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SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT TO FAMILIES OF:

Mary Weinhoft, from the Woman's Club of Springfield, District 21.

Mary Barbee, longtime GFWC member and Past President of the Woman's Club of Aurora, District 11.

Robert Hall, father of **Nancy Gray** 18th District President, passed away December 14. Bob is the husband of past 18th District President **Betty Hall**.

Andy Sorenson, Oregon Woman's Club, District 13, recently passed away.

District 10 has lost two VIPP's (Very Important Past Presidents): **Ann Hughes-Johnson**, from Waukegan Woman's Club, and **Mabel Lou Weber**, from Antioch Woman's Club.

Arleen Kough and **Claudia Niva**, both members of Waukegan Woman's Club, District 10, passed away recently.

The Belvidere Woman's Club, District 4, lost two members in December. **Virginia Dague** and **Mabel "Mitzi" Kelly** will be greatly missed.

Donna Cross, Director of Junior Clubs, 17th/16th District, mourned the passing of her mother.

CAROL'S COMMENTS

Will you be at Convention? I will, and hope you look for me. I'll be spending some time near the Registration table with Karen Erb. We'll have our laptops out, ready to add your name and email address to GFWC IL's Google Group.

About this issue: there are many details about Convention inside. Be sure to wear your Patience hat since there may be changes from the time this issue goes to press to the time of the actual Convention. Updates will be posted on www.gfwcillinois.org, and we'll continue to make update announcements at Convention. Don't forget to bring this issue with you to Convention; see you there!

GFWC ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Diane Addante

Director of Junior Clubs: Karyn McCarthy

President Elect: Phyllis Skubic

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Vice President Central Region: Judy Sochor

Vice President Southern Region: Alice Betlach

Secretary: Betty Peters

Treasurer: Janice Perkins

Parliamentarian: Jacquelyn Pierce, RP

GFWC ILLINOIS JUNIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

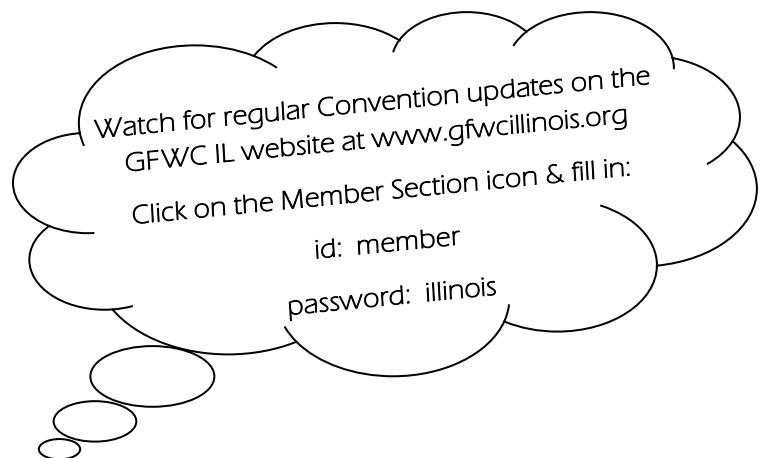
Director of Junior Clubs: Karyn McCarthy

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Secretary: Joanne Meyer

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THE KEY TO YOUR MAGAZINE

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Diane Addante, GFWC IL President

As many of us dig ourselves out of history-making amounts of snow, it's good to know that we are in the midst of planning for springtime activities that will be here soon. I look forward to seeing many of you at your district meetings and encourage you to come to our 120th Annual State Convention in May in Lisle. It will be more fun if you are there.

In this issue of the ***GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine***, you will find all you need to register and prepare for Convention. Terri Soehrmann, Convention Chairman, and her Committee are working diligently to plan and execute a memorable event. Please bring this magazine to convention with you as the Agenda, Resolution and Bylaw proposed revisions, menus and suggested wardrobe are included.

One thing we are going to try: Not every single detail for Convention is carved in stone at press time. On the website gfwcillinois.org, we will have Convention Updates. I would encourage you to check this often as we get closer to Convention. Speaker info, specific details on workshops, receptions and more will be available there. Please designate someone in your club to review this regularly so you will be "in the know". We have this wonderful communication tool available to us; let's all get used to using it.

