman, President
 Amy Vicioso and Karyn Charvat, Co-Chairmen

6:30 pm Social Hour, Pre-Function Area

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Dinner, Cotillion Ballroom



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SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

7:00 am - 10:00 am **ELECTION POLLS OPEN**
Marquette Salon B

7:30 am- 8:45 am LaSalle Ballroom
Deb's Diamond Divas Breakfast Meeting

9:15 am – 11:00 am Marquette Salon A

SESSION VIII - BUSINESS

Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President

Final Credentials Report Carolyn Riggs, Chairman

Thought for the Day Wanda Burklow
Conservation Chairman

Bylaw Amendments Elena Lipinski, Chairman

Resolutions Revisions Becky Weber, Chairman

Presentation of Awards / Funds Shelli Fehr
President Elect / Dean of Chairmen

Fundraising Amy Vicioso, Chairman

Membership Recognitions Alice Betlach, Chairman
Membership Orientation
Club Membership Increase
Recruitment Recognition
Star Pins for Recruitment
25 / 50 Year Members

Arts Betty Koran, Chairman
Sue Bielenda, Junior Chairman
Pennies for Arts, Very Special Arts
"Piggy Parade"

GFWC Illinois Scholarship Judy Rader, Chairman

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) Barbara Potter, Chairman

Election Results Nancy H. Willis, Chairman

GFWC Illinois 125th Anniversary Celebration in 2019

Recognition of First Time Attendees

Announcements Bonnie Heydorn, Convention Chairman

RECESS

11:30 am Musical Prelude

11:30 Processional Assembles Pre-Function Area

11:45- 3:00 pm Cotillion Ballroom

SESSION IX – RECOGNITION LUNCHEON & INSTALLATION CEREMONIES “SAIL ON . . . NEW ADVENTURES AHEAD”

Processional Introductions Jo Koenig
Platform Hostess/Convention Secretary

Presiding Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President

Final Remarks Mary Ellen Brock
GFWC President Elect

Deb Strahanoski
GFWC 2nd Vice President

Luncheon Grace Mary Jo Murphy
GFWC Signature Program Chairman

LUNCHEON

Presentation of Funds and Recognition Shelli Fehr
President Elect / Dean of Chairmen

Recognition of New Clubs

Let's Make Change Partners
Easterseals
CRF – Children's Research Foundation
ILS – Illinois Leadership Seminars
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Juniorette Awards Karyn Charvat, Chairman
Project of the Year
Juniorette Advisor of the Year
Juniorette of the Year

Address of 2016-2018 Director Jeanette T. Wells

Address of 2016-2018 President Phyllis J. Skubic

INSTALLATION OF 2018-2020 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Trisha Schafer and Candy Godbee
Installing GFWC Illinois Junior Officers

Deb Strahanoski and Diane Addante
Installing GFWC Illinois Officers

Exchange of Pins

President Phyllis J. Skubic & Shelli Fehr

Director of Junior Clubs Jeanette T. Wells & Cherie Sieger

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Address of 2018-2020 Director Cherie Sieger

Address of 2018-2020 President Shelli Fehr

Door Prizes Carol Rich
Convention Vice Chairman

Final Announcements Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Chairman

Closing Thought Kathy Koran
District 6 President & Director’s Assistant

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” In Unison

Adjournment – Sine Die Phyllis J. Skubic
GFWC Illinois President

Immediately following the Luncheon:

Receiving Line for the 2018-2020 Executive Committees

4:00pm 2018-2020 GFWC Illinois
Executive Committee Meeting
Peoria Room

6:00pm Post-Convention Dinner Meeting
2018-2020 Board of Directors
LaSalle Ballroom



SPECIAL GUESTS & KEY NOTE SPEAKERS



Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC President Elect

A clubwoman for 40 years, GFWC President Elect Mary Ellen Brock has served as GFWC First Vice-President, GFWC New Jersey State President, GFWC New Jersey Past State President’s Club President, and North Jersey Women’s Club Treasurer. She has previously served as GFWC Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Women’s Health Program Chairman, Leadership Committee member, Membership Committee member, and Constitution and Bylaws Committee member. She was the Charter President of GFWC Shelby’s Stars. She served the GFWC Middle Atlantic Region as Parliamentarian, Finance Chairman, and Conference Chairman.

