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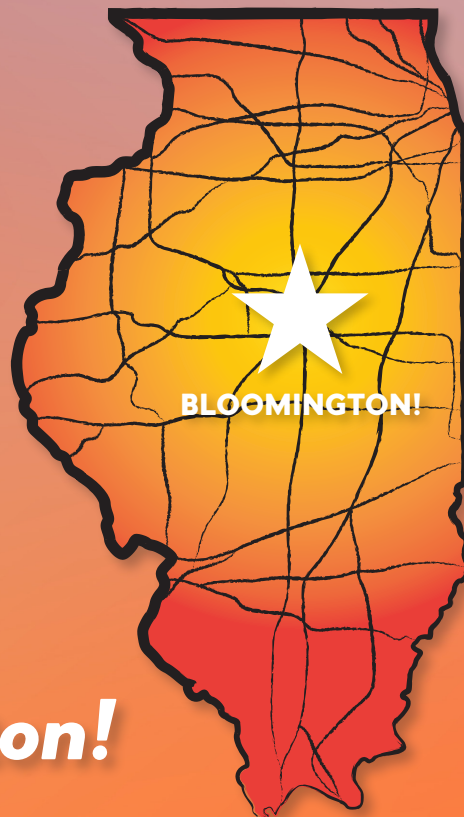
CLUBWOMAN

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July 17, 2021

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES BLOOMINGTON-AIRPORT



*All Roads
Lead to
Bloomington!*



GF WC Illinois Volunteers
Light the Way...



2020-2022



Shine on Juniors!

IF YOU DON'T GO, YOU WON'T KNOW!



JIVE FROM THE HIVE

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

Sometimes Real Life Bee-gins Only When Your Comfort Zone Ends!

As Suzi Toronto says, “Most of us spend our time neatly tucked away, all safe and sound in our tidy little lives.” Then life throws us a curve. Our curve was called a worldwide pandemic! We have spent this past year focusing on that curve and trying to keep it all together. Many of us did not want to leave our comfort zone and reach out to a new format. It was hard, but you kept reaching out, and, with a leap of faith, we ventured into this uncharted territory called “Zoom.” Nothing will ever be quite the same. GFWC clubs have found that “Living the Volunteer Spirit” can be found outside our comfort zone! Congratulations to all our members for taking that leap. Only YOU have the power to stretch your horizons.

Let’s look forward to the topic of horizons. During our May GFWC Illinois Annual Convention, we were able to recognize club achievements, hold some individual meetings, conduct a successful LEADS workshop, see virtual art contest entries, hear some reports, raise a little cash, and even pass some important bylaw amendments.

It was voted by the attendees that other proposed bylaw amendments be presented only in person.

We are mindful of your wishes. On July 17, 2021, we will reconvene **in person** at the Holiday Inn & Suites Bloomington-Airport on Empire Street. State guidelines will be followed for the health and safety of all attending. Registration is required and will include a box lunch. It was felt the box lunch was the safest for everyone attending. A proposed agenda is included in this issue of *The Clubwoman* with the understanding that changes may occur. We will cover a variety of topics, including continuation of the proposed bylaw amendments in Tier I and II as time permits. **If you don’t go, you won’t know!** There will be no Zoom option available for this meeting.

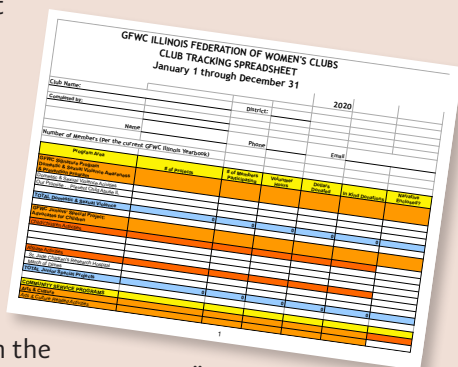


BEE-Lieve we can move into new horizons, BEE-Lieve in doing great work, BEE-Lieve there is always, always, always a way, BEE-Lieve You Can!! ■

2021 VIRTUAL CLUB AWARD ENTRY WORKSHOP

Save the date! On Saturday, November 6th, GFWC Illinois will host a virtual award entry workshop for all clubs. There will be two sessions with the same content – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Once the workshop has been completed, updated materials will be posted on the GFWC Illinois website. Consistent with the last few years, no award entry packets will be mailed to clubs and districts. Everything you need is located on the GFWC Illinois website.

