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**“RUBY SLIPPERS –
THE POWER WITHIN”**

SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE





COURAGE & PASSION

BY LEEANN CONLON, GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT 2022-2024

THE POWER WITHIN

Glynda The Good Witch said, “You had the Power All Along, My Dear!” Every day I hear about the power of the GFWC Illinois clubwomen’s contributions to help those in need. It may have been a word of encouragement, a meal for those struggling to put food on the table, a scholarship for higher learning, expanding your partnerships within the community, or addressing challenges head-on for a positive outcome! Each and every one of our GFWC Illinois clubwomen has the strength and fortitude to wield their power to make our world a better place, however unique that may be! And for that, I thank you!

I am excited to bring this convention before you. We are honored to have Suellen Brazil, GFWC President Elect, and Dana Jones, GFWC Great Lakes Region President, join us for these few days. We will hear about their “power within” and

how they chose their personal leadership path down the yellow brick road!



I can’t wait to see your “power within” as you choose to be the Good Witch or the Bad Witch at our first ever “Witches Sneaker Ball”...yes, bring those sparkly sneakers and join us for an evening of celebration, dancing and surprises! Let your costume show the rest of us the real you!

And, we have some great workshops planned, with our speakers’ passionate, courageous and mindful words of wisdom to engage your inner spirit for learning.

Last, but not least, our celebrations of accomplishments and leadership will highlight all the wonderful things you do!

Thank you for joining us!!! ■

A VIEW OF THE NEW GFWC ILLINOIS HQ



Although not all of the work is done, we are settling into the new office space. New office furniture was purchased and looks beautiful! We have three rooms and all are designated for different things: the first is our “Greeting & History” area, the second is the “hub” of Headquarters, and the third is our office supply/extra work space area. We may have downsized, but we are more organized, refreshed and ready to work! If you’re going to be in the Joliet area and would like to visit, please email or call Renee at HQ. ■



GFWC ILLINOIS 2022-2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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OVER THE RAINBOW

BY PATTI KUCHAR, GFWC ILLINOIS DIRECTOR OF JR. CLUBS 2022-2024



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE UNDER THE RAINBOW!

I can't believe we are nearing the end of the first year of this administration. Wow, time seems to have flown by! By the time this is published, award-winning reports will have been submitted, judged and awards certificates for members and clubs will have been made. They will be waiting for you at either your spring district meetings or at the GFWC Illinois Annual Convention in Bloomington. So, please don't forget to invite LeeAnn or I, or indeed any state officer, to attend your convention, banquet or meeting.

Junior Leadership Awards will be presented during the Unity Luncheon on Saturday. If you honored a special Junior from your club, please ask her to join us then for the presentation of the Spark Plug Award, Junior of the Year Award, and Outstanding Junior Service Award.

In this issue, you will find an ad for the GFWC Junior "Split-the-Pot Raffle." You may purchase tickets ahead of time, if you wish. Or simply buy the tickets at Convention. Candyce Jordan, Junior Fundraising Chairman, will be chairing this raffle. Plus,

please plan on visiting our Fundraising table for all kinds of great items and raffles.

There will be a Junior Service Project on Saturday, April 22. All you need to do is purchase some new socks and/or underwear (children's sizes please) and drop them off on Saturday. Your donations will be given to the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal and Help for Hope in Coal City. These donations can be reported for 2023's Advocates for Children's Report - and you don't need to be a Junior Club to participate. So, if you see the "Feets & Seats" signage or table, that's the right place to drop off your donations.



The Junior Board of Directors meeting will be held Friday morning and the Junior Business Session is on Saturday morning, which is when the Junior Awards will be given out. There will also be a few workshops that you will be able to attend. I hope to see lots of Junior Club members at Convention. See you "UNDER THE RAINBOW!" ■

Patti Kuchar, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

CONVENTION 2023 | 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 the GFWC IL Conference. Ask for the GFWC IL Conference room block or reference the **group code WCI**.

Register online at: <https://hil.tn/3wcfgs4>

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON MARCH 28, 2023, 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 2023 | ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST

Please refer to the January 2023 issue of *The GFWC Illinois Clubwoman* for more Convention information, including complete Arts & Crafts Contest Rules. The online issue can be found at www.gfwcillinois.org under **COMMUNICATIONS > GFWC IL CLUBWOMAN MAGAZINE**. Complete rules and information on the Arts & Crafts Contest can also be found on our website in the **MEMBERS CENTER** under **AWARDS & CONTESTS**.

GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

127th ANNUAL CONVENTION

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, BLOOMINGTON | APRIL 20-22, 2023

"RUBY SLIPPERS – THE POWER WITHIN"

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

CREENTIALS | Prefunction Area

Thursday, April 20 1:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
 Friday, April 21 7:30 a.m.–12:00 noon
 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 22 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.



GFWC IL FUNDRAISING | Brickyard 4

Thursday, April 20 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Friday, April 21 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 22 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

VENDORS | Prefunction Area

Friday, April 21 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

GFWC IL ARTS & CRAFTS | Brickyard 4

Thursday, April 20 4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
 (Registration)
 Friday, April 21 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 22 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
 (Item Pickup)



PRECONVENTION ACTIVITIES & FEDERATION BANQUET | Thursday, April 20

1:00–2:00 p.m.	2024 GFWC Convention Committee Meeting	Brookridge
2:00–3:00 p.m.	Organization of Past State Board Members Annual Meeting	Brookridge
3:00–4:00 p.m.	Preconvention Board of Directors Meeting	Brickyard 2
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Cocktails/Photo Op	Courtyard
7:00–10:00 p.m.	Federation Banquet – The Great Wizard Keynote by GFWC President Elect Suellen Brazil; LEADS Winner; Reception for the GFWC President Elect immediately following	Brickyard 1

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE | Friday, April 21

7:45–8:45 a.m.	Junior Board of Directors Meeting	Brookridge
9:00–10:00 a.m.	General Session I / Convention Opening – We're Off to See the Wizard Welcome & Greetings; Business; First-Time Attendees	Brickyard 1, 2, 3
10:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	General Session II – What's Behind the Curtain Business: Proposed Bylaws & Resolutions; Awards: Health & Wellness, Make a Difference Day, Civic Engagement, Legislation & Public Policy; Workshop: Get on the Yellow Brick Road to Becoming a NPO (Not for Profit Organization)	Brickyard 1, 2, 3
12:30–3:00 p.m.	General Session IIIa – Follow the Yellow Brick Road Opening Luncheon; Guest Speaker; Memorial Service, Awards: Leadership, Environment, Fundraising, WHRC	Brickyard 1, 2, 3
3:30–5:00 p.m.	General Session IIIb – Workshops TBD; Awards: Membership, Communications & PR, Arts & Culture, Education & ESO	
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Cocktails/Photo Op	Prefunction Area
7:00–10:00 p.m.	Witches Sneaker Ball – Are You a Good Witch or a Bad Witch?	Brickyard 5, 6
10:00 p.m.	Deb's Diamond Divas Meeting	Brickyard 5, 6

