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***“Reaching Out to Connect with GFWC!”***

at the

**124th ANNUAL GFWC ILLINOIS CONVENTION**

**May 3–4, 2019**

**Jumer's Casino & Hotel**

777 Jumer Drive, Rock Island, IL 61201

**Reservation Deadline is April 1, 2019!**



**SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE**



# CONNECTING WITH SHELLI

BY SHELLI FEHR, GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT 2018-2020

It's time for the GFWC Illinois Annual Convention! This is one of my favorite times of the year and my absolute favorite event of GFWC Illinois. Attending our state's Annual Convention has, for me, always been a time to CONNECT with fellow members, learn about state initiatives, and celebrate accomplishments. This year is even more awesome because we are celebrating 125 years as an organization (see page 12 for details) and I am pumped to be serving as your president at this momentous time!

Is your club energized and bursting at the seams with ideas and new members? Would you like it to be? If you answered yes to either question, then your attendance at

State Convention is a must, and especially at the platform workshop, "It's All about Connections, Your Avenue to Success!" This presentation will focus on strengthening your club with ideas that work for gaining and keeping members, finding leaders, and getting recognition within your community. You don't want to miss it!

So join me, REACH OUT to your fellow clubwomen and CONNECT to them by attending State Convention. It promises to be an invigorating and fun-filled event! ■



## NEWS FROM THE LILY PAD

BY CHERIE SIEGER, GFWC ILLINOIS DIRECTOR OF JR. CLUBS 2018-2020



### Hoppy New Year!

Well here we are gearing up for another Convention! This year, Convention is going to be so different. I hope you plan on coming to LEADS on May 2nd. LEADS is so full of information and each year is different, with different speakers and different topics. So, if you have attended once or twice, please consider joining the future and present leaders of GFWC Illinois at LEADS once again. Make it a "social" for your club and have a group of your members attend. You will not regret it!

How did reporting go for you? I am always amazed at the accomplishments of each of the clubs after reading reports. They are always energizing for me because until you see all of your work for the year in writing, you don't really realize how much your club has accomplished. I am SO proud of all

the Junior Clubs, the Junioresettes, and the Women's Clubs. You all do so much for your community and beyond.

I am so looking forward to this year's Convention at Jumer's in Rock Island. It is a fun venue and it will be a fun time!!!

Remember - I am here for you - to help you with your club or your district or your own personal growth with GFWC Illinois. I want to make your experience in GFWC a good one. I would like to see many of you step up to Junior Board positions in the next administration and I am here to help you see yourself in a leadership role with GFWC Illinois.

So, hop on over to Jumer's in May. Shelli and I promise it will be an UnFROGettable time! ■



## MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - RENEE SUPER!



We welcome Renee Super as our new Executive Secretary at our headquarters in Joliet. Renee has been married to her husband David for 19 years, and is a mother of five (four girls & one boy) with five grandsons. She has been a member of the Coal City Junior Woman's Club since 2014. During that time she has been very active within the club, being Treasurer for two years and currently holding the position of Vice President. She is also active in her son's Boy Scout Troop and holds the position of Committee Chair. She enjoys volunteering and helping to better her community. Renee said, "Joining the Coal City Junior Woman's Club and being a part of GFWC has provided me with a strong core of fantastic strong women, who in turn have made me a better person." Welcome, Renee! ■

# GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PREVENT CHILD ABUSE ILLINOIS PROUDLY PRESENTS

## 22nd ANNUAL GFWC ILLINOIS BLUE RIBBON FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019 | DRURY LANE THEATRE & CONFERENCE CENTER  
100 DRURY LANE, OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL 60181

### TICKETS

\$45 | Adults

\$20 | Children 12 or under

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11:00 a.m. | Doors open
- 12:00 p.m. | Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. | Fashion Show