A founding member of the North Jersey Women’s Club, she has held every office and was President for eight terms. She served seven years on the GFWC New Jersey Junior State Board and 19 years on the GFWC New Jersey State Board as State President, President’s Special Project Chairman, Parliamentarian to Clubs, Elections Chairman, Resolutions Chairman, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Third Vice-President, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President, and GFWC New Jersey Legislation/Resolutions Committee member.

A member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, she served eight years as a church youth leader and a Girl Scout leader for 16 years. Mary Ellen’s troop was honored by the Governor, when all 14 Scouts received the Gold Award. Mary Ellen was appointed by three governors to the Governor’s Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Council, the Governor’s Interpersonal Youth Violence Prevention Committee, and the Governor’s Drug/Alcohol Prevention Council. The New Jersey Legislature recognized her as a “New Jersey Woman of Achievement.”

Mary Ellen is a marketing research analyst. She and her husband Barry have four children.

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SPECIAL GUESTS & KEY NOTE SPEAKERS, CONT.

Debra “Deb” Strahanoski, GFWC Second Vice President

GFWC Illinois presents Debra Strahanoski as candidate for GFWC First Vice President. Debra “Deb” Strahanoski has been a dedicated GFWC Illinois clubwoman for 29 years and is highly regarded as a mentor to many.

Deb’s boundless energy has been apparent during her Federation journey; she has served her clubs and district in various roles. She served the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors as State Project Chairman, Director of Junior Clubs 2000-2002, President Elect/Dean of Chairmen and GFWC Illinois President 2008 - 2010, and currently GFWC Illinois Protocol Chairman. Her GFWC leadership positions have included Home Life Chairman, Membership Chairman, Community Improvement Program Award Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary and helped ignite The Campaign for the Future as chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee.



Deb is a highly respected volunteer and leader with GFWC and in her community. She has served Easterseals and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois on both regional and state levels, and has been honored with the coveted Friends of Children Award by PCA Illinois.

Since 2005, Deb has been employed with Easterseals as Development Manager, managing annual fundraising activities and events for the Joliet Region. She credits much of her professional success to all she has garnered through Federation. Deb assists her husband Bill in his public accounting office, which they have owned since 1984. They have two children and two grandchildren. Her visionary leadership, extensive experience and infectious enthusiasm have inspired new and veteran members alike.

Trisha Schafer, GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Trisha Schafer has been a GFWC member for 29 years. First joining the Nebraska Federation in a General Club; as vice president in 1989/90, President, and member of a state wide Junior Club, Junior Public Relations Chair for NFWC in 1990/91.

In 1991, Trisha transferred her membership to the Princeton Junior Woman’s Club. She has served as President, Vice President, Chair of Membership, numerous committees, and each Community Service Program. She served GFWC Illinois as Director of Junior Clubs, District Director of Junior Clubs for two administrations and served the Illinois Junior Organization for 14 years.



As WHRC /Historian/1734 Society Chairman for GFWC Illinois, she challenged members to attain the Alice Ames Winter donation level of \$1,734 in 2014-15 and again in 2015-16, and they did! She served as a member of the GFWC Leadership Committee and had the privilege of presenting at three GFWC LEAD Seminars.

Within her community, Trisha served other organizations, including the McGruff Safe House Program, Red Cross Instructor and a founding member of the County States Attorney Advisory Board.

Trisha has been involved in philanthropic efforts throughout these years. She has recruited, led, and trained hundreds of volunteers and organized numerous events as well.

Trisha is employed with Freedom House as their Community Relations & Volunteer Services Manager which is a domestic violence / sexual assault agency that serves 5 counties. She champions that her qualifications for her position at Freedom House derive from her experiences gained through GFWC.

Trisha and Darren, her husband of 32 years, have 2 sons & one grandson.

Denise McCaffrey, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

Denise McCaffrey is the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois where she has worked for the past 17 years.

During her time at PCA Illinois, Denise has also held the positions of Director of Prevention Awareness and Education, and Prevention Resource Developer. Denise has worked to link together Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse Treatment and Child Welfare Services. She has designed programs and materials that address all forms of child abuse as well as strategies for prevention. She has partnered with multiple workgroups, agencies and taskforces to combat child abuse and neglect on the local, state and national levels.



Denise is an articulate spokesperson whose life and career has revolved around families, parenting and positive outcomes.

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DOOR PRIZE REQUEST



GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
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To: GFWC Illinois Clubs (General, Juniors, Junioresettes)
From: Carol Rich, Convention Vice Chairman
815-674-6951 or email cmrich77@msn.com

The 123rd Annual GFWC Illinois Convention will be held May 17-19, 2018 at the Peoria Marriott P re Marquette Hotel, Peoria, Illinois.

