

GFWC-Wisconsin Director of Junior Clubs' Report
56th Junior Fall Conference
September 27, 2008

Thank you so much for the honor and privilege of serving you as GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs. So far so many things have been happened since the Installation Convention in May.

In June, I attended the GFWC International Convention in Chicago for the Installation, and also attended the first GFWC Board of Directors' meeting the day after the Convention was adjourned. I'm not sure how to describe sitting in a room with about 190 accomplished, inspirational Clubwoman who are dedicated to serving GFWC, the oldest woman's volunteer organization in the country! Words cannot describe how awesome it is.

A couple of weeks thereafter, we were in Stevens Point for the Summer Workshop. We held a Junior Business Meeting on the Saturday morning, and finalized the plans for today! We had a quorum, and as you know, a motion carried that we should have another Junior Fall Conference next fall. Please be sure to give us your suggestions on the clipboard that is being passed around and also to complete the evaluation form at the end of today. Your input is extremely important to us, and ensures that we do serve your needs!

At the beginning of September, Marianne Potter and I again represented the GFWC-WI clubwomen at the GFWC Board of Directors' meeting in Washington DC. I have included a detailed account of that meeting in your handout. Please be sure to read it and let me know if I can answer any questions. At the very end I mention some reasons for going to the GFWC website. Could you please raise your hands if you receive e-GFWC? If you don't, please consider doing it! It's an email that comes from headquarters with all kinds of information that really helps at the club level too. In the front of your handout I printed out a copy of the Business Card download that is now available at www.gfwc.org/BusinessCards. In yesterday's e-GFWC, the new emblem and logo options were sent out. Unfortunately all the handouts had been printed already! They do ask us to purge all our old files, and to go to www.gfwc.org/Emblem. They have every possible format available and different variations available for you to click and download.

On a Junior note, I'm excited to report that we will be celebrating the GFWC Junior Day throughout out Federation on October 24 each year. The date is 6 months after Federation Day. I challenge you and your clubs to do something fun and celebrate being a Junior!

On Tuesday, I also attended the Southern Prairies District Meeting with Gerri Strege. It was great being able to represent the GFWC-WI Juniors and to let them know all about what we are doing this administration. Our theme is 'Let Your Light Shine' and the intent was for it to be used for any situation. For a club member, a project, your club, just being a Junior, and just being part of this Federation. Basically any opportunity to showcase the many things our members and clubs do in their local clubs or communities on behalf of GFWC-WI!

Our Junior Special Project for this administration is the EMSC Pediatric Project. We are over halfway with having these dedicated color-coded bags on each and every ambulance in the State of Wisconsin, and want to continue with this essential project that will bring

pediatric emergency care to a best practice standard. You will hear more about it from Elizabeth Davy during lunch. She is working very closely with our Advocates for Children Chair, Sharon Templeton, who will also update you on the latest later.

The goals for the Junior 2008/2010 administration are:

- Visit each and every Junior club during this administration. To achieve that goal, we will need you to invite us! We are happy to come and participate however you would like us to.
- Chartering a minimum of three Junior clubs. We're well underway with a club at Ripon. The first Collegiate Club in WI that started when the Wisconsin's Own Library moved to Ripon. Your Junior-Elect at the time, Debby Tomlinson, started this up. Jan is also working on another two possible clubs, one of which is in Butler / Sussex. Please be sure to let Jan and I know if you are aware of any other opportunities to start new clubs.
- The final goal is to increase and improve communication by using the website for blogging, send out e-GFWC-WI style Junior emails and send out a quarterly newsletter (electronically).

In a couple of weeks, I will be attending the GFWC Regional Meeting in South Bend, IN. Gerri and I will be attending a 5-hour session focusing on Membership. I am excited about bringing that information back to our State. The GFWC Director of Juniors, Missy McCoy, will also be attending and conducting the Junior business session and I will update you with that information in the first edition of the Junior Spotlight.

I am truly excited about working with a wonderful group of Juniors on the Board, and look forward to meeting and visiting you and your clubs! Please let us know how we can serve you!

Respectfully in Federation,
Susanne Way
GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs