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"BEE-LIEVE YOU CAN SHINE!"



GF WC Illinois Volunteers
Light the Way...



2020-2022



Shine on Juniors!

126th ANNUAL

GF WC ILLINOIS CONVENTION

May 12-14, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton

10 Brickyard Drive, Bloomington, IL 61701

SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE



JIVE FROM THE HIVE

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

BEE Engaged, BEE Adventurous, BEE Invested

Bees cannot live on their own but must live together in a colony or a hive in order to survive. This is also true of our members and our clubs. Together is always better. One can get it done, but with others it's a lot more fun! That is why we gather together to celebrate all our successes each year. **Thank you for bee-ing engaged.**

We all take different "beelines" to reach our goals. The journey begins as our passion leads us to choose goals and learn as much as we can. However, there are often obstacles that come your way. No matter what past administration you look at, they all had challenges. This one was no different, well maybe some of our challenges were a little different. But they all needed the qualities of open



mindfulness, valor, diligence, integrity, kindness, humility, and optimism. **Thank you for bee-ing adventurous.**

This administration was definitely a "WE" not a "ME" one. Our team was one that was willing to take risks, try new ideas and explore new experiences for our members. Going on an adventure like this often means exploring unknown territory. Each encounter was an opportunity to learn something new. The Bee Team devoted time, energy and/or resources in hopes or expectations of worthwhile results. They inspired others to try new things too. **Thank you for bee-ing Invested.**

Bee with us at our GFWC Illinois Annual Convention as we create a BUZZ! ■



LIGHTING THE WAY WITH PATTI

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

I am so glad to have worked with the members of the 2020-2022 GFWC Illinois Junior Board of Directors and the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors. To shine a light on the accomplishments that the Illinois Junior Organization has had and the challenges that we have worked to our advantage. It has been quite the journey since 2020. So many changes! We've learned how to have meetings from our laptops, dining room tables, in our pj's, with drive-thru projects, more community involvement, and such creative new ways to do club work in our "new normal." But we need to get back to in-person meetings too. GFWC Illinois needs that connection - clubwoman to clubwoman.

By remaining as the GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs for the 2022-2024 Administration, I feel like I'm giving back a little of what I have been given the last 40 years since I joined the GFWC Illinois Coal City Junior Woman's Club of 12th District and went on to serve in multiple leadership positions in Junior Clubs, General Clubs, Juniorette Clubs, Junior District, District, GFWC Illinois Juniors, GFWC Illinois and now GFWC Juniors. I have developed more leadership skills, self-confidence, wisdom and a sense of purpose from being a part of this wonderful volunteer organization.

To say that "Life is an Adventure" is an understatement right now. As my crystal ball quit working long ago, we can't know our future, and everything will not be the way it used to be, but I will do the best I can, forge my own path, work in harmony with others, be kind and encourage others to follow our GFWC path. Let us be courageous - stand up and speak or be courageous enough to sit down and listen. Not just hear. Have the wisdom and heart to meet new challenges and overcome them. Have a little more laughter, a little less worry. A little more kindness and a little less hurry. I look forward to working with more of these wonderful leaders. ■

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain."



Now, what was that password for the website's "Members Center" again? Maybe GFWC Illinois Executive Secretary Renee Super can help with that.

GFWC ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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DEB'S DIAMOND DIVAS ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 | 9:00 p.m. | OUTSIDE COURTYARD | \$10.00

It's time to SPARKLE & SHINE and have fun with the new adventures ahead of us! We have an exciting Annual Meeting planned. We will have the Election of Club Officers and Installation of the 2022-2024 Officers. You will want to be on hand as we get the latest information from our own Diamond Diva herself - Deb Strahanoski.

The GFWC Illinois Deb's Diamond Divas will hold their Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022, after the conclusion of Fun Night at approximately 9 p.m., Outside Courtyard weather-dependant. All members will be invited to remain for the meeting.

We will continue to sell the Deb's Diamond Diva Patron's Pin for \$50.00 each. Contact Phyllis Skubic to purchase one and support our own Deb Strahanoski. All Diamond Patrons will be acknowledged in the GFWC Installation Program in June 2022.

Dues for 2022-2023 are payable by April 15, 2022, to Treasurer Michelle Schultz. ■



DUES FORM

NAME _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Make check payable for \$35 to **Deb's Diamond Divas** | Mail to **Michelle Schultz, 828 W. Reynolds St., Pontiac, IL 61764**

CONVENTION 2022 | HOTEL INFORMATION



DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

10 Brickyard Drive, Bloomington, IL 61701

ROOM RATE:

\$115.00 plus tax (King or 2 Queens)

RESERVATIONS:

Call the hotel at **1-309-664-6446** and say you are attending a convention. **Use group code GF_3.**

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON APRIL 27, 2022, TO GUARANTEE RATES AND AVAILABILITY.

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

SEE YOU IN BLOOMINGTON!



CONVENTION 2022 IN MEMORIAM & 25- & 50-YEAR MEMBERS



Club presidents, please submit the names of your members who passed (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022). They will be honored at a memorial service during Convention on Friday, May 13.

Please also send the names of your members who celebrated their 25th or 50th anniversary as a member of GFWC during 2021.

Please e-mail names to GFWC IL Headquarters, gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net, or mail to 5 E. Van Buren St., Suite 208, Joliet, IL 60432-4224 by April 1, 2022.

GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

126th ANNUAL CONVENTION

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, BLOOMINGTON | MAY 12-14, 2022

"BEE-LIEVE YOU CAN SHINE"

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

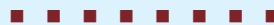
CREDENTIALS | Prefunction Area

Thursday, May 12	9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Friday, May 13	8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 14	8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.



VENDORS | Brickyard 4

Thursday, May 12	1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 13	8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 14	8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.



PRECONVENTION ACTIVITIES | Thursday, May 12

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.	David Davis Mansion Tour (lunch & transportation on your own)	Off-Site
10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	LEADS Workshop	Brookridge
4:00–5:30 p.m.	Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting	Brickyard 1
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Honey of a Hoe Down Country Western Night Dinner – Dress appropriately! — <i>District 6 Hosting</i>	Brickyard 2
7:00–8:30 p.m.	Photo Op	Prefunction Area
7:00–9:00 p.m.	Honey of a Hoe Down Fun Night – Dress appropriately!	Brickyard 2
9:00 p.m.	Deb's Diamond Divas Meeting	Outside Courtyard

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE | Friday, May 13

9:00–10:00 a.m.	General Session I — Convention Opening, <i>"We Bee-gin"</i> Memorial Service, Business: Proposed Bylaws, Awards/First Time Attendees	Brickyard 1, 2, 3
10:15–12:00 p.m.	General Session II — <i>"Bee Amazing"</i> Business: Proposed Resolutions, Updates, Awards	Brickyard 1, 2, 3
12:30 p.m.	General Session III — <i>"Bee Creative"</i> Luncheon, <i>District 25 Hosting</i> Speaker from The Baby Fold, Candidate Speeches, Awards	Brickyard 1, 2, 3
4:30–5:30 p.m.	Candidate Meet & Greet	Prefunction Area
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Social Hour	Prefunction Area
7:00–10:00 p.m.	General Session IV — <i>"Bee Passionate"</i> Federation Banquet, <i>District 14/15 Hosting</i> Keynote by GFWC President Elect Deb Strahanoski, Donations, Awards Reception for GFWC President Elect immediately following (TBD)	Brickyard 1, 2, 3

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE | Saturday, May 14

(If a ballot vote is necessary, it would take place between 7:00–9:00 a.m.)