A welcomed tradition of GFWC Illinois is the door prizes given away during meal functions throughout convention. Your support of this tradition, by the donation of a door prize would be appreciated. Door prizes are to be a minimum of \$25. This can be a cash donation or a gift (such as a gift basket) valued at \$25 or more. To assure that proper recognition is given for your gift/donation, please complete the form below and return as indicated.

Your kind donation will be accepted at any time, but to be included in the Convention Program, please fill out the form below and send it to me by **April 15, 2018**. You can also bring your door prize donation to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting, March 2-3, 2018, at the Peoria Marriott P re Marquette. If you do not plan to attend the Spring Meeting, please deliver your door prize donation to your District President or a GFWC Illinois Board member from your district, prior to the dates noted above.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. I look forward to receiving your donation.

FOR CASH DONATIONS PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Deana Justak, GFWC Illinois, 5 East Van Buren St., Suites 208, Joliet, IL 60432

FOR GIFT DONATIONS PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Carol Rich, 15342 N 2250 East Road, Pontiac, IL 61764 or email cmrich77@msn.com

Door Prize Donation by (check one): Individual _____
Club _____
District _____

DONOR: _____
(how you want the door prize listed. i.e. name of club/district/individual)

TITLE or CLUB: _____

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT/DONATION: _____

****Make checks payable to: GFWC Illinois**

****Gift/gift basket may be brought to Convention.**

****For recognition in the convention program return by: April 15, 2018**

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HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

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**Peoria Marriott Pére Marquette
501 Main Street Peoria Illinois 61602
309.637.6500**

RATE: \$129.00 plus tax for Double / Double rooms

Reservations may be made by calling the hotel toll free at **800.228.9290** Please specify that you are with **GFWC Illinois Annual Convention (May 17-19th, 2018)** or provide the group code: **GFWR**

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2018 on or before 12 Midnight local time

All reservations need to be guaranteed to a pre-approved master account or credit card. Reservations are subject to 24 hour cancellation policy and early departure fee. Hotel Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and Check-out time is 12:00 Noon. Guests arriving before 4:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms are available. Please be aware that although an adequate block of rooms has been reserved, the availability of reservations at the group rate cannot be guaranteed if the block has been filled or the cutoff date has passed.

FLOWERS & BOUQUETS

Arrangements have been made with:

Prospect Florist

3319 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603
(309) 688-3421
prospectflorist1.com

***Please order flowers by May 8*

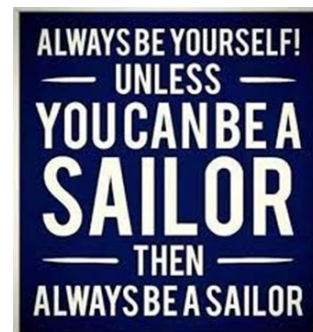


WARDROBE SUGGESTIONS

GFWC Illinois LEADS Seminar
Pre-Convention Board Meeting
Pre-Convention Dinner
Opening Luncheon

Federation Banquet
Unity Luncheon
Fun Night
Installation Luncheon

Business Casual
Business Casual
Pirate or Sailor Attire (Casual) →
Black & White/Red Accent
(For Remembrance) (Business)
Blue or Purple (Cocktail)
Red, White & Blue (Business)
Your Inner Diva (Old Hollywood Glam)
Nautical or Black & White (Business)



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DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS & EVENTS....

Past State Board Members Breakfast Meeting

Friday, May 18, 2018 / 7:30 am – 8:45 am, LaSalle Ballroom

The Past State Board Members of the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs meets only once a year at the annual State Convention. A clubwoman who has served, or is currently serving on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors is invited to attend. Join us, and meet up with old friends and make new ones too! Dues remain a very friendly \$3.00. If you have any questions please contact: Gerri Eck, President (815) 641-1285.



Diva-licious Fun Night!

Friday, May 18, 2018 / 7 - 11 pm, Cotillion Ballroom



Darling, you simply **MUST** attend the GFWC Illinois Convention Fun Night! Rumor has it that **EVERYONE** will be there and you'll definitely want to see and be seen at what is being coined the "Social Event of the Year". Cocktails at 6:30pm will be followed by a decadent dinner at 7pm, with a DIVA-licious menu exclusively created and prepared by the Hotel Chef for us, of course!