This year, the Blue Ribbon Fashion Show moves back to a favorite venue from the past, **DRURY LANE!** And with the show being produced by **Zzazz Productions**, you won't want to miss it! Get your tables together today for an afternoon of friendship and fashion as we raise funds for our longtime partner, **Prevent Child Abuse Illinois**. We will also be honoring the memory of our dear **Jackie Haddad**, 2019 GFWC IL Blue Ribbon Fashion Show Chairman, whose commitment and passion for helping children was unrivaled. So please plan to join us for this very special GFWC IL event. ■

### RESERVATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT \$45 EACH (Adult) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT \$20 EACH (Children 12 and under) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT PLEASE ACCEPT THIS MONETARY DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to GFWC Illinois | Mail to Mary Jo Murphy, 30W025 Laurel Court, Warrenville, IL 60555**  
**RESERVATION DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2019**

Please include preferred seating requests with this form and the committee will do its best to accommodate.

#### GFWC ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President:** Shelli Fehr  
**Director of Junior Clubs:** Cherie Sieger  
**President Elect:** Teresa Sanford-Shipplett  
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STORIES & PHOTOS FOR  
THE NEXT ISSUE OF  
THE CLUBWOMAN  
IS APRIL 15, 2019**

# CONVENTION 2019 | REACH OUT TO LEARN & ENJOY!

The 124th GFWC Illinois Convention will be here before you know it! We are delighted to offer a new location – Jumer’s Casino & Hotel in Rock Island. This compact hotel and casino is conveniently located, easy to find and offers free parking!

Convention promises to be filled with fun, friendship, guest speakers, entertainment, awards, pertinent information and delicious food!

Members are offered a LEADS Workshop on Thursday morning, May 2nd, followed by a State Board Meeting in the afternoon. We begin our celebrations with a tailgate-themed dinner in the evening. Wear your favorite team’s jersey, shirt or colors, whether it’s a professional team (Cubs, Sox, Cardinals, Bears, Bulls, Blues, Black Hawks, etc.) or a college or high school team. Go Team! There will be surprises you won’t want to miss!

Friday morning begins with a Past State Board Members Breakfast. The actual Convention begins Friday morning with business, speakers and awards. Friday afternoon will feature awards and a platform workshop, “It’s All About Connections, Your Avenue to Success.” Friday night is the kickoff to the GFWC Illinois 125th Anniversary Celebration. Saturday begins with Deb’s Diamond Divas Breakfast followed by the Unity Luncheon, awards and the Junior business session.

This Convention has been condensed into two actual days that are jam-packed, so please come to learn and enjoy. Reach out to your members and encourage them to come with you. Let’s celebrate our good work and outstanding accomplishments at Jumer’s Casino & Hotel in Rock Island. It’s time to celebrate! ■

Carol Rich  
Convention Chairman

## CONVENTION 2019 | HOTEL INFORMATION



### JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL

777 Jumer Drive, Rock Island, IL 61201

#### ROOM RATES:

**\$99.99 plus tax** (King or Queen on May 1 or 2, 2019)

**\$129.99 plus tax** (King or Queen on May 3, 2019)

Rooms have either one king bed or two queen beds.

#### RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONE OF TWO WAYS:

Call the hotel at **1-800-756-4600** and select option 1 for reservations. Identify yourself as **group code SGFOWC5**.

Or book online at <http://www.jumerscasinohotel.com>. Click on hotel and enter arrival and departure dates. Select “group” in the code type and enter **group code SGFOWC5** (not caps sensitive) in the “Code/Promo Code” text field. Then click rates. The group block name should show up with room types available below.

Should guests encounter issues or have questions, they can contact on-site operators at (309) 756-4600, option 2.

**BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 1, 2019 TO GUARANTEE RATES AND AVAILABILITY.**

Calls and online bookings MUST be done by midnight on April 1 to guarantee these rates.

Check-in is at 4:00 p.m. | Check-out is at 11:00 a.m.