I can't believe one year of this administration is nearly in the books. It has been a real pleasure and privilege to serve you; thank you for the opportunity.



Diane Addante



ONE VOICE

Karyn M. McCarthy, GFWC IL Director of Junior Clubs

Reporting is over and we now turn our focus on celebrating the hard work and accomplishments of all our wonderful GFWC IL Junior Clubs! The 120th GFWC IL State Convention is just around the corner and I truly hope you all are making plans to attend May 14-16 at the Hilton-Lisle in Naperville. This will be a special year as we are hitting a milestone for our state Federation – 120 years of helping and serving others in our communities and beyond!

We have many wonderful sessions and events planned for Convention, but I'm most excited to tell you about Friday, May 15 which is historically known as Junior Day. You'll hear from Jarrett W. Payton, son of late NFL Hall of Famer and legendary Chicago Bear, Walter Payton.

You will hear about the great work of Jarrett's PROJECT: NO BULL, an in-school

anti-bullying program. His motivating message of perseverance, inspiration and leadership will certainly get our Friday morning business session off to a great start! Stay for the Unity Luncheon, "One Voice – The Key to Change", where we will celebrate the strong ties to Federation both our Junior and General clubs share and hear from Children's Research Foundation's Pat Broggi. The Junior Leadership Awards will also be announced at this luncheon, so be sure your club or district winner is in the room!

The day will wrap up with a rip-roaring party as we give out our Junior Awards for the 2014 club year! Ok, maybe it won't be a rip-roaring party, but I promise you'll have a good time! Then stay for FUN NIGHT!

So please make your plans today to join us, and bring a friend. You won't want to miss it!



Karyn M. McCarthy



THE LEARNING CURVE

Phyllis Skubic, GFWC IL President-Elect



Phyllis Skubic

Congratulations . . . annual reports are done for another year! I want to extend my sincere and heartfelt appreciation to each and every club member who wrote and submitted a report this year. I know we have some issues to address with submitting reports electronically to the various Chairmen. Please feel free to email me with the specific issues you encountered. You have my promise we will work hard to eliminate the frustrations many of you experienced this year. It will be the first project I tackle this summer after Convention. I thank you for your patience and understanding.

As I write this, Northern Illinois is in the midst of a blizzard to rival the infamous blizzard of 1967 . . . one that I personally remember. However, when I look at the calendar I

see there's only 49 days until the first day of Spring (yeah) and realize it's just a little over 100 days until we gather together in Lisle to celebrate our many accomplishments this past year. The 120th Annual Convention promises to be three days filled with celebrations, presentations, ceremony, and lots of fun with our fellow club members. Awards will be presented at each business session and meal function. Check presentations to GFWC Illinois' Partners will be highlighted throughout the convention. Please make your plans now to join the celebration in Lisle this May.

The true award winners are the many recipients of our clubs' programs and projects and the communities we make a better place to live. Can't wait to see you in May!

1734 SOCIETY / CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of February 1, 2015, \$1,273.00 (thank you Bloomington-Normal Junior Woman's Club, District 17) has been raised with a goal of raising \$1734 for our GFWC Headquarters.



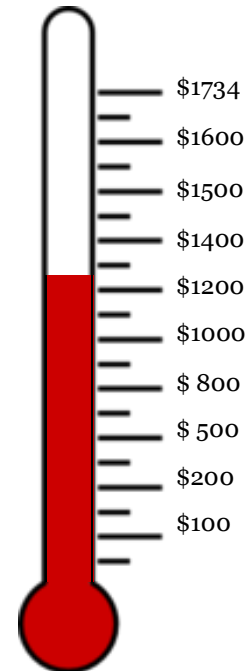
Our headquarters is a National Historic Landmark. This is your home, and as your home, GFWC is responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. Will you help GFWC make the repairs necessary to keep our home in good working order?

Our last push for this goal will be at our convention in May. Donations large and small are thoroughly appreciated.

If you are bringing a check to Convention, please make it payable to GFWC Illinois, and note Capital Campaign in the memo section.

With a donation of \$100 or more, your name will be listed in an upcoming issue of this magazine and you will receive the medallion shown here (see Fall issue for its history). You will also receive a letter of thanks from GFWC.