Wear your best Hollywood Glam and channel your innermost Audrey, Marilyn, Liz, Ava or whichever Hollywood Icon DIVA you choose. But choose carefully as there will be a fantastic DIVA prize for the one who is crowned the biggest DIVA of all! The night will feature the most divine games and raffles and there will even be a DJ, playing nothing but the BEST dance music all night long, so plan to join the ultimate DIVAS, Karyn Charvat and Amy Vicioso, who will serve as your DIVA-licious Hostesses for this spectacular retro **Hollywood Glam** evening!



Deb's Diamond Divas Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2018 / 7:30 am - 8:45 am, LaSalle Ballroom

GFWC Illinois Deb's Diamond Divas will hold their 6th Annual Meeting at the GFWC Illinois Convention on Saturday morning, May 19, 2018 at 7:30 am - 8:45 am. All members are invited to attend. New members are also welcome. We will be discussing our finances, electing and installing officers, and making future plans. We will also be hearing from Deb.

There will be a Breakfast Buffet consisting of fruit juices, muffins, pastries, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, oatmeal, coffee and tea. The cost per person will be \$18.00. Dues for 2018-2019 of \$30 may also be paid with your reservation form or Patti Kuchar will collect them at the Annual meeting.

Breakfast Reservation Form - \$18.00 per person

Name _____ Club _____ Dist _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Check payable to Deb's Diamond Divas - Mail to: Patti Kuchar, 180 S DeWitt, Coal City IL 60416

Hoist your sails for GFWC Illinois LEADS!

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at State Convention

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. / \$35.00

GFWC ILLINOIS LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT SKILLS SEMINAR

Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, GFWC Illinois Leadership Chairman & *Debbie Monteith*, GFWC Illinois Junior Leadership Chairman

The Leadership Education And Development Seminar is ready to help you navigate a course for new leadership adventures. Our annual GFWC IL Convention is our port of call for charting these new and exciting experiences. On Wednesday, May 16 you will have the opportunity to cast off with some proven leaders who will help you ‘make waves’ on the GFWC (Seas) right here in Illinois. This program is a highly effective training opportunity and will enhance your commitment to the mission of GFWC to not only enrich the lives of others but build your own leadership skills as well.

This year there is a new specialty on the docket. You can choose from LEADS 101 or LEADS 201. The LEADS 101 workshop will focus on the newer members or officers in the local club. The time spent will keep you from feeling like you are ‘walking the plank’. Topics covered will include: How and why an agenda is necessary; The importance of Robert’s Rules of Order; Background of GFWC; What your job is as an officer or the member’s support; How to promote your club; Pirates!... Conflict management; Sending your club’s accomplishments on to HQ and recognizing the crew for a job well done!

LEADS 201 will journey to ports for the more experienced crew who are moving up to roles on their district level or on the state board. The focus here will be: “What have I signed on for now?”; Time management; Protocol/ Parliamentary Procedure; Getting the word out (agendas, PR, social media); New ports of call...How to form a new club; The Making of a Crew; and Reporting to the Captain!

We have the opportunity to hear GFWC leaders right here in our own state, i.e., Debbie Strahanoski, GFWC 2nd Vice President, and Trisha Schafer, GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs. Plus some super leaders who captain our own state crew! This is where you and other participants can build a strong network group that not only strengthens our own volunteer organization but you as well. This training will fortify your skills, enrich your family ties and even help you in your employment position.

Set sail for LEADS 2018 with a crew from your own home area. Bring new members, club officers, district board members, and those who want to expand their horizons. The cost is minimal- only \$35 for powerful, energizing workshop and that includes your lunch. This opportunity is not one to pass up! Register on the GFWC Illinois LEADS Registration form (page 28) and mail to Teresa Sanford-Shipplett along with your \$35 check made out to GFWC Illinois. Please indicate which session you plan to attend and if you have attended a LEADS workshop previously. We will begin LEADS at 10:00 a.m. with sign in at 9:30. Join us on Wednesday, May 16 just prior to the 123rd Annual Convention in Peoria!

LEADS Registration Form



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GFWC ILLINOIS LEADS REGISTRATION FORM

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at State Convention

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. / \$35.00

Club Name _____ District _____

Member Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

List Club Activities including all chairmanships: (use additional pages as needed)

I have attended: District Meetings _____ State Meetings: _____ GFWC _____

Next year my position is: _____

I plan to participate in: LEADS 101 _____ LEADS 201 _____ / I attended LEADS before in year _____

** Applicant Signature*

**Club or District President's Signature*

*Please make checks payable to GFWC Illinois

*Please mail check and registration form to Teresa Sanford-Shipplett @ 985 170th St., Abingdon, IL 61410

*Forms and payment due April 15, 2018

We Need your Help!