7:30–8:15 a.m.	Junior Board of Directors Meeting	Brookridge
9:00–10:30 a.m.	Junior Business Session	Brickyard 1, 2, 3
9:00–9:45 a.m.	Workshop: "Pollinator Gardening"	Ironwood
10:00–10:45 a.m.	Workshop: "Taking Great Vacation Photos"	Ironwood
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	General Session V — <i>"Bee-Dazzled by the Shine"</i> Unity Luncheon, <i>District 5 Hosting</i> Speeches: Jenny Award Winner, LEADS Winners, New Club Recognition, Leadership Awards, Juniorette Awards, Installation of 2022–2024 Officers, Speeches Adjournment of the 126th Annual GFWC Illinois Convention	Brickyard 1, 2, 3
3:30–4:30 p.m.	2022–2024 Officer Reception	Prefunction Area

Schedule Subject to Change – Plan "Bee"



CONVENTION 2022 | REGISTRATION FORM



GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS 126th ANNUAL CONVENTION

May 12-14, 2022 | DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington, Illinois

Mail this registration form by **APRIL 15, 2022** with your payment (checks payable to **GFWC Illinois**) to:
Michelle Schultz, GFWC Illinois Convention Treasurer | 828 W. Reynolds St., Pontiac, IL 61764

MEMBER/CONTACT INFORMATION

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Registration must be postmarked on or before APRIL 15, 2022 to avoid a late fee.** Meal functions are first-come first-served.
- **ALL** attendees must pay a registration fee of \$25. Late registrations pay \$40 if postmarked after April 15, 2022.
- Registration fee for GFWC Illinois Past State Presidents and Past State Directors of Junior Clubs is waived.

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Club Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
<input type="checkbox"/> Past GFWC Illinois State President	<input type="checkbox"/> GFWC International Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> Past GFWC Illinois State Director of Junior Clubs	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020-22 GFWC IL Executive Committee	Office _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020-22 GFWC IL Board of Directors	District President/Committee _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020-22 GFWC IL Junior Executive Committee	Office _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020-22 GFWC IL Junior Board of Directors	District DJC/Committee _____

SELECT REGISTRATION & MEALS

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE (if BEFORE April 15, 2022)	(required) \$25.00	\$ _____
DAVID DAVIS MANSION TOUR Thursday, May 12, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (lunch on your own)	\$20.00	\$ _____
LEADS WORKSHOP Thursday, May 12, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (No Convention Registration Fee required if ONLY attending LEADS)	\$30.00	\$ _____
HONEY OF A HOE DOWN DINNER/FUN NIGHT Thursday, May 12, 6:00-9:00 p.m.	\$35.00	\$ _____
DEB'S DIAMOND DIVAS Thursday, May 12, 9:00-10:00 p.m.	\$10.00	\$ _____
ORGANIZATION OF PAST STATE BOARD MEMBERS Friday, May 13, 7:30-8:30 a.m.	\$10.00	\$ _____
OPENING LUNCHEON Friday, May 13, 12:30-2:00 p.m.	\$30.00	\$ _____
FEDERATION BANQUET Friday, May 13, 6:30-10:00 p.m.	\$40.00	\$ _____
UNITY/INSTALLATION LUNCHEON Saturday, May 14, 12:00-3:00 p.m.	\$40.00	\$ _____
LATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE Required AFTER APRIL 15, 2022	\$40.00	\$ _____
LATE MEAL REGISTRATION FEE Required AFTER APRIL 15, 2022	\$10.00/meal	\$ _____
FELLOWSHIP 125 SUPPORTING - Donation of \$125 or more; CONTRIBUTING - less than \$125		\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

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

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

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

THE ORGANIZATION OF PAST STATE BOARD MEMBERS OF GFWC ILLINOIS ANNUAL MEETING



FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022 | **7:30–8:30 p.m.** | DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, BLOOMINGTON

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Organization of Past State Board Members. Everyone that has ever served on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors in any capacity is always WELCOME to BEE a member. Dues are only \$3.00 per year and we meet only one time per year at the Annual State Convention.

This year we are not planning a breakfast, since with your room reservation breakfast is free, so please go have your breakfast and then come join us for a very informative and short meeting. There will be a \$10.00 per person cost to cover meeting expenses.

Please RSVP to Wanda Burklow burklow45@yahoo.com or you may call Wanda at (618) 273-3639 if you have any questions.

Members or WannaBEes may mail their \$3.00 dues check to Diane Addante, 707 Castilleja Ct., Naperville, IL 60540 (e-mail: dinaper@cs.com). Make checks payable to "Organization of Past State Board Members."

A heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, and remember: WHEN THE HEART VOLUNTEERS, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE! ■

Wanda Burklow, President

QUESTIONS? Contact Wanda Burklow | burklow45@yahoo.com | (618) 273-3639

GFWC ILLINOIS LEADERSHIP EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

GFWC ILLINOIS LEADS



Thursday, May 12, 2022 | 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30

(Register for LEADS on the Convention Registration Form on page 5, due April 15, 2022)

Calling all club members! Are you entertaining the idea of stepping into a leadership role but not sure where to start? Maybe you're scared? Worried about failure? Rest assured, we have all been there. Club leaders – who do you see leading your club in the future? We have a great opportunity for potential and new leaders, in clubs and districts, to feel more comfortable in a leadership role.

GFWC Illinois has a phenomenal leadership seminar that is open to EVERYONE! **LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Seminar)** will be held in Illinois on the Thursday before our GFWC Illinois Annual Convention. That's **Thursday, May 12th from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

This year LEADS will include amazing content, presented by great GFWC leaders. GFWC and GFWC Illinois leaders will share information you can use to move forward on your GFWC leadership journey! Topics will include: Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedures, Time Management, Delegating, Mentoring, Succession Plans, Technology, Bylaws, GFWC Resources, GFWC LEADS, Success Under Pressure and Conflict Resolutions.