Goal: \$1734 by May 16, 2015



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GFWC ILLINOIS BYLAWS

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. OFFICERS

Insert Director of Junior Clubs after President to read:

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

Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Insert F. Director of Junior Clubs to B. Director of Junior Clubs; re-number as follows:

- President
- Director of Junior Clubs
- President Elect
- Vice Presidents
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Insert Director of Junior Clubs after President to read:

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

REASONING: To amend Bylaws so that GFWC Illinois Officers appear in the same order as are found in the GFWC Illinois Directory.

Helen Crause, Chairman

Sue Bielenda, Elaine Bush, Phyllis Skubic, Karyn McCarthy, Jackie Pierce, Diane Addante, Committee Members



In conjunction with GFWC Florida, we will be raising funds to train a puppy for an injured veteran. Please consider donating via the Project Contribution Form in the Treasurer's Section of the Reporting Packet (also available at gfwcillinois.org). We will have a speaker for this program at State Convention in May and will be seeking donations from those in attendance after the presentation. GFWC Florida President Carole Weaver has agreed to match our donations. CCI is her special emphasis and we are excited to work jointly for such a worthwhile project.



Club presidents, please send the names of your members who celebrated their 25th or 50th anniversary with your club during 2014.

Please get this information to Alice Betlach, mom21girl3@yahoo.com, or 1229 Kropp Road, Millstadt, IL 62260, by April 15, 2015.

GFWC ILLINOIS LEADS CLASS

Elena Lipinski, GFWC IL Northern Region Vice President



Elena Lipinski

The GFWC Illinois LEADS (Leadership Education And Development Seminar) will be on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Hilton Lisle-Naperville. The program will commence promptly at 10 a.m., and registration will begin at 9:30 am. There will be a lunch break starting just before noon and the LEADS will resume right around 1 p.m. We should be finished between 2 and 2:30 p.m.

Those interested in attending the GFWC IL LEADS should fill out the Registration Form and enclose a \$30.00 check payable to GFWC Illinois. The registration deadline, April 15, 2015, is the same as for convention. Presenters should send their \$30.00 meal check directly to GFWC Illinois Headquarters.

TWO BREAKFASTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS WHILE AT CONVENTION

Friday, May 15, 2015

7 am to 8 am

Parlor West

Deb's Diamond Divas

Please consider joining this club to provide support and well wishes to our own Deb Strahanoski, currently GFWC International Secretary, as she continues her journey toward becoming GFWC International President. Annual dues are \$30.

Plan to join us for breakfast and a short meeting to talk about fundraising and other issues as well as plenty of sparkling conversation.

Be sure to stop by Deb's Diamond Divas table for information, to pay dues or show support through our fundraising efforts. Questions? Email Bonnie Heydorn, DDD president at bonheydorn@gmail.com.



Saturday, May 16, 2015

7:30 am to 8:45 am

Parlor West

Past State Board Members

This club meets only once a year and only at the annual State Convention. Everyone who has served or is currently serving on the GFWC Illinois Board is invited to attend. Save some time and meet up with old friends and make some new ones too!

Dues remain a very friendly \$3.00, and can be paid Saturday morning. Contact Lois Farber, 309-944-4562, or dulofarber1@mchsi.com, with any questions you may have.

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GFWC Illinois *LEADS* Registration Form
Illinois *LEADS* Seminar – Wednesday, May 13, 2015
Hilton Lisle-Naperville
Registration Fee: \$30.00

Registration Deadline: April 15, 2015

Please Print

Club Name _____ District _____

Member's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Home or Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

List club activities including all club offices and/or chairmanships held:

Have you attended: District Meetings _____ State Meetings _____ GFWC Meetings _____

Applicant's Signature

Club or District President's Signature

Mail to: GFWC Illinois Leadership Chairman

Elena Lipinski • 698 Canyon Lane • Elgin, IL 60123

Make checks payable to: GFWC Illinois



BLUE RIBBON LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2015



Becky Weber

*Blue Ribbon
Luncheon & Fashion Show
Chairman*

Plans are underway for another wonderful **GFWC Illinois Blue Ribbon Fashion Show!** How can your club help? Make reservations for yourself, fellow club members and guests! By helping us with reservations for the fashion show **YOU** can help your club to win **\$100!** See the feature box on the left for a special incentive for you.

