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CELEBRATING THE 19th AMENDMENT AND YET, SHE PERSISTED

BY DIANE ADDANTE, GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT 2014-2016



“It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union. ... Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less.”

— Susan B. Anthony

August 26, 2020 marked the 100th Anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The amendment states: “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”

From the Women’s Rights Convention at Seneca Falls, NY in 1848 to the historic action in 1920, our ancestors fought a hard-won battle, 72+ years long. They knew once voting rights were secured, other concerns could be addressed, such as rights to: custody of children in a divorce; own and inherit property; sign contracts and even serve on juries – not that special today, but the “jury of your peers” was all men at the time.



■ Suffragists marching, probably in New York City in [1915]

TIMELINE | THE MARCH TO THE VOTE

1848 | Convention on Women’s Rights in Seneca Falls, NY. The “Declaration of Sentiments,” a manifesto calling for equality, was passed.

1869 | Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony form the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA). They seek a federal constitutional amendment for suffrage.

1869 | Abolitionists Lucy Stone (a clubwoman) and Henry Blackwell found the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA). They sought to amend state constitutions to acquire the vote.

1878 | Congress forms committees to study and debate the issue. The proposal reached the Senate floor in 1886, where it was defeated.

1890 | NWSA and the AWSA merged to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA). The new organization lobbied state-by-state. In 1900, clubwoman Carrie Chapman Catt stepped up to lead the NASWA.

1913 | Illinois was the first state east of the Mississippi to give women limited voting rights.¹

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JIVE FROM THE HIVE

BY TERESA SANFORD-SHIPPLETT, GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT 2020-2022

Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go: They merely determine where you start. So though we cannot go back and make a brand new start, we can start from now and make a brand new ending!

I have visited with clubs via ZOOM and some small (physically distanced) groups. There have been several clubs that I know of that held 19th Amendment Celebrations. Some have held board meetings and club meetings via ZOOM. Please, remember to keep in contact with all your members. Believe it or not, Florida has been inducting new members and even forming new clubs because of virtual technology. WE can do this too!

The MUST DO part of this new "normal" is to connect with the internet. You can do this by checking our GFWC Illinois website, the GFWC website, and your email. It is our way of connecting with you and your members. Look for information from our chairmen.

As I close, remember to Bee Kind, Bee Thoughtful, Bee Genuine, but most of all BEE Thankful we can still "Live The Volunteer Spirit"! ■



INTRODUCING THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL EMPHASIS BEES, TREES & SEAS

By Regina Orawiec
Bees, Trees & Seas Chairman



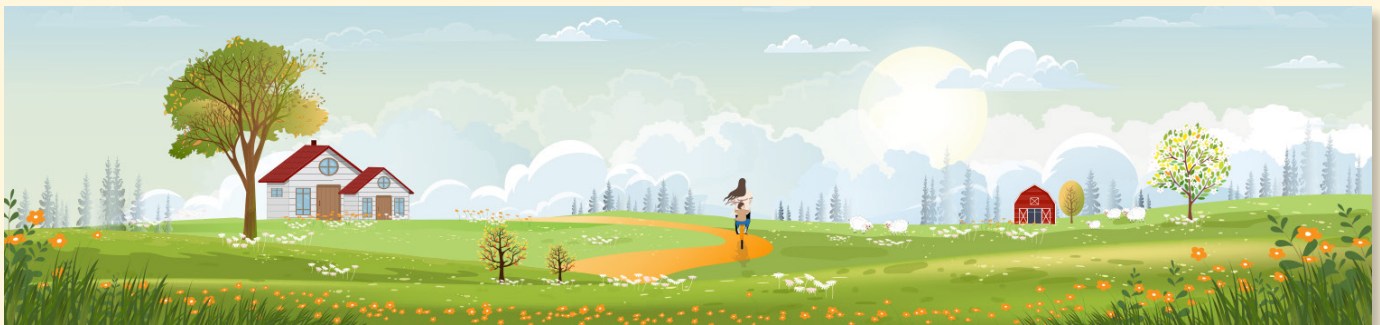
Since I joined GFWC Zion Woman's Club in 2011, after retiring from teaching elementary school, I have served as our local club president, as a district chairman, and state chairman. The best parts of all those positions were the opportunities available to do good work and meet many of you. My current position is as chairman of President Teresa Sanford-Shipplett's Special Emphasis, "Bees, Trees & Seas."

What have you been doing during this time of social distancing? Hopefully you have gotten outside and enjoyed some sort of gardening, walked in the woods, relaxed on or near water...enjoyed nature, either physically or visually. To keep this beauty bountiful, we have work to do.

■ Please keep track, along with your local club sisters, of any native planting you've done. Has anyone added a new garden bed or used organic fertilizers?

- Do you have a birdbath? Bees need water but don't want to drown, so add stones to your birdbath to give them a place to land...and change the water every few days to avoid "growing" mosquitoes!
- Fall is a great time for landscape work...when it's cooler. Keep track of any shrubs or trees that your club members plant.
- Have you joined the Arbor Day Foundation (www.arborday.org)?
- Or donated to Nature Conservancy to help plant trees (www.nature.org)?
- Are you continuing to support Living Lands and Waters (www.livinglandsandwaters.org)?
- Remember to take a bag and gloves for informal clean up when you visit any nature area.

We all need to do what we can to "help bees, plant trees, and clean seas"! Whatever you do in this regard can be reported under both Environment and "Bees, Trees & Seas." ■





SHINE ON WITH AMY

BY AMY VICIOSO, GFWC ILLINOIS DIRECTOR OF JR. CLUBS 2020-2022

Rolling with the COVID Changes...

Fall, I have always loved this time of year. You can always feel it coming in the air. The hot days of summer turn into the cool nights of fall. Nature begins to paint a wonderful canvas as leaves begin to change and the wonderful fall colors begin to emerge. Fall also means, for many of us, the beginning of a new club year. For members, this is a time to reconnect with fellow club members while welcoming prospective new members. For new Club Presidents and District Directors, this is an exciting time as you begin your Administrations.

As we all begin to start our new club year we must welcome the newest member to all of our clubs, COVID-19. Yes, COVID-19, the dreaded new member, the member that brings unprecedented change and new challenges. Fortunately for us, change is not a bad thing, and a challenge is something that can be overcome with determination, creativity and inspiration. It is with that mindset that we should embrace the challenges and changes that COVID-19 may bring.

Although we might not be able to host our club events and meetings in person, we can still have these meetings

virtually. Virtual meetings can be held with many different platforms such as: ZOOM, Google Suite, BigMarker, Microsoft Teams and many more. As you research these platforms, be sure to look at which one fits your club's needs the best. Your club size and the accessibility of your club members may determine which platform you will need. Once you have chosen the best platform, remember to have fun with these meetings. For instance, you may choose to have a fun theme for your meeting, such as a luau theme. Everyone in the meeting can be dressed in their best luau wear and drink their favorite tropical beverage. Remember to leave a little time in your meeting agenda for members to socialize. This is still an important time that will help connect current members and potential new members. Design your meeting to be fun and inspiring, while still following *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Do not let COVID-19 deter your club from staying active. We are all in this together and we all understand the changes and challenges that COVID-19 brings. Let us all work together to be the light to our communities during these challenging times. We can make a difference as we SHINE ON! ■



CHAIRMAN'S ZOOM PRESENTATION

On September 12 there will be an afternoon ZOOM presentation given by the GFWC Illinois chairmen of Community Service Programs, Advancements and Special Programs. This exciting event is **open to all members** via ZOOM from 1:00-3:00 p.m. We have included the ZOOM information below, but you **must** register in advance to receive the invitation to join the session. Go to the GFWC Illinois website (www.gfwcillinois.org) and look under "Events" to register ASAP!

