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It's Our Time to Shine: The 2017 GFWC Annual Convention

From June 23-26, GFWC clubwomen gathered in sunny Palm Springs, California to celebrate their achievements, make new Federation friends, learn from the many workshops and speakers, and enjoy their *Time to Shine*.

Even prior to the official opening of Convention, the excitement was well underway thanks to the "Evening at the Oasis" State Night Banquet hosted by the amazing members of GFWC California. The fun continued through Saturday's Opening Ceremony, the Junior Awards Banquet, and the "Dice Dice Baby Casino Night". At the Junior Awards Banquet, the Millie Crom Award for Excellence in Junior State Leadership at the Platinum Level was granted to Martha Casassa (GFWC Massachusetts), Preshus Howard (GFWC Kentucky), and Amanda Guidry (GFWC Tennessee). These were just three of the many individuals, clubs, and State Federations that would be recognized for their outstanding contributions to GFWC and their



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May 2017 GFWC-WI members came together for our annual Spring Convention. Included in this edition you will find photo collages from the Art contest, team building exercises and our Annual Club Report Awards. Please read on to see the winners and beautiful artwork which was submitted.

WI Club members had the opportunity to attend the GFWC Annual Convention in Palm Springs, CA. The weather was hot, the sites were unbelievable and the convention was extraordinary. This headline was from the latest GFWC Publication News & Notes which can be found at the following link:

http://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/NewsNotes_July6.pdf

Please take the time to read on all the excitement that took place in Palm Dessert



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GFWC-WI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time sure fly's when you are having fun!! I can't believe my term as your state president has started it second year already! It won't be long and the next administration will be here. First, off I would like to congratulate the Northern Lights District on a wonderful job on hosting this past state convention in Eau Claire. You ladies are awesome!! Next I would like to thank the ladies in our state for attending the convention. WOW, it was nice to see numbers of attendance up again. We need to have attendance like that all meetings. It shows that you ladies, in the state believe in the Volunteer Spirit!!

I would like to thank all the attendees of convention that filled out the survey. In this issue you will see an article with a response to some of your comments/concerns about convention. We will try to take some of the suggestions and work with them, and then some I cannot promise we can fix.

Congratulations to all clubs that won awards, you should be proud. As a whole, the state did 1184 number of projects, 82,500 volunteer hours, \$287,178.00 donated and \$72,327.00 in kind donations, \$166,814.00 dollars raised and \$31,061.00 spent. From those reports that you did our state won some awards from international convention in California. We won an award in membership (yes, membership) two awards in the writing contest, Silver status for Shot @Life, GFWC Oconomowoc Juniors won an award with Canine Companions. This is awesome!! So proud to receive those awards, you should be as well!!

Our next big news, if you haven't heard by now is our state organization was left some money in a trust for the Wisconsin Own Library. If you remember, at Fall Workshop Andrew Prellwitz talked about looking into further help with our collection. Little did I think that the help he was talking about was a trust. I received an email just before region conference from a trustee of a bank talking about a trust that was left to the Wisconsin Own Library. It so happens that a former member of the Madison Woman's Club, who was very interested in the collection, and was an author herself, left us this money from her book sales. The amount (\$1,290,000.00) will keep the collection updated and running for the years to come. Please note that, we will be receiving the interest from this huge amount, and that we may have to share it with other organizations involving writing/authors etc. Since this announcement, a committee has been formed which consist of your state treasurer, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, a past state president and your current president as well as the two Wisconsin Own Library committee members. It will take this committee some time and work to get proper documentation ready before we are able to see any funds come to us. It is a long process, but we want to make sure it is done properly and correct for years to come.

In this issue, you see the call to Junior Fall Conference. Please attend this meeting, since I am not planning a fall workshop, Loretta and the juniors are hosting. So please do not feel that you have to be a junior just to attend. We are all one in this organization!!! Also the call to Great Lakes Region Conference is coming up very fast. Please adhere to the August deadlines. I am sure Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Illinois State President and Jeanette Wells; GFWC Illinois Junior Director would love to see our smiling faces at region conference in Oakbrook, Illinois on September 14th thru 17th, 2017. I look forward to seeing you at region conference, if not there then your fall district meeting or at Junior Fall Conference.

Have a great rest of your summer!!!

Sue La Buda





GFWC- WI - 1st VP's Message

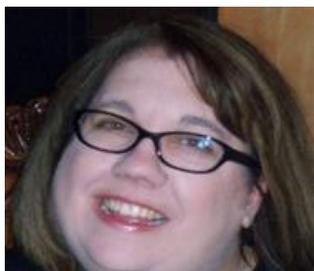
Greetings GFWC-WI Clubwomen!

It has certainly been a whirlwind spring and start to the summer! I enjoyed my visits to the Southern Prairies, Lakeshore, and Northwoods Districts' Annual Spring Conventions. Thank you to all the District Presidents and the members for the warm hospitality I received. I appreciated the opportunity to deliver a well-received Membership Workshop in Southern Prairies and Lakeshore. Thank you to all those members who were such active participants in the process. I was sad that I had to send regrets to the Northern Lights District due to a scheduling conflict but I hope to make it up to them next spring. Please keep me in mind!

Late May brought me the excitement of the GFWC Wisconsin State Annual Convention. President Sue had a jam packed agenda filled with important business, awards, and interesting speakers. Convention Chairman, Linda Rundle, and the Northern Lights District, did an outstanding job as our hostesses. As I indicated last July in my first report to you, the GFWC-WI First Vice President wears many hats and I used them all in Eau Claire! I was especially proud of our District Presidents who all prepared and delivered excellent 3 minute speeches. I was excited to have the opportunity to meet with the 2018-2020 Strategic Planning Committee to discuss some goals for my administration. The business of the Executive Committee, the Bylaws & Policies and Communications Committees also kept me hopping! And it was certainly a pleasure to meet with a few of our Members-At-Large, albeit quite informally. It must be difficult to remain so faithful to GFWC when there is not the camaraderie of a club nearby. I applaud these members' dedication to our organization. I'm sure I've missed some roles I also played but I do remember I had a lot of fun.