In 2020, 94 GFWC Illinois clubs submitted award entries! Simply amazing given the unprecedented year we experienced! It is not too early to begin your preparations for capturing your club history for 2021. On the GFWC Illinois website, in the Members Center, under “GFWC IL Award Entry Forms,” you will find the Club Tracking Spreadsheet (<https://gfwcillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Club-Tracking-Spreadsheet-Dec-2020.xls>) that you can use now to start capturing your club statistics. Start thinking about Unity projects, Make a Difference Day projects and the BEE Challenges, and review the sample award entry narratives to get a head start!



If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to LeeAnn Conlon via e-mail at leeann.conlon@aol.com or Karen Hill-Davis via e-mail at kmhdavis8@aol.com, your GFWC Illinois Dean of Chairmen and “aficionados” on the award entry process! ■

GFWC ILLINOIS 2020-2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President:** Teresa Sanford-Shipplett
- Director of Junior Clubs:** Patti Kuchar
- President Elect:** LeeAnn Conlon
- VP Northern Region:** Carol Jablonski
- VP Central Region:** Cathy Marsoun
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THE DEADLINE FOR STORIES & PHOTOS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF “THE CLUBWOMAN” IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

LIGHTING THE WAY WITH PATTI

BY PATTI KUCHAR, GFWC ILLINOIS DIRECTOR OF JR. CLUBS 2021-2022



I am truly honored to be the GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs for the 2020-2022 Administration. The theme for the Juniors of Illinois is “**GFWC Illinois Volunteers Light the Way...Shine on Juniors!**” I can think of no better way for the Illinois Juniors than to keep on shining their lights. **We illuminate, we highlight, we shine.** We always have – with Flashlights, Stars, Diamonds, Candles, Hearts, Lighthouses or Rainbows. We will continue to see and face the challenges, and, by working together, we will surely overcome them.

We have many wonderful and talented members on the GFWC Illinois Junior Executive Committee, the Junior Board of Directors, and in Junior Clubs throughout the state. The many community projects and programs that you reported were **OUTSTANDING!!!** So much hard work and so many innovative ways to accomplish projects, hold club meetings, recognize your membership, and keep your clubs going strong! I think it was a great Annual Illinois Convention and **CONGRATULATIONS** to you **ALL!!!**

I am enjoying working with GFWC Illinois President Teresa Sanford-Shippeltt and the current Executive Committee and Board of Directors. I have been attending many meetings with these wonderful leaders, helping plan the upcoming events of GFWC Illinois for 2021-2022. I am also serving on the Strategic Planning Committee,

Bylaws Committee, and the Finance Committee, as well as serving on the GFWC Junior Board of Directors, meeting via monthly Zoom meetings, and seeing the other state Directors of Junior Clubs. I am excited about the in-person GFWC International Convention on August 27-30, 2021, in Atlanta, Georgia, and look forward to learning more about being a GFWC Clubwoman – as I always learn something at every meeting I attend, no matter what level.

I will always support the State Junior Project of Children’s Research Foundation (CRF) and hope you will too for the remainder of this administration, while continuing to support Amy Vicioso’s: **Mind** – Mental Health and Addiction; **Body** – Dare2Tri; and the **Spirit** – Reclaim 13, freeing children from sexual exploitation/human trafficking. Being a Mom and now a “Nana” of four grandchildren, I know there is nothing more important than the health, safety, and happiness of the children in our lives and around the world.

I am so proud to be a GFWC Illinois Clubwoman and I will continue to serve the Juniors to the best of my ability, having fun doing it and seeing the GFWC Illinois Juniors **SHINE** by Lighting the Way! ■

Federation Love and Friendship,
Patti



SAVE THE DATE! | SEPT. 11 FALL CONFERENCE

What happened to the Summer Seminar? **BEE**-assured we are still having a chairmen’s update! It will be held after the GFWC Annual Convention, which is in late August this year. Here are the details so far:

WHEN | September 11, 2021

WHERE | DoubleTree by Hilton, 10 Brickyard Drive, Bloomington, IL 61701

WHY | Come hear about updates, new projects, challenges for your club to buzz into for the new year.

WHO | All club members!

WHAT ELSE | It’s “Patriot’s Day” – There will be a memorial for the September 11 remembrance, plus we are hoping to include a service project as well.

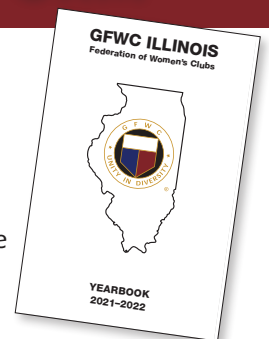
SAY WHAT | Stay tuned for more **BUZZ** about our September 11th Fall Conference! ■

CLUB INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS!

Please help us to make the 2021-2022 GFWC Illinois Yearbook as accurate as possible by updating your club’s information for the 2021-2022 year. We have a new online form to help streamline the process or you can mail or e-mail your information to Renee at HQ as usual. Your officers haven’t changed? That’s fine, just please let us know.