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE | Saturday, April 22

8:00–11:30 a.m.	General Session IV – Somewhere Over the Rainbow	Brickyard 1, 2, 3
8:00–9:30 a.m.	Junior Business Session	
9:45–11:30 a.m.	Workshops: Successful Grant Writing and Club Sponsorships	
12:00–4:00 p.m.	General Session V / Unity Luncheon – Because of the Wonderful Things You Do! First-Time Attendees; Unity Award; Junior & Juniorette Leadership Awards; Guest Speaker; New Clubs; Arts Contest Winners; Raffle & Split-the-Pot Winners	Brickyard 1, 2, 3

Schedule Subject to Change



CONVENTION 2023 | REGISTRATION FORM



GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS 127th ANNUAL CONVENTION

April 20–22, 2023 | DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington, Illinois

Mail this registration form with your payment (checks payable to **GFWC Illinois**) to:
5 E. Van Buren Street, Suite 212, Joliet, IL 60432-4224. Registration must be received on or before **APRIL 1, 2023.**

MEMBER/CONTACT INFORMATION

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Registration must be postmarked on or before APRIL 1, 2023, to avoid a late fee.** Online registration is available at www.gfwcillinois.org under the **Events** tab.
- **ALL** attendees must pay a registration fee of \$40. Late registrations pay \$55 if postmarked after April 1, 2023.
- 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 unless you are a first-time attendee)

<input type="checkbox"/> Club Member	<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"/> First-Time Attendee
<input type="checkbox"/> 2022–24 GFWC IL Executive Committee	Office _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2022–24 GFWC IL Board of Directors	District President/Committee _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2022–24 GFWC IL Junior Executive Committee	Office _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2022–24 GFWC IL Junior Board of Directors	District DJC/Committee _____

SELECT REGISTRATION & MEALS

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE (if BEFORE April 1, 2023)	(required) \$40.00	\$ _____
ORGANIZATION OF PAST STATE BOARD MEMBERS MEETING Thursday, April 20, 2:00–3:00 p.m.	\$10.00	\$ _____
FEDERATION BANQUET Thursday, April 20, 7:00–10:00 p.m. <i>Classic Wedge Salad, Roasted Medallions of Pork, Asparagus, Roasted Baby Red Skin Potatoes & Tuxedo Truffle Dessert</i>	\$50.00	\$ _____
OPENING LUNCHEON Friday, April 21, 12:30–3:00 p.m. <i>Italian Tomato Bisque, Antipasto Chicken, Grilled Veggie or Turkey Wraps, Chips, Fruit Salad and Cake Dessert Flight</i>	\$35.00	\$ _____
WITCHES SNEAKER BALL Friday, April 21, 7:00–10:00 p.m. <i>Turkey Carving Station, Italian Station, Hot/Cold Hors D'oeuvres and Ice Cream Sundae Bar</i>	\$80.00	\$ _____
DEB'S DIAMOND DIVAS MEETING Friday, April 21, 10:00 p.m.	\$10.00	\$ _____
UNITY LUNCHEON Saturday, April 22, 12:00–4:00 p.m. <i>Southern Fried Chicken, Spinach Salad, Coleslaw, Corn, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Macaroni & Cheese, Biscuits & Dessert</i>	\$50.00	\$ _____
LATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE Required AFTER APRIL 1, 2023	\$55.00	\$ _____
LATE MEAL REGISTRATION FEE Required AFTER APRIL 1, 2023	\$10.00/meal	\$ _____
FELLOWSHIP 125 SUPPORTING – Donation of \$125 or more; CONTRIBUTING – less than \$125		\$ _____
DONATION FOR 2024 GFWC CONVENTION FUNDRAISING		\$ _____
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 IL | ANNUAL MEETING



THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 | 2:00–3:00 p.m. | DOUBLETREE BY HILTON | BROOKRIDGE

Everyone that has ever served on the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors, in any capacity, is invited to attend our annual meeting. And if you are not already a member, please join us!

Forget about breakfast, you will have already had lunch. This year our meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20th, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. We have only one meeting a year, held during the GFWC Illinois Annual Convention. We meet mostly to visit with friends, but we do have a little business to attend to. This year we will be electing new officers and giving away a little money. Please plan to join us.

Dues are still \$3.00 per year payable now to Treasurer Diane Addante, 707 Castilleja Ct., Naperville, IL 60540. There is also a \$10.00 charge to cover meeting expenses. Please send your \$3 dues checks, payable to **Organization of Past State Board Members** to Diane as soon as possible.

Remember, there is nothing stronger than the HEART of a volunteer. See you all in the spring! ■

From the Heart,
Wanda Burklow, President

QUESTIONS?

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

CONVENTION 2023 | WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

SANDI MOLESKI | FOUNDER OF LEGACY RANCH

Sandi will share her journey about creating a living legacy to honor a dear friend – The Legacy Ranch in Lockport, Illinois. The dream of creating this facility came from the tragic death of Anne Swaney, who was an avid equestrian and philanthropist. They are proud to provide her with a living legacy that honors her memory and continues to further her belief that horses can heal, and all people deserve help.



The Legacy Ranch was established in 2017 to provide equine-assisted therapy to the Chicagoland area.

They provide PATH-certified therapeutic-riding, equine-assisted mental health therapy, along with occupational and physical therapy in conjunction with therapy partners. This type of experiential therapy has been scientifically-proven to help heal individuals who have not previously seen success with traditional therapy.

They hold corporate team-building sessions with the animals and activities to get groups working together and having fun!

The Legacy Ranch also provides riding lessons, parties and events. ■

CLUB SPONSORSHIPS | LEMONT JR. WOMAN'S CLUB & DOWNERS GROVE JR. WOMAN'S CLUB

Two Junior clubs successfully embarked on a mission to raise funds through sponsorships with community businesses. Learn about the program that was developed, the success of the partnerships, the use of social media, and the benefits of the process overall. They will share tips on what approaches worked best and how each program is evolving! You won't want to miss this one! ■

LISA FLANIGAN | GFWC IL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Lisa Flanigan is an accounting professional with over 30 years of experience. For the last 18 years, Lisa has worked for non-profit organizations. She has been a GFWC Illinois member for 15 years in District 11-12.