Join Zoom Meeting

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kCuGIDxhu>

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GFWC INVOLVEMENT IN SUFFRAGE

It is difficult to take an organization-wide stand on issues when members have deep and varying opinions (think gun control). This was true of suffrage. Illinois' own Ellen Henrotin said in a speech as newly elected President of GFWC in 1894: "Other organizations of women represent each a single cause; the federation represents the sum and the soul of all causes."² Yet, Eva Perry Moore, GFWC President from 1908–1912, spoke at the 1906 convention of NAWSA along with Susan B. Anthony. Eva's successor, Anna Pennybacker, was a prominent women's suffrage advocate. It's been said that GFWC's endorsement of suffrage was "gradual and nuanced."³

"I never doubted that equal rights was the right direction. Most reforms, most problems are complicated. But to me there is nothing complicated about ordinary equality." — Alice Paul

At GFWC Convention in 1912, a Resolution was proposed in support of women's suffrage. The resolution was deemed "out of order." Many clubwomen supported the cause and numerous State Federations had already endorsed the proposed amendment, yet GFWC as a whole was not ready to publically support the issue.

In this incredibly progressive era, clubwomen began to adopt more civic-minded causes. Clubwomen saw it as their duty to support children, newly arrived immigrants, literacy, the arts, the environment, and more. Support for suffrage began to grow.

In 1913, clubwomen marched in the massive women's suffrage parade in Washington, D.C. The event was a turning point and shifted sentiment within GFWC.



■ Official program: Woman Suffrage Procession in Washington, D.C. on March 3, 1913



■ Inez Milholland Boissevain, wearing white cape, seated on white horse at the National American Woman Suffrage Association parade, March 3, 1913, Washington, D.C.

On the day of the parade, thousands of women—estimates vary between 5,000 and 10,000—massed at the Capitol. At the front of the parade was Inez Milholland, a pioneering suffragist who led the parade from atop a white horse. Milholland's beauty played against stereotypes of suffragists as dour spinsters. She was the perfect figurehead for the parade. Held the day before Woodrow Wilson's Inaugural, the march occupied much of the town, making Wilson's arrival in DC that day less boisterous than he expected.

At the 1914 Biennial in Chicago, the resolution to endorse suffrage was again raised. Voting was now understood as an extension of club work. With WWI looming, voting also became an urgent matter of patriotic duty. In an address to the clubwomen at this convention, Carrie Chapman Catt assured the women that voting was their highest moral and patriotic duty.



■ Carrie Chapman Catt

On June 13, 1914, GFWC passed a resolution endorsing "political equality of men and women" and the right of women to vote!

(NEARLY) FINAL MEASURES

The momentum for suffrage continued to build. The proposed amendment passed the U.S. House on May 21, 1919 and the U.S. Senate on June 4, 1919. Thirty-six states were needed for ratification. Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan were the first (Great Lakes Pride!). Within a year, 35 states ratified the amendment. One more was needed.

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CELEBRATING THE 19th AMENDMENT *Continued from page 4*

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

— Harriet Tubman

This wasn't promising. Seven southern states had already rejected the measure and Tennessee had landed at 48-48 until 23-year-old Representative Henry T. Burn stepped up to vote. He was personally opposed to suffrage. Luckily, his mother (a clubwoman) was more sensible and she had sent him a note: “Don't forget to be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt.” He listened to his mother and the rest is herstory!

The vote was cast on August 18, 1920, but ratification was certified by the U.S. Secretary of State on August 26th, making it official.



■ Help us to win the vote

That November, more than 8 million women voted for the first time. It took 64 years for the remaining 12 states to ratify the 19th Amendment.

Enforcement of voting rights for ALL women lagged behind. For Native American women, rights were enforced in 1924, Chinese American women in 1943, Japanese American women in 1952 and African American women were not fully enfranchised until the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Throughout the long and difficult struggle for their own civil rights, suffragists were satirized, laughed at, divided, attacked, libeled, lied to and callously dismissed. That they persevered without violence is a testament to their enduring strength and faith. We are truly grateful!

If you are interested in learning more about suffragists via interactive activity, visit www.suffragettes2020.com/the-painting. ■

SOURCES

¹www.suffrage2020illinois.org

²“The History of the Woman's Club Movement in America” by Mrs. J.C. Croly, 1898, Henry B. Allen & Co.

³GFWC.org/summer-2019/

Other: National Women's History Project, History.com, Americanprogress.org, WHRC Collections, Winter 2020 Newsletter by Celene Post, GFWC Public Issues Chairman



■ Three suffragists casting votes in New York City

“Men and women are like right and left hands; it doesn't make sense not to use both.”

— Jeannette Rankin

GREAT PROJECTS FROM AROUND THE STATE

GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT:
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS &
PREVENTION | **Boards of Encouragement**

**By Beck Hopkins, President
GFWC Northwest Suburban Woman's Club
District 7**

WINGS is the largest provider of domestic violence services, programs and housing in the state of Illinois. When WINGS clients leave a shelter for a safe permanent home, they pass a wall filled with hand-painted 'Encouragement Boards.' They take one of these lovingly made pieces of art with them to their new home.



■ **Therese Fuglaar,
Chairman, NWSWC
Domestic Violence
Awareness & Prevention
Committee**

In October 2019, led by Therese Fuglaar, Chairman of GFWC Northwest Suburban Woman's Club's Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Committee, 17 members armed with paintbrushes and a "we're here to paint our hearts into this" attitude gathered to paint and letter fifty 8-1/2 x 11" 'Encouragement Boards.'

Therese, who organized and led this project, also has a reputation for thriftiness.

The club donated \$50 to this project, which she stretched with the 40%-off craft store coupons she clipped every week for six weeks, to buy canvas, paint and stencils. Club members also made donations of table coverings, brushes and other art supplies.

WINGS gave Northwest Suburban a room at one of their storage facilities to do this project. The WINGS Volunteer Coordinator and one of the WINGS Shelter Managers came during the painting session to thank the Club and talk about all of the good that WINGS does in the community. ■



CELEBRATING NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**By Trisha Schafer,
GFWC Signature Program
Committee Member &
GFWC Illinois Signature
Program Chairman**



October is the month.
Purple is the color!

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month #DVAM

Intimate Partner Violence is a serious problem that has lasting and harmful effects on an individual, families and communities. What you can do: You and your club can create projects that include prevention efforts that promote healthy, respectful, nonviolent relationships. Support programs that teach safe and healthy relationship skills, engage influential adults and peers, disrupt the developmental pathways toward partner violence, create protective environments, strengthen economic support for families, support survivors to increase safety and lessen harms.

PROJECT IDEAS/EXAMPLES

- **Create a fun way to raise funds for the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarships.** Last year GFWC awarded six scholarships for \$2,500 each, as well as two special scholarships in honor of Past International President Jacquelyn Pierce.
- **Do a Facebook or Instagram campaign through October with messages and stats about domestic violence.** Use the GFWC domestic violence ribbon logo (shown below), #DVAM and create your own hashtag like "#GFWC-IL-pjwc," or anything you choose. Your club will be able to track its outreach efforts.

I KNOW you are all very creative and that your club will do something fabulous!

I can't wait to hear about the project your club has done to advocate awareness and the prevention of domestic violence this October! ■

RESOURCES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – www.cdc.gov

World Health Organization – www.who.int

National Domestic Violence Hotline – www.thehotline.org; 1-800-799-7233

National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) – www.avp.org/ncavp; or (212) 714-1141 for 24-hour assistance in English or Spanish



PCA ILLINOIS '30 FOR 30' CAMPAIGN



By Karel Volpert, GFWC Illinois 'Our Promise... A Safe Place for Every Child' Chairman

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois is celebrating its 30th Anniversary in 2020. In three decades, PCA Illinois has developed incredible partnerships, implemented evolving programs, and impacted thousands of children and families. GFWC Illinois is honored to have supported the work of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois for over 25 years.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold the Blue Ribbon Fashion Show and the PCA Illinois Conference basket raffle. Your State Project Committee has initiated an alternative fundraising project to support the vital work of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois.