The cost remains a great value at **\$40.00!** This year's show will be held at the beautiful **BOLINGBROOK GOLF CLUB, 2001 Rodéo Drive, Bolingbrook, Illinois.** The Bolingbrook Golf Club is conveniently located just minutes from I-55 (Stevenson Expressway – exit Weber Road). It will be a perfect setting for our amazing fashion show! Remember, the Blue Ribbon Fashion Show will be held on **Sunday April 12, 2015!**

RAFFLE BASKETS

We are once again requesting that each club donate a themed basket worth a minimum of \$50.00. It can be worth more, but it needs to be at least \$50.00 in value. If your club cannot support this request, we would like to ask the clubs to please make a monetary donation (made payable to GFWC ILLINOIS) and the committee will use toward building baskets.

DEADLINES

Please bring your completed raffle basket to someone, such as your District President or GFWC Illinois State Board Member, who will be attending the Spring Board of Directors Meeting, **February 27 & 28** at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, Lisle, IL.

District Presidents and Board Members, it **is imperative** that you all follow these directions so that the committee receives the baskets in time to prepare them for the show. Please let me know as soon as possible if you need to make other arrangements, and we will work through any challenges. If you do not plan to or cannot attend the Spring Meeting, please deliver your club's basket to your District President prior to the dates noted above, or ship to my home address no later than **March 10, 2015:**

Contact Becky Weber, Chairman, at: mweber@mtco.com , or 309-369-1133

Or send your raffle basket to Becky at: 602 Malone Ct., Metamora, IL 61548

AUCTION ITEMS

Lastly, if you can assist the committee in obtaining unique items (trips, jewelry, and tickets for concerts/events, restaurants, etc...) that can be used in our Silent Auction, please let us know ASAP. We will need a wide variety of items for our Silent Auction so our attendees will bid and bid often!

PCA ILLINOIS really depends on our support each year through our Blue Ribbon Fashion Show, and we want to help as much as we possibly can to aid them in their commitment to the prevention of child abuse.

Thank you for all of your efforts and the efforts of your club members! Without you, this event would not be a success.

Every club that makes 10 reservations or more will be entered into a prize drawing for a cash prize of \$100.00 for your club! You can use this cash to stock up on items needed to carry out club business or to subsidize a club project.



GFWC Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs



Cordially invite you to attend the
18th Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show
to benefit Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

(a non-profit 501(3) organization)

Sunday April 12, 2015

Bolingbrook Golf Club

2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, Illinois

(off I-55 at exit Weber Road – 25 miles south of Oak Brook)

11am Social

12pm Luncheon, Fashion Show, Raffles

\$40 per person

\$16.75 for children (10 years or younger)

Come early to take advantage of the SPECIAL Raffle, Basket Raffles, Split the Pot and Silent Auction!!



Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

REPLY BY MARCH 20, 2015

Please Reserve_____ tickets at \$40 per person

Please Reserve_____ table(s) at \$400 per table

___Please find my check enclosed (payable to GFWC Illinois)

Kindly accept my donation in the amount of \$_____

Please seat the following people together: _____

Send Reservations to:

Michelle Schultz, 828 W. Reynolds Street, Pontiac, IL 61764

Questions on Reservations contact:

Becky Weber, Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show Chairman— mweber@mtco.com or 309-369-1133

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs

OFFICIAL CALL

One Hundred Twentieth Annual Convention

May 14-16, 2015

"If It Needs To Be, Volunteers Are The Key"

May 14-16, 2015



Hilton Lisle/Naperville
 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532
 (630) 505-0900

The One Hundred Twentieth Annual Convention of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs is hereby called for May 14, 15 and 16, 2015 at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, Lisle, Illinois. Session I, Business, will be called to order at 9:00 am Thursday, May 14, 2015 by Diane E. Addante, President, GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs.