We need this information absolutely no later than Thursday, June 24, 2021, so that we can get the GFWC Illinois 2021-2022 Yearbook to the printer in time for distribution at the Fall Conference on September 11, 2021. E-mail your information to Renee at: gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net or use the online form at this link: <https://gfwcillinois.org/club-info-form/>. You can also access the form by clicking on the “slide” that tells about it on the GFWC IL website home page. ■



GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

SUMMER STATEWIDE MEETING | JULY 17, 2021 | 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn & Suites Bloomington-Airport | Bloomington, Illinois



AGENDA

IF YOU DON'T GO, YOU WON'T KNOW!

With all of life's hustle and bustle, it's more important than ever to fully embrace those precious moments when we can actually meet together as one. Let's put our phones down, close up the laptop and just be fully present. This is the opportunity we have been waiting for all year long! Being 100% present is powerful, so "Let's Get Together" (as the song goes) and share our thoughts, gather some new ideas, and maybe even share a hug!



Registration: 9–9:30 a.m. | **Call to order (Reconvening):** 9:30 a.m.

COME BEE ONE OF US!

Bee-ing Flexible: Learn the creative ways clubs thrived in 2020!

Proposed Bylaws: Tiers I and II

Special Speaker: Linda Brennan, Executive Coach, "How to Do More with Less"

Great Lakes Region Update

Bee Prepared: Region Meetings with the VIPs...That includes you, honey!

LUNCH

Building the Hive/Membership Activity

Proposed Bylaws: Tiers I and II continued

Lighting the Way: Information for Elections...Officers/Chairmen

Shine On: Club Training/Rights of a Volunteer/I Am a GFWC IL Clubwoman!

Gathering the Honey: Fundraising

Closing: 3:00 p.m.



Complete agenda available at the door on the day of the meeting.

We will be following State of Illinois vaccination/meeting guidelines and hotel protocols for meeting in person. Masks required for those not fully vaccinated.



STATEWIDE MEETING | REGISTRATION FORM



GF WC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUMMER STATEWIDE MEETING

July 17, 2021 | 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Bloomington, Illinois

Holiday Inn & Suites Bloomington-Airport | 3202 E. Empire Street | Bloomington, IL 61704

Mail this registration form with your check made payable to **GF WC Illinois** to
GF WC Illinois HQ | 5 E. Van Buren St., Suite 208, Joliet, IL 60432-4224

OR register online at: <https://gfwcillinois.org/events/>

Payment must be received on or before July 1, 2021!

DISTRICT _____ CLUB _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

REGISTRATION (includes box lunch) \$40.00/per person

Each box lunch includes a sandwich with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, bag of chips, cookie and water.

Please select one:

Roast Beef with Cheddar Cheese on a Kaiser

Chicken Salad with Cashews (Gluten-free)

Grilled Vegetable Wrap with Mayo

Chicken Salad with Cashews & Croissant

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? _____

*Please complete one registration form for each person for whom reservations are being paid.
The registration fee includes your resource materials, lunch, presentations, and more!*

STATEWIDE MEETING | HOTEL INFORMATION



HOLIDAY INN & SUITES BLOOMINGTON-AIRPORT

3202 E. Empire Street, Bloomington, IL 61704

ROOM RATE | \$119.00 plus tax

RESERVATIONS

Call the hotel at **1-309-662-4700** and use group code **GFW**.

Be sure to ask for a breakfast ticket (limit 2 per room).

Check-in is at 3:00 p.m. | Check-out is at 12:00 noon

SEE YOU IN BLOOMINGTON!



SUMMER STATEWIDE MEETING 2021 | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS | TIER 1

GFWC Illinois Proposed Bylaw Amendments

During our groundbreaking GFWC Illinois Virtual Convention on May 1st, members approved an amendment to our bylaws that allows GFWC Illinois to review and approve proposed bylaw amendments at statewide meetings outside of an annual convention! This is exciting and will allow for us to review, discuss and vote on proposed amendments at our meeting on Saturday, July 17th. Please plan on joining us as we continue with the proposed amendments that were printed in the *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman* magazine — 2021 Convention Edition. For your convenience, we are reprinting the remaining proposed bylaw amendments from Tier I here. As time allows, we will continue with Tier 2, which is also included. Please take time to review them and feel free to reach out in advance of the meeting with any questions you may have. Also, we will be hosting another Zoom meeting where you can have your questions answered. This meeting will be Monday, June 28th; please watch BEE-Mail for details and the Zoom link. We look forward to the bylaws discussion and the hope for a brighter future for GFWC Illinois. Thank you!