Members, clubs, and districts are encouraged to donate \$30.00 in honor of the 30th Anniversary of PCA Illinois. All members, clubs, and districts contributing to the

'30 FOR 30' Campaign will receive a certificate acknowledging their participation in the project.

Please make your check payable to GFWC Illinois with '30 FOR 30' on the memo line. Send your donation with the form below to GFWC Illinois Headquarters no later than **November 30, 2020**. Donations collected in 2020 will be sent to PCA Illinois by the end of December.

The '30 FOR 30' Campaign will be continued in 2021. Donations will be sent with the Project Contribution Form to GFWC Illinois Headquarters.

Thank you for reaffirming your commitment to 'Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child.' ■

Karel Volpert, State Project Chairman
Becky Weber, PCA Representative



PCA ILLINOIS '30 FOR 30' CONTRIBUTION FORM

Member _____

Club _____ District _____

Date _____ Amount Donated _____

The state project committee is asking members, clubs and districts to donate \$30.00 to Prevent Child Abuse Illinois in honor of their 30th Anniversary. Please make your **check payable to GFWC Illinois** with '**30 FOR 30**' on the memo line.

Send your donation with this form to GFWC Illinois Headquarters, 5 E. Van Buren Street, Suite 208, Joliet, Illinois 60432, **no later than November 30, 2020**. Thank you for supporting the education programs of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois.

THE GFWC MEMBER PORTAL: ARE YOU IN?



By Deb Strahanoski, GFWC President Elect 2020-2022 & GFWC Illinois President 2008-2010

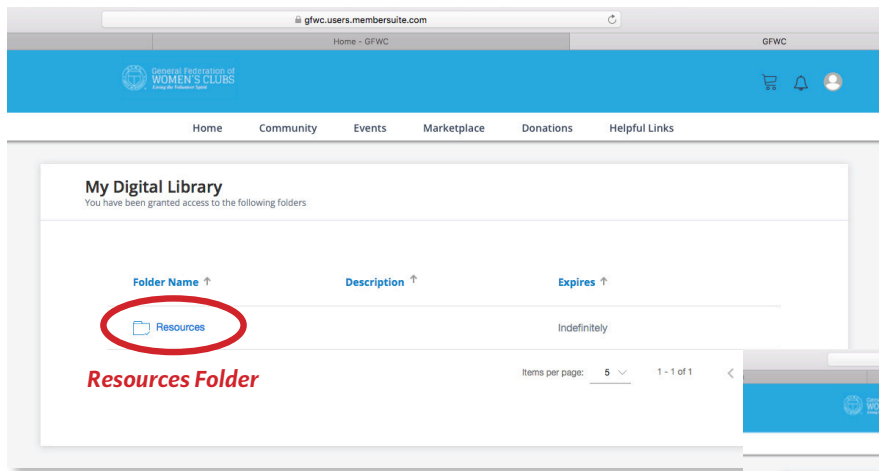
Yikes! Where did the 2020-2022 Club Manual go from the GFWC website? To secure the member-focused documents and forms, GFWC has created a members-only area of the GFWC website (www.gfwc.org). As of August 1, 2020, GFWC Resources were transferred to the member portal, which requires you to have a member login/password. It may take a few more steps to get what you are looking for, but with patience and commitment to GFWC, the process will be a piece of cake over time. The member portal protects GFWC information that pertains to you, the members of GFWC. Below is a simple guide to help you log in and to format your member profile.

- Go to the GFWC website (www.gfwc.org). In the upper right-hand corner of the home page, click on **MEMBER LOGIN**.
- A drop-down box will appear. Key in the email address you use for *GFWC News and Notes* and Legislative Action Center.
- You will receive a verification email.
- **Forgot Your Password?** You will receive instructions on how to set up a new password.

If you are having trouble with these few steps, please call GFWC Headquarters at (202) 347-3168 or email gfwc@gfwc.org.

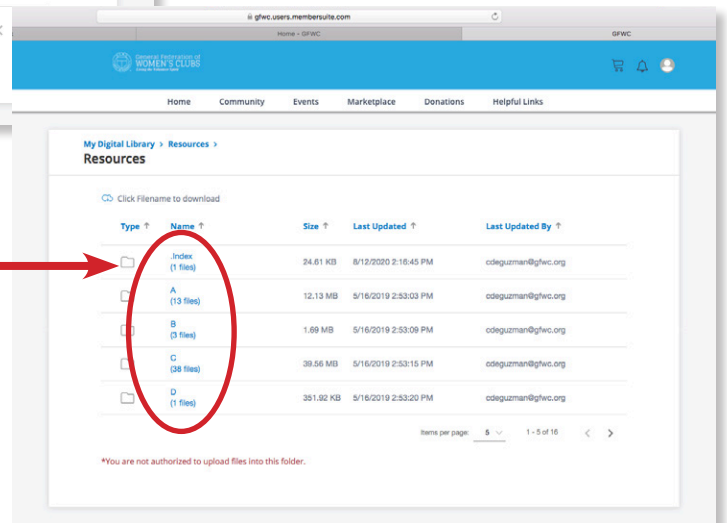
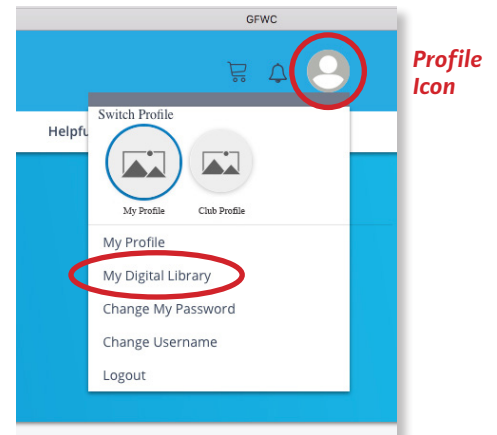
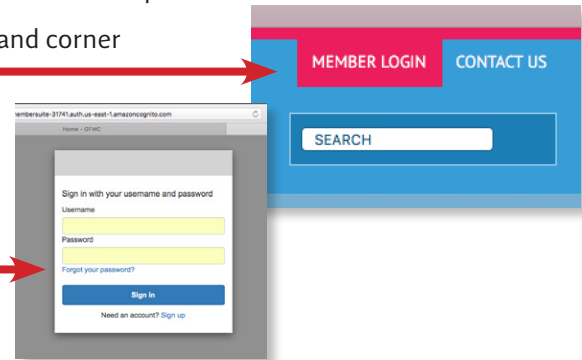
Once you are set up and logged in, input your profile information. There is a circle profile icon in the top right-hand corner of the blue bar. Click on the profile icon and a drop-down box will appear. Click on **My Digital Library**.

Click on the **Resources Folder**.



Documents and forms are in each folder. They are indexed alphabetically. Just go to the Letter you are looking for and when you click on the Letter in the name field (in blue) the documents will appear. For example, click C, you will find the **GFWC Club Manual**.

I hope you are "All In" on creating your member portal. Please know, the staff at GFWC are ready to assist in setting up your member portal. Please contact the staff at gfwc@gfwc.org or call (202) 347-3168. Thank you for your dedication to GFWC! ■



**GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS**

GFWC ILLINOIS DEB'S DIAMOND DIVAS



By Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Illinois President 2016–2018

We have just two more years until we, as members of GFWC Illinois, will host the Installation ceremony, dinner and reception for Deb Strahanoski as the 54th GFWC International President. Start making plans now to be a part of this exciting event, which will take place on Tuesday evening, June 28, 2022, in New Orleans, Louisiana. There are two ways you can support Deb and help provide the necessary funds for her June 2022 Installation and Reception: by joining Deb's Diamond Divas club or by purchasing a Diamond Diva Patron Pin.