We have a list of the **Junior Lifetime Achievement Award** winners from the inception through the 2008-2010 administrations. However we do not have the winners from the recent past.

If **YOU** have been awarded this in the 2010-2012, 2012-2014 or the 2014-2016 Administration please email our Junior Membership Chair, Debbie Monteith at dmonteith02@msn.com and Jeanette T. Wells at gfwc.jtw@gmail.com.

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GFWC ILLINOIS 123rd ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

MAY 17, 18 AND 19, 2018

Peoria Marriott Péré Marquette • Peoria, Illinois

Registration materials must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2018** to avoid a late fee. Please register early, as meal functions are available on a first-come first-served basis.

YOUR FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Official Convention Badge | Convention Welcome Items | Convention Program | Admission to Convention Business Sessions | Admission to the GFWC Illinois Exhibitor Area | Workshops | All Speakers and Entertainment at Convention Business Sessions

MAIL – checks payable to **GFWC ILLINOIS & Registration Form** by **APRIL 15, 2018** with your payment to:

Michelle Schultz, GFWC Illinois Treasurer
828 West Reynolds Street • Pontiac, IL 61764

MEMBER INFORMATION		FIRST TIME ATTENDEE? If so, check box: <input type="checkbox"/>	
First Name		Last Name	
Badge Name		Email Address	
General or Juniorette Club Name	District	Junior Club Name	District

REGISTRATION / CREDENTIALS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Registration / Credentials Fee : \$25.00**
- Registration must be postmarked on or before: **April 15, 2018**
- Registration / Credentials **postmarked after April 15, 2018: \$40.00.**
- Non-voting members may register for one or more days at \$15.00 per day.
- Registration fee for GFWC Illinois Past Presidents and Past GFWC Illinois Directors of Junior Clubs **will be waived**
- Members must pick- up their own credentials

Select your registration type (please select only one)

- _____ Voting General Member-\$25.00 registration fee / \$40.00 late fee
- _____ Voting Junior Member-\$25.00 registration fee / \$40.00 late fee
- _____ Voting Juniorette Member-\$25.00 registration fee / \$40.00 late fee

VOTING MEMBER • PLEASE INDICATE THE CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU SERVE • SELECT ONLY ONE

- _____ General, Junior or Juniorette Member CLUB NAME _____ DISTRICT _____
- _____ Past GFWC Illinois President
- _____ Past GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs
- _____ GFWC Illinois Executive Committee 2016-2018 OFFICE _____
- _____ GFWC Illinois Board of Directors [District President/State Chairman 2016-2018] _____
- _____ GFWC Illinois Junior Executive Committee 2016-2018 OFFICE _____
- _____ GFWC Illinois Junior Board of Directors [Chairman/District Director 2016-2018] _____

NON-VOTING MEMBERS – PLEASE SPECIFY DAY(S) ATTENDING:

- _____ 1st Day, May 17th _____ 2nd Day, May 18th _____ 3rd Day, May 19th _____ Attending all three days
- (Non-voting members: \$15.00 per day registration fee)

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

NOTE: MEAL FUNCTIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL DELEGATES AND GFWC ILLINOIS MEMBERS WHO HAVE PURCHASED A MEAL TICKET FOR THE EVENT AND WHO HAVE A CREDENTIAL BADGE.

**** EACH MEMBER ORDERING MEAL TICKETS MUST
COMPLETE THIS MEAL RESERVATION FORM ****

NO RESERVATIONS OR REFUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1, 2018

MEAL RESERVATIONS

MEAL PRICE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018

PRE-CONVENTION DINNER \$ 35.00

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

OPENING LUNCHEON \$ 31.00

FEDERATION BANQUET \$ 48.00

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

UNITY LUNCHEON \$ 45.00

FUN NIGHT DINNER \$ 35.00

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON \$ 36.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING \$ 34.00

2018-2020 Administration

FINAL CHECKLIST

Registration Fee	\$25.00	\$ _____
Total Meal Reservations		\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$ _____

*CHECKS PAYABLE TO **GFWC ILLINOIS***

*MEAL TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE
REGISTRATION TABLE*