My report would not be complete without including my activities at the GFWC International Convention just recently held in Palm Desert, California. As all my fellow GFWC sisters can attest, we certainly had a hot, hot, time! Upon my return on June 29, I will quote my Facebook post... "Back in the Midwest where cloudy and 72 degrees never felt so good." All kidding aside, our GFWC Executive Committee and Staff, and the GFWC California delegation outdid themselves with planning and executing an awesome convention. I participated in all business sessions and evening banquets and attended the Leadership and "How Big is Your Plate" workshops. It was great to reconnect with our Great Lakes Region sisters and conduct the necessary region business. I was so proud of our LEADS graduate, Mary Meek, from the GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club, who represented Wisconsin so well. Let me tell you, she is hot, hot, hot, to share everything she's learned with all of you! Sunday morning brought me the opportunity to participate in the 2018-2020 Incoming Leaders' Training Seminar where I proudly represented Wisconsin as your next state president. I am especially excited to serve under Paula Schlice, incoming Great Lakes Region President, and Mary Ellen Brock, incoming GFWC International President. I expect that the next three years will be blur for me and I look forward to every minute! My favorite activity and meal function had to be the "Thanks for the Memories" Awards Brunch on Monday where we participated in a USO Service Project. My favorite entertainment of the entire convention was when our GFWC Executive Committee performed as the Andrews Sisters, complete with the costumes, lip-sync, and dancing to "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy". They were a hoot! But the best part of the whole convention was when GFWC Wisconsin won the Category 3 Membership award! You did it ladies! All the reporting of your membership efforts made Wisconsin shine as an award winning state and I am so proud of all of us. Our Top Ten projects and my efforts as your state Membership Chairman, caught the attention of the GFWC Membership Committee and we were rewarded handsomely! Thank you so much and let's do it again next year! As summer is well under way now, please take a little time to relax and rejuvenate so we can hit the ground running again in the fall. I appreciate all of you and everything you do for our great organization! Thank you again for the honor of serving as your GFWC Wisconsin First Vice President.

- Deb Brossard



GFWC-WI – Director of Junior Clubs

Greetings GFWC-WI Ladies,

I want to start out with a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Free the Girls Bra Drive. Your commitment to this project overjoyed me and I have to admit over whelmed me too! The final count was 2613 bras and the big question was how to get the bras to Free the Girls. Amazingly ALL the bras fit in my car and I made the trip on June 10th to Chesterton, IN (2 hour drive) a day when Free the Girls was planning a ‘Packing Party.’ I arrived just before 10 am – we got the car unloaded and I got a tour of the operation at Duneland Community Church. Then I jumped in and helped sort bras with another 15 or so people for 3 hours. By the end of the day – everyone knew I was from Wisconsin and heard of GFWC! GFWC-WI Juniors also donated \$313 to Free the Girls from our Spring Walking Challenge.

You know the saying ... “If I had a nickel for every ...”- well in the next year – I’m going to ask for a dime for every bra donated – and it will go to Junior Special Program partner March of Dimes.

Also a HUGE THANK YOU to those that participated in the “Pillow Fight” It was so exciting to see everyone’s pillows – whether it was knitted, crocheted, sewn, cross stitched, quilted, etc. GFWC-WI Juniors raised just short of \$1200. Rolling Hills District was the winner – a portion of money raised will go to a teenage / homeless shelter of their choice.

June 22nd I traveled to Palm Springs, CA for GFWC International Convention. It was such an honor to carry the Wisconsin flag in the opening ceremony and to walk up with our state president, Sue La Buda, to accept Wisconsin’s awards.

Finally I want to invite EVERYONE to GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference on September 30th in Kenosha where you should find the agenda fun and informative. Come the night before to Historic Bain Manor (aka my house) for a BYOB wine tasting – bring your favorite wine or maybe the one you won at convention’s wine pull. Hope to see you in September!

In Federation,

Loretta Caron

GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs



“A single act of kindness throws roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.” *Amelia Earhart*

2017 To-Do List

- ✓ Save a dime for every bra you donated to Free the Girls
- ✓ Book your room for Jr. Fall Conference by 8/15/17
- ✓ Send in your Walking Challenge Form by 9/1/17
- ✓ Return Jr. Fall Conference Registration by 9/11/17
- ✓ Attend Jr’s BYOB Wine Tasting (9/29/17)
- ✓ Attend Junior Fall Conference (9/30/17)
- ✓ Send in your recipe card by 11/22/17
- ✓ Send in your club history by 11/22/17
- ✓ Like the ‘GFWC Wisconsin Juniors’ Facebook page
- ✓ Recruit new members
- ✓ Continue “Living the Volunteer Spirit”

GFWC-WI Junior Fun Raising ...