DEB'S DIAMOND DIVAS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the GFWC Illinois Deb's Diamond Divas club is open to all Illinois members for the sole purpose of raising funds for Deb's Installation and providing support during her two years as GFWC President 2022–2024.

Annual Dues are \$35.00 and must be mailed to Michelle Schultz, Club Treasurer, before **September 15**, each year. Deb's Diamond Divas club is a member of GFWC Illinois District 11. ■

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Make check payable for **\$35.00** to **Deb's Diamond Divas** | Mail to **Michelle Schultz, 828 W. Reynolds St., Pontiac, IL 61764**

DUE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

DIAMOND DIVA PATRON PINS

This beautiful pin has silver and gold accents to reflect 'old and new' Federation Friends. It can be **purchased for \$50.00**. All proceeds will be used for the Installation and Reception of Debra A. Strahanoski, GFWC International President 2022–2024. We've already sold half of our original order – get yours soon! All Diamond Patrons will be acknowledged in the Installation Program in June 2022 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Thank you for your support! ■



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PLEASE PRINT NAME EXACTLY HOW YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR IN THE PROGRAM BOOKLET

Make check payable for **\$50.00** to **Deb's Diamond Divas** | Mail to **Phyllis Skubic, 40 W. Gordon St., Coal City IL 60416**

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

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By LeeAnn Conlon, GFWC Illinois President Elect 2020–2022 & Strategic Planning Chairman

As you have heard through newsletters and ZOOM calls, GFWC Illinois is embarking on a historical journey to reshape our organization and realign geographically. We are looking to the future to preserve our legacy of volunteer service and embrace our diversity of age, experience, and interests.

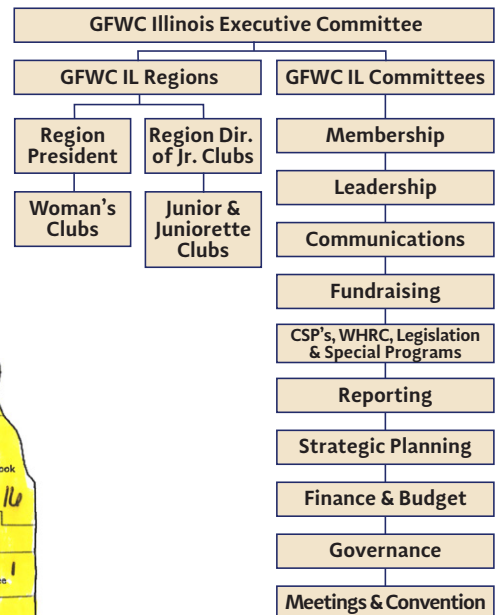
We are a much smaller organization than 25 years ago and have seen an 82% decline in membership. In addition, our annual income has been reduced from \$100,000 to \$32,000. With everyone's help and enthusiasm, we will become a stronger organization and overcome any challenges we may encounter as we progress through this journey. It is an exciting time to be a member of GFWC Illinois!

The benefits of the proposed organization are many.

- More streamlined Executive Committee and Board of Directors
- Addresses the desire for districts to combine
- Creates a larger leadership pool with a new mix of clubs in the Regions
- Focuses region leadership on club engagement and leadership development without district overhead

Our organization (as depicted at right) will be structured with one Executive Committee and one Board of Directors, supported by region leadership for all clubs with Region Presidents and Region Directors of Junior Clubs. We have eliminated the district structure to stem the tide of recycled leaders and in response to the diminished value of districts as seen through low club participation.

Over the last 25 years, we have lost 6 Districts and 10 Junior Districts with 96 associated clubs. The proposed geographic realignment (as shown on next page) has six regions throughout the state, each similar in size by the number of clubs. Apart from the North Metro Region, they are equal in size by # of members.



CURRENT ALIGNMENT

Today, 64% of our membership resides in the Northern Region with 86 clubs, 23% resides in the Central Region with 46 clubs and 13% resides in the Southern Region with 30 clubs.

Northern Region
86 Clubs
9 Districts
5 Junior Districts



Central Region
46 Clubs
5 Districts
3 Junior Districts

Southern Region
29 Clubs
3 Districts
1 Junior District



GFWC ILLINOIS
2022 STRATEGIC PLAN
OUR FUTURE DEFINED

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

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PROPOSED REGIONS	TOTAL MEMBERS	TOTAL CLUBS	WOMAN'S CLUBS		JUNIOR CLUBS		JUNIORETTE CLUBS	
			CLUBS	MEMBERS	CLUBS	MEMBERS	CLUBS	MEMBERS
North East Region Districts 4, 7, 10	580	20	16	495	2	52	2	33
North Metro Region Districts 3, 5, 6	1,125	32	15	640	15	466	2	19
North Central Region Districts 11, 12	771	29	13	452	11	267	5	56
East Central Region Districts 17, 18, 19	531	29	22	411	6	105	1	15
Southern Region Districts 22, 23, 25	532	30	27	508	2	20	1	4
West Central Region Districts 13/14, 15, 16	547	21	17	491	4	56	0	0

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

On September 12th, the General and Junior Board of Directors will be asked to approve the following motion:

The GFWC Illinois Board of Directors grants approval to the Strategic Planning Committee to submit bylaws amendments for the proposed organization structure and geographic realignment no later than November 1, 2020.

RATIONALE

Based on our current bylaws, all proposed amendments must be submitted to the Bylaws committee by November 1, 2020.

The amendments will be presented for consideration and voted on at the annual GFWC Illinois Convention in April/May 2021.

If approved, changes will be implemented and take effect for the 2022-2024 Administration.

WHAT IS NEXT

An FAQ (frequently asked questions) document has been published and will be periodically updated. Based on your feedback, several themes have emerged:

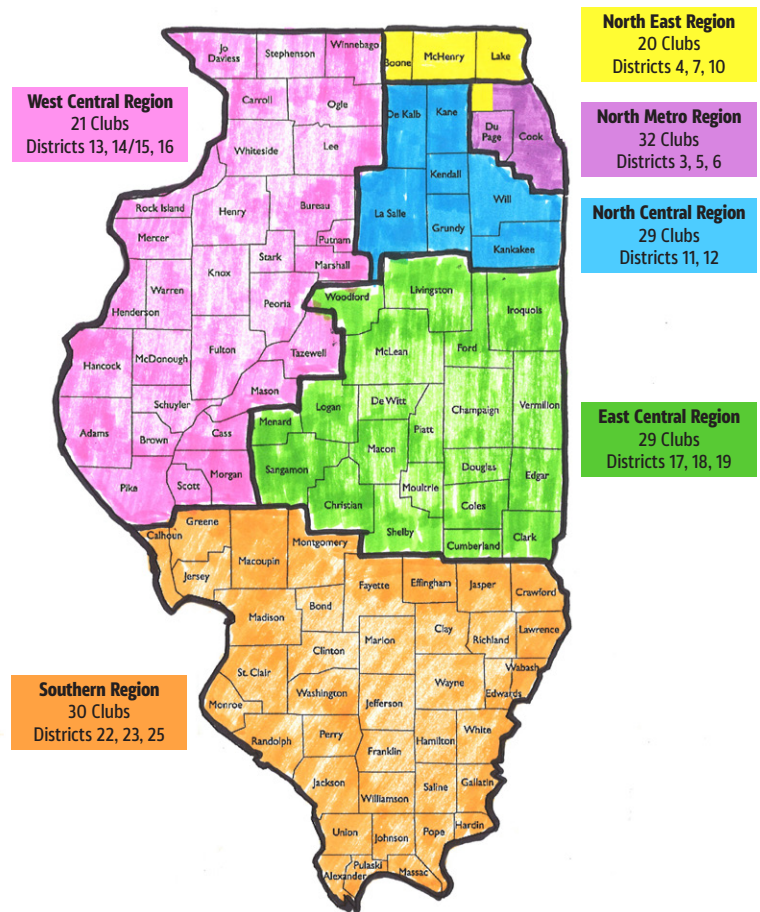
- Impact on district treasuries and the current dues structure
- Concentration of clubs in the northeastern section of the state and the new alignment of regions
- Region leadership responsibilities and process for election
- Difference between region meetings and events
- How will direct communication to clubs and individual members benefit our organization and how will that be done?