*REGISTRATION FEE & MEAL RESERVATIONS
POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15, 2018*

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS (Please inform us of any medical or food allergies restrictions)

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Restriction | <input type="checkbox"/> No Dairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken for pork |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken for red meat |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic | |

List Food Allergies / Medical _____

**IF YOU DID NOT CHECK A DIETARY RESTRICTION THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY
NO FOOD SUBSTITUTIONS DURING CONVENTION.**

TOGETHER OUR DREAMS SET SAIL

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CANDIDATES FOR GFWC ILLINOIS OFFICE 2018-2020

TERESA SANFORD-SHIPPLETT

CANDIDATE FOR GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT ELECT

The 14/15 District proudly nominates Teresa Sanford-Shipplett for the office of GFWC Illinois President Elect. Teresa is a 44 year member, active in her local club and at the District, State, and International level. She is currently serving Illinois as the Central Region Vice President and Internationally on the Signature Project Committee.



Her involvement could fill pages but here are a few highlights:

Locally: Every club position, currently President (again!)

District: Director of Junior Clubs / Co-President of 14/15 District /Helped combine two Districts

State: Director of Junior Clubs/several chairmanships-Junior and General

Great Lakes Region: Fund Raising Chairman/currently Informants Committee

GFWC International Board: Illinois Director of Junior Clubs, Education and Conservation Chairman

She is married to Bob. Teresa and her late husband, Craig, have three daughters with three grandchildren. Teresa (Ms. Aggie) has worked 10 years for Knox County Farm Bureau as the Ag in the Classroom Coordinator. She is involved with her community and her church. She is a dedicated and experienced candidate who wants to serve you as President Elect. She has proven her leadership capabilities and continues to grow with GFWC. Teresa wants GFWC Illinois to grow along with you.

KARYN CHARVAT

CANDIDATE FOR GFWC ILLINOIS NORTHERN REGION VICE PRESIDENT

District 5 proudly endorses Karyn Charvat for GFWC IL Vice President Northern Region. Karyn joined the Joliet Junior Woman's Club in 2002 and held several board positions, including President, as well as several advisory positions during the following ten years. In 2008, she chartered the Plainfield Junior Woman's Club, serving as Interim President, President, Corresponding Secretary and Publicity Chair. She also served as GFWC Advisor and Interim Advisor for the Plainfield Junioresettes.



In 2014, she joined the Naperville Junior Woman's Club. She served as Naperville Junioresettes Interim Advisor and Membership Co-Chair, and is the current Vice President.

Additionally, she belongs to the Joliet Encore Club and is President of the CRF Junior Woman's Club. She has been Vice President of Deb's Diamond Divas Club since 2012. She served District 11 as Director of Junior Clubs for two years and as Vice President (Membership) for four years. Between 2008 and 2018, she served on the GFWC IL Junior Board as Arts Chair, Blue Ribbon Fashion Show Chair, Dean of Chairmen, Director-Elect and Director. She currently serves as GFWC IL Junioresettes Chair and Blue Ribbon Fashion Show Chair.

She is on the GFWC Leadership Committee and is slated to be the 2018-2020 GFWC Junioresettes Chairman. She has chartered five junior clubs and five Junioresette clubs. Her energy, innovative attitude and dedication to GFWC is tireless. She will be an outstanding GFWC Illinois Vice-President.

CANDIDATE FOR GFWC ILLINOIS CENTRAL REGION VICE PRESIDENT

Since a candidate for Central Region Vice President was not verified by the December 1, 2017, deadline, nominations will be needed from the floor of the Convention. Potential candidates, please contact Nancy H. Willis (nhw31@hotmail.com) or GFWC Illinois Headquarters for required documentation needed to be nominated from the floor.



Potential candidates for ALL offices and their District Presidents are invited to attend a special candidates meeting at the Spring State Board meeting.

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CANDIDATES , CONT.

HELEN CRAUSE

CANDIDATE FOR GFWC ILLINOIS SOUTHERN REGION VICE PRESIDENT

District 22 proudly endorses Helen Crause for GFWC Illinois Southern Region Vice President. Helen's service to GFWC, the Twenty Second District and her own club, the GFWC Wood River Woman's Club has been greatly appreciated. In her own club, she has served as Treasurer and President. She is currently on the Board of Directors. In her district, Helen has served as Treasurer and President Elect. Helen served three years as District President. She presently is on the Bylaws Committee. Helen has been active on the State Board, serving three years as District President and Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. In her community, Helen has served on Traffic Commission, and Chairman of Building and Zoning Dept. She has served on Wood River's Bi-Centennial committee. Helen was instrumental in the planning of the Annual Ice Cream Social. Helen was appointed to the St. Louis Regional Authority Board representing her district and city. Helen was nominated by the Mayor of Wood River and by her club for the YWCA's Woman of Distinction. She was honored as a Woman of Distinction in 2014. Helen was recently widowed and is the proud mother of two children and two grandchildren.