Jeanette T. Wells, *GFWC Illinois Bylaws Chairman*

As recommended by the Bylaws Committee

Chairman Jeanette T. Wells, Central Region Vice President Cathy Marsoun, District President Susan Haa, President Elect LeeAnn Conlon, Director of Junior Clubs Patti Kuchar, Parliamentarian Diane Addante and President Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, ex-officio

Note: These proposed amendments were printed in the 2021 Convention Issue of *The Clubwoman* magazine. Due to time limitations, they were not presented for consideration at our 2021 Annual Convention as planned, but will be presented at the July 17, 2021, Statewide Meeting in Bloomington, Illinois.

Proviso: The following, if adopted, will be effective at the start of the 2022–2024 Administration.

Article V—OFFICERS, Section 1. OFFICERS

Insert “Director Elect of Junior Clubs” after “Elect” and before “a”.

To Read: 1. The GFWC Illinois officers shall be President, Director of Junior Clubs, President Elect, Director Elect of Junior Clubs, a Vice President from each Region, Secretary and Treasurer.

Rationale: Consolidating the Executive Committees

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 3. ELECTIONS, Subsection A., Item 1.

Insert “Director Elect of Junior Clubs” after “Elect” and before “a”

To Read: 1. The following officers shall be elected in the even-numbered years: President Elect, Director Elect of Junior Clubs, a Vice President from each Region, Secretary and Treasurer.

Rationale: Consolidating the Executive Committees

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection B. Director of Junior Clubs

B.1. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.1. Perform the duties of the President in her absence or at her request.

B.2. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.2. Direct the planning of and preside over GFWC Illinois Junior Meetings.

B.3. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.3. Lead the Junior Organization to deliver the goals and objectives of GFWC Illinois as guided by the GFWC Illinois Strategic Plan.

B.5. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.5. Serve as chairman of the Illinois Junior delegation at the GFWC Annual Convention in the odd year during her administration and the even year following.

B.6. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.6. Serve as ex-officio member of all committees, except for Elections Committee.

B.7. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.7. Educate Junior Club members on GFWC and GFWC Illinois. Mentor and coach District Directors of Junior Clubs for leadership development and encourage participation in LEADS.

Add a new B.8. as follows:

To Read: B.8. Prepare and conduct orientation and training for the Board of Directors with the President.

Add a new B.9. as follows:

To Read: B.9. Participate in the full financial audit or review held in the

Fall each year of the administration. As Immediate Past Director of Junior Clubs participate in the full financial audit in the Fall immediately following her administration.

Add a new B.10. as follows:

To Read: B.10. Oversees fiduciary management of the organization with the President and may co-sign GFWC Illinois checks.

Add a new B.11. as follows:

To Read: B.11. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Rationale: Consolidating and updating roles of each Executive Officer

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection C. President Elect

C.1. Strike “her” and insert “the” after “President” and before “absence”; strike “or at her request” and insert “of both the President and the Director of Junior Clubs” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: C.1. Perform the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and the Director of Junior Clubs.

C.4. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: C.4. Conduct activities to prepare for her administration.

C.7. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: C.7. Coordinate all annual state GFWC Award Entries by GFWC deadlines



annually and assist the Reporting Committee and President in compiling the reported statistics of all GFWC Illinois Chairmen.

C.8. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: C.8. Member of the Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Bylaws Committee, Finance and Budget Committees, Legislation/Public Policy Committee, Governance Committee and the Isabella Candee Foundation.

Add a new C.9. as follows:

To Read: C.9. Conduct orientation workshop for incoming committees with the Director Elect of Junior Clubs.

Add a new C.10. as follows:

To Read: C.10. Mentor and coach Committee Chairmen and/or Committee Members for leadership development and encourage participation in LEADS.

Add a new C.11. as follows:

To Read: C.11. Attend GFWC Orientation prior to the start of her administration.

Add a new C.12. as follows:

To Read: C.12. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or the Director of Junior Clubs.

Rationale: Consolidating and updating roles of each Executive Officer

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection D. Vice Presidents

D. Inserting a new D:

To Read:

D. Director Elect of Junior Clubs – The duties of the Director Elect of Junior Clubs shall be to:

1. Perform the duties of the Director of Junior Clubs in her absence or at her request.

2. Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, the Director of Junior Clubs and the President Elect.

3. Serve as Reporting Committee Chairman.

4. Serve as Chairman of sub-committee for Junior Standing Rules, Policy & Procedures.

5. Member of the Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Membership Committee and Leadership Committee.

6. Conduct activities to prepare for her administration.

7. Conduct orientation workshop for incoming committees with the President Elect.

8. Mentor and coach Committee Chairmen and/or Committee Members for leadership development and encourage participation in LEADS.