An updated communication plan with additional newsletters and ZOOM calls will be published in late September – and we will be asking for your help to participate in ongoing procedure-related discussions.

Together, we still have a lot to accomplish and we look forward to engaging members across the state to help define and strengthen our organization for the future!

If you have any questions, please contact LeeAnn Conlon at leann.conlon@aol.com. ■

PROPOSED REALIGNMENT



GFWC ILLINOIS CLUBS THAT REPORTED FOR 2019

The following is a complete list of GFWC Illinois clubs who reported for the 2019 year. We apologize that several clubs were erroneously omitted in the June issue of "The Clubwoman."

DISTRICT 3

Beverly Hills Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
Glenwood Junior Woman's Club
Lansing Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club, Inc.
Morgan Park Woman's Club, Inc.
Palos Heights Woman's Club
Palos Park Woman's Club

DISTRICT 4

Belvidere Woman's Club
Marengo Woman's Club

DISTRICT 5

Carol Stream Women's Club
Clarendon Hills Woman's Club
CRF Junior Woman's Club
Darien Woman's Club
Downer's Grove Junior Woman's Club
Glendale Height Junior Woman's Club
Jr. Past Presidents Club of 5th-6th District
Lemont Junior Woman's Club
Lisle Woman's Club
Lombard Junior Woman's Club
Lombard Service League, Inc.
Naperville Woman's Club
Wheaton Junior Woman's Club

DISTRICT 6

Argo-Summit, Bedford Park Woman's Club
Indian Head Park Woman's Club

DISTRICT 7

Franklin Park Woman's Club
Mount Prospect Woman's Club GFWC
Northwest Suburban Woman's Club (GFWC)

DISTRICT 10

Antioch Junior Woman's Club (The)
Antioch Woman's Club
Gurnee Woman's Club
Libertyville Junior Woman's Club (The)
Morton Grove Woman's Club
Past President's Club of GFWC IL Tenth District
Wauconda Woman's Club (GFWC)
Waukegan Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Zion Woman's Club

DISTRICT 11

Elgin Junior Woman's Club
Elgin Woman's Club
Fox Valley Junior Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club
Jackie's Bow Ties Club
Joliet Junior Woman's Club (GFWC)
Manhattan Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Mokena Woman's Club (The)
Oswego Junior Woman's Club
Plainfield Juniorette Club
South Elgin Juniorette (GFWC)
Woman's Club of Aurora (The)
Woman's Club of Kankakee, Illinois (GFWC)

DISTRICT 12

Coal City Junior Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Morris Woman's Club
Prairie State Woman's Club
GFWC IL Somonauk Junior Woman's Club

DISTRICT 13

Byron GFWC Woman's Club
Franklin Grove Woman's Club (GFWC)
GFWC Illinois Polo Women's Club
Thompson Woman's Club (GFWC-IL)

DISTRICT 14/15

Abingdon Junior Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Annawan-Alba Woman's Club
Geneseo Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club (GFWC)
Junior Woman's Club of Rock Island
Macomb Woman's Club (GFWC)

DISTRICT 16

East Peoria Woman's Club (GFWC)
Femmes Unir Women's Club of Bartonville
Lacon Woman's Club (GFWC)
Princeton Junior Woman's Club
Princeville Woman's Club

DISTRICT 17

Bloomington-Normal Junior Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Fairbury Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Gilman Woman's Club (The GFWC Illinois)
Junior Cyber Stars (GFWC Illinois)
Lincoln Woman's Club, Inc. (GFWC)
McLean County Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Metamora-Germantown Hills Jr. Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Metamora Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Cullom (GFWC Illinois)

DISTRICT 18

Danville-Illiana Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Fairmount Woman's Club
Fithian Woman's Club
Georgetown Ladies Community Club
Woman's Club of Bismarck (GFWC Illinois)

DISTRICT 19

Atwood GFWC Illinois Woman's Club
Cerro Gordo Woman's Club (GFWC)
Champaign-Urbana Junior Woman's Club, Inc. (The)
Decatur Woman's Club (GFWC)
Mahomet Town and Country Women's Club (The)
Newman Woman's Club, Inc.
Tuscola Woman's Club

DISTRICT 21

Brussels Woman's Club (The)

DISTRICT 22

Collinsville Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville (GFWC)
Highland Civic Woman's Club
Highland Woman's Club
Mascoutah Tuesday Woman's Club, Inc.
Nancy's Bluebirds (GFWC Illinois)
Woman's Club of Cahokia (GFWC Illinois)
Wood River Woman's Club

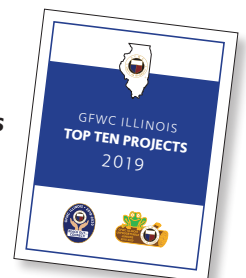
DISTRICT 23

Centralia Junior Woman's Club
Centralia Women's Club (The GFWC Illinois)
Effingham Women of Today (GFWC Illinois)
Farina Woman's Club
Mt. Carmel Woman's Club
Newton Woman's Club (GFWC)
St. Francisville Woman's Club
Vandalia Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)

DISTRICT 25

Anna Jonesboro Woman's Club
Eldorado Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)
Herrin Woman's Club (The)
Marion Woman's Club (GFWC Illinois)

A downloadable PDF of the 2019 Top Ten GFWC Illinois Projects can be found on the GFWC Illinois website at: https://gfwcillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2019-GFWC-IL-Awards-Booklet_FINAL.pdf



2020 ALL-REGION SUMMER SEMINAR VIA ZOOM!

On July 25, 2019, GFWC Illinois held its first-ever Summer Seminar meeting for all three regions via ZOOM. Despite a few minor technical glitches, the day was a huge success. Here are a few Facebook comments from the attendees:

"It was very successful and well attended! I am looking forward to more."

— TERRI TALARICO TATROE

"Great job and dedication for GFWC Illinois!"

— GERRI ECK

"Great job everyone! Smooth Sail from here on for our Tech Savvy Leaders!!!"

— PHYLLIS SKUBIC

"Was a neat event! Glad to be able to participate. Looking forward to this term!!!"

— ELAINE BUSH

"I so enjoyed taking part in our zoom meeting. Great job."

— JUDY EHLERS

"The great thing about a Zoom meeting is everyone feels like they've gotten a chance to personally get to know the leaders of the organization."

— KAREN SCHMIDT ERB

"You all did a great job and very informative. Thank you!"

— LINDA BROWNEY WIEDOWER

"Thank you to all for making this Zoom Summer Seminar successful. Congrats to all winners!"

— BETH MAGOON

"Those t shirts are so cool."

— LINDA WILHELM

"Making it work!! Go sisters!"

— SHANNON ARMSTRONG BAILEY

2020 SUMMER SEMINAR THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

By Patti Kuchar,
GFWC IL Director
Elect of Junior Clubs



From everyday accomplishments to Big Decisions,

From Acts of Kindness, to positive steps forward.