**SEE YOU IN ROCK ISLAND!**





# CONVENTION 2019 | REGISTRATION FORM



## GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS 124th ANNUAL CONVENTION

**May 3-4, 2019 | Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island, Illinois**

Mail this registration form by **APRIL 1, 2019** with your payment (checks payable to **GFWC Illinois**) to:  
**Michelle Schultz, GFWC Illinois Convention Treasurer | 828 W. Reynolds St., Pontiac, IL 61764**

### MEMBER/CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name	Badge Name
Club Name	District Check here if you belong to a Junior Club <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address	City, State, ZIP
E-Mail Address	Best Phone Number to Call

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Registration must be postmarked on or before APRIL 1, 2019 to avoid a late fee.** Meal functions are first-come first-served.
- **ALL** attendees must pay a registration fee of \$25. Late registrations pay \$40 if postmarked after April 1, 2019.
- Registration fee for GFWC Illinois Past State Presidents and Past State Directors of Junior Clubs is waived.

### PLEASE INDICATE IN WHAT CAPACITY YOU ARE VOTING (select only one)

- Club Delegate
- Past GFWC Illinois State President
- Past GFWC Illinois State Director of Junior Clubs
- 2018-20 GFWC IL Executive Committee Office \_\_\_\_\_
- 2018-20 GFWC IL Board of Directors District President/Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 2018-20 GFWC IL Junior Executive Committee Office \_\_\_\_\_
- 2018-20 GFWC IL Junior Board of Directors District DJC/Committee \_\_\_\_\_

### SELECT REGISTRATION & MEALS

<b>LEADS WORKSHOP</b>   Thursday, May 2, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (No Convention Registration Fee required if <b>ONLY</b> attending LEADS)	\$30.00	\$ _____
<b>CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE (if BEFORE April 1, 2019)</b>	\$25.00 (required)	\$ _____
<b>FUN NIGHT</b>   Thursday, May 2, 6:30-10:30 p.m.	\$28.00	\$ _____
<b>PAST STATE BOARD MEMBERS BREAKFAST</b>   Friday, May 3, 7:00-8:30 a.m.	\$23.00	\$ _____
<b>OPENING LUNCHEON</b>   Friday, May 3, 12:30-2:00 p.m.	\$21.00	\$ _____
<b>125th ANNIVERSARY GALA</b>   Friday, May 3, 6:30-10:00 p.m. Choose One: Prime Rib or Salmon	\$30.00	\$ _____
<b>DEB'S DIAMOND DIVAS BREAKFAST</b>   Saturday, May 4, 7:00-8:30 a.m.	\$18.00	\$ _____
<b>UNITY LUNCHEON</b>   Saturday, May 4, 12:00-3:00 p.m.	\$24.00	\$ _____
<b>LATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE</b>   Required AFTER APRIL 1, 2019	\$40.00	\$ _____
<b>LATE MEAL REGISTRATION FEE</b>   Required AFTER APRIL 1, 2019	\$10.00/meal	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>		\$ _____

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

- Vegetarian  Gluten Free  Chicken for Beef  Diabetic  No Dairy
- List Food Allergies/Medical \_\_\_\_\_

**\*There are absolutely no food or meal substitutions during convention if no restrictions are checked.\***

# GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

## 124th ANNUAL CONVENTION

### JUMER'S CASINO & HOTEL, ROCK ISLAND | MAY 3-4, 2019

## “Reaching Out to Connect with GFWC!”

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

#### CREENTIALS | Prefunction Area

Thursday, May 2 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
 Friday, May 3 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, May 4 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.



#### INFORMATION DESK | Prefunction Area

Thursday, May 2 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
 Friday, May 3 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, May 4 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

#### EXHIBITORS | Salon BC

Thursday, May 2 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
 Friday, May 3 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, May 4 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

#### ARTS & CRAFTS | Salon A

Friday, May 3 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, May 4 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.