Registration is \$30, which will include a tasty lunch. We are hoping many of you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Registration is on the Convention registration form in this issue of *The GFWC Illinois Clubwoman* magazine. ■

Your GFWC Illinois Leadership Team: Cathy Marsoun, Helen Crause, Carol Jablonski & Kim Kalafut

QUESTIONS? Contact Cathy Marsoun, GFWC IL Leadership Chairman | cmarsoun@hotmail.com | (309) 738-5003

**CONVENTION
FLOWERS**



ORIGINAL NIEPAGEN FLOWER SHOP
1202 S. Main St., Bloomington
(309) 828-2631
Open Saturday 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

CASEY'S GARDEN SHOP
1505 N. Main St., Bloomington
(309) 828-1424
Open Saturday 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

CONVENTION 2022 | DAVID DAVIS MANSION TOUR & LUNCH

THURSDAY, MAY 12 | 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

The David Davis Mansion in Bloomington at 1000 Monroe Street is the beautifully restored home of former Supreme Court and U.S. Senator from Illinois David Davis and his wife Sarah. The home was completed in 1872 and had what was then the most amazing modern conveniences of that time. This three-story house design is Italianate and Second Empire. The house is yellow brick with 36 rooms, surrounded by over 4 acres of lawn and beautifully restored gardens with a number of outbuildings. After arriving at the house called “Clover Lawn” by the Davis’s, we will view a short video and tour the house and gardens. Please be aware that a number of steps are involved, even getting into the house.

After viewing the mansion, we will go to Biaggi’s Ristorante Italiano for lunch on your own and then back to the DoubleTree in plenty of time for the Board Meeting... or to shop at the Convention vendors! ■



CONVENTION 2022 | WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

ROXANNE GREEN | POLLINATOR GARDENING
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 9:00–9:45 A.M.

Roxanne Green graduated with a BA from Monmouth College and has a Masters degree from St. Xavier University. She taught public education for 35 years in Illinois.

Since retirement, she has been teaching for the Knox County Farm Bureau as the Ag in the Classroom coordinator for grades K-2. She also has a passion for monarch butterflies, having traveled the migration route from Canada to Mexico. She also participated in the creation of the Illinois Monarch Project and has been involved in creating pollinator/butterfly gardens across Knox County. ■

DALE FEHR | TAKING GREAT VACATION PHOTOS
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 10:00–10:45 A.M.

Dale Fehr has been an amateur photographer for seven years, finding much success in those years as he learned the craft. In this presentation, Dale will share techniques he discovered that helped him take the best images possible, no matter what kind of camera he used. Learn from the stories behind some of his best photos to take a vacation photo from snapshot to awesome! Join him for this photo-filled, informative and fun presentation. ■



CONVENTION 2022 | SUGGESTED DRESS

THURSDAY, MAY 12

David Davis Mansion Tour | GFWC Emblematic Wear and Comfortable Shoes

LEADS | GFWC Emblematic Wear

Board of Directors Meeting | GFWC Emblematic Wear

Honey of a Hoe Down Dinner/Fun Night | Western Wear

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Business Sessions | Business Casual

Opening Luncheon | Business Casual

Federation Banquet | Cocktail Dress

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Business Session | Business Casual/GFWC Emblematic Wear

Unity/Installation Luncheon | Business Attire



MEET THE 2022–2024 GFWC ILLINOIS LEADERS!

GFWC IL PRESIDENT LEEANN CONLON



Empowering the need to feed...

Who would have thought back in 2002 when I was the first GFWC Illinois LEADS candidate, that in 20 years, I would have the honor of serving as your GFWC Illinois President! What a journey it has been serving at the club, district and state levels getting to know the diverse set of clubwomen throughout the state! A big “shout out” of thanks to Debbie Strahanoski and Debbie Bach for having faith in my abilities and starting the momentum of GFWC stewardship in me.

I do believe that the challenges of 2020–2021 will continue; however, our resiliency is stronger than ever before, and I am excited about what we can do during the 2022–2024 administration! Whether we meet in person or virtually, we will prove once again that we are a vibrant and committed community of volunteers resolved to turn ideas into actions.

To add to the excitement, our GFWC Illinois volunteer community will also have the honor of being front and center working with GFWC to support Debbie Strahanoski, GFWC President 2022–2024.

ARE YOU READY TO empower the need to feed our individual hearts, brains, and our courage? ■

GFWC IL DIRECTOR OF JR. CLUBS PATTI R. KUCHAR



Patti was installed as GFWC Illinois Director Elect of Junior Clubs for the 2020–2022 administration. After the resignation of Amy Vicioso, she automatically became the Director.

I started as a Junior club member in 1982. My experience includes: Club President, Treasurer, District Director of Junior Clubs (12th District), an officer of numerous Clubs, District Junior Treasurer, District President, Illinois Junior Treasurer, and Northern Region Junior Director, when there were 3,000 Junior members in Illinois. As such, I was also the Junior Leadership Chairman. With my many years of Federation experience, and with the help of willing Junior Leaders and volunteers, we can move forward, through the challenge of the pandemic, finding our “new normal,” working in harmony with all the Federated clubs in Illinois.

We all have the same goals, working in creative and innovative ways to help our children and our communities in Illinois. By doing better than ever before, what work we have to do. I’m proud to be a clubwoman in Illinois. I’m looking forward to serving as the GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2022–2024 with so many talented women. Trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist. ■

CANDIDATES FOR 2022–2024 GFWC ILLINOIS OFFICERS

GFWC IL PRESIDENT ELECT TRISHA SCHAFER



Trisha, currently serving as GFWC IL Signature Program Chairman and also GFWC Signature Program Committee Member and Teen Dating Violence focus adviser, has created and presented workshops and webinars on TDV and Healthy Teen Relationships. She served on the 2018–2020 GFWC Executive Committee as the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs.

Trisha has served in various positions including GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs in 2012–2014, WHRC /Historian/1734 Society Chairman, Special Projects, Communications, Central Region Director, 2014–2016 GFWC Leadership Committee and was privileged to present two GFWC LEADS Seminars.

Trisha is knowledgeable, organized, and enthusiastic in all aspects of club work. She has a record of leadership within her home club and has served as 16th District Director 2000–2004 and President 2016–2018. Trisha is a 30-year member of GFWC Illinois and a member of GFWC Nebraska for three years. Trisha is employed at Freedom House (a domestic and sexual violence agency) as their Manager of Outreach and Facilities. She touts that her qualifications derive from her experiences gained through GFWC.

Within her community, she is currently a Chamber Ambassador and on the Community Foundation steering committee. Other organizations served include: the McGruff Safe House Program, Red Cross Instructor and a founding member of the County States Attorney Advisory Board. ■

GFWC IL NORTHERN REGION VP SANDY CHRISTOFANELLI



Sandy joined Chicago Heights Junior Woman’s Club in 1994, and then Glenwood Junior Woman’s Club. She has served as chairman of almost every committee, as well as Vice President and President. Sandy served 3rd District as numerous committee chairmen at both the Junior and District levels, including Leadership, President Elect, and most recently, President in 2020–2022. Sandy also served on the GFWC Illinois Junior Board from 2000–2018 in various roles including: Junior Special Projects, Meetings/Banquets, Special Assistant to the Junior Director and Fundraising. On the GFWC Illinois Board, Sandy served as International Outreach Chairman from 2018–2020. In 2019, Sandy was selected by Heifer International to go on a Field Visit to Kenya. She continues as a Heifer Ambassador today, speaking to GFWC clubs, schools and civic organizations about Heifer International. Sandy has also participated on the GFWC Great Lakes Region Board of Directors in 2020–2022. Last year, Sandy represented GFWC Illinois as the LEADS candidate at the GFWC Convention. Sandy’s 35-year career in corporate America will help her guide and lead GFWC Illinois. Sandy is excited to get back to basics visiting Districts and Clubs in Northern Region, and helping them not just to survive, but to thrive! ■

GFWC IL CENTRAL REGION VP GINA FRITZ



I joined GFWC Illinois Bloomington Normal Junior Woman's Club in Fall of 1992 and have held the offices of Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Vice President, and President. I held chairmanships in Arts, Native American, Veteran's, Home Life, Conservation, Education, International, Fundraising, Social, Junior Week and Leadership.