Sometimes all you really need is someone to cheer you on.

Someone to lift you up.

Someone to light your path.

Someone to Bee-Lieve in you.



WHERE CAN I FIND THE 2020 SUMMER SEMINAR BOOKLET?

The booklet from the Summer Seminar features reports from many of the CSP committees, Advancements and Special Programs, along with additional information not included in the presentations. A downloadable PDF can be found at: <https://gfwcillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-Summer-Seminar-Booklet-FINAL.pdf>



GFWC Illinois
Virtual
Summer Seminar
July 2020

WHAT WILL I FIND IN THE SUMMER SEMINAR BOOKLET?

The booklet contains reports from everybody who participated in the virtual Summer Seminar. Here you will find the 2020-2022 Administration Calendar, information about the six "Bee Challenged" Initiatives, updated information about the five Community Service Projects along with project ideas, virtual meeting safety and etiquette suggestions from the Communications & PR Committee, four reports, yes, FOUR, from the Leadership Committee, new member recruiting ideas from the Membership Committee, and so much more. Download your copy today!

HOW TO HOST AN EFFECTIVE ZOOM MEETING

By Amy Vicioso,
Director of Junior Clubs 2020–2022



You've chosen your virtual meeting platform, you have your meeting date set and you've sent your meeting invitation out. Where do you go from here? I'm sure many of us are asking this question as we start the year out with virtual meetings. Here are a few tips and reminders you should keep in mind as you conduct your ZOOM meeting.

- **AGENDA:** Make sure you send out your agenda prior to the meeting date. Sending your agenda out early will enable your members to review what will be covered in the meeting beforehand. You may also need to follow up with your presenters to make sure they have what they need for the meeting.
- **MATERIAL:** Simplify your meeting material as much as possible. Your audience will typically be a little less attentive at a virtual meeting, meaning the longer your meeting goes on, the less attentive they will become. If you have chairmen reporting, have them simplify their reports as much as possible during the actual meeting. You can always send out more detailed chairmen reports along with your agenda.
- **SOCIAL TIME:** Remember to leave time in your agenda for socializing, as this is still an important element for your club and members. You don't want members leaving the meeting feeling gyped out of telling their friends about something exciting in their life. Allow at least 15–20 minutes either before the meeting starts or after it is over for members to chitchat.
- **HOST:** In addition to sending out your agenda prior to the meeting date, delegate a host for your meeting. If you have a lot of members in attendance, delegate a few co-hosts. Hosts help answer member's questions about accessing the meeting, admit members into the meeting and also make sure members' microphones are on mute as they come into the meeting. Hosts can also help facilitate ZOOM's "Chat" feature during the meeting. You will want to encourage your members to use the "Chat" feature to talk socially and to ask any questions regarding the meeting content. Your host or co-hosts could be the members that serve on the club's Hospitality Committee.
- **ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER:** Your actual meeting will be conducted the same virtually as it would be if you were meeting in person. This means that you should adhere to *Robert's Rules of Order* just as you would at a "live" meeting. The President of the club will call the meeting to order and the meeting will get underway following the meeting's Agenda. Make sure you follow *Robert's Rules of Order* throughout the entire meeting. This is very important as you do not want to lose control of the meeting.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** There have been some questions on how to recite the Pledge of Allegiance during a virtual meeting. You may want to delegate one person to recite it and then those attending the meeting can recite it at home on their own. Make sure the person reciting has a flag they can hold. You may also use a video clip of the Pledge of Allegiance for all to watch and recite on their own. This could be fun if you delegate someone from your club to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and they send in a video of them doing so.
- **CLUB COLLECT/JUNIOR PLEDGE:** As mentioned above about the Pledge of Allegiance, the same ideas can be used to recite the Club Collect and/or the Junior Pledge.
- **MAKE IT FUN:** Have fun with your meeting and switch up what you are presenting so you don't lose your audience's interest. Maybe have a fun theme for the meeting and include an ice breaker that can be done virtually. This will help you keep your members engaged during the meeting. ■



SPOTLIGHT ON
JUNIORS

BUZZBEE'S STORY

**By Teresa Sanford-Shiplett,
GFWC Illinois President**









I'm sure many know the story, *Who Moved My Cheese* by Spenser Johnson. If you haven't read this book I suggest you do. It's a quick read and especially important in today's changing world. I am borrowing this theme with apologies to Spenser Johnson.

The scenario in this story involves Buzzbee, the honeybee. In the spring she found an early supply of nectar to feed the hive. The dandelions were their first food and so abundant. But as the seasons changed the sunny yellow dandelions began to disappear. Buzzbee was sure more would appear but less and less were popping up. Buzzbee began to fret. Without nectar there would be no honey and the hive would disappear. As the lead scout for the hive she needed to find a way to maintain a supply and keep everyone connected.

Then one day Buzzbee tried a new flight plan and a garden full of flowers was discovered. This path had never been used before and it involved flying over uncharted territory. As the leader, Buzzbee could show the others a new way to sustain their hive and make it grow.

The moral for the club year and Buzzbee is this:

-  If you do not change directions you may become extinct.
-  What would you do if you weren't afraid to try something new?
-  When you move beyond your fear, you will feel free.
-  Movement in a new direction helps sustain and grow your members.
-  The quicker you let go of the old way of thinking the sooner you will discover new paths.
-  Take a risk, BEE ready to change quickly and enjoy the new experiences ahead. ■



CELEBRATING OUR 50-YEAR MEMBERS

50-YEAR MEMBERS

DISTRICT 3

Palos Heights Woman's Club

**June Campbell
Kathleen Jurgens
Betty Radtke**



Congratulations, ladies!

Club Presidents: Please send the names of your 25- and 50-year members to the Communications & Public Relations committee so that they can be recognized in one of our communications. Email your names to: gfwcillcommunications@gmail.com

ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE KNITTING WORKSHOP

JOIN US ON

OCTOBER 10, 2020

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

The EXhibit Fine Arts Center & Gallery

315 Bedford Rd., Unit A, Morris, IL 60450

FREE instruction by award winning instructors

Learn the 3 basic stitches – cast on, knit and purl to make a stocking hat for kids, youth or adult

Join us for a fun day! **Light lunch included.**

SUPPLIES

Size 10-1/2 knitting needles, 1 skein worsted yarn, tote to hold supplies

Participation limited to 20 to allow for individual assistance. (If size of groups is limited, we may need to reduce the number.)

To register, email Mary Lee Howard at mhoward4030@sbcglobal.net



LOCKPORT WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBER CELEBRATES 75th YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP

**Submitted by Jane Passaglia, Past President,
Lockport Woman's Club**

The Lockport Woman's Club is honored to celebrate Elizabeth Anderson's remarkable 75 years of membership and service to our historic organization.

Elizabeth, a long-time Lockport resident, joined the LWC in 1945. Her reasons for joining the club at that time still ring true today: "They were focused on charitable assistance in the community with food baskets at the holidays; I always enjoyed putting the baskets together," Elizabeth remarked. Today, this tradition continues along with support for our community food pantries and many other service projects.

Elizabeth also remembers the very beginning of the Christmas Crossroads fundraising initiative, which will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this coming holiday season. Over the years, funds generated from Christmas Crossroads have supported a steadily growing number of scholarships for local high school students. This year, over \$17,000 in scholarships were awarded. What a wonderful tradition Elizabeth and the LWC began!

The role of LWC President was filled by Elizabeth from 1947 to 1948. She fondly recalls the "Charity Ball," the club's biggest fundraiser, which was held every fall at Lockport High School. Today, LWC's fall fundraiser is

Spooky Night Out, initiated just last year. Themes change, but the spirit of community support lives on.