What's cooking in Wisconsin?

recipe

ingredients directions

from the kitchen of

Please fill out the recipe card with your favorite recipe and bring to Junior Fall Conference or mail to: Tammy Welter ~ 1960 Boulder Ln ~ Beloit, WI 53511 by November 22nd

GFWC-WI Clubs' History

We had a "Ball" learning history of some clubs at convention it is time to take one step further - collect history from ALL clubs. Please answer the below questions and send to: Loretta Caron ~ 6107 7th Avenue ~ Kenosha, WI 53143 by November 22nd

- ❖ When and where was the club founded?
- ❖ What year did the club join Wisconsin Federation?
- ❖ What year did the club join the General Federation of Women's Clubs? •
- ❖ Did the club change its name over the years? If so, why? How did the name change?
- ❖ What major project(s) did the club undertake over the course of its history? How long did the club work on these projects? What were the challenges and successes?
- ❖ Did the club build or donate a library and/or library collection? When did that happen? Who was involved and how did it affect the local community? What is the club's current relationship with that library?
- ❖ How many members did the club have when it was founded? How has the membership changed over the years?
- ❖ What is the current number of members?
- ❖ Did any members become GFWC state, national, or international officers? Did any members hold prominent positions outside GFWC?
- ❖ Who were some of your club's most significant visitors?

61st GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference Call & Registration
Historic Kenosha Woman's Club House
(6028 8th Avenue ~ Kenosha, WI)
Saturday, September 30, 2017



Please copy this form for each attendee and send the registration forms with checks payable to "GFWC-WI Junior Clubs" to:
GFWC-WI Jr. Treasurer ~ Michele Fuehrer ~ 325 Summit Ave. ~ Oconomowoc, WI 53066
Due Date: September 11th

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Club: _____

Phone Number: _____

Registration (includes lunch): \$35.00 _____
(includes the mandated registration fee for JFC as designated in the GFWC-WI Junior bylaws/policies)

Donation to March of Dimes (optional) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Attend Friday night's BYOB wine tasting

Lunch choices - includes salad and dessert - (please mark one box)

Chicken Wellington

Honey Glazed Ham

Linguine tossed w/Caprese Vegetables

List all dietary restrictions: _____

PD \$ _____

Date _____

Ck# _____



Official Call to the 61st GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference
Historic Kenosha Woman’s Club House
(6028 8th Avenue ~ Kenosha, WI)
September 29th and 30th

“Go Out on a Limb” – Junior Fall Conference is NOT just for Juniors!

Friday, September 29th

7:00 pm BYOB wine tasting at Historic Bain Manor (6107 7th Avenue) - home of GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs – get a chance to mingle and sample members’ favorite wines.

Saturday, September 30th

- 9:00 am Registration, Raffle & Networking
- 9:30 am Call to Order & Welcome
- 10:00 am Trisha Shafer (*GFWC Director-Elect of Junior Clubs*)
- 10:10 am Kristina Higbee (GFWC Arts Chairman)
- 10:15 am March of Dimes - GFWC Junior Special Program
- Partner *Laura Brackett (Executive Director of Market Development)*
- Jill Gillmore (March of Dimes Ambassador Family)*
- 11:00 am Break & Activity
- 11:30 am Teenage Runaways / Homelessness
- Joanna Wynn (CEO/Founder of Walkin’ In My Shoes)*
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Communication & Social Media
- (TBA)
- 1:30 pm Membership
- Michelle Munoz (GFWC-WI Director-Elect of Junior Clubs)*
- 2:00 pm Leadership – “Getting Members to Step Up”
- Karyn Charvat (GFWC Leadership Committee Member)*
- 2:30 pm Wrap-Up, Prizes, Announcements
- 3:00 pm Adjourn

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Wyndham Garden Kenosha Harborside
5125 6th Avenue, Kenosha WI 53140
Phone: 262-658-3281

A block of double queen rooms has been reserved at \$125.99/room + applicable tax & fees for Friday, September 29th
Reservations must be made **before August 15, 2017** and you must identify you are with GFWC-WI Juniors

Join our fight
to end
childhood
cancer.



ST. JUDE WALK/RUN
to End Childhood Cancer

GFWC Wisconsin Juniors

2017 St. Jude Fall Virtual Walk Challenge

GFWC-WI Juniors is participating in a virtual walk to end childhood cancer.

What is a "Virtual Walking Challenge" you ask? Wear a pedometer or Fitbit for 6 weeks this fall. Report back every week the number of steps you took for that week. At the end of the 6 weeks we will take an average. The person / club / district that averages the highest number of steps can win a piece of the prize pool.

Rules:

- The Walking Challenge will run from September 6th – October 17th Note: weeks are Wednesday-Tuesday.
- Report the number of steps you took during the week on Wednesday – via email, text, phone call, etc.
- Steps will be averaged over the 6 weeks, with your lowest week thrown out – maybe you were in a car on vacation and not doing much walking. Also it is starting to get dark sooner. ☹
- This is open to anybody!!! Friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Just make sure club is marked on entry form.
- Cost = \$10
- Once we know number of walkers will figure out prize money distribution before we start.

Thoughts are:

- o Most Improved
- o Most steps for 'New' Walker
- o Most steps for 'Previous' participant
- o Etc.
- Once you are signed up you will get more details on how to report your numbers each week.
- Winners will be announced in Winter GFWC-WI Clubwoman. Happy Walking!!

Note: If you don't want to participate in the walk, but still want to donate - fill out below and mark donation in bottom right corner or visit: www.stjude.org/walkrun and donate under team name GFWC Wisconsin Juniors

Return by September 1st

Mail to: GFWC-WI Jr. Treasurer ~ Michele Fuehrer ~ 325 Summit Ave. ~ Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Club: _____ Phone Number: _____

"X" one in each column Age: < 50 Years Old Amount Enclosed – Check payable to: **GFWC-WI Juniors**

Walker 50-64 \$10 Walker / Runner

Runner 65+ \$____ Donation



2017 GFWC International Convention Recap – Palm Desert, CA By Loretta Caron

We received a WARM welcome to sunny California where we experienced temperatures 115°+. It might have been warmer outside than we are used to in Wisconsin, but it was a dry heat – or so they say. We also met many wonderful, warm, and welcoming GFWC women inside the beautiful air-conditioned resort.