2002–2004 17th District Director of Junior Clubs: It was here I was exposed to the mission of GFWC and became interested in furthering my volunteer commitment.

GFWC Illinois Junior Board: 17th District Director Junior Clubs 2002–2004; Veterans/Native American Affairs Chairman 2004–2006; Co-Junior Meetings and Banquets Chairman 2008–2012; Co-Director of Junior Clubs Assistant 2012–2016.

GFWC Illinois Board of Directors: International Outreach Committee 2018–2020; Scholarship Chairman 2020–present.

My husband of 34 years, Rich, and I raised Michael (Kaitlin & grandbaby Aiden) – Boston, Anna – Durham, NC, and Demi – Texas.

I volunteered for 20 years as General and House Advisor for Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority Normal. I built a team of advisors, guided collegiates in leadership roles, and worked with Nationals in the housing arena.

As Central Region VP, I look forward to visiting every club. It will be a rewarding experience working with the strong leaders and club members that make up GFWC! ■

GFWC IL SECRETARY MARY JANE KOESTER

The 23rd District proudly endorses Mary Jane Koester for GFWC Illinois 2022–2024 Secretary.

Mary Jane has been a 25-year member of GFWC Illinois Effingham Women of Today. She has held many chairmanships and all offices except Treasurer. As an active member of District 23, she has served as Chairman of Committees and as President, Treasurer and, currently, the Dean of Chairmen. At the state level, she has been on the Strategic Planning committee, Home Life Chairman, Conservation committee, and is currently completing a term as Environment Chairman.

Mary Jane is also an active volunteer in her community. She is currently serving as an officer on the St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary Board. She has been active in her church as a Eucharistic minister to the homebound, served as Regent for the Catholic Daughters of America, and is currently serving on the Crossroad Quilters Guild of Effingham as a visitor to Veterans who are now living in nursing homes and assisted living homes.

Mary Jane graduated from Teutopolis High School. She managed a construction supply store and lives on a farm with her husband, Tony. They have 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Looking forward to serving you! ■



GFWC IL SOUTHERN REGION VP JULIE IVERS



I've enjoyed many years of membership in the St. Francisville Woman's Club, holding numerous offices. Club membership led to attending 23rd District meetings and offices at this level. I started attending State Conventions to support our District members at state level. After many years, I served as District President 2016–2018 and took the next step serving as State Isabella Candee Chair 2018–2020. Currently I'm serving on the State Membership Team and Strategic Planning Committee. As Southern Region Vice President, I would like to connect with the clubs in the south and encourage them to have more involvement at the state level.

I've been married for 46 years. Not only a marriage, but an induction to being part of a family farm. I'm still actively involved in the family business. We are blessed with seven grandchildren. In 2021, the oldest enlisted in the Marines and the youngest is in Kindergarten.

Over the years, I've been involved with my church, township, and local school board, along with working at a nursing home and with childcare providers. I enjoy being busy and attempting to make a difference in my part of the world. ■

GFWC IL TREASURER CAROL JABLONSKI



GFWC Illinois District 5 proudly endorses Carol Jablonski as candidate for the position of GFWC Illinois Treasurer for the 2022–2024 administration. Some background on Carol:

- Darien Woman's Club (29 years): Many chairmanships, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President - Membership, President Elect and President.
- Past President's Club of DuPage County: Secretary and Vice President.
- The Organization of Past State Board Members of the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs: Treasurer and Secretary.
- Deb's Diamond Divas member.
- GFWC IL 5th District: Several chairmanships, Secretary, Vice President - Leadership & Membership, President.
- GFWC IL Northern Region Vice President 2020–2022 and 2016–2018; Chairman, Communications & Public Relations Committee; Editor of *The GFWC IL Clubwoman* magazine. Was selected as 2014 Illinois representative at 2014 GFWC LEADS.
- **Community Volunteer:** West Suburban Community Pantry.
- **Schools:** Chaired fundraisers for elementary school and high school Booster Club. Secretary.
- **Personal:** Graduated from DePaul University, and worked for 7 years before changing careers to that of mom. Her two sons kept her busy between their schools and being their sports fan. Her husband went back to school twice to further his education and employment opportunities.

Carol will be an asset to GFWC Illinois as Treasurer for the 2022–2024 administration. ■

JUNIOR CANDIDATES FOR 2022–2024 GFWC ILLINOIS OFFICERS

GFWC IL DIRECTOR-ELECT OF JUNIOR CLUBS MARIA F. URIBE



I am Maria Uribe and I have been a member of the Lombard Junior Women's Club for 25 years. I have served as Club President three times. I've also held positions as President Elect and Membership Chair, Philanthropies and currently I serve as Yearbook Chair. I've also been TLC Director and Co-Director twice. I stay very active in club activities.

Besides being actively involved in my own club, I have served as 5th District Director of Junior Clubs, and 5th District Legislation Chair. I've held many chairmanships at the 5th District level. In addition, I have also held several chairmanships at the Junior State Level. I served as Junior Special Emphasis Chair, Junior State Arts Representative and currently serve as GFWC Junior State Treasurer. I was also the 2018 LEADS Candidate.

On a personal level, I'm a wife, mother of two and a proud grandmother of three beautiful kids. And very proud to be a member of the GFWC Illinois Organization. Thank you! ■

GFWC IL DEAN OF JR. CHAIRMEN KAREN HILL-DAVIS



I have been a proud member of the Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club since 2013 previously serving as Club President and Chairman of several Committees. I have enjoyed being a GFWC IL clubwoman serving on the Statewide level most recently in the capacity of Dean of Junior Chairmen and on the Membership Committee. I am looking forward to working with the Junior Chairmen and as they continue to provide information, guidance and creative enthusiastic programming for our Clubs Statewide. Anticipating working with our committee chairwomen and members as we build on our strong history of community service, advancement and Special programming along with expanding the communication and resources available to clubs is. The Club Awards Program has evolved to meet the needs of our changing times and streamline the processes. It is with great anticipation and excitement that I greet our new 2022–2024 administration and the many phenomenal Community Service, Advancement and Special programs and activities our amazing clubwomen across the state will engage in. ■

GFWC IL JUNIOR SECRETARY OPEN

If no candidate comes forward, nominations for this position will be taken from the floor. ■

GFWC IL JUNIOR TREASURER ERIN GILLIGAN



My name is Erin Gilligan and I'm happy to be considered for Junior Treasurer. I joined the Joliet Junior Women's Club in 2008 and served on the board. In 2013, I moved to Champaign and joined the Champaign Urbana Junior Women's Club. I've served as Treasurer and President and am currently Past President. In District 19, I held the position of Director of Junior Clubs from 2018–2020. I am currently the Membership Chair on the Junior Board.