#### PRECONVENTION ACTIVITIES | Thursday, May 2

10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	LEADS	Salon A
4:00–5:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Salon A
6:00–6:30 p.m.	Board Photographs	Prefunction
5:30–6:30 p.m.	Social Hour	Fire Pit Patio
6:30–10:30 p.m.	Fun Night: “ <i>Tailgating the Night Away</i> ”	Fire Pit Patio

#### TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE | Friday, May 3

7:00–8:30 a.m.	Past State Board Members Breakfast	DJ’s Steakhouse
9:00–11:00 a.m.	<b>General Session I</b> — Convention Opening Memorial Service, Past GFWC Illinois President Nancy Willis	Salon D
12:30–2:00 p.m.	<b>General Session II</b> — Opening Luncheon “ <i>Connecting to GFWC</i> ”	Salon AD
3:00–5:00 p.m.	<b>General Session III</b> — Business Platform Workshop: “ <i>It’s All About Connections, Your Avenue to Success</i> ”	Salon D
5:15–6:15 p.m.	Group Photographs	Prefunction Area
5:30–6:30 p.m.	Social Hour	Salon A
6:30–10:00 p.m.	<b>General Session IV</b> — 125th Anniversary Gala “ <i>A Legacy of Volunteer Service</i> ” Keynote by GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock	Salon AD

#### TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE | Saturday, May 4

7:00–8:30 a.m.	Deb’s Diamond Divas Breakfast	DJ’s Steakhouse
7:30–8:45 a.m.	Junior Board of Directors Meeting	Salon B
9:00–11:00 a.m.	<b>General Session V</b> — Business and Awards	Salon D
12:00–3:00 p.m.	<b>General Session VI</b> — Unity Luncheon “ <i>Unfrogettable Connections!</i> ” Speakers: Kathleen Geiger, MSN, RN, TNS, CEN, SANE-A & Mike Coyne-Logan, Living Lands & Waters	Salon D
3:30–5:00 p.m.	Junior Business Meeting	Salon D

# CONVENTION 2019 | KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

## MARY ELLEN BROCK | GFWC PRESIDENT

Mary Ellen Brock is currently serving as the GFWC International President and has previously held the positions of GFWC President-elect, GFWC First Vice-President, GFWC Second Vice-President, GFWC Secretary, GFWC Treasurer and GFWC Women's Health Chairman. She has also been a member of the GFWC Leadership Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Membership Committee. She is a past president of the GFWC/NJSFWC Past State Presidents' Club and Treasurer of the North Jersey Women's Club.

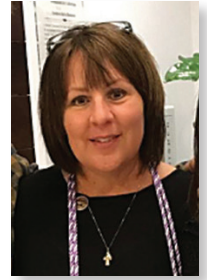


She served as President of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC from 2000–2002. Prior to that, Mary Ellen served seven years on the JM State Board and 11 years on the NJSFWC State Board. Since serving as State President, she has served as NJSFWC Parliamentary Consultant to Clubs 2003–2004, NJSFWC Recording Secretary 2004–2006, and NJSFWC Special State Project Chairman 2006–2008, proving that you can teach an old dog new tricks.

Mary Ellen and her husband, Barry, have four children who by virtue of their existence have involved their parents in PTA, youth group, scouts and various school fundraising activities. She is a marketing research analyst. ■

## KATHLEEN GEIGER | MSN, RN, TNS, CEN, SANE-A

Kathy has over 20 years of experience as an emergency room nurse and is a Nationally Certified Emergency Nurse and a Trauma Nurse Specialist. She has been actively involved in awareness and education about abuse for healthcare workers, paramedics, law enforcement officials, communities and schools. Kathy has been a practicing Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) since 2003. She became a nationally certified SANE-A by the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) in 2010. She is currently the Trauma/SANE Coordinator at Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers in Morris, IL. After deciding to return to school in her 50's, Kathy received her Master's degree in Nursing Administration in December 2017. Kathy's thesis involved developing an Awareness and Education Program for Paramedic Students on Human Trafficking. Kathy is determined to use continuing education from the IAFN, Illinois Attorney General's office, and her forensic peer relationships to provide the best care possible for her patients and promote prevention. ■