Friday evening we enjoyed California State Night “An Evening at the Oasis” with music, dancers, speakers, and even a 12 year old opera singer. Saturday morning was the official opening of convention with the parade of flags. Wisconsin’s Marianne Potter (protocol chairman) got us all lined up and made sure we held our flag correctly. The GFWC Partner Luncheon was Saturday where each partner talked briefly and showed a video. Let’s just say Canine Companions and St. Jude’s video got a lot of us looking for a tissue.

Saturday evening was Junior night – “Dice, Dice Baby” – Junior awards were presented and a casino fun night fundraiser for March of Dimes. All of GFWC headquarters’ staff helped at the event from dealing black jack to manning the craps table. Even Sheila Shea (GFWC International President) dealt some black jack!

Sunday was more business and more awards. We met at lunch with our Great Lakes Region friends and learned how to make “lemonade from lemons” and more information about September’s Great Lakes Region Conference in Oak Brook, IL. Sunday afternoon we were entertained by a hypnotist – amazing what some GFWC women will do when hypnotized!! After that fun, it was back to resolutions and then an evening on our own. Finally a chance to go to the pool.

Monday morning started off with workshops. We had choices ranging from communication, leadership, membership, legislation and even “how big is your plate.” We worked up an appetite, so it was time for brunch, but not until we each packed two USO rack sacks with toothpaste, toothbrush, razor, soap, etc. We had some special entertainment, GFWC Executive Committee, doing an Andrew Sisters Bugle Boy routine. That afternoon we finished up the business session and all the resolution revisions were reviewed. Monday evening we got all dressed up for “Puttin’ on the Ritz” gala and we finished with the song that gives one chills “Let There Be Peace On Earth.”

Tuesday it was time for 800 GFWC women; 230+ first time attendees; and 14 GFWC-WI women to go our separate ways and head home. Dreaming of the Gateway Arch and St. Louis in 2018.

Recap of Wisconsin Awards

GFWC-WI – Membership – Category 3

GFWC-WI Shot @ Life – Silver Status

Rhineland Woman’s Club – Shot @ Life – Bronze Status

Rhineland Woman’s Club – UNICEF – Certificate of Appreciation

Oconomowoc Junior Woman’s Club – Canine Companion – Loyal Supporter

Youth Poetry Writing Contest – Grade 9-12 – Allison Oman – Amery Woman’s Club

Member Poetry Writing Contest – Sharon Paulson – Amery Woman’s Club

Millie Crom Award of Excellence for Junior State Leadership – Gold Level – Loretta Caron



Flamingos

These are Chilean Flamingos (Chilensis) meaning "from Chile," although the Chilean Flamingos are found in other parts of South America.

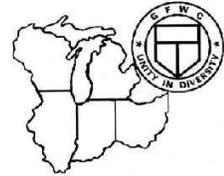
The Flamingos get their coloring from their diet which is algae, as well as many small animals which feed on algae such as shrimp, mollusks and insect larvae.

We feed our Flamingos a canthaxathin diet to keep them healthy and beautiful.



ALL ABOARD

Sailing the Great Lakes . . . Red, White and You September 14 - 17, 2017



Come aboard we're expecting you. The U.S.S. *GFWC Great Lakes* is set to dock at Port Doubletree in Oakbrook, Illinois on Thursday, September 14th.

A send-off reception Thursday evening will begin our voyage, an event you won't want to miss. Come join us for a "Whodunit at Sea". Everyone has a part and everyone is a suspect. You might even be the Victim! If you're still alive on Friday you might enjoy an excursion across the street to the Oak Brook Shopping Mall or any number of the other nearby attractions.

Friday afternoon we reach our first Port of Call, the beautiful **St. Jude's Island of Hope**, we will go ashore and participate in a Service Project for the ALSAC (the fundraising and awareness organization for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital). Itinerary and details will be shared in June at the GLR meeting at the GFWC Convention in California.

After re-boarding we are off to the next stop on our journey, **Port Illinois State Night** to recognize the Great Lakes Naval Base, home of the United States Navy's only boot camp. Please join us at the Captain's Dinner where Admiral Wilkins, Captain Skubic, First Mate Miss Jeanette, and all the crewmembers of Illinois, will salute the Great Lakes Naval Base. Nautical and R-W-B attire optional.

It's **All Hands on Deck** early Saturday morning while we are docked there will be several informative excursions disguised as workshops. Get all the current information so you can take it back to your Districts and Clubs. . . Souvenirs for them from you. Admiral Wilkins will be at the helm of our business portion of our trip. We did tell you it was a working cruise, didn't we?

And now the event you have all been waiting for . . . Saturday night's **Admiral's Ball**. Put on your Cocktail Bling and meet and greet Admiral Wilkins and her honored GFWC guests: President Sheila Shea, President Elect Mary Ellen Brock and 2nd Vice President Deb Strahanoski, as we celebrate "**The Great Lakes Region, the Heartbeat of GFWC**".

Sunday morning, before we pull up anchor and set sail back home, please join us as we enjoy breakfast together and tackle a few items left on our ship's manifest, including the invitation to the 2018 Conference by GFWC Indiana. There will be hugs for all as we disembark and head to our home port.

Don't miss the boat! Send in your reservations now and get ready for a trip filled with lots of GLR memories. You know the kind you never forget!

Bon Voyage!

Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Illinois President • Email: pjskubic@gmail.com • Cell: (815) 735-9947
Jeanette T. Wells, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs • Email: gfwc.itw@gmail.com • Cell: (630) 865-4765
Kathy Koran, GLR Conference Chairman • Email: georgekoran@aol.com • Cell: (708) 516-8259

REGISTRATION FORM
GFWC – GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE
September 15 – 17, 2017

DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago – Oak Brook
 1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook Illinois 60523
 Phone (630) 472-6000 Fax: (630) 573-1909

Name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

__ Home

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Club/District/State Affiliation: _____ / _____ / _____

Registration Fee \$25.00 _____

A late fee of \$25 will be added with a postmark after the due date

Thursday Night – “Cruising For Murder” \$40.00 _____

Check your bags and Set Sail for a Sinuous Night of Secrets, Scandals and Seafaring Scoundrels
 Come help us solve the murder aboard the “Mystery of the Seas” – You may be the Victim or the Murderer
 Happy Hour Hors D’ouvres included Cash Bar

Friday – Illinois State Night – \$49.00 _____

Pan Roasted Chicken Breast, Baby Spinach Salad, Eli’s Cheesecake

Saturday – Lunch \$39.00 _____

Soup & Sandwich, Fresh Seasonal Berries

Saturday – Banquet \$60.00 _____

Smoked Beef Tenderloin, Bibb & Iceberg Salad, Crème Brulee

Sunday – Breakfast \$31.00 _____

American Breakfast with Bacon

Mini Mart Space -FOR STATE FUNDRAISING ONLY- \$10.00 _____

Opportunity Basket Tickets (Quantity of 20) \$20.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____

Please indicate any dietary, food allergies or medical restrictions: _____

Make Checks Payable To: GFWC Illinois
 Send Registration To: Karen Meyer
 10011 S. Claremont Avenue, Chicago IL 60643
 (773) 619-3050 kmeyer5396@aol.com

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• **Foxes Sports Bar and Grille, American:**

Open for lunch and dinner
(11:30am – 1:00am)

• **Room Service:**

Available 6:00am – 11:00pm

RECREATION

- Heated indoor swimming pool and whirlpool
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- DoubleTree Fitness by Precor-cardio equipment with personal TV screens, free weights and room to stretch
Open from 6am – 11am
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NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Oakbrook Center Mall - 1 block
- Drury Lane Dinner Theater - 1/2 mile
- Brookfield Zoo - 7 miles
- The Morton Arboretum - 12 miles
- United Center
Chicago Bulls & Blackhawks - 15 miles
- Rivers Casino - 15 miles
- Downtown Chicago - 18 miles
- Navy Pier - 19 miles
- Wrigley Field Chicago Cubs - 20 miles
- US Cellular Field Chicago White Sox - 20 miles

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SPRING CONVENTION AWARDS | | | | |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | <u>Best Overall</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Best Single</u> | <u>Event</u> |
| Fundraising
Julie Riemenschneider | Cedarburg Woman's Club | Garden Walk | Rhinelande Woman's Club | Camping Experience for Disabled |
| Leadership
Melisa Zettle | Rhinelande Woman's Club | Building Leadership | Oconomowoc Jr Woman's Club | Ask Everyone |
| Communications & Public Relations
Paula Schlice | Monroe Woman's Club | Comprehensive Use of Communication | Rhinelande Woman's Club | Developed Nationally Recognized Communication Strategy |
| Arts | Oshkosh Woman's Art Club | Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest | Monroe Woman's Club | Underwrote Children's Musical Magic Show at Library |
| Education
Tammy Welter | Oconomowoc Jr Woman's Club | Kids Who Can | Port Washington Woman's Club | Red 900 Year Old Scrapbooks |
| Public Issues
Karen Ostrowski
<i>Club Creativity Award:</i> | Rhinelande Woman's Club
GFWC West Allis Club | Projects, \$6,000 and 930 hours
Learn about Court System & Civic Duties | Beloit Juniors Club | Veterans Transitional Housing Needs |
| Woman's History & Resource Center
Sandy Gehin | Rhinelande Woman's Club | | Oconomowoc Jr Woman's Club | |
| International Outreach
Sue Bessert | Rhinelande Woman's Club | Five projects donating \$2700/\$714 In-Kind | Muskego Woman's Club | Operation Smile |
| Membership
Deb Brossard | Monroe Woman's Club | Recruiting and Nurturing the Newbies | Oconto Woman's Club | Maintaining Membership & Building Leaders |
| Conservation
Kim Bruns | Steven's Point Woman's Club | Conservation | Oconomowoc Junor Woman's Club | Earth Day |
| Domestic Violence
Sandy Gehin | Oconto Woman's Club | Domestic Violence | Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club | Domestic Violence |
| Home Life
Beverly Spinti | GFWC WI Woman's Club of Pewaukee | Little Hats, Big Hearts | Blanchardville Woman's Club | Four American Red Cross Blood Drives |
| President's Special Project
Abby Lorenz | GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis | Cancer Treatment & Research | GFWC- Kenosha Junior Woman's Club | Comfort Bags at Aurora Cancer Center |
| Junior's Special Program
Suzanne Hooser | Beloit Junior Woman's Club | Project 16:49 | Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club | Juniors Care for Kids |

GFWC-WI Junior By-laws and Policies Proposed Changes

Below are the proposed changes to the GFWC-WI Junior By-laws and Policies. Changes are highlighted in yellow, followed by rationale. These changes will be voted on at the GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference on Saturday, September 30th.

Bylaws

Article V. Meetings

Section 2.

To secure suitable arrangements for each annual meeting, the Director of Junior Clubs shall work with the Junior Director-Elect, the GFWC-WI President, and ~~her~~ the GFWC-WI President's convention Chairman. ~~The Director of Junior Clubs shall appoint a Meeting Chairman if the Junior meeting is to be held separately from a regularly scheduled GFWC-WI meeting.~~

Rationale: To conform to current practice and clarify

Article VI. Club Representation

Section 2.

The voting body at any meeting shall consist of members of the Junior Board, all past Junior Directors who remain members in good standing in a GFWC club with ~~clubs in~~ active membership, and all accredited club delegates. A simple majority of the voting body shall constitute a quorum at Junior Fall Conference, and any other called meeting.

Rationale: To clarify

Article IX. Board of Directors

Section 2.

All Board members shall be members, in good standing, of a club in active membership within the GFWC Wisconsin Juniors and the GFWC-WI, ~~and shall hold office for two years.~~ Appointed members shall serve at the discretion of the Junior Director.

Rationale: Junior Club Presidents are members of the board and some clubs change presidents yearly. The Junior executive committee serves 2 years per Article VII. Section 4

GFWC-WI Junior By-laws and Policies Proposed Changes (Continued)

Policies:

5. The Junior Director-Elect's Expense Fund shall be released for her use as of July 1 of the odd numbered years. This set-aside Fund shall be under the custodianship of the Junior Treasurer or Junior Secretary/Treasurer, as part of the Junior Fund, and fund-raisers shall be held annually by the GFWC-WI Junior Women's Clubs to generate the monies for the Expense Fund.

Proposed Change:

5. GFWC-WI Junior Executive Committee shall approve a budget for travel fund at the beginning of each administration for GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs and Director-Elect. This set-aside Fund shall be under the custodianship of the Junior Treasurer or Junior Secretary/Treasurer, as part of the Junior Fund, and fund-raisers shall be held by the GFWC-WI Junior Women's Clubs members to generate the monies for the Expense Fund.
 - A. The Junior Director-Elect's Expense Fund shall be released for her use as of June 1 of the odd numbered years.
 - B. It shall be the policy of the GFWC-WI Juniors to reimburse, up to the budgeted amount, provided funds are available.

Rationale: Clarify travel fund including Director of Junior Clubs. Move the date up for JDE to June 1st since it is recommended they attend ILTS at GFWC International Convention during the odd numbered year.

13. Duties of the Board of Directors

- B. The Director-Elect of Junior Clubs shall:

5. Work closely with the ~~Junior Annual Meeting Chairman~~ Director of Junior Clubs and District Director (if applicable) in planning that meeting; and

Rationale: To conform to current practice and per bylaws change above in Article V. Section 2.

- C. The Junior Secretary shall:

1. ~~Shall~~ record the proceedings of all Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and general membership meetings;

Rationale: Fix grammar

17. A Nominating Committee (with a minimum of 3 members) will be appointed by the Junior Director either at the Winter Workshop (if held) or by the end of February of the odd numbered year. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for getting nominees for the positions of Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, Junior Secretary, and/or Junior Treasurer. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for announcing the delegates in the Clubwoman ~~Junior Publication~~ and/or email to the Junior Board before the Junior Fall Conference in odd numbered years. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for conducting and tallying the vote and also announcing the election results.

Rationale: Junior Publication is no longer and email will allow for additional time if Clubwoman is published earlier.

Helen Mears & Member Art Contest Winners

Class A Painting

1. Lauren Boysa - Oconomowoc Jr. Woman's Club
2. Jady Calhoun - Centuria Woman's Club
3. William Vu - Oshkosh Arts Club

Class A Sculpture

1. Jarod Zaleski - Cedarburg
2. Kathryn Smith - Oshkosh Woman's Club
3. Haley Laber - Oshkosh Woman's Club

Class B Painting

1. Tatum Novak - Dodgeville Woman's Club
2. Emlyn Yoon-Buck - Brown Deer
3. Leah Runge - Rhinelander Woman's Club

Class B Sculpture

1. Josh Harms - Plymouth Woman's Club
2. Molly Wilke - Oconomowoc Jr. Woman's Club
3. Isabella Cook - Oconomowoc Jr. Woman's Club

MEMBER ART

Crochet

- 1st Nancy Dickman
- 2nd Donna Wood
- 3rd Mary Dietz

Applique

- 1st Roz Schuettpelz

Cross Stich

- 1st Nancy Niedziel

Holiday

- 1st Sheila Fry
- 2nd Diane Flanders

Paper Graphics

- 1st Linda Crossman
- 2nd Diane Flanders

Candles

- 1st Judith Hutto

Scrapbooking

- 1st Flaime Root

Embroidery

- 1st Julie Riemenschnieder

Fad Art

- 1st Juli Garton

Hand Quilting

- 1st Jeanette Flood

Machine Quilting

- 1st Rosalyn Passehl
- 2nd Phyllis Nielsen
- 3rd Elsie LaBreche

Home Décor

- 1st Sheila Fry

Hooked Rugs

- 1st Joan Jones

Misc Art

- 1st Juli Garton
- 2nd Virginia Bolhous
- 3rd Alice Kranig

Paper Crafts

- 1st Virginia Bolhous
- 2nd Melissa Zettle

Sewing

- 1st Marion Zwiefelhofer
- 2nd Elaine Boucher
- 3rd Donna Wood
- 4th Diane Flander

Painting

- 1st Carol Casey
- 2nd Beverly Loofboro
- 4th Maryann Zuengler

Knitting

- 1st Terri Hudziak
- 2nd Rosalyn Passehl
- 3rd Catherine Werle
- 4th Stacy Hubbard

Felting

- 1st Carla Hartwig

Jewelry

- 1st Marjorie Klugler

Art-Bags-Pewaukee was winner of all Bags

- 1st Roz Schuettpelz
- 2nd Karie ?
- 3rd No Name
- 4th Mary Dietz

Photography-Scenic

- 1st Deb Hutchinson
- 2nd Laurie Muffler
- 3rd Dorthea Lannin

Photography-Living Things

- 1st Barbara Bechtel
- 2nd Laurie Muffler
- 3rd Diane Flanders

Photography -Still Life

- 1st Cheryl Schommer
- 2nd Laurie Muffler
- 3rd Diane Flanders

Photography-Volunteers in Action

- 1st Kathy Doebert
- 2nd Kristina Higbee

Photography-Calendar

- 1st Kristina Higbee
- 2nd Laurie Muffler
- 3rd Patricia Parsons

Thank you to all who participated and for your patience with my first year as the Member Art Chair

- Suz Hooser





Fundraising

The GFWC WI Spring Convention at Eau Claire is behind us. Northern Lights District was the host for 2017. Linda Rundle, Co-Pres. Menomonie WC was convention chairperson. She did an awesome job. The cork pull was a fruitful fundraiser bringing in \$945 to offset convention expenses. In addition, \$319 for sales of candy, bracelets and pins was raised. The ribbon tree brought in \$80.

The baskets donated by each of the clubs in Northern Lights District were given as door prizes. All the baskets were well thought out, but Spooner's basket was outstanding. Kristina Higbee was the lucky winner.

I received reports from 27 clubs this year. Best overall went to Cedarburg WC for their annual garden walk. Best single project went to Rhinelander WC for partnering with Easter Seals to provide a camping experience for a child with disabilities.

The Club Creativity Award went to the Brillion WC for their Christmas party silent auction featuring wrapped bottles of whatever. Members couldn't tell what was inside the bottles but enjoyed bidding on the clever wrapping. They raised \$90 which wasn't so much, but they had such a good time.

I enjoyed reading all the reports. The GFWC News & Notes which we see on e-mail often has some good suggestions for fundraisers. Keep on with your projects. Our communities are thankful for the many ways our volunteerism serves them.

Julie Riemenschneider
Chairman



Note from Your State Treasurer

Hope your summer is going well! A new fiscal year has started and it is time to start getting those dues in. Below is the club treasurer's information.

Club dues are to be sent to the GFWC-WI Treasurer NO LATER THAN NOV. 1, 2017. I would gladly take them as soon as you can.

Susan Bednarek, N5917 Canal Street, Princeton, WI 54968; Phone: 920-295-6509; Email: sjbednarek@charter.net

DUES FOR THE 2016-2017 club year is \$22.00 per member

\$ 15.00 will be sent to GFWC by the GFWC-WI Treasurer

\$ 7.00 will go towards Administrative Expenses of the GFWC-WI

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GFWC-WI

MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS CHOSEN BY CLUBS ARE TO BE SENT TO THE GFWC-WI TREASURER.....

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GFWC-WI. Please indicate which account check is to be credited to.....- Wisconsin's Own Library, - Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest, - Trees for Tomorrow, - Health Scholarship

DISTRICT DUES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DISTRICT TREASURER.

Every District assesses a different amount for dues. **DO NOT INCLUDE THEM WITH THE GFWC-WI DUES.**

JUNIOR CLUBS: Send the GFWC-WI dues and district dues as instructed above. In addition, send \$1.00 to the Junior Treasurer by November 1, 2017.

Michele Fuehrer, 325 Summitt Ave, Oconomowoc, WI 53066; Phone: 262-490-1951; E-mail: mfuehrer2011@gmail.com

WILS SCHOLARSHIP (\$200.00). Forms can be downloaded from the GFWC-WI website. Send your donation directly to WILS. Please do not send them to GFWC-WI.

PLEASE REMEMBER: DUES ARE DUE FOR NEW MEMBERS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COLLECTING THOSE DUES REGARDLESS OF WHAT MONTH THEY ARE COLLECTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN THE LAST MONTH OF THE CLUB YEAR. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION, PLEASE CONTACT ME.

PLEASE INCLUDE A LIST OF YOUR CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS, NAMES, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES IF APPLICABLE. If you have an electronic file that would be most appreciated. Also, identify your club president & treasurers.

An end of year financial statement will be posted to the member only area of the Web site.

Thank you,

Susan Bednarek

2016-2018 State Treasurer

“And the Survey Says”

The question was asked – wanted to see more GFWC Clothing, etc?

Answer: Your best bet is to visit the GFWC Marketplace; there you will find a lot of clothing. It is forever changing! I would not know what to pick from if I had to buy for fundraising. This way you have a better selection to choose from.

Wanted to see GFWC sponsored fundraisers at convention.

Answer: Well you missed it; we had Teri Lynn candies and snacks at convention. We had ordered what you rated your favorites at Fall Workshop. We still have plenty left, I will bring with me to district meetings and Junior Fall Conference to sell.

We will try and get the vendors you stated that you wanted to see, but I can not promise anything.

On the survey, you complained about the buffet, on that it ran out of food! In order to have enough food it **helps to have your registration in by the deadline!!!** Because when the meal counts go in the hotel goes over by 10% of the numbers already sent in. Also please don't take more than what you can eat. That way we will have enough food for everyone! Also **please eat what you ordered!!** Someone ordered something (a salad) instead of eating the sandwich they ordered. It was not approved by me or the convention chairman, so when the bill came and it appeared. Of course I am questioning why with hotel. I try and order meal choices on what I would like to eat. And I try to give you a selection to pick from. I realize I can not please everyone, but please work with what selections are given to you.

To the person that stated that their steak was not cooked enough. Did you put on your meal ticket that you wanted it well done??!! Or did you let the server know before the entrée was given to you??!! That is all you needed to do if you ordered the steak, the server would have been able to accommodate you.

Our GFWC-WI Northwoods District held its 9th Spring Convention in April hosted by the Rhinelander club.

Our theme was "Earth Day". Our club president, Kay Salewske provided a tree planting activity in keeping with the theme.

Thirty eight club members attended representing five of our seven clubs.



Pictured are: Margaret Baker, Rhinelander, Kay Salewske, Rhinelander, Linda Tulo, Rhinelander, Joanne Rauscher, Oconto, Marcia Brazeau, Oconto, Janine Hornblad, Oconto, Cindy Goll, Rhinelander, Tari Wallner, Stevens Point.