9. Attend GFWC Orientation prior to the start of her administration.

10. Perform other such duties as may be assigned by the Director of Junior Clubs and/or the President.

E. becomes Vice Presidents

F. becomes Secretary

Insert new G. Treasurer

Rationale: Consolidating and updating roles of each Executive Officer.

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection F. Secretary, Item 6.

Insert “and/or Director of Junior Clubs” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: F.6. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or Director of Junior Clubs.

Rationale: To Streamline the structure of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection G. Treasurer Item 9.

G.9. Insert “and/or Director of Junior Clubs” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: F.9. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or Director of Junior Clubs.

Rationale: To Streamline the structure of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Subsection A.

Insert “Director Elect of Junior Clubs” after “Elect” and before “a”.

To Read: A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Director of Junior Clubs, President Elect, Director Elect of Junior Clubs, a Vice President from each Region, Secretary, Treasurer, and appointed Parliamentarian.

Rationale: Consolidating into one Executive Committee

ARTICLE V—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Section C. Meetings

Insert “or Director of Junior Clubs” after “President”.

To Read: Executive Committee meetings shall be held at the call of the President or Director of Junior Clubs.

Rationale: Consolidating into one Executive Committee. ■

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PHOTOS WANTED

Did your club or district have a special activity in April for Child Abuse Prevention Month? If so, the state project committee would like for you to send photos and a brief description of your event to Karel Volpert by July 6th. There will be a Child Abuse Prevention Month slide show at the GFWC Illinois meeting in Bloomington on July 17th and we would like to feature your club or district. If you have already sent photos to Karel, you do not need to send them again. For more information, please contact her at (217) 497-7616 or karelvolpert@gmail.com. Thank you! ■

Karel Volpert, State Project Chairman
Becky Weber, PCA Representative



Members of the Woman's Club of Bismarck made Easter baskets for the children at the Crosspoint Shelter.

SUMMER STATEWIDE MEETING | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS | TIER 2

As recommended by the Bylaws Committee

Chairman Jeanette T. Wells, Central Region Vice President Cathy Marsoun, District President Susan Haa, President Elect LeeAnn Conlon, Director of Junior Clubs Patti Kuchar, Parliamentarian Diane Addante and President Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, ex-officio

Note: These proposed amendments were printed in the 2020 Convention Issue of *The Clubwoman* magazine; however, they were not voted on due to the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Convention. Due to time limitations, they were not presented for consideration at our 2021 Annual Convention as planned, but will be presented at the July 17, 2021, Statewide Meeting in Bloomington, Illinois.

ARTICLE IV—DUES AND FINANCE, Section 2. ANNUAL DUES, B.

In the first sentence, strike “five dollars (\$5.00)” and insert “ten dollars (\$10.00).”
Strike the second sentence

To Read: B. Each member of a club shall pay annual GFWC Illinois dues of ten dollars (\$10.00). The GFWC Illinois dues structure shall be reviewed every four years beginning with the year 2024.

Rationale: Recommendation by the Finance Committee. At the 2017 GFWC Illinois Convention, delegates passed an increase in dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00, by \$1.00/year. Increasing to the \$10.00 in one year will lessen confusion from members.

Clarification: This would mean in 2021 dues would be \$10.00 instead of \$9.00 AND then this wouldn't be reviewed again until 2024.

Note: These proposed amendments, as recommended by the 2020–2022 Bylaws Committee, will be presented at the July 17, 2021, Statewide Meeting in Bloomington, Illinois.

Article IV—DUES AND FINANCE, Section 3. FUNDS, Subsection A., Item 2.

In the last sentence strike “paid” and insert “transferred” and delete “General” and insert “Working Cash”.

To Read: 2. Isabella Candee Foundation – The Foundation principal and additional contributions received for the Isabella Candee Foundation shall be invested to help secure the future of GFWC Illinois. The principal of this Foundation shall remain in perpetuity. Income from these invested funds shall be transferred to the GFWC Illinois Working Cash fund.

Rationale: To reflect current practices.

Article IV—DUES AND FINANCE, Section 3. FUNDS, Subsection A., Item 3.

In the first sentence insert “Consist of the Scholarship Fund,” after “Funds” and before “GFWC” and strike “Very Special Arts, Pennies For Art and the Scholarship Fund” after “Projects” at the end.

To Read: 3. Special Funds – Consist of the Scholarship Fund, GFWC and GFWC Illinois Monetary Projects. Expenditures

ARTICLE IV—DUES AND FINANCE, Section 5. AUDITING AND BONDING

Strike A. and insert a new A.