Lisa will be presenting **Get on the Yellow Brick Road to Becoming a NPO (Not-for-Profit Organization)**. This workshop will discuss what an Employer Identification Number is and why your club/district needs one. It will also discuss the difference between being a Non-Profit and a Tax-Exempt Organization as well as the advantages and disadvantages. Lisa will also discuss how to form an Illinois Not-For-Profit and apply to become a Tax Exempt Organization (aka 501c3). ■

SUCCESSFUL GRANT WRITING | ALISON PARKER, JUDY RADER & TERRI MCDOWELL

Do you want to learn about researching grants, what's required to submit a proposal and tips on writing a winning grant proposal? Most of us think about the benefits of getting grants, yet very few of us put that thought into action. Alison, a member of the Lemont Junior Woman's Club who works for PathLights – an organization that provides support for those experiencing the challenges of aging, has learned by trial and error how to write a grant proposal – and is willing to share her experience including pitfalls and successes. Judy and Terri are members of the Lincoln Woman's Club and have successfully obtained grants that help them to maintain their historical clubhouse and fund other club projects. The lessons from these ladies will take you from thought to action, and help your club obtain funding from sources outside of your dues and traditional fundraising efforts! ■

CONVENTION 2023 | KEYNOTE SPEAKER

SUELLEN BRAZIL | GFWC PRESIDENT ELECT
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 7:00 P.M.

Suellen Brazil has been an active GFWC Board of Directors member for more than 30 years since being Alabama's Director of Junior Clubs, serving as Chairman of Junior Education, Junioresettes, Safety, Leadership, State President, Southern Region President, and GFWC Treasurer, Secretary, Second Vice President and First Vice President.



Passionately committed to leadership development, personally and for others, her background and skills were vastly broadened while gaining various perspectives serving in all Alabama and Southern Region elected offices. As GFWC First Vice President and Second Vice President, she has continued her commitment to enhance growth of the 51 State Presidents and 107 GFWC Chairmen/Committee Members. As Leadership Chairman, she directed a 73% increase in GFWC State LEADS programs and provided comprehensive state and district seminar templates. She frequently speaks at state LEADS seminars.

Leading HOBY's International Leadership Seminar as the National Volunteer Chairman and with 12 years of continued national service, Suellen gained far-reaching growth applicable today. Focused on strengthening connections with International Affiliates, she knows the value of being an international organization.

Suellen applies the national perspective, organizational expertise, and collaborative skills developed throughout 49 years in diverse leadership roles. With a rich background and extensive experience, Suellen is a highly enthusiastic, dynamic leader whose dedication and passion are unwavering.

A native Alabamian, she and husband Billy have two sons, and three adorable grandchildren. Retired after 44 years with Baldwin County Schools, she concluded her career as Executive Elementary Administrator, supervising 28 schools, 18,000 students, and all employees. ■

CONVENTION 2023 | SPECIAL GUEST

DANA JONES |
GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION PRESIDENT

Dana has been a GFWC member for over 40 years, joining as a freshman in college. She is a legacy member, as her mom was a member of GFWC Highland Woman's Club where Dana had often helped out at various projects and fundraisers in the community. Dana has served in all levels of her club, from a new member to Chairman to Club President (many times over). She also served at the county, district and state level prior to becoming GFWC Great Lakes Region President in 2022.



In Dana's professional life, she serves as the Senior Project Coordinator at the University of Indianapolis. Dana has earned a degree in child development from Purdue University, a bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana Wesleyan, and a master's degree in education from Indiana University. The majority of Dana's career has been spent working at non-profits that serve to meet the needs of Indiana youth from child care to early intervention services to out of school programs through training and education.

Dana is a proud aunt to three adult nephews and two nieces and great aunt to Lincoln and Harper. ■



CONVENTION 2023 | SUGGESTED DRESS

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

2024 GFWC Convention Committee Meeting | GFWC Emblematic Wear

Organization of Past State Board Members Meeting | GFWC Emblematic Wear

Board of Directors Meeting | GFWC Emblematic Wear

Federation Banquet | Cocktail Dress

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Business Sessions | Business Casual

Opening Luncheon | Business Casual

Are You a Good Witch or a Bad Witch? / Fun Night |
Witches Costume and Sparkly Sneakers

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Business Session | Business Casual

Unity Luncheon | Business Casual





CONVENTION 2023 | DOOR PRIZE REQUEST



Donations Needed!

The 127th Annual GFWC Illinois Convention will be held April 20–22, 2023, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington, Illinois. A welcomed tradition of GFWC Illinois is the door prizes given away during meal functions throughout convention. Your support of this tradition, by the donation of a door prize, would be appreciated. Door prizes are to be a minimum of \$25. This can be a cash donation or a gift (such as a gift basket) valued at \$25 or more. To assure that proper recognition is given for your gift/donation, please complete the form below and return as indicated.

Your donation will be accepted at any time, but to be included in the Convention Program, please fill out the form below and send it to me by **March 1, 2023**. You can also bring your door prize donation to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting, February 17–18, 2023, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington. If you do not plan to attend the Spring Meeting, please deliver your door prize donation to your District President or a GFWC Illinois board member from your district, prior to the dates noted above.

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



GFWC ILLINOIS CONVENTION 2023 DOOR PRIZE REQUEST FORM

DOOR PRIZE DONATION BY (CHECK ONE): INDIVIDUAL _____ CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

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 **GFWC Illinois, 5 E. Van Buren St., Ste. 212, Joliet, IL 60432**.
Make check payable to **GFWC Illinois**.

For **Gift Donations only** (such as a basket), please return form to **Joanne Meyer, 821 Van Street, Elgin, IL 60123**.
Gifts/gift baskets may be brought to the Convention.

For recognition in the Convention Booklet, please return by March 1, 2023. Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Convention Vice Chairmen Joanne Meyer | (847) 567-3843 | Joannemeyer1922@gmail.com
or Debbie Monteith | (847) 530-9281 | dmonteith02@msn.com

CONVENTION 2023 | MEMBER RECOGNITION 25- AND 50-YEAR MEMBERS | IN MEMORIAM



Attention Club Presidents: Please submit the names of your members who passed away between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023. They will be honored at a memorial service during the Convention held April 20–22, 2023.

Please also send the names of your members who celebrated their 25th or 50th anniversary as a member of GFWC during 2022.



Please e-mail names to GFWC Illinois Headquarters, gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net, or use the form below to mail to 5 E. Van Buren St., Suite 212, Joliet, IL 60432-4224 by April 1, 2023. ■



GF WC ILLINOIS CONVENTION 2023 MEMBER RECOGNITION FORM

SUBMITTED BY _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

25-YEAR MEMBERS

50-YEAR MEMBERS

IN MEMORIAM

CONVENTION 2023 | WITCHES SNEAKER BALL

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 | 7:00-10:00 p.m. | BRICKYARD 5, 6



Let your inner witch have some fun – either the good witch or the bad witch! The catch is you need to wear your best sparkly sneakers with your costume, because you know it's all about the shoes! All Dorothy needed was a pair of sparkling ruby red slippers to make the magic happen! Join us for an exciting evening of contests, dancing, surprises and hanging with your old or new besties!