Grace Berg, GFWC-WI Northwoods District, Wausau club being presented with a plaque recognizing the club's 140 years of volunteer service. Pictured are District President, Mary Fortier, Grace Berg, Wausau club president, and Karen Ostrowski, District Secretary.

Below - The pictures show the GFWC recognition certificate being presented by GFWC-WI President, Sue La Buda



The Ladies of the Woman's Club of West Allis participating in their 4th of July Parade
(Submitted by Linda Taylor)



GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club

Hosted Spring District Convention

The GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club hosted the Rivers & Lakes Spring District Convention on March 25, 2017 at the Princeton Senior Center.

This year's convention marked the 90th Anniversary of the Helen Farnsworth-Mears Art Contest, created in 1927 by GFWC-WI to honor renowned Oshkosh sculptor, Helen Farnsworth Mears (1876-1917) to show case the art work of 7th and 8th grade students across the state. Her works are on display in the Nation's Capital, Smithsonian, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Madison State Capitol, and other national and state collections. Shirley Mattox, the district Helen Mears Art Contest Chair, said that this year's district contest had the most entries by far and the judges were impressed with the work done by the students.

The women were greeted by the Princeton Ladies with coffee, juice and sweet rolls. The meeting was called to order by district president, Janice Curtiss. The American Legion Post 366 presented the colors, Mary Lou Neubauer, Princeton City Administrator welcomed the ladies to Princeton and talked about the historical walk and city cemetery restoration projected. After the business part of the meeting was recessed the ladies were invited to view the art and enjoy a wonderful lunch.

After lunch, Nathaniel Bednarek, who served his county in the US Marine Cor, talked about the Sparta (Spiritual Process and Resiliency Training Association) Project and how it helped him with post-traumatic stress. To learn more on the Sparta Project you can go to their Web Site www.thespartaproject.org.

With final announcements on the upcoming events; GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club 100th Anniversary on May 7th at the Princeton Senior Center and the State Convention May 18th -20th in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the ladies left with a wonderful day of ideas and inspiration to take back to their clubs.



Mary Lou Neubauer, Princeton City Administrator welcoming the group to Princeton

Janice Curtiss presented a check to Mary Lou for the city cemetery restoration projected.





The GFWC-WI
Oshkosh Women's Art Club
members with judge, Robin
Wallenfang and Rivers & Lakes
District President, Janice Curtiss.



Janice Curtiss after persenting Nathaniel
Bednarek a check for the Sprata Project is
pictured with his Grandmother and Princeton
Club member, Dorothy Bednarek.



The GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club
members who hosted the district meeting. Back:
Club President, Sue Bednarek, Dorothy
Bednarek, Sharon Brenner, and State President,
Sue La Buda. Front: Ruth Hebbe and Pat Bornick

GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club Awards it's 67th Health Scholarship

On May 10th, 2017, the GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club presented its 67th health scholarship to Kailie Sasada. Kailie will be attending Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa studying Exercise and sports science (pre-Physical Therapy).

The GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club just celebrated their 100th anniversary as the oldest community service organization in Princeton. The first scholarship was given in 1950 in the amount of \$25.00 to a graduating senior going into the nursing field. Today a \$400.00 scholarship is given to graduating senior going into the healthcare field.

The GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club Congratulates Kailie and all the 2017 Princeton High School Seniors.



Kailia Sasada GFWC-WI Princeton Women's club 67th scholarship recipient with club president Sue Bednarek.

GFWC-WI Women's Club of Princeton's 100th Anniversary

State President Sue LaBuda and Club President Sue Bednarek

Current Club members Ruth Hebbe and Pat Bornick, Mary Lou Neubauer presents Club President Sue Bednarek with Proclamation for City Mayor.

State President, Sue LaBuda Presented the club with a certificate of Congratulations from International President, Sheila Shea.



A very special Thank You to Diane Flanders for taking the pictures during the Spring Convention in Eau Claire

Kenosha Junior Woman's Club held a Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser in April

10 Club members participated as the Characters in the production (Pic 1)

Members also volunteered at the annual 5/10K distributing water to runners over the July 4th holiday (Pic 2)



Picture 1 - Murder Mystery Dinner Cast

Judy Kanka, Terra Parsons, Lisa Miller, Ruth Taddy
Cheryl Hervat, Mary Perinne, Dottie, McMillan



Picture 2 – Kenosha YMCA Firecracker Run Volunteers

Michelle Munoz, Noah Glynn, Tiffany Glynn
Suz Hooser, Linda Painter, Judy Kanka



Congratulations to our JOY – Junior of the Year – Kristina Higbee



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Attention All Club Members:

Please submit articles and pictures of your clubs activities. Please mail to: Michelle Munoz, 39129 N Aberdeen Lane, Beach Park, IL 60083. [Email: chellemunoz@hotmail.com](mailto:chellemunoz@hotmail.com) Thank you in advance!



Look for other GFWC-WI Clubs on Facebook and Like them



Here are a few clubs on Facebook for you to check out:

- ✚ GFWC
- ✚ GFWC Volunteer Network
- ✚ GFWC Wisconsin Juniors
- ✚ Amery Woman's Club
- ✚ GFWC Beloit Junior Woman's Club
- ✚ GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha
- ✚ GFWC – Kenosha Junior Woman's Club
- ✚ Muskego Woman's Club GFWC
- ✚ GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club
- ✚ Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club
- ✚ Woman's Club of Pewaukee
- ✚ GFWC Plymouth Woman's Club – WI
- ✚ Rhinelander Woman's Club
- ✚ GFWC Stevens Point Woman's Club

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