To Read: A. At the close of the fiscal year, a Review of the books shall be made of the first year of an administration and a full Audit shall be made at the close of an administration. Both will include the records of the Treasurer, Headquarters Executive Secretary, Meetings and Convention Treasurer, Fund Raising Chairman, and Treasurer of the Junior Organization.

Rationale: It is not necessary to have a full audit performed every year as a review will provide the necessary documentation to file the proper tax documents. Additionally, a C.P.A. is not necessary if the person or business performing the review or audit has the correct credentials. Both can save GFWC Illinois money.

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: No other monetary projects are listed in the bylaws.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection E. Secretary

E.1. Strike “Keep” and insert “Record” at the beginning of the sentence; insert “and submit for review and approval as per the Policy/Procedure manual.” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: E. 1. Record minutes of the meetings of GFWC Illinois, its Board of Directors and Executive Committee and submit for review and approval as per the Policy/Procedure manual.

E.2. Strike in its entirety.

E.3. Strike in its entirety.

E.4. Becomes the new E.2.

E.5. Becomes the new E.3.

E.6. Becomes the new E.4.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, B. Duties, 5.

Insert “or a qualified third party” after “auditor:

To Read: 5. Retain an auditor or a qualified third party by spring of each year, subject to approval of the Board of Directors at the Spring Meeting.

Rationale: Allows for more flexibility and could save GFWC Illinois money.

ARTICLE VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 5. DUTIES, I., 4.

Strike “annual” and insert “review or”.

To Read: I. 4. Approve the Review or Audit.

Rationale: Consistency with the previous bylaw amendment.

Rationale: To align with current practice and to clarify.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection F. Treasurer

F.2. Strike “on a monthly basis” and insert “at each meeting” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: F.2. Monitor the budget and submit a written accounting to the members of the Executive Committee at each meeting.

F.3. Strike “monthly” after “written” and before “financial”.

To Read: F.3. Study and review the financial accounts with the Headquarters Executive Secretary prior to each Board of Directors Meeting, submitting a written financial report to the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at each meeting.

F.5. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: F.5. Prepare and communicate dues collection guidelines to clubs and submit dues to GFWC.



F.6. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: F.6. Oversee and execute actions required to fulfill information requests for financial audit or review. Participate in the full financial audit or review held in the Fall each year of the administration. As Immediate Past Treasurer participate in the full financial audit in the Fall immediately following her term.

Rationale: To align with current practice and to clarify.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Subsection B. Item 3.

3. Strike in its entirety.

Rationale: To align with current practice of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Subsection B. Item 7.

7. Strike “and an Assistant Secretary as needed” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: 7. Approve the employment of a Headquarters Executive Secretary.

Rationale: To align with current practice.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Subsection B. Item 11.

11. Strike “any such essential” and insert “time-sensitive” after “on” and before “matters”; strike “as require” and insert “requiring” after “matters” and before “immediate”.

To Read: 11. Act on time-sensitive matters requiring immediate action between Board of Directors’ meetings.

Rationale: More concise.

Renumber items 3. through 15.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Subsection E.

Insert “Recommendations for action from” before “The” at the beginning of the sentence; insert “be reported via the Secretary’s” after the word “shall” and before the word “report”.

To Read: Recommendations for action from the Executive Committee shall be reported via the Secretary’s report at each Board of Directors’ meeting.

Rationale: To align with current practice.

Article VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 10. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, ADVANCEMENT, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES, Subsection C.

Strike it its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: C. The two-year term for Chairmen and committee members shall

commence at the close of the convention following their election.

Rationale: To clarify.

Article VIII—GFWC ILLINOIS HEADQUARTERS, Section 2. Headquarters Staff, Subsection B.

2.B. Insert “Headquarters after “The” and before “Executive”.

To Read: 2.B. The Headquarters Executive Secretary shall file with the Recorder of Deeds of Will County and with the Secretary of State in Springfield, within thirty days of the election of officers, certificates of their election.

Rationale: Consistency in the title of the Headquarters Secretary.

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection A. President

A.1. Strike “Have general supervision of the work of GFWC Illinois” and in its place insert “Lead the organization to deliver the goals and objectives of GFWC Illinois as guided by the GFWC Illinois Strategic Plan.”

To Read: A.1. Lead the organization to deliver the goals and objectives of GFWC Illinois as guided by the GFWC Illinois Strategic Plan.

A.2. Strike “Call and preside at all meetings of GFWC Illinois, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee” and in its place insert “Direct the planning of and preside over all GFWC Illinois meetings and annual conventions.”

To Read: A.2. Direct the planning of and preside over all GFWC Illinois meetings and annual conventions.