REPRESENTATION

ARTICLE VII

CONVENTIONS

Section 2. REPRESENTATION

- A. The voting body of GFWC Illinois shall consist of:
 - 1. Club Delegates
Any member in good standing may attend Convention as a delegate
 - 2. Members of the Junior Board of Directors
 - 3. Convention Committee Officers
 - 4. Members of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors
 - 5. GFWC Illinois Past Presidents
 - 6. GFWC Illinois Past Directors of Junior Clubs
- B. Delegates shall pay registration fees for the entire convention to be entitled to vote.
- C. A delegate shall represent only one club and shall have only one vote at the annual convention.
- D. Any Club whose member dues are not paid by April 1st shall be notified and shall not be entitled to representation at the annual convention or to receive awards, except those clubs admitted at Pre-Convention Board Meeting.
- E. Members paying daily registration shall have no voting privileges.

Section 3. NON-VOTING MEMBERS/VISITORS

- A. GFWC Illinois club members who attend in addition to the voting delegates shall be considered non-voting members and attend all sessions.
- B. Non-members attending Convention as a guest of a member, a personal guest of the President, or persons invited to be participants in the convention program shall be referred to as visitors.
- C. Visitors badges shall be issued at registration.

BRING TO CONVENTION

Delegates are requested to bring The Convention Issue of the *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine*. Limited copies will be available at Convention.

CREDENTIALS/MEAL RESERVATIONS

The GFWC Illinois Convention Registration Forms can be found on pages 25 & 26 of this magazine. The Credential and Meal Reservation Forms have been combined.

Please fill out both and mail, with check payable to GFWC Illinois, to:

Patti Kuchar, Convention Treasurer
 180 S. DeWitt Place
 Coal City, IL 60416

Forms must be postmarked by April 15, 2015.

Registration Fee is \$25.00. Fee for late registration (postmarked 4/16 or later) is \$40.

Non-voting members may register for one or more days at \$15.00 per day. All delegates must pick up their credentials by 7:00 pm on Friday, May 15, 2015.

Registration fee of the GFWC Illinois Past Presidents shall be waived.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All sessions of the One Hundred Twentieth Annual Convention of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

The hotel reservation form can be found on page 27. Reservations may also be made by calling (630) 505-0900. Please use code CGFW when making reservations.

Per night rates are \$99.00 plus applicable taxes and fees for all rooms.

Deadline for hotel reservations is April 15, 2015.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Pre-Convention Meeting for the 2014-2016 Board of Directors will be held in the Cypress Room on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 from 4:00-5:30 pm.

PRE-CONVENTION DINNER

The theme for this evening Luau is "Mahalo Nui Loa" or "Thank you from the Heart". Tropical themed wear and attitude are welcome. Hostess: Terri Soehrmann, Convention Chairman.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The One Hundred Twentieth Annual Convention will officially open with **Session I – Business**, on Thursday, May 14, 2015, beginning at 9:00 am in Maple/Elm/Ash.

Session IV – Business, will begin at 9:15 am on Friday, May 15, 2015 in Maple/Elm/Ash.

Session VI – Junior Business, will convene at 3:15 pm on Friday, May 15, 2015 in Cypress.

Session VIII – Business on Saturday, May 16, 2015, begins at 9:00 am in Pine/Spruce/Walnut.

Admittance for Business Sessions will be by Credential Badge only.

FOOD FUNCTION SESSIONS

Food Function Sessions are open to all Delegates and Non-Voting Members who purchase a meal ticket for that event and have a credential badge.

Opening Luncheon – Session II

“GFWC Illinois Goes to the Dogs”, hosted by District 22, Betty Schmieler, President, will begin at Noon on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in Pine/Spruce/Walnut. Keynote Speaker will be GFWC President Elect Sheila Shea. We will be honoring the work of Canine Companions for Independence.

Federation Banquet – Session III

“The Key to the Future – Our Children” will begin at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in the Majestic Ballroom. The evening will be hosted by District 5, LeeAnn Conlon, Director and Sue Bielenda, President. We celebrate our partnership with Prevent Child Abuse-Illinois. Please join us afterwards for a reception for Sheila Shea and Debbie Strahanoski, GFWC Officers.

Unity Luncheon – Session V

“One Voice – The Key to Change” will be hosted by District 11, Amy Vicioso, Director and Faith Cromwell, President. The session will begin at Noon on Friday, May 15, 2015 in Pine/Spruce/Walnut.

Fun Night – “A Night at the Races”

Friday evening, May 15, 2015, we will start with Social Hour at 6 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm and after dinner, we’ll “bet” on the ponies. This event is scheduled for Parlor East/West. Nancy Spartz and Cathy Tufano will be hostesses for the evening.