CONVENTION 2023 | PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GFWC ILLINOIS BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

As recommended by the Bylaws Committee, Mary Jo Murphy, Chairman

To be presented at the 2023 GFWC Illinois Annual Convention

Proposed Bylaw Amendment on Dues Remittance Process

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ARTICLE IV, DUES AND FINANCE, Section 2. ANNUAL DUES, C

Currently Reads:

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

Proposed: Strike completely, and replace with the following, to read:

- C. All clubs shall pay dues for GFWC and GFWC Illinois directly to GFWC Illinois Headquarters and they shall be payable by November 1st. GFWC Illinois shall remit to GFWC their dues on behalf of all clubs. GFWC Illinois shall remit to GFWC Illinois Junior Organization their dues on behalf of all Junior clubs. District dues shall be collected by the respective districts.

Rationale: Allows GFWC Illinois to more easily capture their dues and dues for GFWC. Confusion about where and when to remit dues becomes clearer. Deadline for remittance of dues is extended for clubs.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Officers Duties

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ARTICLE V, OFFICERS, Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection B. Director of Junior Clubs, Item 10.

Currently Reads:

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

Proposed: Strike completely, and replace with the following, to read:

10. Oversees fiduciary management of the Junior Organization.

Rationale: In keeping with current practice.

Proposed Amendment to Introductory Paragraph of Standing Rules

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GFWC ILLINOIS STANDING RULES

Proposed: Strike from the introductory paragraph the following: “except for Standing Rules 1 and 2 which are covered by Article III of the Bylaws.”

Standing Rules may be adopted by the Board of Directors at any meeting without previous notice, by a majority vote. They may be amended, suspended or rescinded by the Board of Directors at any meeting, by a 2/3 vote, without previous notice, or a majority vote after a month's previous notice “except for Standing Rules 1 and 2 which are covered by Article III of the Bylaws.” Written copies of proposed changes shall be furnished to the Board of Directors.

To Read:

Standing Rules may be adopted by the Board of Directors at any meeting without previous notice, by a majority vote. They may be amended, suspended or rescinded by the Board of Directors at any meeting, by a 2/3 vote, without previous notice, or a majority vote after a month's previous notice. Written copies of proposed changes shall be furnished to the Board of Directors.

Rationale: Already stated in GFWC Illinois Bylaws ARTICLE III, Section 7 – “Constituent Divisions.”

CONVENTION 2023 | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AMENDMENTS



The 2022–2024 Resolutions Committee: Gerri Eck, Legislation Chairman; Lucia Rossi-Nichols, Junior Chairman; Patti Kuchar, Director of Junior Clubs; Regina Orawiec, District President; Connie Head, Board Member; Trisha Schafer, President Elect; Diane Addante, Parliamentarian; LeeAnn Conlon, President, Ex-Officio

The 2022–2024 Resolutions Committee reviewed recommendations from the 2020–2022 Resolutions Committee, and proposed recommendations of their own accord. The overall premise for recommended changes is to be in compliance with the newly updated GFWC Resolutions.

Nine resolutions were reviewed and recommended to be rescinded and replaced – four as part of the prescribed ten-year review of all GFWC Illinois Resolutions and five were determined to be replaceable with GFWC Resolutions adopted in 2022.

The following recommendations were developed by the 2022–2024 Resolutions Committee for adoption at the 2023 GFWC Illinois Annual Convention.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

ENGLISH, OFFICIAL U.S. LANGUAGE

1989 – Revised 1995 – Amended 2016

Whereas, The United States has been enriched by the cultural contributions of immigrants from many traditions, and blessed with one common language (English) which has united a diverse nation and fostered harmony among its people; and

Whereas, English is a world language which we share with many other nations and is the most widely used medium of international communications; and

Whereas, The public schools of the nation have a special obligation to transmit the common culture and civic values of the United States, and to accelerate the assimilation of immigrant students to American society; and

Whereas English is our national language by custom only, enjoying no official protection, and is subject to erosion with increased use of other languages and language which could be a divisive force within our nations; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs promote the passage of a bill at both the state and national levels making U.S. English the official language of the United States; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports the enforcement of the English language requirement for naturalization; and further

Resolved, That languages other than English are taught in our school systems only secondary to the study of English.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN THE UNITED STATES (GFWC 150-050)

Whereas, The United States of America has always been a multilingual nation, enriched by the cultural contributions of immigrants from many traditions, and

Whereas, English is a global language shared with many other nations and is the most widely used medium of international communication; and

Whereas, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is in place to protect the rights of individuals who do not speak fluent English, as is the custom; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support:

- Language programs for non-English speakers.
- Adoption of legislation that establishes English as the official language of the United States of America.

Rationale: To be in compliance with GFWC.

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

SUPPORT OF LIBRARIES | Adopted 1998 – Revised 2011

Whereas, The GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, having been responsible for the founding of many of Illinois' libraries, recognizes the contributions libraries can and should make to local communities; and

Whereas, The GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, with the participation of the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, having exceeded its commitment made at the President's Summit for America's Future to contribute \$12.5 million in books and materials to public school libraries and public libraries to help "turn the tide for America's youth"; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support adequate library funding at all levels; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to continue strong support of existing libraries, to encourage the extension of library services to those areas, rural and urban, that do not have access to public library service; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support National Children's Book Week in November and National Library Week in April; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to continue strong support of Public School Libraries, especially through the donation of needed books and learning materials; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support and encourage enforcement of confidentiality laws.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

LIBRARIES (GFWC 150-060)

Whereas, Libraries are the preeminent self-help community asset, providing traditional and electronic access to information for everyone, especially poor, minority, immigrant, and rural populations who may have limited resources at home; and

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Whereas, Libraries are information resource centers for education, employment, and recreation and serve the entire community; and

Whereas, The GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs was credited with the establishment of approximately 75 percent of the nation's public libraries by 1933; and

Whereas, There is a strong relationship between public libraries and early reading success at school; and

Whereas, The GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support:

- Existing libraries and library programs;
- Expansion of library services and programs to underserved areas;
- Use of library facilities and services;
- Local, state, and federal funding of libraries;
- The GFWC Disaster Relief – Library Replenishment Fund.

Rationale: To be in compliance with GFWC.

ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION – WASTE MANAGEMENT

Adopted 1998 – Revised 2010

Whereas, The use of biodegradable products and recycling conserves the use of natural resources, helps protect and improve land, air, and water resources, energy otherwise used in the securing, transporting, and manufacturing of products from primary raw materials and reduces the amount of solid waste; and

Whereas, The use of biodegradable products and recycling demonstrates community commitment toward reducing solid waste and preserving the equality of environment; and

Whereas, There is a need to dispose of leftover medications properly that would help to improve our water quality, therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports the use of biodegradable products, encourages recycling and reuse, and discourages over-packaging; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports legislation that encourages recycling by individuals, businesses and government; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to work with pharmacists in their communities to destroy medications properly so that the medicines are not thrown into landfills or dumped down drains, therefore contaminating ground water and streams.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

HOUSEHOLD WASTE MANAGEMENT (GFWC 160-070)

Whereas, The disposal of household waste, including the disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW), which contains corrosive, toxic, flammable, or reactive ingredients, can:

- Pollute the environment;
- Harm plant and animal life;

- Leach into soil and ground water;

- Produce toxic gases or spontaneously combust; and

Whereas, The use of green products and recycling conserves natural resources and helps protect the environment by preserving the quality of the environment and reducing the quantity of solid waste; and

Whereas, The reduction of packaging used on products for the household decreases the amount of household waste; therefore

Resolved, that the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to:

- Support the use of green products and substitution of non-hazardous products for household cleaners, yard care, and car maintenance;
- Promote public awareness of the dangers of improper disposal of household hazardous waste;
- Encourage local and state agencies to provide and promote public participation in recycling, household hazardous waste “drop-off” programs, collection days, and permanent collection sites, and to provide educational materials through the classroom, publications, and the media;
- Encourage retailers and manufacturers to reduce over-packaging, to promote recycling within their businesses, and to provide information to households on safe disposal and recycling; and
- Support legislation that encourages continued development of and standards for green products, and encourages efforts to increase appropriate recycling.

Rationale: To be in compliance with GFWC.

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

LOCAL PARKS & RECREATION AREAS

Adopted 1977 – Revised 2011

Whereas, The growth of population and the development of homes in and around towns and cities adds to overcrowding and the need for open recreation areas; and

Whereas, In many areas the land available for public use is minimal and greatly restricted; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to work with communities to help maintain established areas and to plan and create new parks, playgrounds and diverse recreational facilities.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

LOCAL PARKS & AND RECREATIONAL AREAS (GFWC 160-080)

Whereas, Many communities face increased demand for outdoor activities to improve quality of life and equitable access to public recreation areas; and

Whereas, In many areas the land available for public use is restricted; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to work with their communities to maintain established recreational areas, increase sustainability

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and enhance environmental stewardship, and support the creation of new parks, playgrounds, and diverse recreational facilities.

Rationale: To be in compliance with GFWC.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

MEDICAL RESEARCH – WOMEN’S HEALTH ISSUES

Adopted 1992 – Reviewed 2015

Whereas, There are great amounts of monies allocated to medical research; and

Whereas, Medical research is conducted primarily on men even though the physical differences between women and men are medically acknowledged; and

Whereas, The resulting medical research does not equally benefit women and men; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs urges an increase of medical research studies and funds for women’s health issues; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs and its member clubs urge that women be included in clinical trials in the same proportion as men, and that the data for gender difference be analyzed.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

HEALTHCARE AND RESEARCH (GFWC 170-090)

Whereas, Individuals need a basic knowledge and understanding of available healthcare options and the documents used to make personal decisions such as Advance Health Care Directives (Living Wills) and Health Care Powers of Attorney; and

Whereas, Healthcare insurance coverage and medical treatment should not discriminate based on pre-existing conditions, sex, gender, race, or ethnicity; and

Whereas, The inclusion of women and minorities in research studies is important for the generalization of results to the entire population, with data provided by sex, gender, race or ethnicity; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs urges its member clubs to support legislation that prohibits:

- Discrimination in determining insurance eligibility and rates;
- Discrimination in medical research;
- Annual and lifetime coverage limits; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs urges its member clubs to support:

- Legislation that prohibits caps on annual and lifetime coverage limits and discrimination in determining insurance eligibility, insurance rates, and medical research;
- Improved accessibility, quality, and affordability of healthcare services and the availability of insurance for all;

- The use of Advance Health Care Directives (Living Wills) and Health Care Powers of Attorney;
- Continued funding of healthcare programs and research with the equal inclusion of women and minorities.

Rationale: To be in compliance with GFWC.

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

MEDICAL RESEARCH – WOMEN’S HEALTH ISSUES – BREAST CANCER

Adopted 1998 – Revised 2007 – Amended 2015

Whereas, Self-examination by palpation, regular physical examination by a physician, especially when there is a family history of cancer, and mammography (x-ray) are methods that assist in early detection of; and

Whereas, A woman’s risk of developing breast cancer increases as she grows older, and

Whereas, The stage at which breast cancer is diagnosed is a major predictor of survival, with early detection significantly lowering the mortality rate; and

Whereas, Mastectomies and lymph node dissections are common treatments of breast cancer; and

Whereas, Many are forced to go home from the hospital hours after breast cancer surgery due to hospital stay restrictions imposed by their insurance companies; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs urges support of legislation mandating private and government-sponsored coverage for breast cancer screening for women annually and/or upon recommendation of her physician; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs continues to raise women’s awareness and encourages their participation in breast cancer screening; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs continue to raise women’s awareness and encourages their participation in breast cancer screening; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs supports legislation requiring insurance companies to cover hospital stays for recovering breast cancer surgery patients including a 48-hour minimum hospital stay for mastectomy patients and a 24-hour minimum hospital stay for women undergoing lymph node dissection surgery.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

BREAST CANCER (GFWC 170-020)

Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that one in eight women and one in more than 800 men will develop breast cancer in their lifetime; and

Whereas, The stage at which breast cancer is diagnosed is a major predictor of survival, with early detection significantly lowering the mortality rate; and

Whereas, Screening methods, including physical examination, self-examination, laboratory tests and genetic tests, can assist in early breast cancer detection; and

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Whereas, Common treatments of breast cancer, including mastectomies, breast conserving surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, and lymph node removal and dissections, extend life; and

Whereas, Many breast cancer patients are forced to go home from the hospital hours after surgery due to hospital-stay restrictions imposed by their insurance companies; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support:

- Educational campaigns raising awareness of early diagnostic and screening tools available to detect breast cancer and the available treatment options.
- Legislation requiring insurance coverage for a 48-hour minimum hospital stay for a mastectomy and a 24-hour minimum hospital stay for all other breast cancer surgeries.

Rationale: To be in compliance with GFWC.