Elizabeth also shared memories of LWC's monthly meetings, held on the second floor of the original Lockport Library, which the LWC funded and continues to support. "The club had good programs and interesting speakers and often enjoyed coffee, tea and treats on the club's china and a treasured silver tea server," Elizabeth recalled. The LWC continues to meet monthly for business, food, and interesting programs, and it still owns the silver tea set and china. But the china has been lovingly stored and meetings have moved to various local venues, where food and interesting programs are still enjoyed.

The Lockport Woman's Club is honored to celebrate Elizabeth's 75 years of active service to the community. She is surely the embodiment of our catchphrase for this year, **Proud Legacy – Promising Future.** ■



■ Lockport Woman's Club
75-year member Elizabeth
Anderson

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY | OCTOBER 24

**By Teresa Sanford-Shipplett,
GFWC Illinois President**

Bee the difference you want to see in your community. National Make a Difference Day is held the fourth Saturday in October every year. This day is designated to bring community service to a whole new level each year. Organizations, like GFWC, can join forces on the fourth Saturday in October to make a change in their own community, big or small. Unite this October to improve the lives of others.

For more than 20 years, *USA Weekend* and Points of Light sponsored National Make a Difference Day. It became the largest community service weekend. Despite the fact that they no longer promote it, the event carries on, thanks to many organizations and service groups who know that we can make a difference.

Even with COVID-19, we can do projects like:

- Collect art supplies for schools
- Supply food to food pantries
- Collect disposable diapers for shelters
- Encourage recycling in your community
- MAKE MASKS
- Donate gift cards to shelters
- Make cards for nursing homes and care centers
- Run errands for shut-ins
- Support local small businesses

Promote your club project on social media using
#MakeADifferenceDayGFWC. ■

I BEE-LIEVE WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

FOCUS ON MEMBER ENGAGEMENT



By Rose Zubick, GFWC IL Membership Team Member

Membership is the key to any organization. Members put in the time and energy necessary for success. They are the heart of every organization. Volunteer organizations such as ours depend on dedicated members and supporters to thrive. Membership retention begins the second a member joins the Club! One of the biggest factors in retention is member engagement. Now more than ever, we need to maintain our current members and recruit new members by making them feel welcome and offering plenty of opportunities to get involved. Fortunately, there are many different techniques to accomplish that!

- **Monthly newsletters or flyers** are a great way to keep the membership informed and engaged. Consider holding a ZOOM or Microsoft Teams virtual meeting.
- **Email is a great form of communication.** Send an email blast out to the membership letting them know the Club is thinking about them. For those members not so technically savvy, a good old-fashioned handwritten note or a phone call can really brighten someone's day and in this digital age is so much more memorable and meaningful.
- **Motivate your members by organizing a club project or virtual fundraiser** to keep them engaged and connected. Use social media to promote your Club and keep it up to date with current events and meeting information. Ask members to share club activities on their social media pages.
- **Be inventive.** Hold your board or club meeting outdoors. Assign a theme to the meeting to make it more fun and get members involved. Have a short musical performance to draw attendance.
- **Encourage members to reach out and promote membership in your GFWC Club.** Some people just need to be asked to join and may turn out to be your best club "go-getter" and motivator. Ask members to share your club newsletter, "like" your Facebook page or to bring a friend to meetings.

- **Recruit new members.** Create a Club brochure that includes a membership application and place them around town at City Hall, the Library or Recreation Center. Reach out to past members. Send a "win-back" email, letter or phone call to lapsed members. Ask for feedback as to reasons they left to reduce membership turnover. Does your town have a Farmer's Market? Set up a table with an eye-catching poster or banner advertising your Club and target the women shoppers.
- **Smile and say thank you.** Nothing is more welcoming than a bright smile or more rewarding than being thanked. After a successful project, consider creating a video 'thank you' from your President and board with highlights explaining why the event was successful; then post it on social media or the Club website.
- **Have fun!** Volunteering and helping your community is rewarding and fulfilling. Belonging to a club promotes socializing, builds bonds and forms long term friendships. Research shows that people who volunteer over 100 hours a year are some of the healthiest people in the U.S. Purpose and collaboration results in mental health improvements and a better outlook on life.
- **Initiate government involvement and support.** Set up a meet and greet with your Mayor and City Councilmen. Invite them to attend special club events as guests. Ask your Mayor to speak at a Club meeting. Request to be put on the Agenda to speak at a City Council meeting to promote your club and special events. Join the Chamber of Commerce and appoint a club delegate to attend meetings to promote membership.
- **Promote your club and events.** Announce meetings and events in your local paper with an open invitation to attend. If your town has a local TV station, contact the producer and arrange for a live interview to promote your Club membership or fundraiser events.

In keeping with our President's motto... Let's not talk about it. Let's Bee about it! So keep those hives buzzing this fall and try one or more of the techniques mentioned above to engage and connect with current members and recruit new ones. ■

REPORTING WORKSHOP: SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date! On Saturday, November 7th, GFWC Illinois will host a virtual reporting workshop for all clubs. Once the workshop has been completed, all reporting materials will be posted on the GFWC Illinois website. As was done last administration, no reporting packets will be mailed to clubs and districts. Your Dean of Chairman is only an email, text, or phone call away if you have questions.

This has been an unprecedented year, yet we know that your clubs have continued to support your communities in new and creative ways, and we cannot wait to hear

about them! You can easily begin your preparations now by collecting information on the projects and programs that have already been completed.

And do not forget to support the six "Bee Challenged" Initiatives and provide a snapshot of them via the online form located on the GFWC IL website at <https://form.jotform.com/201236349612147>. As the administration progresses, the information captured through that tool will be shared periodically with all club members. ■

GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE 2020

OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 2020 ANNUAL GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE 'PATTERNS OF GFWC'

Our 2020 Conference will be held remotely through GFWC BigMarker live webinar platform. You can enjoy this Conference from the comfort of your own home.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020

7:00–8:30 p.m. (CST)

Social Evening through ZOOM
Conversation & Games

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (CST)

Registration Fee: \$35.00

Registration through the GFWC Member Portal
<https://www.gfwc.org/memberportal>

Registration Open Monday, August 24, 2020
through October 14, 2020

SATURDAY AGENDA

Call to Order – Welcoming Ceremony

GFWC Great Lakes Region Business

GFWC Chairmen Reports

GFWC Great Lakes Region – Memorial

GFWC Great Lakes Region Fundraising

GFWC President Elect Deb Strahanoski

Speaker: Michael Brandwein
'Patterns of Leadership'

GFWC Chairmen Reports

Keynote Speaker: GFWC International President
Marian Simmons-St. Clair

GFWC Great Lakes Region State Presidents
Directors of Junior Clubs

Closing Ceremony



**By Patricia Heitman,
GFWC Great Lakes Region President
2020–2022**

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Remote Conference courtesy of GFWC BigMarker live webinar platform.

CONFERENCE DATE: Saturday, October 24, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. CST. The Conference has been planned for 3-1/2 hours; we have built in an extra 1/2 hour just in case.

The Conference will take place in the comfort of your own home; you may dress casually. No hotel registration, no traveling, and no special dress.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35.00. This fee will be split with GFWC – \$25.00 for GFWC and \$10.00 for GFWC Great Lakes Region. The fee will offset any expenses that incur from the use of BigMarker plus help to replace possible fundraising income during the Conference for both GFWC and GFWC Great Lakes Region.

HANDOUTS: There will be handouts made available to those that register; some will be coming from GFWC and some will be coming from GFWC Great Lakes Region.