ANNETTE ANDRETICH-GROSS

CANDIDATE FOR GFWC ILLINOIS TREASURER

Third District proudly endorses Annette Andretich-Gross for GFWC Illinois Treasurer. As a 45-year member and staunch supporter of GFWC, she served in many offices/chairmanships. Club Level: Public Affairs, Community Improvement, International Affairs Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President. Glenwood JWC: President. Potpourri WC: two terms, President. Past/State Junior Board Organization: two terms. District Level: President-3 terms, Treasurer-2 terms, 1st VP-Leadership, 2nd VP Membership, Fundraising, Junior Director, Served GFWC IL Jr Board-Secretary/Treasurer. Great Lakes Region Board: 2 terms. GFWC IL State Board of Directors: Convention Chairman-4 years, Clubwoman Editor-4 years, President's Special Emphasis: "Our Promise", Education, Community Improvement. She currently serves as District President. Representing GFWC IL, Annette presides as President of the Board of Directors for PCA IL-3 years; member of Board-7 years; Development Committee Chr., member of Education/Program Development Committee and Secretary. Annette spent 30 years as Administrative Assistant, Special Education Department, Crete-Monee School District 201U. Her responsibilities included reporting and tracking a \$1,500,000 reimbursement budget annually. Annette has the resources and experience needed to successfully fulfill the obligation of Treasurer and her dedication to cause, time available, and energies would be an asset to GFWC Illinois.



KAREN MEYER

CANDIDATE FOR GFWC ILLINOIS SECRETARY

Third District proudly endorses Karen Meyer for GFWC Illinois Secretary. Karen has enthusiastically served the Federation since she began her federation career 28 years ago as a member of GFWC IL Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club. Karen has served the club as President twice, Vice President twice, Education, Public Issues, Community Improvement, Women's History and Archiving, Friendship, Newsletter and Communications Chair and Work Out to Wipe Out (WOWO) project manager. In addition, she is a member of numerous other clubs including the GFWC Morgan Park Woman's Club, GFWC IL Junior Cyber Stars as President, and is currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer, GFWC IL Past District Northern Lights as President and currently serving as Treasurer. Karen served as District 3 President twice, Junior Director Pro Tem, 2nd Vice President (Membership), 2st Vice President (Leadership), and currently as Reporting Chair. She has served on the State Level as Education Chair, Northern Region Vice President, Treasurer, Public Issues Chair and currently as Our Promise a Safe Place for Every Child Chair. Professionally, Karen has worked for IBM for 44 years providing mainframe software support, database support, programming and training on mainframe computers. Currently she is the Worldwide Sales and Technical Sales Skills Enablement Lead managing employee and Business Partner training portfolios for IBM Systems Storage and Software Defined Systems. Third District proudly endorses Karen Meyer for the office of Secretary and feel that her dedication, experience, leadership and time management abilities will continue to be an asset to GFWC Illinois.



CANDIDATES, CONT.

LORETTA REVESZ

CANDIDATE FOR GFWC ILLINOIS DIRECTOR ELECT OF JUNIOR CLUBS

GFWC Illinois District 11 proudly endorses Loretta Revesz's candidacy for GFWC Illinois Director Elect of Junior Clubs for 2018-2020. Loretta is extremely dedicated to GFWC and has held numerous positions at the State, District and Club Levels.



On the State level, Loretta has held the offices of Junior Arts Chairman (2010-2012), Junior Treasurer for two terms (2012-2014 and 2014-2016), and is the current Dean of Chairman (2016-2018). Loretta was also honored to be the Illinois LEADS Candidate in 2015 to National Convention. Loretta has also served on the District 11 Board twice. First, Loretta was the Communications and Public Relations Chairman (2014-2016) and she is the current Public Issues Chairman (2016-2018).

Besides holding offices at the State and District levels, Loretta has been exceptionally involved in leadership of her club, Elgin Junior Woman's Club. Loretta was Secretary (2008-2010), President Elect (2010-2012), President (2012-2014) and Membership Director (2014-2016). She is currently President Elect (2016-2018).