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

GYNECOLOGIC CANCER | Adopted 2007 – Amended 2016

Whereas,

- Early detection and appropriate treatment of gynecologic cancers are key in lowering mortality rates.
- Many are unaware of the risk factors, symptoms, and diagnostic tools available to screen for these factors contributing to late-stage diagnoses and increased mortality; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support, participate in and sponsor awareness campaigns; support comprehensive screening and treatment programs for gynecologic cancer; and strongly supports funding for research for the continued development of screening methods, treatments and cures; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to encourage young women to become informed on the methods of prevention and the Human Papilloma Virus and its benefits.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

CANCER (GFWC 170-030)

Whereas, Cancer is a complex group of diseases with multiple causes; and

Whereas, According to the National Cancer Institute more than 1.8 million people develop cancer each year and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the annual cost of treatment exceeds \$174 billion;

Whereas, Approximately half of all cancer deaths are linked to modifiable lifestyle factors; and

Whereas, Education about risk factors, symptoms, and diagnostic tools available to screen for cancer reduces late-stage diagnoses and mortality; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support:

- Educational awareness campaigns that target modifiable risk factors and the availability of screening and treatment options;

- Funding for the research and development of prevention strategies, comprehensive screening methods, treatment options, and cures.

Rationale: To be in compliance GFWC.

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

ORGAN & TISSUE TRANSPLANTS

Adopted 1998 – Revised 2011

Whereas, The transplantation of vital organs, such as kidney, pancreas, liver, heart or lung, and also tissue such as skin, bone, heart valves, intestines, ligaments and cornea, has become an accepted medical option; and

Whereas, Transplantation of organs and tissues has become a business that is attracting the involvement of organizations, clinics, hospitals and business groups; and

Whereas, Thousands of life-saving and life-enhancing transplant operations depend entirely on donors; and

Whereas, Anyone wanting to become an organ tissue donor should fill out a donor card registration, mark the back of their driver's license, inform their family and doctors of their wishes or sign up at Cyber Drive Illinois – First Person Consent Registry; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support:

- Medical standards defining brain death.
- Programs that enlist voluntary registered organ and tissue donors.
- Legislation establishing priorities, eligibilities and financial support to cover transplant costs for people who are without means to pay for a transplant.
- Programs to educate members and communities about transplants and the direct need for donors.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

ORGAN AND TISSUE TRANSPLANTATION (GFWC 170-150)

Whereas, The transplantation of vital organs and tissues, including vascularized composite allografts (i.e., hand, facial tissue, limbs, etc.) is an accepted medical procedure; and

Whereas, Tissue banking is an unregulated business venture that has become lucrative through fees charged for processing and handling; and

Whereas, Only 60% of potential organ and/or tissue donors execute an organ and/or tissue donor card; and inform healthcare providers and family members of their desire to be a donor; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support:

- Public awareness campaigns that educate individuals about the need for organ and tissue donation and the ability to express their personal preference by signing a donor card, Advance Health Care Directive (Living Will), and/or Health Care Power of Attorney.
- Legislation requiring the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) allocate available

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donations that take into consideration the patient's medical status and the likelihood of a successful transplant.

- Legislation requiring insurance coverage for all aspects of the organ and tissue transplantation process and the long-term costs associated with the transplant.
- Legislation regulating tissue banking operations and the disposal of excess tissue.

Rationale: To be in compliance with GFWC.

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

LONG-TERM CARE | Adopted 2003 – revised 2013

Whereas, The aging population, coupled with longer life expectancy, is creating an increased demand for a full range of long-term care services to supplement the care provided by family members; and

Whereas, Americans over the age of 65 face a significant risk of entering a nursing home for long-term care services; and

Whereas, The cost of long-term care can be prohibitive, and in most cases is not covered by comprehensive major medical insurance policies, or by the Medicare program; and

Whereas, The federal-state funded Medicaid program covers the cost of nursing homes only after a family has exhausted most of its personal financial resources; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs and its members work together with public and private sectors to:

- Educate the public about the need for early and responsible financial planning, long-term care insurance and the limitations of the Medicare and Medicaid programs; and
- Support legislation which increases the eligible premium tax deduction for long-term care insurance; and
- Ensure all citizens access to quality institutional and community-based long-term care services, including home medical and nursing care, home health aides, and homemaker services, assisted-living facilities and adult day care services.

AND,

QUALITY NURSING HOME & LONG-TERM CARE

Adopted 1993 – Revised 2003 – Amended 2015 – Amended 2017

Whereas, Evidence of abuse, neglect and substandard health care in nursing homes has prompted great public concern; and

Whereas, All patients' rights are protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Nursing Home Reform Act; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs support uniform enforcement legislation that sets standards for quality care, guarantees the rights of residents and enforces compliance with the law; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to:

- Volunteer at nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- Work with long-term care ombudsman, nursing home administrators and other state and local officials to ensure quality care and compliance with laws.
- Support the Consumer Bill of Rights on health care, and further

Resolved, That current law be amended to require:

- Any person who has reasonable cause to suspect abuse or exploitation of an institutionalized person be mandated to immediately report the information to law enforcement.
- All staff with direct patient contact at adult facilities shall receive training upon hire.
- And, annually thereafter, provided by the facility, training on the signs of elder abuse and the procedures for reporting suspected cases. This training shall be offered to the families of patients.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

LONG-TERM CARE (GFWC 170-110)

Whereas, The aging population coupled with longer life expectancy is creating an increased demand for a full range of long-term care services, including skilled nursing and assisted-living services; and

Whereas, According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, an individual turning age 65 has an almost 70% chance of needing long-term care services, and

Whereas, The cost of long-term care services is rarely covered by Medicare and personal financial resources must be depleted to be eligible for skilled nursing services through the Medicaid program; and

Whereas, The limited availability of public funding sources for assisted-living services puts patients at risk for homelessness; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support:

- Public awareness campaigns on the need for early and responsible financial planning, long-term care insurance, and the limitations of the Medicare and Medicaid programs.
- Access to quality long-term care, including assistance with activities of daily living, adult day care programs, home medical and nursing care, skilled nursing and assisted-living facilities, and specialized memory care units.
- Legislation increasing the eligible tax deduction for long-term care insurance premiums.

Rationale: To be in compliance with GFWC.



CONVENTION RAFFLE TICKETS!

A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE GFWC ILLINOIS ORGANIZATION

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

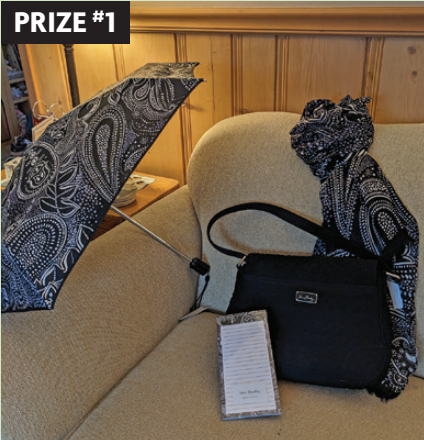
Winners will be drawn **LIVE** at the GFWC Illinois Convention in Bloomington, Illinois, held on April 20–22, 2023.