BUSINESS: The following GFWC Great Lakes Region business will be handled through voting made available through BigMarker:

- Approval of the 2020 Budget
- Creation of a Nominating Committee
- Acceptance of the Financial Reports

The following GFWC Great Lakes Region Chairmen will be reporting:

- Memorial Chairman
- Jennie Award Chairman
- GFWC 2021 Convention Volunteer Chairman

SOCIAL EVENT: There will be a social event on Friday evening via ZOOM. We will be able to have conversation and participate in some creative games. This will be on Friday, October 23, 2020, from 7:00–8:30 p.m. CST. You will be able to personally meet with:

- GFWC International President Marian Simmons-St. Clair
- GFWC President Elect Deb Strahanoski
- GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Kristina Higbee



GFWC ILLINOIS 2020 INSTALLATION



With the cancellation of the 2020 GFWC Illinois Convention, the 2020-2022 GFWC Illinois Executive Committee was installed in early June at the home of Director of Junior Clubs, Amy Vicioso.

■ **2020-2022 GFWC Illinois Executive Committee, from left: Treasurer Deb Hazlett, Secretary Barb Potter, Southern Region VP Helen Crause, Central Region VP Cathy Marsoun, Northern Region VP Annette Andretich-Gross, President Elect LeeAnn Conlon, Director of Junior Clubs Amy Vicioso, and President Teresa Sanford-Shipplett**



■ **Teresa Sanford-Shipplett and Amy Vicioso**



■ **Teresa Sanford-Shipplett**



■ **Amy Vicioso**



■ **LeeAnn Conlon**



■ **Deb Hazlett**



■ **Annette Andretich-Gross**



■ **Helen Crause**



■ **Cathy Marsoun**

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)

Submitted by Judy Rader, GFWC Illinois ESO Chairman

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all per-capita paying GFWC federated club members. Many GFWC clubwomen have profited from this unique self-improvement program. ESO can take the form of a club reading group or an individual's personal reading pursuit. It has helped many members learn to read out of their comfort zone and explore new subjects that would have passed them by!

To become a member, you only must read! There are many levels of participation and recognition available!

The basic structure of the organization is:

- **Pledge** – Welcome to ESO!
- **Member** – Has read 16 books (4 sets of 4 books)
A Member is eligible to purchase the GFWC ESO pin from the GFWC website when she reaches the Member level.
- **Star** – Has read 40 books (an additional 6 sets of 4 books)
- **Torch** – Has read 64 books (an additional 6 sets of 4 books)
- **Century** – Has read 100 books (9 additional sets of 4 books)
- **2nd Century and Beyond** – Members may continue to read and reach additional Century levels for each 100 books read.

NEW THIS ADMINISTRATION! After reaching the 2nd Century level, readers will only be required to report the author, book, category and hours spent reading. (Though I will admit, your ESO Chairman will miss hearing your thoughts on each of your books!)

NOTE! In the past, ESO has required us to read in sets of 5 books. The national organization is transitioning to sets of 4. We will accept either sets of 4 or 5 this year, but hope to have all our Illinois readers reporting in the smaller grouping of 4 books by the end of 2021.

And what about the **types of categories** our members are using for their sets of books? In addition to obvious choices such as Biography, Fiction: Mystery, Fiction: General, and Self-Improvement, Illinois readers have created a number of unique categories that cater to a variety of interests. Some examples include: Civil War, Scary Stories, Women's Studies, The Amish, The Wild West, Christmas Stories, Books by the Same Author, Books by Illinois Authors...well, you get the picture. The sky is pretty much the limit!

The ESO program provides certificates, pins, reading lists, and suggested categories on the GFWC web page, including a framework in which to pursue continued self-improvement through reading. Many clubs organize a members' book club, invite authors to visit meetings and promote local literacy programs and library activities. Because really... who doesn't LOVE to read?

ANOTHER BONUS! All are welcome to join the GFWC Illinois Facebook page "**GFWC Illinois Readers**" where we share our thoughts and recommendations on what we are reading. You may even see some Federation friends and fellow club members on the site!

BONUS #2! The GFWC ESO organization also has a Facebook page – **GFWC 2020 2022 ESO Book Club** – where 2020–2022 GFWC ESO Chairman Tina Daniels has organized an online book club, reading suggestions, ZOOM author talks and much more to encourage our reading addiction. Check it out!

A book reporting form is provided on the next page and can also be found on the GFWC Illinois website at <https://gfwcillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020-ESO-Intro-and-Form.pdf>. You may contact GFWC Illinois ESO Chairman Judy Rader for more information (judyrader51@gmail.com).



ESO REPORT FORM: MAIL OR EMAIL

2020–2022 ESO REPORT BY MAIL OR EMAIL

The 4 or 5 books should all be within one of the 25 GFWC ESO categories or in a category that you create.

Please write a few sentences about each book.

Send to Judy Rader, 132 11th Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 OR email to judyrader51@gmail.com with ESO in the subject.

You may report on sets of 4 or sets of 5 books – your choice.

Name _____ Date _____

GFWC Illinois Club _____ District _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Current ESO Level: Pledge (1–15 Books) Member (16–39) Star (40–63) Torch (64–99) Century (100+)

This book report marks the completion of the _____ category.

Book 1 Title _____ Author _____ # of Hours _____

Brief Description: _____

Book 2 Title _____ Author _____ # of Hours _____

Brief Description: _____

Book 3 Title _____ Author _____ # of Hours _____

Brief Description: _____

Book 4 Title _____ Author _____ # of Hours _____

Brief Description: _____

Book 5 Title _____ Author _____ # of Hours _____

Brief Description: _____

Please feel free to use another sheet of paper if needed.

*Please note that reports will not be returned.

Your TOTAL number of ESO books including this set _____

CELEBRATING THE 19th AMENDMENT

MACOMB WOMAN’S CLUB CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE 19th AMENDMENT

A Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment was held by local organizations in Macomb, Illinois, including the GFWC Macomb Woman’s Club, the League of Women Voters of McDonough County, the Macomb Feminist Network, and the Western Illinois Museum. The 19th Amendment was passed in August of 1920 and gave women in the United States the right to vote. To mark the anniversary, an online program was held on Facebook Live followed by questions and discussion.

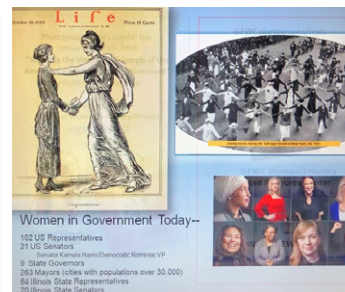
The program included short commentaries by local women speaking about the impact the 19th Amendment has had on our country and our community. Brenda Allison, President of the GFWC Macomb Woman’s Club, was among the speakers. In the tradition of the suffragettes, guests were encouraged to wear white and participate in a brief parade around Chandler Park following the remarks. Approximately 150 people attended this event. ■



“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”
 — 19th Amendment, United States Constitution

GFWC NORTHWEST SUBURBAN WOMAN’S CLUB & CAROL STREAM WOMAN’S CLUB HOLD VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

On August 25th, GFWC Northwest Suburban Woman’s Club and the Carol Stream Woman’s Club presented a webinar via ZOOM titled “Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of How WE Won the Vote.” The presentation was narrated by GFWC Northwest Suburban Woman’s Club President Beck Hopkins, with Cindy Allston from Carol Stream Woman’s Club giving information about all of the ways available to vote in the upcoming election. The event was sponsored by the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business. ■



Celebrate this hard won American RIGHT by voting!

- In person at your designated polling station
- Secure Drop-off Boxes
- By mail:
 - Contact your County Clerk for information
 - Cook County -- <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/vote-mail>
 - Kane County -- <https://www.kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Vote-by-Mail.aspx>
 - DuPage County -- <https://www.dupageco.org/Election/VoteByMail/>

Are you registered to vote?

- Contact your County Clerk
- On-line: <https://sova.elections.il.gov/>