My goal is to keep accurate records, provide reports in a timely manner and evaluate processes to be improved. I've worked for over 20 years in fundraising and currently work in the Advancement Department at Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana. My duties include tracking and reporting on fundraising activities. ■

The 2022 Convention Service Project will be a "Sprinkle Shower" to help with donations to benefit "The Baby Fold!"

Please join us for a child's

"SPRINKLE SHOWER"

Celebrating The 120th Anniversary
of "The Baby Fold" in Normal, Illinois

Friday, May 13th & Saturday, May 14th

During The GFWC Illinois Annual State Convention

Bring **Cash \$\$\$** to purchase your sprinkle gift.
Bring gift cards, diapers and baby wipes to donate.

On Friday, Guest Speaker Pastor Lori Bultemeier
will give us the history of "The Baby Fold" and
tell us what their services are today.

The "Sprinkle" will be conducted in this manner:

1. Gift bags will contain anywhere from one to several items of various sizes of clothing. A price tag will be attached to the presents ranging in a donation of \$10 up to \$35. All items are new with tags.
2. The member will purchase their present, open it to see what item they received, and then place it on a rounder that we will later deliver to "The Baby Fold" after the convention.
3. We will take back the gift bag and repack it with another item, thus recycling the gift bags to keep costs down.

We look forward to rolling out this service project for a wonderful 120-year organization — "The Baby Fold."

For more information, please visit "The Baby Fold" at:
<https://www.thebabyfold.org/>

Sincerely, Gina Fritz and Sandy Christofanelli



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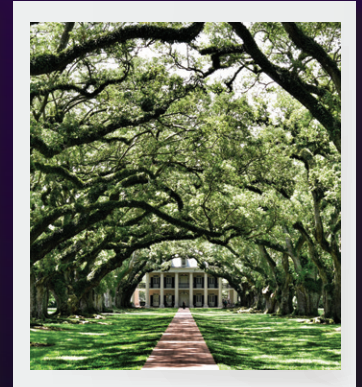
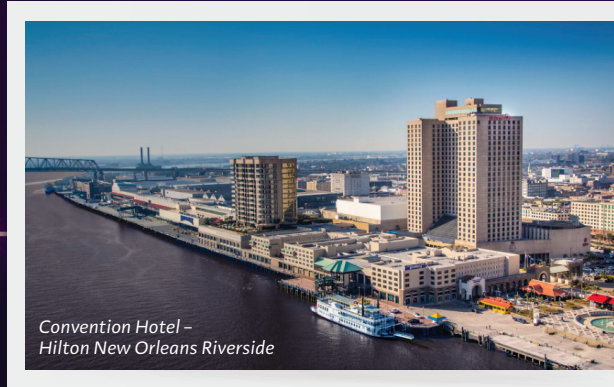
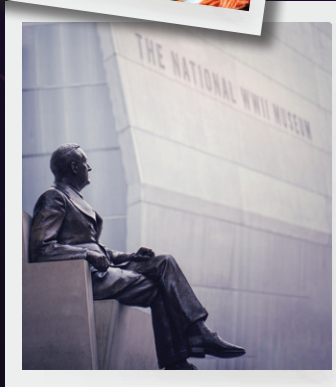
Please consider joining the GFWC Illinois delegation at the 2022 GFWC Annual Convention in New Orleans June 25-28th! In addition to informational workshops, incredible keynote speakers, and meeting your GFWC sisters from across the country, the highlight of the Convention will surely be celebrating the installation of our very own Deb Strahanoski as the 2022-2024 GFWC International President!



“The Big Easy” offers something for everyone, with world-famous lively music, creative cuisine, and vibrant nightlife, as well as its multi-cultural heritage and festivals.

Registration is open in the GFWC Member Portal. For registration assistance, go to <https://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/annual-convention/registration-assistance/>.

Hope to see you there – let the good times roll!





IT'S A HONEY OF A RAFFLE!

A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE GFWC ILLINOIS ORGANIZATION



Raffle Prize #1: Let's get prepared to travel again! Whether it's to a GFWC event or to see family, this **Vera Bradley Hardside Spinner Luggage** in Floral Burst pattern will stow everything you need. Measures 13" w x 22" h x 9" d. **Retail Value \$269.**



Raffle Prize #2: This tote bag/cooler measures 19" x 16" x 6". The bottom portion is an insulated cooler that will hold a dozen cans of soda plus more (or 2 bottles of wine). It will include an assortment of fun drinks. **Retail Value \$65.**



Raffle Prize #3: Michael Kors Jodie Large Logo Jacquard Tote Bag. A classic tote with a modern twist that is crafted from recycled jacquard. This sizable carryall is perfect for carrying everything you need for a busy day or weekend — from a tablet to an extra set of clothes. **Retail Value \$498.**

Raffle tickets are \$5 each | 6 for \$20

Winners will BEE drawn at the GFWC Illinois Convention on May 14, 2022. **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. Winners need not be present to win. Mail-in ticket orders must be received by May 1, 2022. Tickets may also be purchased at the Convention. ■

We thank you in advance for your support!

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** _____ **PRIZE #3** _____

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

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

SPLIT-THE-POT/GIFT CARD RAFFLES

A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE GFWC ILLINOIS JUNIOR ORGANIZATION



The GFWC Illinois Junior Split-the-Pot and Gift Card Raffles are back live* at the GFWC Illinois Convention!

Raffle Ticket Prices

\$1 each | 6 for \$5 | 15 for \$10 | 30 for \$20

*You may also order tickets from home ahead of time.



Winners will be drawn at the GFWC Illinois Convention on May 14, 2022. **Please specify total number of tickets purchased and how many chances you would like to take on each raffle.** Your name will be entered one time for the selected raffle for each chance you purchase. Mail-in ticket orders must be received by May 1, 2022. Tickets may also be purchased at the Convention. You need not be present to win. **The GFWC Illinois Juniors thank you in advance for your support!** ■

GFWC ILLINOIS JUNIOR SPLIT-THE-POT/GIFT CARD RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHANCES TAKEN FOR EACH RAFFLE:

SPLIT-THE-POT RAFFLE _____ **GIFT CARD RAFFLE** _____

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

Make check payable to **GFWC Illinois Junior Organization** | Mail order to **Maria Uribe**, 1320 Sebring Circle, Elgin, IL 60120
QUESTIONS? Contact Maria Uribe | (630) 965-7040 | mfuribe8@gmail.com

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING PROJECT | BOOKS FOR CAYCE



A New Book "Case" for Cayce, Kentucky

Cayce is a small town in Kentucky that was one of the first hit when the devastating December 10th tornado came through. There were 60 homes in this town...37 were destroyed! People of various ages live there, but many are retired. The pastor of a local Baptist church is trying to open a community reading room and put out the word that he is in need of books. Here is where GFWC Illinois saw an opportunity to help.