## CONVENTION 2019 | SUGGESTED DRESS

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

**LEADS** | GFWC Emblematic Wear  
**Board of Directors Meeting** | Fun Night Attire  
**Fun Night** | Favorite Sports Team Wear

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

**Opening Luncheon** | Red or Business Casual  
**125th Anniversary Gala** | Cocktail Dress

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

**Unity Luncheon** | GFWC Emblematic Wear



## CONVENTION 2019 | ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBIT

Exciting times are on the horizon for the 2019 State Arts & Crafts Exhibit. This exhibit is open to all club members in good standing who are amateurs, defined as artisans who receive no more than \$500 annually from their art or craft. Entries must be submitted by a registered Convention attendee. Each entry should include two 3" x 5" cards with the following: On one side – name, mailing address, phone number, Club name and District, category and title of entry. On the reverse side – category (indicate if item is a kit or original design) plus a brief description. Please have these cards ready when submitting your entry to the Arts & Crafts area. Items will only be accepted for judging the first day of GFWC Illinois Convention. Items do not have to win at the District level to be entered.



Entries should be picked up on the last day of the Convention. Any items left will be sent home with the entrant's District President. Certificates and ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category. All entries will be on display at the Convention. If you have further questions please contact Darla Gardner, Arts Chairman, (217) 246-2248. Let's make this the best show yet! ■

# CONVENTION 2019 | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS 2018–2019

## As recommended by the Bylaws Committee

Chairman Lois Farber, Director of Junior Clubs Cherie Sieger, President-Elect Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, Central Region Vice President Barb Potter, 12th District President Mary Lee Howard, Parliamentarian Jackie Pierce, and President Shelli Fehr, ex-officio

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#### ■ ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP, 4. RETENTION OF MEMBERSHIP

Housekeeping change—Add “Section” in front of 4.

Strike “Five” and insert “Two” to read:

“Two or more members who choose to remain a GFWC Illinois club shall have all the rights and privileges to the name and property of the club, including its funds.”

**Rationale:** In accordance with *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

#### ■ ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP, Section 6. RENEWAL

Insert a new 2. To read:

“2. To be reinstated, a club shall pay all previous years and current dues. Dues shall be based on current membership.”

Renumber 2. to 3.

**Rationale:** Clarification of procedure

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#### ■ ARTICLE IV DUES AND FINANCE, Section 2. ANNUAL DUES

D. 1. Insert “Annual” after “GFWC” and before “Convention” to read:

“Any club whose member dues have not been received by February 1st will not be eligible for representation at GFWC Annual Convention.”

**Rationale:** Clarification

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#### ■ ARTICLE IV DUES AND FINANCE, Section 3. FUNDS, A. GFWC Illinois Funds shall be: 3. Special Funds

Strike 3. and insert new 3. to read:

“3. Special Funds—GFWC and GFWC Illinois Monetary Projects, Very Special Arts, Pennies for Art, and the Scholarship Fund. Expenditures from Special Funds shall be limited to the purpose of the funds. Funds may be diverted to other projects by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, previous notice having been given.”

**Rationale:** Clarification and Redundancy (Individual scholarships are listed in the Standing Rules, pages 54 and 55. Awards are described in 4.)

#### ■ ARTICLE IV DUES AND FINANCE, Section 3. FUNDS

Strike B. and insert new B. to read:

“B. GFWC Illinois Investments—The investments as managed by Edward Jones are: Working Cash, Isabella Candee

Foundation, Scholarship Fund, 1922 Fund, Englewood Memorial Fund, and International Convention Fund.”

Re-letter B. to C.

**Rationale:** Clarification of investments for transparency

#### ■ ARTICLE IV DUES AND FINANCE, Section 4. FINANCIAL AUTHORIZATION

Insert a new B. and C. to read:

“B. The Board of Directors shall authorize the accounting firm to pay recurring bills from vendors by check or electronically.