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 pot one time for the selected raffle prize for each chance you purchase.

Mailed ticket orders **must** be received by April 1, 2023, **OR** purchase tickets in person at the Convention.

We thank you in advance for your support!

PRIZE #1



Raffle Prize #1: A Black Vera Bradley Purse measuring 9.25" high x 12.5" wide x 2" deep; a long scarf in Stellar Paisley pattern; matching mini travel umbrella and magnetic note pad. **Retail price: \$160**

PRIZE #2



Raffle Prize #2: Vera Bradley Rolling Work Bag/Small Suitcase in Stellar Paisley print measuring 17.25" wide x 12.5" high x 8.5" deep. Fits under most airline seats. Has multiple compartments, including a padded laptop sleeve. Also included are a tablet cover and matching luggage tag. **Retail price: \$300**

PRIZE #3



Raffle Prize #3: Rainbow Rhinestone Evening Clutch measures 8" wide x 4" high x 2" deep. Large enough to hold your phone, credit card, lipstick, pen and more, it has a removable chain strap.

PRIZE #4



Raffle Prize #4: The Coach Wristlet measures 7.5" wide by 5" high. Original price was \$93, they are now selling for \$200.

*Can't attend Convention?
Order your tickets today!*

2023 GFWC ILLINOIS CONVENTION 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 _____ PRIZE #4 _____

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 at (630) 464-3974 | sewnsewm@gmail.com

SPLIT-THE-POT RAFFLE

A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE GFWC ILLINOIS JUNIOR ORGANIZATION



The GFWC Illinois Junior Split-the-Pot Raffle will be held live at the GFWC Illinois Annual 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 held on April 20–22, 2023. **Please specify total number of tickets purchased for the raffle.** Your name will be entered one time for each chance you purchase. Mail-in ticket orders must be received by April 1, 2023. 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 RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS PURCHASED _____ AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Make check payable to **GFWC Illinois Junior Organization** | Mail order to **Candyce Jordan**, 2903 Sheffield Dr., New Lenox, IL 60451
QUESTIONS? Contact Candyce Jordan | (815) 370-5150 | cie83@yahoo.com

CONVENTION 2023 | GFWC IL JUNIOR SERVICE PROJECT

“FEETS & SEATS”



SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 | BRICKYARD I, II & III

PLEASE BRING NEW CHILDREN'S SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR FOR THE “FEETS & SEATS” PROJECT.

Your donations will benefit two non-profit organizations:

The Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal and the **Help for Hope** organization in Coal City.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America was founded in 1860 and their goal is to provide programs and services to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

The **Help for Hope** organization brings hope to those in need by providing basic life necessities to anyone, regardless of age, income or residency. They provide services and direct people to the help they need – without red tape, long forms or eligibility requirements.

The GFWC Illinois Junior Organization thanks you in advance for your help in providing items of comfort for these children!

CONVENTION 2024 | PLANNING AHEAD

GFWC ILLINOIS REDUCING FOOD INSECURITY SPECIAL AWARD FOR 2023



REDUCING FOOD INSECURITY SPECIAL AWARD

To recognize the efforts of clubs throughout the state that made a difference in their communities regarding easing or reducing food insecurity, GFWC Illinois will award certificates at the GFWC Illinois 2024 Annual Convention.

This is simple, just record your club activities in the categories below beginning July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. For each category, give a brief description and goal of the activity/project, the dollars spent or donated and the beneficiary.

Submit your award entry by February 1, 2024, to LeeAnn Conlon at leeann.conlon@aol.com

CLUB ACTIVITIES

FOOD PANTRIES

Did you hold a food drive or participate in a community-wide food drive to support local food pantries? Describe each activity under this category.

SENIOR FOOD INSECURITIES

Describe actions/projects you took to help ease food insecurity for the senior population.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Describe actions/projects your club took to ease food insecurity that would fall under the following CSP's – these are suggestions, not requirements:

- **Education** – Did your club educate others, provide meals with instructions for younger children to prepare food from the food pantry, did you attend a seminar/workshop on organizations that address food insecurity, or have a guest speaker to educate yourselves on what you can do in your community?
- **Environment** – Did your club support a community garden that provides produce to a local food pantry, or did you plant and harvest a community garden, or educate your clubs and others on the effects of pollution or disease on the food chain?
- **Health & Wellness** – Did your club learn about food deserts and the impact on healthy choices for eating or how the lack of food affects behaviors in children?
- **Civic Engagement** – Did your club engage in a project to address food insecurity for the homeless or veterans?

MONETARY DONATIONS

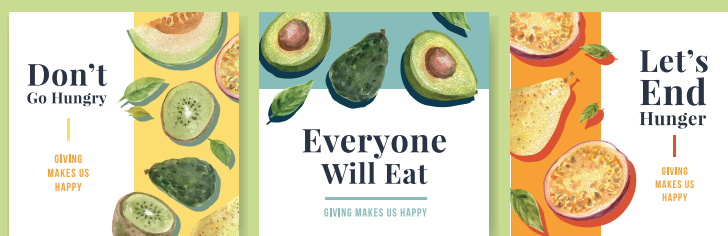
What monetary donations (no project or program) did your club make to support easing food insecurity?

OTHER

Describe any other activities/projects your club engaged in to ease food insecurity from July 1, 2022–December 31, 2023.

DISTRICT OR STATE ACTIVITIES

Describe any other district or state activities/projects your club engaged in to ease food insecurity from July 1, 2022–December 31, 2023.



CONVENTION 2024 | PLANNING AHEAD

GFWC ILLINOIS COVETED SHOE AWARD FOR 2023



GFWC ILLINOIS COVETED SHOE AWARD

At the 2024 GFWC Illinois Annual Convention, clubs will be recognized for completing or participating in GFWC Illinois activities during the 2023 calendar year. Some activities are simply submitting requested information on time, some involve engagement with District or State Officers, and others focus on leadership, membership or mentorship.

See how “sparkly” your club shines as you progress through 2023! The clubs with the most points will receive an award. All clubs submitting will receive recognition. You don’t want to miss out!



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review the Award Sheet and capture points as you move throughout 2023.
2. By January 15, 2024, email the 2023 Coveted Shoe Award form to leeann.conlon@aol.com.
3. If you have any questions, please reach out to LeeAnn Conlon via email at leeann.conlon@aol.com.

THE GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION COMMUNIQUE IS ONLINE NOW!