A book collection was taken at our February Board meeting in Bloomington, Illinois, with Board members donating many boxes of books. Board members who could not attend the meeting also donated boxes of books. When all was said and done, we estimate over 600 books were collected for the Cayce community reading room!

But how would we get all of these boxes of books to Kentucky? As luck would have it, GFWC Illinois President Teresa Sanford-Shipplett has a cousin who lives 15 miles from Cayce and was willing to help. A plan was made and the boxes of books were loaded into a pickup truck for the drive to Kentucky, where they were safely delivered to the pastor at the Baptist church with the help of Teresa's Kentucky cousin.

As a side note, John Jones aka Casey Jones (of railroad engineer fame) was from Cayce. This folk hero's "Midnight Run" was made famous in "The Ballad of Casey Jones" written in 1909 and most notably sung by Johnny Cash - one of over 40 versions produced! ■

CONVENTION 2022 | PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GFWC ILLINOIS BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

As recommended by the Bylaws Committee | To be presented at the 2022 GFWC Illinois Annual Convention

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ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 2. Candidacy, A. Eligibility, 2b.

Delete the period at the end of the sentence and insert a semi-colon and the following:

“or for the Office of Treasurer—at least five years of professional experience in the accounting/finance field in lieu of the additional two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors or Junior Board.”

To Read: b. “Have served an additional two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors or Junior Board; or for the Office of Treasurer – at least five years of professional experience in the accounting/finance field in lieu of the additional two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors or Junior Board.”

Rationale: In this position a background in finance and accounting would be beneficial and to expand the pool of candidates.

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ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 3. Elections, Subsection B. 5.

Delete B. 5. In its entirety and replace.

To Read: 5. If there are any contested races, all candidates will be elected by ballot. If there are no contested races, the election may be by voice vote. A plurality vote shall elect.

Rationale: To clarify.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 5. Duties of Officers

D. Vice Presidents (page 32)

Insert a new 6.

To read: 6. Serve as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

6 becomes 7.

Rationale: To be consistent with the standing rules.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 5. Duties of Officers

E. Secretary (page 32)

Insert a new 4.

To read: 4. Serve as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

4 becomes 5.

Rationale: To be consistent with the standing rules.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 5. Duties of Officers

F. Treasurer (pages 32 and 33)

Insert a new 9.

To read: 9. Serve as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

9 becomes 10.

Rationale: To be consistent with the standing rules.

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ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 6. Executive Committee, Subsection B

Add a new 14. **To read:** 14. Review scholarship program funds and establish award amounts at Post Convention Executive Committee Meeting.

14 becomes 15.

Rationale: To be ready to distribute scholarship forms in the fall.

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ARTICLE VI, Board of Directors, Section 5. Duties

Insert a new “K.” **To read:** K. Approves the Strategic Plan.

Rationale: To adhere to *Robert’s Rules* and state current practice.

Insert a new “L.” **To read:** L. Approves any changes to the location of the GFWC Illinois Headquarters.

Rationale: To align with current practice.

Then K becomes M, L becomes N, M becomes O & N becomes P.

Proviso: *There are discussions about Districts 5 and 6 and Districts 11 and 12 merging. If these were presented for a vote at the February 2022 GFWC Illinois BOD Meeting and either or both of the motions pass, all or part of the following will need to be voted on at convention:*

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Standing Rule 2. Districts:

Delete 5th District and 6th District and insert the following District after 4th District:

5th/6th District – County of DuPage, The Cook County Townships of North, West and South and the Illinois Townships of Berwyn, Cicero, Lemont, Lyons, Proviso, Riverside, Stickney, Oak Park and River Forest.

Rationale: To indicate boundaries of the new merged district.

Delete 11th District and 12th District and insert the following District after 10th District:

11th/12th District – 7 Counties: DeKalb, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, LaSalle and Will.

Rationale: To indicate boundaries of the new merged district.

Note: *There are still discussions of the name of this district – this may need to be amended if presented.*

*If either or both of the District mergers are voted on and passed and **Standing Rule 2. Districts** is amended, then **Standing Rule 1. Regions** will be amended to reflect the new district names. For example:

Northern Region:

Delete Districts 5, 6, 11 and 12 and insert 5/6 and 11/12.

Northern Region:

Districts 3, 4, 5/6, 7, 10, 11/12 and 13.

This would be considered editorial and a vote will not be necessary.

CONVENTION 2022 | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AMENDMENTS



The **2018–2020 Resolutions Committee** proposed the following for adoption at the 2020 Annual Convention, however, were not voted on due to the cancellation of the Convention. The Committee members were Chairman Nancy H. Willis, Committee Member Becky Weber, District President Ruth Sloom, Board Member Karyn Charvat, President Elect Teresa Sanford-Shippelt, Director of Junior Clubs Cherie Sieger, Parliamentarian Jackie Pierce, PRP, and President Shelli Fehr, ex-officio.

2018–2020

RESOLUTION REVIEWED WITH NO CHANGES IN 2019

Arts & Culture Community Service Program (formerly Arts Community Service Program)

Support of Art in Schools and Communities (Adopted 2010).

RESOLUTION WITH PROPOSED REVISION

Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program (formerly Public Issues Community Service Program)

Water Safety

(Adopted 2007–Revised 2010) Proposed Amendment 2020:

- In the first WHEREAS – Strike the second leading cause and replace with one of the leading causes to read:
 - WHEREAS, Drowning remains one of the leading causes of unintentional injury related to death in children ages 14 and under and the leading cause of unintentional injury related to death among children ages 1 to 4; and
- In the second RESOLVED 6. - Insert the word “Using” at the beginning of the sentence to read:
 - 6. Using backyard swimming pools and wading pools, and further

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

Health & Wellness Community Service Program

YOUTH VAPING

WHEREAS, vaping by the use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) has become widely popular with our youth and is recognized as a growing epidemic, with 3.6 million middle and high school students using ENDS more than 30 days in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Research has strongly indicated that underage users of ENDS are more likely to move onto the use of combustible cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, It has been found that among youth and young adult users, less than half know ENDS frequently contain nicotine, which causes addiction; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs supports actions by the FDA and local, county, state and federal lawmakers (evidenced by legislation); and

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs supports:

1. Advocating for the enactment of laws at the local, state and federal levels regulating ENDS
2. Advocating for initiatives preventing access to flavored tobacco products, curbing marketing aimed at youth, and educating youth about the dangers and risks of vaping; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs urges its members to promote public awareness of the hazards and risks associated with youth vaping by use of ENDS.

2020–2022

As recommended by the 2020–2022 Resolutions Committee

Chairman Carol Johnson, Committee Member Phyllis Skubic, Junior Chairman Lucia Rossi-Nichols, Southern Region Vice President Helen Crause, District President Megan Mitchell, Board Member Mary Jane Koester, President Elect LeeAnn Conlon, Director of Junior Clubs Patti Kuchar, Parliamentarian Diane Addante and President Teresa Sanford-Shippelt, ex-officio.