A.4. Insert “except for Elections Committee” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: A.4. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except for Elections Committee.

A.5. Insert “Oversee fiduciary management of the organization and” at the beginning of the sentence.

To Read: A.5. Oversee fiduciary management of the organization and sign contracts and may co-sign GFWC Illinois checks.

A.6. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: A.6. Appoint the following to serve during her term of office

- a. Parliamentarian
- b. Meetings and Convention Committee
- c. Historian

d. Special Committee Chairmen with associated duties

e. Three additional members to the Strategic Planning Committee, one from each region

f. Appoint committees for the auditing of the minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting for the immediate prior administration. Each committee shall consist of the Secretary as Chairman and 2 additional members.

A.7. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: A.7. Serve as chairman of the Illinois delegation at the GFWC Annual Convention in the odd year during her administration and the even year following.

A.8. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: A.8. Prepare and conduct orientation and training for the Board of Directors with the Director of Junior Clubs.

A.9. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: A.9. Manage the activities of the Headquarters Executive Secretary.

A.10. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: A.10. Participate in the full financial audit or review held in the Fall each year of the administration. As Immediate Past President participate in the full financial audit in the Fall immediately following her administration.

A.11. Strike in its entirety and A. 12 becomes A.11.

Insert a new A. 12

To Read: A.12. Mentor and coach District Presidents for leadership development and encourage participation in LEADS.

Rationale: Consolidating and updating roles of each Executive Officer

Article V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection E. Vice Presidents, Item 5

Strike “when” and insert “as” after “Districts” and before “scheduled” and strike “President” and insert “Executive Committee” at the end of the sentence after “Illinois”

To Read: E.5. Coordinate arrangements for GFWC Illinois Region Meetings of the Districts as scheduled by the GFWC Illinois Executive Committee.

Rationale: To clarify. ■



SHOPPING WITH MARGIE

BY MARGIE NILSON, GFWC ILLINOIS FUNDRAISING CHAIRMAN

Many GFWC imprinted items are available for sale through Fundraising Chairman Margie Nilson. Please use the order form below to place an order by mail or shop with Margie at the upcoming Statewide Meeting in Bloomington on July 17!

A GFWC Baseball Shirts (Small, Med., Large, X-Large) . . . \$28.00
(XX-Large) . . . \$30.00

NEW! These are the same brand of shirt we have been selling, so sizing runs about the same. They are a woman's cut and a very nice soft fabric. Please specify red, blue or purple and size. Add \$5.00 for shipping or pick up for free in Bloomington.

B GFWC Illinois 2020-2022 President's Pin \$7.00/ea.
Show your support for President Teresa! Pins are about the size of a 50-cent piece and have a double pin back to keep them hanging nice.

C GFWC "BEE-LIEVE YOU CAN!" Logo Sticker \$3.00/ea.
NEW! Large, full-color 3" sticker.

D GFWC "UNITY IN DIVERSITY" Logo Sticker \$3.00/ea.
NEW! Large, full-color 3" sticker.

E GFWC Illinois 2020-2022 Junior Director's Pin . . . \$7.00/ea.
NEW! Show your Junior pride! Pins are 1-1/2" with a double pin back.

A NEW STYLE!



Shop for shirts, hats, vests, appointment books and other items in Bloomington!

Prices for pins & stickers include shipping.

GFWC ILLINOIS FUNDRAISING MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

ITEM #1 _____ SIZE/COLOR _____ QTY. _____ TOTAL \$ _____

ITEM #2 _____ SIZE/COLOR _____ QTY. _____ TOTAL \$ _____

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ITEM #4 _____ SIZE/COLOR _____ QTY. _____ TOTAL \$ _____

ITEM #5 _____ SIZE/COLOR _____ QTY. _____ TOTAL \$ _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ **AMOUNT DUE \$** _____

Make check payable to **GFWC Illinois** | Mail order to **Margie Nilson**, 35360 N. Shoreline Drive, Ingleside, IL 60041
Or e-mail order to **sewnsewm@gmail.com** | **Questions?** Contact Margie at (630) 464-3974



IT'S ANOTHER HONEY OF A RAFFLE!

A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE GFWC ILLINOIS ORGANIZATION

RAFFLE TICKETS | \$5/each | 6 for \$20

Winners will BEE drawn **LIVE** at the Statewide Meeting in Bloomington on July 17, 2021. Winners do NOT need to be present.

Please specify total number of tickets purchased and how many chances you would like to take on each raffle prize.

Your name will be entered into the "honey pot" one time for the selected raffle prize for each chance you purchase.

Mailed ticket orders **must** be received by July 10 **OR** purchase tickets in person at the Statewide Meeting on July 17.