Find out what our fellow GFWC Great Lakes Region clubwomen have been up to in the latest issue of *The GFWC Great Lakes Region Communiqué*! The clubwomen in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, along with, of course, Illinois, have been very busy the last few months. Read about the Great Lakes Region Conference held in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Also included in this issue are officer reports, leadership, membership, bylaws, legislation and public policy, as well as an article about the GFWC Signature Program – Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention by Trisha Schafer. Did I mention the photos? LOTS of photos from the Great Lakes Region banquet at the GFWC Convention in New Orleans. Find this issue online at: https://gfwcillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/GLR-Communique-Dec-2022_FINAL.pdf. ■



GFWC FEDERATION DAY IS APRIL 24! HAVE YOU PLANNED A PROJECT TO CELEBRATE YET?

DON'T MISS WISDOM FROM THE WIZARD!

7:00 p.m. via Zoom

March 6 | May 1 | July 10 | September 11 | November 6

THE DEADLINE FOR
STORIES & PHOTOS FOR
THE NEXT ISSUE OF
“THE CLUBWOMAN”
IS MAY 15, 2023

LOUISVILLE

2023 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 10–12, 2023

Louisville Marriott Downtown | \$201/night (plus tax and fees)



Registration is now open for the 2023 GFWC Annual Convention!

The GFWC Annual Convention, June 10–12, in Louisville, Kentucky, is going to be a spectacular event. The Convention and Meetings Committee has developed a program to educate, to inspire, to motivate, and to fuel your passion for all you do in your communities. For complete 2023 GFWC Annual Convention details, please see the official “Call to Convention.”

The event hotel is the **Louisville Marriott Downtown**, approximately six miles from the Muhammad Ali International Airport (SDF), within walking distance to the historic **Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory**, the **Muhammad Ali Center**, shopping, restaurants and

too many distillery tours to count. Reserve your room through GFWC’s room block.

Four options include two opportunities to experience **Churchill Downs – Home of the Kentucky Derby** on Thursday evening, June 8, for the Twilight Races or Friday, June 9, for daytime races. A walking tour of the **Kentucky Derby Museum**, a buffet meal with non-alcoholic beverages, and multiple horse races with viewing from a balcony above the Finish Line are included. Our private room will have a cash bar and a wagering window for those wishing to bet on the ponies.

SAVE THE DATE | UPCOMING EVENTS

GFWC FEDERATION DAY | April 24

GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 10–12 | Louisville, Kentucky

WISDOM FROM THE WIZARD ZOOM CALLS

May 1 | July 10 | September 11 | November 6

GFWC ILLINOIS SUMMER REGION CONFERENCE

August 5 | Via Zoom

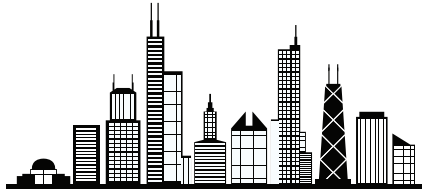
GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE

October 5–8 | Noblesville, Indiana



Louisville, Kentucky

CHICAGO 2024 GFWC CONVENTION FUNDRAISING FORM



CHICAGO | 2024
GFWC CONVENTION



JEWELS OF THE WINDY CITY QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS

Order your **Jewels of the Windy City Quilt** raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5 each. The drawing will be held December 2023, just in time for Christmas delivery. The 66 x 74-inch quilt was created in honor of our gem of a GFWC International President, Deb Strahanoski. Ticket stubs will be sent to you for your records. Tickets will also be available at the GFWC Illinois Annual Convention in Bloomington.

NO. OF TICKETS PURCHASED @ \$5 EACH _____ SUBTOTAL \$ _____

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Order your **Can You Spot Me A Couple of Fins** raffle tickets. The cost is \$10 per ticket with the winner receiving \$350 cash. The drawing will be held at the 2024 GFWC Illinois Annual Convention. Tickets stubs will be sent to you for your records.

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CHIC BAUBLE PINS

Order your **Chic Bauble**. The cost is \$100 for the large pin and \$50 for the small pin. Proceeds from the sale of pins will be used to underwrite the cost of hosting the 2024 GFWC Convention in Chicago. Pins will be mailed to you via USPS. Pins will also be available at the GFWC Illinois Annual Convention in Bloomington.

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CONVENTION 2023 | CONVENTION RULES

- The Convention shall be one meeting, recessing from session to session within the meeting.
- A credential badge is required to be worn by all persons at all business sessions, workshops and Federation-sponsored activities.
- Voting members shall be seated on the Convention floor.
- Voting members should be seated at all Business Sessions throughout the duration of the Convention.
- Those who are appearing on the program shall report to the Convention Chairmen one-half hour before their time to appear on the program, unless otherwise noted.
- All motions made from the floor shall be presented to the presiding officer in writing.
- A voting member shall speak only once to a question. Debate shall be limited to two minutes per person. Debates shall be limited to ten minutes for each amendment/motion.
- A motion shall be carried by an affirmative vote of the voting members present and voting.
- Printed copies of resolutions recommended by the Resolutions Committee, not included in the CALL to Convention, must be in the hands of the Delegates at least six (6) hours before they are voted upon by the Convention body.
- No materials shall be placed on the chairs at any time except those approved by the Executive Committee.
- No food other than that provided by the Convention, will be permitted on the Convention floor.
- Cellular phones are not to be used on the Convention floor, in workshops, during programs or meal functions. Audible ringers on cellular phones are to be turned off when you enter the Convention floor.
- Doors shall be closed at the direction of the presiding officer during business meetings. When doors are periodically opened, be seated promptly.
- No recording devices may be used on the Convention floor, in workshops or during programs without the approval of the Executive Committee.
- A credential badge and meal ticket are required for attendance in the rooms for all food functions. Meal tickets will be collected at the tables.
- Written messages may be left with the Convention Chairmen or Vice Chairmen.
- All official Assistants as well as the Convention Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will be permitted to exit all sessions as needed.



DEB'S DIAMOND DIVAS | ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 | **10:00 p.m.** | BRICKYARD 5, 6 | **\$10.00**

It's time to SPARKLE & SHINE and have fun with our fellow Divas! We are having our Annual Meeting during the GFWC IL Convention. You will want to be on hand to get the latest scoop on the 2022-2024 GFWC administration.

The GFWC Illinois Deb's Diamond Divas will hold their Annual Meeting on Friday, April 21, at 10:00 p.m. after the conclusion of the Witches Sneaker Ball. All members are invited to remain for the meeting.

Membership in GFWC IL DDD club is open to all Illinois members as we continue to support Deb during her two years as GFWC President. Dues for 2023-2024 are \$35 and are payable by September 15, 2023, to Treasurer Michelle Schultz. Feel free to mail your dues or bring to the meeting and give to Michelle. ■

DUES FORM

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CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____
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FRIDAY, APRIL 21			SATURDAY, APRIL 22	
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Past State Presidents		
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District Presidents		
Community Service Program Chairmen		
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