Pages 1 and 2 of the 2019–2020 Resolutions document were reviewed for proposed amendments. Eleven resolutions were reviewed with seven being acted upon and four being deferred until 2022 when the GFWC resolutions that were adopted at the August 2021 Annual Convention are published.

In addition, given the significant rewrite of the GFWC Resolutions, the GFWC Illinois Resolutions Committee developed a plan to revise the Illinois resolutions based upon adoption and completion of the GFWC efforts.

AMENDMENTS TO PAGES 1 & 2

On Page 2 of the Resolutions Document, the following amendments are proposed:

2. Strike October 25th and replace with November 1st to read:

2. A Club, a District or a State Board Member may submit recommendations for ‘New Resolutions’ or amendments to the existing resolutions for consideration to the Legislation Committee Chairman no later than November 1st. The Chairman shall send a copy of the proposed Resolutions no later than the Fall Board to the members of the Committee.

CONVENTION 2022 | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AMENDMENTS



AMENDMENTS TO PAGES 1 & 2 – CONT.

3.d. Strike December 20th and replace with January 1st to read:

3.d. Provide a copy to the Headquarters Secretary no later than January 1st of the proposed resolutions to send to all delegates with the CALL to the annual convention at which they are to be considered.

3.g. Remove the 2018–2020 Legislation Committee and replace with the 2020–2022 Resolutions Committee.

2020–2022 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Carol Johnson, Chairman; Lucia Rossi-Nichols, Junior Chairman; Phyllis Skubic Committee Member; Helen Crause Southern Region Vice President; Megan Mitchell, District President; Mary Jane Koester, Board Member; LeeAnn Conlon, President Elect; Patti Kuchar, Director of Junior Clubs; Diane Addante, Parliamentarian; Teresa Sanford Shiplett, President Ex-officio

Rationale: To update to current practices.

COMPLIANCE WITH GFWC

In 2020, GFWC changed the names of the Community Service Programs, deleted the International Outreach Community Service Program and added the special programs to the Resolutions categories. To remain in compliance with GFWC, the Resolutions Committee proposes:

- Wherever it says Arts Community Service Program, replace with Arts & Culture Community Service Program.
- Wherever it says Conservation Community Service Program, replace with Environment Community Service Program.
- Wherever it says Home Life Community Service Program, replace with Health & Wellness Community Service Program.
- Wherever it says Public Issues Community Service Program, replace with Civic Engagement & Outreach Community Service Program.
- Wherever it says Education Community Service Program, replace with Education & Libraries Community Service Program.
- Delete the International Outreach Community Service Program Heading.
- Add the following new headings:
 - Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Special Program.
 - Junior Special Program Advocates for Children.

Rationale for all of the above: To be in compliance with GFWC.

FORMERLY INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

- Move Support of the United Nations (Adopted 2001 – Amended 2015) under the Civic Engagement & Outreach Community Service Program heading.
- Move Terrorism (Adopted 2002 – Revised 2003 – Amended 2015) under the Civic Engagement & Outreach Community Service Program heading.

Rationale: Were listed under the International Outreach Community Service Program and moving to Civic Engagement & Outreach Community Service Program to be in compliance with GFWC.

FORMERLY PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

- Move Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention (Adopted 2016) to Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Special Program.
- Move Sex Offenders (Adopted 2016) to Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Special Program.
- Move Child Foster Care (Adopted 2017) to Junior Special Program Advocates for Children.

Rationale: To be in compliance with GFWC.

RESOLUTIONS REVIEWED WITH NO CHANGES IN 2021

- Environment Community Service Program – Environmental Pollution (Adopted 1977– Reviewed 2011).
- Environment Community Service Program – Humane Education (Adopted 1987 – Revised 2011).
- Environment Community Service Program – Shawnee National Forest (Adopted 1974 – Revised 2011).
- Health & Wellness Community Service Program – Affirmation of Faith (Adopted 1994 – Revised 2011).

Note: The following Resolutions required a 10-year review in 2021. The Resolutions Committee recommends that the 10-year review occur in 2022 to either remain unchanged, to revise, or to rescind and replace with GFWC Resolutions adopted at the August 2021 GFWC Convention. The adopted GFWC Resolutions were published in November 2021.

- Environment Community Service Program – Environmental Pollution – Waste Management (2010) Recommendation is to Rescind and Replace with GFWC Resolution.
- Environment Community Service Program – Local Parks and Recreation Areas (2011) Recommendation is to Revise according to GFWC Resolution.
- Education & Libraries Community Service Program – Support of Libraries (2011) Recommendation is to Revise according to GFWC Resolution.
- Health & Wellness Community Service Program – Organ & Tissue Transplants (2011) Recommendation is to Revise according to GFWC Resolution.

Rationale: To be in compliance with GFWC, however, no action required until 2022.



CONVENTION 2022 | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AMENDMENTS



PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTIONS

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES

WHEREAS, Many people in the United States are injured or killed by motor vehicle accidents caused by human error, including inattentive driving and inexperience; and

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of teen death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Various distractions take a driver's attention away from operating a motor vehicle; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support extensive driving practice and quality driver education; and

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to sponsor defensive driving courses for the benefit of their communities and encourages its individual members to participate in such courses; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports:

- Efforts to eliminate distractions while driving and the injury and death that may result, including industry-led engineering solutions to reduce crashes;
- Enforcing existing laws and new legislation prohibiting distracted driving;
- Legislation creating increased penalties for distracted driving.

Rationale: To update and broaden into a more effective resolution.

Proposed to be rescinded pending adoption of New Resolution "Safe Driving Practices" above:

SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES (Adopted 2003 – Revised 2011)

WHEREAS, Too many people in the United States are killed or injured by motor vehicle accidents caused by human error and inattentive driving; and

WHEREAS, Defensive driving courses have been shown to assist drivers in reducing both accidents and traffic law violations appreciably; and

WHEREAS, There has been an alarming increase in motor vehicle crashes caused by inattentive drivers performing personal grooming activities, reading, eating, smoking, tuning the radio, and talking on cellular phones and texting; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to sponsor defensive driving courses for the benefit of their communities, and urges its individual members to participate in such courses; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs and its members support laws:

1. Prohibiting the use of hand-held cellular phones and texting for non-emergency calls while driving; and
2. Enforcing existing laws and new legislation prohibiting inattentive driving.

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

RENEWABLE ENERGY

WHEREAS, Global security and economic well-being demands a balanced use of energy resources; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to promote and conduct conservation programs which relate to reducing the level of energy consumption; and

RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs urges governments, private industry and consumers to:

- Focus public attention on the need for adequate energy and the need for coordinated energy policies;
- Encourage balance between the interests of proper management of resources, adequate water supplies and protection of wildlife, with the interests of energy production; and

RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs urges governments and private industry to research, explore and develop efficient and effective energy sources; and further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs supports legislation to fund and expand renewable energy resources, including a higher national renewable energy standard and decreasing consumption of all non-renewable fuels

Rationale: To be compliant with GFWC, reflect current times, support legislative action, and speak to the US dependence on foreign energy.