C. When possible, all financial transactions will be conducted electronically.”

**Rationale:** Allows more flexibility for transacting business and saves money.

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#### ■ ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 3. ELECTIONS, B. Election Procedure

Strike 5. And insert a new 5. To read:

“5. If a candidate is uncontested, election shall be by voice vote. All contested races shall be elected by ballot. A plurality vote shall elect.”

**Rationale:** Expedite election process and save cost of a separate room rental for voting.

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#### ■ ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Insert a new 12. to read:

“12. Act as mentor and consultant to the Region Vice Presidents and provide guidance to them related to districts and clubs.”

**Rationale:** Establishes mentoring between the President and Region Vice Presidents and addresses strategies outlined in the GFWC Illinois Strategic Plan.

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#### ■ ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, C. President Elect

Strike 3., renumber, and insert a new 8. to read:

“8. Coordinate all annual state GFWC Award Entries by March 10 annually and assist the President in compiling the reported statistics from all GFWC Illinois Chairmen.”

**Rationale:** To conform with current procedures



# PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS | CONTINUED

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### ■ ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, D. Vice Presidents

In the description after “Vice Presidents,” strike “shall” after “President,” and insert “may” to read:

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

**Rationale:** Gives the President more flexibility in assigning chairmanships.

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### ■ ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, B. Duties

Strike 5. And renumber 6-16

**Rationale:** The 1922 fund is one of the investment funds the EC reviews annually, as noted in 2. of Duties.

### ■ ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, B. Duties, 11.

Insert “Advancements” after “Community Service Programs” to read:

“11. Approve the outline of work and any project of the Community Service Programs, Advancements, Standing, and Special Committees.”

**Rationale:** Current titles of the GFWC Areas of Work.

Add “Advancements” throughout the Bylaws, anywhere “Community Service Programs, Standing, and Special Committees” is used (under Executive Committee Duties and Board of Directors Duties).

### ■ ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 1. VOTING MEMBERSHIP

Strike “and non-voting” in the third sentence to read:

“The voting members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the Elected Officers, District Presidents, Chairmen, and members of the Community Service Programs, Advancements, Standing and Special Committees. The junior representatives will only have a vote on the Junior Board of Directors. The number of voting members of the Board of Directors shall not exceed the number of 60 as designated in the amended Articles of Incorporation.”

**Rationale:** Non-voting members are guests of the Board.

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### ■ ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 10. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Strike Section 10.

**Rationale:** The Community Service Programs are listed in the Standing Rules (page 42) and the rest of the Section will be placed in Section 11.

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### ■ ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Housekeeping—Renumber 11. to 10.

### ■ ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, ADVANCEMENT, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Insert a new beginning paragraph, to read:

“Community Service Program, Advancement, Standing, and Special Committees shall plan and promote programs of work and study which reflect the policies of GFWC and GFWC Illinois. Such programs and related projects shall be approved by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. There shall be such divisions in each Committee as deemed necessary.”

**Rationale:** Replaces wording from Section 10.

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### ■ ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS, Section 1. ANNUAL CONVENTION

Housekeeping—Reword the second sentence, strike “Magazine”, strike “by April 1” and insert “six weeks before the Annual Convention” to read:

“The Call to Convention and proposed Bylaw Amendments, Resolutions and Revisions shall be sent to the voting body of GFWC Illinois by the Headquarters Executive Secretary or included in the Convention issue of the *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman* six weeks before the Annual Convention.”

**Rationale:** Ensure members receive the Convention information with enough notice to make informed decisions.

### ■ ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS, Section 5. QUORUM

Strike “one hundred” to read:

“The quorum for the convention shall be voting members representing a majority of the districts.”