In addition to her active club participation, Loretta is a wife, mother, grandmother, Procurement Manager for Siemens Building Technologies, lector and eucharistic minister at her church, and a member of Elgin's Planning and Zoning Commission. Please vote for Loretta Revesz for GFWC Illinois Director Elect of Junior Clubs.



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WHRC DONOR CHALLENGE / 1734 SOCIETY

Diane Addante, Chairman & Donna Cross, Junior Chairman



REMINDER: We would like to have 50 club/member “Friends of WHRC” from Illinois. A donation of \$30 will help accomplish this. Donations are made through the GFWC Marketplace. As with our 1734 Challenge last year, please communicate with Diane Addante or Donna Cross when you have signed up as a Friend. Deadline for our purposes is 4/15/18. All “Friends of WHRC” will receive a token of appreciation and those who attend GFWC Illinois Convention in Peoria will be entered into a prize drawing for a fabulous gift to be awarded at Convention. Your donation helps the WHRC engage in outreach activities, preserve and catalog the center’s multimedia collections, build the research library collection and offer internships and research fellowships. Thanks in advance for your support!

A recent project of the WHRC was to collect information from clubs about their involvement with the establishment of local libraries. We talk about this a lot as an important part of our history as an organization. Please go to the following online link to review the findings from the project.

http://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Library.pdf?blm_aid=0

The WHRC has a quarterly newsletter. Visit gfwc.org and scroll down to the bottom of the homepage where you will see the enrollment box. Provide your email address to receive the next issue.

The WHRC is an amazing resource for programs about our history and the history of women in general. It is hoped that you will explore all the center has to offer.

GFWC 1734 Society...

We encourage members/clubs to continue supporting this fund, which ensures that our headquarters at 1734 N Street in Washington, DC will be maintained. Remember, members are cordially invited to visit and/or stay at headquarters. Call in advance to make arrangements.

GFWC Illinois Isabella Candee Foundation

It's not too late for you, your Club or your District to contribute to help anchor our GFWC Illinois with a donation. Those members, Clubs and/or Districts that contribute before April 20, 2018 will be recognized at the GFWC Illinois State Convention in May. Please consider a donation to help ‘anchor’ the future of our organization.



GFWC Illinois Isabella Candee Foundation
“Helping to Anchor the Future of GFWC Illinois”

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GFWC Illinois 123rd Annual Convention

	May 17	May 17	May 18	May 18	May 19	May 19
District	Delegates	Non Voting	Delegates	Non Voting	Delegates	Non Voting
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TOTALS						

SPECIAL DELEGATES

	May 17	May 18	May 19		May 17	May 18	May 19
Past State Presidents	___	___	___	Standing Committee Chairmen	___	___	___
Executive Committee	___	___	___	Special Committee Chairmen	___	___	___
District Presidents	___	___	___	Past State Directors of Junior Clubs	___	___	___
Community Service Program Chairmen	___	___	___	Junior Executive Committee	___	___	___
Convention Officers	___	___	___	Junior Chairmen	___	___	___
GFWC Officers	___	___	___	District Directors of Junior Clubs	___	___	___
Guests	___	___	___	TOTAL REGISTRATION	___	___	___
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COMING SOON

GFWC Illinois is in the process of merging our website with the current GFWC Illinois Junior Organization's website

The new combined website will serve all GFWC Illinois clubs and members:
General, Junior, and Juniores

We hope to have the new site ready to launch in early March.

More information will be announced this Spring.



UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES

25 & 50 YEAR MEMBER'S NAMES DUE TO HQ
'LET'S MAKE CHANGE' DONATION DEADLINE
SUNDAY, APRIL 1

21ST ANNUAL BLUE RIBBON LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW
SUNDAY, APRIL 8
(RESERVATION DEADLINE: MARCH 24)

EASTERSEALS "CELEBRATION OF GIVING" TELETHON
JOLIET REGION
SATURDAY, APRIL 14

CONVENTION MEALS & HOTEL RESERVATIONS
LEADS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION DEADLINE
SUNDAY, APRIL 15

FEDERATION DAY
TUESDAY, APRIL 24

GFWC ILLINOIS LEADS SEMINAR
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

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THURSDAY, MAY 17 - SATURDAY, MAY 19

GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
SATURDAY, JUNE 23 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27