Proposed to be rescinded pending adoption of New Resolution "Renewable Energy" above:

ENERGY CONSERVATION (Adopted 1977 – Revised 2011)

WHEREAS, The energy situation is of national and international concern and its solution affects the peace of the world; and

WHEREAS, The United States continues to face issues surrounding adequate supplies and high costs of energy which intrude upon our daily lives, growth and economic development; and

WHEREAS, The conservation of energy and the reduction of energy demands are vital to both our energy and environmental goals; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs urges government and private industry to: focus public attention on the need for adequate energy and the need for coordinated energy policies; research, explore and develop efficient and effective energy sources; and encourage balance between the interests of proper management of resources, adequate water supplies and protection of wildlife with the interest of energy production; therefore

RESOLVED, GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to devise, promote and conduct programs which relate to individual, family, and community consumption and conservation of energy.

CONVENTION 2022 | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AMENDMENTS



HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

CHILD CARE

WHEREAS, A safe, educational and nurturing environment is essential to the well-being and development of children; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the majority of families with children under the age of 17 have the single parent or both parents in the paid work force; and

WHEREAS, The high cost and lack of available quality care contributes to young children being placed in mediocre child care or being left unattended; and

WHEREAS, Unexplained absences of young children may be attributed to abductions, serious injury, or death; therefore

RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs supports legislation and private initiatives to make quality child care affordable and accessible to all; and

RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs supports legislation regulating and enforcing health and safety standards of child care facilities; and further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to:

- Support increasing the federal child care tax credit for working parents;
- Support measures requiring early childhood training and increasing the wages of child care providers;
- Encourage self-supporting, independent after-school programs in specified areas of school facilities;
- Encourage the enactment of legislation mandating that all child care facilities establish a two-way notification system when a child scheduled to be in attendance is absent from the facility.

Rationale: Update and broaden into a more effective resolution, compliance with GFWC.

Proposed to be rescinded pending adoption of New Resolution "Child Care" above:

QUALITY CHILD CARE (Adopted 2003 – Revised 2011)
Note: This resolution was formerly under the heading of Public Issues.

WHEREAS, A safe, educational and nurturing environment is essential to the well-being and development of children; and

WHEREAS, Many parents and custodians of young children must be employed outside the home to ensure the economic survival of their families; and

WHEREAS, The high cost and scarcity of quality child care contributes to young children being placed in mediocre child care or being left unattended; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges support of:

1. Legislation and private initiatives to make quality child care affordable and accessible to all; and

2. Legislation regulating and enforcing health and safety standards of child care facilities; and further.

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges members to:

1. Evaluate the availability of child care facilities in their communities, and take appropriate action;
2. Support increasing the federal child care tax credit for working parents; and
3. Support measures requiring early childhood training and increased wages for child care providers.

TOLERANCE AND DIVERSITY

WHEREAS, The unchecked growth of prejudice, incitement to violence, racism, stereotyping, terrorism, and intolerance endangers members of society, leads to violation of the rights of others, and destruction of property; therefore

RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to:

- Promote community awareness about the unique diversity of other cultures;
- Foster tolerance, acceptance, and benefits of diversity;
- Support the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Day for Tolerance.

Rationale: To be in compliance with GFWC.



The Cat in the Hat, aka Beck Hopkins, made an appearance at the February Board of Directors meeting to help collect donated books for Cayce, Kentucky. From left: ESO Chairman Judy Rader, Beck Hopkins and GFWC Illinois President Teresa Sanford-Shipplett.



CONVENTION 2022 | DOOR PRIZE REQUEST



Donations Needed!

The 126th Annual GFWC Illinois Convention will be held May 12-14, 2022, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington, Illinois. A welcomed tradition of GFWC Illinois is the door prizes given away during the meal functions throughout Convention. Your support of this tradition, whether by the donation of a cash donation or a gift (such as a gift basket) valued of at least \$25 or more will be greatly appreciated. To ensure the proper recognition for your gift/donation, please complete the form below and return as indicated.

Your kind donation will be accepted at any time, but to be included in the Convention program, please fill out the form below and send it to Phyllis Skubic or GFWC Illinois Headquarters no later than APRIL 1, 2022.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! IT IS SO APPRECIATED! ■

GFWC ILLINOIS CONVENTION 2022 DOOR PRIZE REQUEST FORM

DONOR NAME _____

(How would you like the Door Prize listed, i.e., your name or name of club/district?)

TITLE OR CLUB _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

DESCRIPTION OR AMOUNT OF GIFT/DONATION _____

For Cash Donations, please return form and check to **Renee Super, GFWC Illinois, 5 East Van Buren St., Suite 208, Joliet, IL 60432.**
Make check payable to **GFWC Illinois.**

For Gift Donations only (such as a basket), please return form to **Phyllis Skubic, 40 Gordon Ave., Coal City, IL 60416.**
Gifts/gift baskets may be brought to the Convention.

For recognition in the Convention Booklet, please return by April 1, 2022. Thank you!

QUESTIONS? Contact Phyllis Skubic | (815) 735-9947 | pjskubic@gmail.com



TREES FOR VETERANS SERVICE PROJECT

At the November Board of Directors meeting in Bloomington, mini Christmas trees were decorated and then delivered to a local Veterans hospital in time for the holidays. From left: GFWC IL Junior Treasurer Maria Uribe and Fundraising Chairman Margie Nilson show off their handiwork; a bin full of trees ready to be delivered; GFWC IL Northern Region VP Carol Jablonski hard at work on her tree.

SAVE THE DATE | UPCOMING EVENTS

BLUE RIBBON HIGH TEA BENEFITTING PCA ILLINOIS

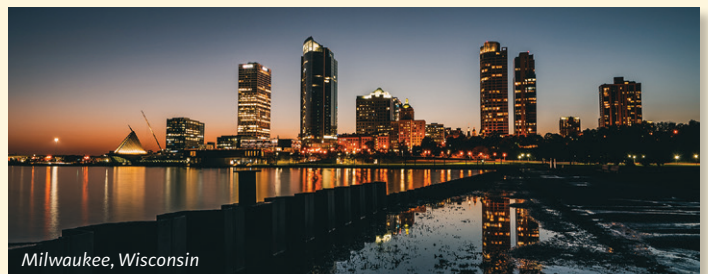
April 3 | Gardner, Illinois

GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

June 24-28 | New Orleans, Louisiana

GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE

September 29-October 1 | Brookfield, Wisconsin



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 May 12-14!**

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 CAN SHINE!**



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GFWC ILLINOIS FELLOWSHIP 125 CONTRIBUTION FORM

AMOUNT OF DONATION \$ _____ DATE _____

SELECT ONE: Personal Club District

DONOR _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE SENT TO _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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 Mail to **GFWC Illinois, 5 E. Van Buren St., Ste. 208, Joliet, IL 60432**