**Rationale:** Attendance at State Convention has been steadily declining and this ensures that the business of the organization can be completed.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER SEMINARS

Summer Regional Seminars will be held this year on July 13, 20 and 27. Here is the schedule:

- Southern Region | July 13 | Vandalia
- Central Region | July 20 | Eureka
- Northern Region | July 27 | Warrenville

# PAST STATE BOARD MEMBERS BREAKFAST MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019 | 7:00-8:30 a.m.

## DJ's Steakhouse

The Organization of 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. A call and registration form will be sent to all past and current members. Join us to meet up with old friends...and make new ones too! Dues remain a very friendly \$3.00.

**Questions?** Please contact Gerri Eck, President, at [gerrieck@gmail.com](mailto:gerrieck@gmail.com) or (815) 641-1285. ■



# CHILDREN'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB RAFFLE

The GFWC Illinois CRF Junior Woman's Club will be holding a raffle at the GFWC Illinois Annual Convention on May 4, 2019.

Ticket prices are:

**\$5.00 for 1 ticket OR 3 tickets for \$10.00**

The David Yurman 17-inch Petite Albion Pendant Necklace with Lapis and Diamond has a retail value of \$700!

Raffle tickets will be available at the Annual Spring District Meetings and throughout the Convention.

Proceeds will be used by Children's Research Foundation for seed money grants for research in areas of children's diseases.

**Questions?** Please contact Jo Koenig at: [jkoenig9698@gmail.com](mailto:jkoenig9698@gmail.com) or call (630) 660-7655. ■



# DEB'S DIAMOND DIVAS ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 | 7:00-8:30 a.m. | DJ's Steakhouse

The GFWC Illinois Deb's Diamond Divas will hold their 7th Annual Meeting at the GFWC Illinois Convention on Saturday morning, May 4, 2019, from 7:00-8:30 a.m. All members are invited to attend. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the club as we plan and take part in the journey of Deb Strahanoski being installed as GFWC President in 2022. We will be discussing our finances, a proposed bylaw revision and making future plans.

The breakfast will consist of cheesy scrambled eggs, seasonal fruit, miniature danishes, yogurt, bagels and cream cheese, plus coffee, tea and juice. The cost per person will be \$18.00 and the breakfast is listed with the other meals on the Convention Registration Form on page 5. Dues for 2019-2020 of \$30.00, with a potential dues increase, are payable in advance per form below or will be collected at the meeting by Treasurer Michelle Schultz.

**Deb's Diamond Divas "Spa Weekend Raffle"** will be drawn during the GFWC Illinois Convention. The 1st Place Winner will receive a Two-Night Stay at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, plus a \$600 Gift Certificate to the "Aspira Spa" at the resort. The 2nd Place Winner will receive a Simulated Diamond Necklace (a \$200 value). Tickets and additional information are available from Phyllis Skubic, 2016-2018 GFWC IL President. ■

## DUES FORM

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**Make check payable for \$30 to Deb's Diamond Divas | Mail to Michelle Schultz, 828 W. Reynolds St., Pontiac, IL 61764**

# GFWC ILLINOIS LEADERSHIP EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR REACH OUT AND CONNECT WITH LEADS!



**Thursday, May 2, 2019 | 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

Jumer's Casino & Hotel, 777 Jumer Drive, Rock Island, IL 61201

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$30**

(Register for LEADS on the Convention Registration Form on page 5, **due April 1, 2019**)



The 2019 GFWC Illinois leadership seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 2nd with registration at 9:30 a.m. LEADS is designed to build and expand your leadership skills. It is open to everyone no matter how many years you have been a member of GFWC Illinois.

'L' in LEADS represents what attendees will **LEARN** including effective ways to conduct meetings, organize events, avoid conflicts and inspire others.

'E' stands for **EDUCATION**, which is the key to becoming a better leader and gaining confidence in your abilities. Participants will discover important information about GFWC, its history, its mission, its goals and the program and project resources available.

'A' represents the **"A" TEAM** members/officers who will provide pearls of wisdom in their areas of expertise.