We thank you in advance for your support!

PRIZE #1



Zip pouch wristlet



Raffle Prize #1: This **Michael Kors purse** is a 100% Saffiano leather crossbody style in the color bisque with gold-tone hardware. It measures 8.5" wide x 6.5" high x 2.25" deep. Complete with a detachable strap and zip pouch, this do-it-all accessory can be used three ways. Go hands-free and wear it as a crossbody, or unhook the strap to convert it into a clutch. If you're looking to travel light, the interior zip pouch can be carried as a wristlet. **Retail price: \$328**



MICHAEL KORS

PRIZE #2



Raffle Prize #2: This purse was purchased at a Wisconsin boutique. It is also a crossbody style and measures 10" wide x 7.5" high x 2.25" deep. It's in fun shades of deep pink/orange/red and has multiple zip pockets. **Retail price: \$80**

GFWC ILLINOIS RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHANCES TAKEN FOR EACH RAFFLE PRIZE:

PRIZE #1 _____ PRIZE #2 _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS PURCHASED _____ **AMOUNT DUE \$** _____

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PCA ILLINOIS '30 FOR 30' CAMPAIGN



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

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois celebrated its 30th Anniversary in 2020. In those three decades, PCA Illinois 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.

GFWC Illinois is celebrating the 30th Anniversary of PCA Illinois by participating in the '30 FOR 30' Campaign throughout this administration. **Members, clubs, and districts are encouraged to donate \$30.00 in celebration of this anniversary.** All donors will receive a certificate acknowledging their contribution. In addition, members, clubs, and districts who donate \$30.00 from January 2021

through January 2022 will be entered in the "Our Promise" basket raffle which will contain 30 items in each basket. The drawing will be held at the February State Board Meeting.

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 January 31, 2022.**

Thank you for reaffirming your commitment to "Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child" by supporting the Prevent Child Abuse Illinois educational programs. ■

Karel Volpert, State Project Chairman
Becky Weber, PCA Representative



PCA ILLINOIS '30 FOR 30' CONTRIBUTION FORM

Member _____

Address _____

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 celebration 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 January 31, 2021.** Thank you for supporting the education programs of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois.



GFWC | 2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION

You are cordially invited to attend the **2021 GFWC Annual Convention from August 28–30 at the beautiful Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia.** Join GFWC clubwomen from around the country to celebrate accomplishments, learn about new initiatives, and participate in the advancement of the organization. The Convention will open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 28, and will adjourn at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 30. The room block extends from August 25 to August 31.

This year's Convention theme focuses on how culture reflects a society's values and customs, and how a greater understanding of culture provides a means to relate to and understand one another. Connecting August 28–30 will give us the opportunity to work together to bridge the cultural divides that hinder our efforts to have a positive impact in our communities and around the world.

To learn more, visit the "Annual Convention" page at www.GFWC.org. Don't miss out on the fun! ■

2021 GFWC Annual Convention

August 28-30
Pre-Convention: August 27
Atlanta, GA



SAVE THE DATE | 2021 GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE

'PATTERNS of GFWC' | October 8-10, 2021 | DoubleTree by Hilton

3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532

'Patterns of GFWC' will be the theme for our GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference that will be held from **Friday, October 8th through Sunday morning October 10, 2021**, at the **DoubleTree by Hilton in Lisle, Illinois**. Reservations for the hotel will be \$111.00 per night plus applicable taxes.

There will be an **"Aloha Luau"** social on Thursday evening, October 7th. GFWC Illinois will greet our Region sisters over dinner. Entertainment will be provided.



On Friday, October 8th, there will be a tour to the **Morton Arboretum** in the morning to see their **"Human+Nature"** exhibit. A preview of the tour can be seen if you go to the Morton Arboretum website.

Friday afternoon will be the Board of Directors meeting plus several workshops. Yes, we will be bringing back workshops. Friday evening will be **State Night**. Join us and help GFWC Illinois shine!

On Saturday, the 2021 Fall Conference will officially open. The day will be filled with reports, workshops, and remarks from our very special guests – **GFWC International President Marian St. Clair** and **GFWC President Elect Deb Strahanoski**.



Sunday morning will be the time where our State Presidents and State Directors of Junior Clubs will bring us their reports.

There will also be opportunities from our Fundraising Team of Phyllis Skubic and Jeanette T. Wells for **split-the-pots** and a new project called **"Quarter Auction"** that promises to be fast-paced and fun.

The registration form and hotel information will be available shortly and posted on our website. We are looking forward to spending time with all of our members. Any and all social gathering requirements that will be in place at that time will be observed. Hope to see you there! ■

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