'D' is for **DEVELOPMENT**. This seminar will provide participants a chance to develop ways to better themselves, their members, their organizations and their own personal lives. This seminar is for YOU if you would like to improve speaking skills, time management and self-confidence.

'S' is for the **SENSATIONAL** guidance you will experience from the proven leaders of our state organization as well as GFWC International. A SCRUMPTIOUS lunch is also included in the \$30 registration fee.

This leadership training opportunity will enhance your commitment to building an even better GFWC Illinois. The Leadership Committee encourages local and district presidents, officers and chairmen, as well as new club members to participate in this informative and entertaining experience. Don't wait – register today! (**Note:** You do not need to attend Convention to attend LEADS; however, you will register on the Convention Registration Form on page 5.) **REACH OUT** and **CONNECT** with **LEADS!** ■

**QUESTIONS? Contact Dee Lenzi, GFWC IL Leadership Chairman | [deelenzi@yahoo.com](mailto:deelenzi@yahoo.com) | (217) 621-8167**

## CHECKING IN WITH **FUNDRAISING**

**W**hen the GFWC Illinois legendary team of Regina, Jessica and Beth open the doors of "You Fund, We Raise" at Convention 2019, you'll find some new items. Especially of interest to those of you dog and cat parents will be our new GFWC triangular neck scarves. (You can also purchase one for yourself if you want to be matchy, matchy.) We know neighborhood pets and their masters will be envious of our new PR tool. What a conversation starter! "What does GFWC stand for?" they'll ask... You take it from there.

We will continue to have our new GFWC long-sleeve shirts, along with the GFWC logo on the sleeve, 2-year calendars, insulated cups and more.

Make sure you stop and purchase the pins for incoming and outgoing presidents along with Shelli and Cherie's administration pins for your club members.

The Juniors will once again have their 50/50 Raffle. A beautiful COACH handbag full of goodies for the lucky winner will also be raffled off at Convention.

So, be sure you stop at the "You Fund, We Raise" shop at Convention 2019. ■



**SAVE THE DATE!** **GFWC CONVENTION | JUNE 29–JULY 1 | AUSTIN, TX**  
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# Join us at Jumer's in Rock Island for the GFWC Illinois Convention on May 3-4, 2019!



## GFWC ILLINOIS 125th ANNIVERSARY

BY PHYLLIS SKUBIC, GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT 2016-2018  
 AND GFWC ILLINOIS 125th ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN



### 125 ACTS OF SERVICE

As we begin this year of celebration, I hope your club has a project or two planned for the "125 Acts of Service." Remember, these projects can be completed throughout 2019. You will find the report form posted on the GFWC Illinois website ([gfwcillinois.org](http://gfwcillinois.org)) - one specifically for the 125 Acts of Service projects.

Every project your club chooses to do should be reported individually (using the 125 Acts of Service Report Form) and can be submitted immediately after the project, throughout this year. Final deadline for all reports is February 1, 2020. Complete details are included on the report form. EVERY project reported in this area CAN be reported next year on your club's annual reports, in whatever area they would normally fall under: Community Service Program, Advancements or Special Projects.

I'm really looking forward to reading all the outstanding projects our creative members have come up with!

### A LEGACY OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Our Anniversary celebration will kick off during our Annual Convention. Every member is invited to join us on Friday, May 3rd for our 125th Anniversary Gala, "A Legacy of Volunteer Service." Be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event as we celebrate our storied past and outstanding accomplishments.

Please consider extending an invitation to past Club and District members or officers. While they may no longer be a member, they might enjoy an evening of GFWC fellowship celebrating this milestone, in which they too played a part. Any guest (non-member) would need to complete the Convention registration form, but, as a guest, would not have to pay the Convention registration fee.

We are the pioneers of GFWC Illinois' future... Every member: past, present and future is a critical part of our "Legacy of Volunteer Service." ■

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