Awards Luncheon – Session IX

“Celebrating GFWC Illinois” will be hosted by District 6, Gerri Eck, President. We will begin at Noon on Saturday, May 16, 2015 in Maple/Elm/Ash.

FEATURED SPEAKER

SHEILA E. SHEA

GFWC President-Elect

Federation Banquet, Thursday Evening

GFWC President Elect Sheila E. Shea has been an active and dedicated Federation member for 40 years. During her 20 years on the GFWC Board of Directors, she also served as First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Leadership Chairman, Aide to the Director of Junior Clubs, and on the Fundraising and Leadership Committees, and represented her state as State President and Director of Junior Clubs.



Sheila’s leadership positions in GFWC Massachusetts include State President; First and Second Vice-President; Treasurer; Counselor to Junior Membership; and CIP, Finance, Headquarters Commission, Memorial Education Fund, and Long Range Planning Chairman.

Her 15 years of continuous service to GFWC of Massachusetts Junior State Board included Director; Assistant Director; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; District Representative; Parliamentary Advisor; and Nominating, Membership, and Meetings Chairman.

Utilizing leadership skills developed through her membership in GFWC, Sheila has served her community with distinction as President, Jaworek Home and School Association; Treasurer, Marlborough High School All Sports Booster Club; Secretary, Marlborough Youth Soccer Association; and member, Marlborough Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors. Sheila is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst with a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education. She is currently employed as Grants/Finance Manager for her local school district. A lifelong Massachusetts resident, she and her husband, Steve, have two grown sons.

Wardrobe Suggestions

Pre-Convention – Tropical, casual

Opening Luncheon – Red, White and Blue, business casual

Federation Banquet – Blue, cocktail

Unity Luncheon – Purple, business casual

Fun Night – Kentucky Derby style, with hats

Awards Luncheon – Business casual, Club, GFWC Illinois, GFWC apparel



Flowers



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FEATURED SPEAKERS

JARRETT PAYTON

Business Session IV Friday

Jarrett Payton, son of the late NFL Hall of Famer Walter Payton, is a radio host, businessman, philanthropist, motivational speaker, former NFL and CFL running back and devoted husband and father.

Along with honoring his father's legacy of making a difference in the community, Payton enjoys connecting with children, serving as a role model and stressing the importance of sports, education and character. He and his wife Trisha are the co-founders of The Jarrett Payton Foundation. The foundation is committed to positively impacting the lives of children and adolescents by creating and providing programs that present them with a wide variety of opportunities specifically designed to develop their leadership skills and enrich their lives. Payton also dedicates time to The Walter & Connie Payton Foundation which is dedicated to taking an active role in helping those less fortunate to find stability while providing positive opportunities needed to live their lives with dignity and pride.

As an active participant on social media, friends and fans connect with him on Twitter @paytonsun, Facebook https://www.facebook.com/SweetnessJayR?fref=ts&ref=br_tf, and connect to his foundation on <http://jarrettpayton.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/JWPFfoundation>.



AMY LOGAN

*Business Session I
Thursday morning*

Her first book, titled *A Girl With A Cape*, is a story of how the little things add up to be the big things even when we don't realize it; of how our words are so powerful when we speak them to others; and that *what* we say and *how we say it* can really become our "superhero cape" - our way to build each other up. It's the story of how this little girl's mom makes her aware of all the good that she does, and praises her for it; that children learn from how we as adults respond to things, take notice, and treat people.

Her mission, **ROCK THE CAPE Campaign** with this book, is to validate people and make a difference in how both children and adults talk to and treat each other. It's a mission to make kids (and adults) truly aware that "what they say matters and travels for miles. That one little sentence brings hundreds of smiles."© It's a mission to spread as much kindness as I can, starting right where we are. We were put here on earth for a reason, and my mission is to make it a good one... for all of us.

amy@amylogan.net
www.GotYourCape.com
www.facebook.com/AGirlWithACape



CAROL SIMLER

*Session IX
Saturday Luncheon*

Carol Simler is the President & CEO of DuPagePads (Public Action to Deliver Shelter). Ms. Simler earned a Master's of Social Work from Jane Addams School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago. She directs a staff of 36 and manages an over \$5 million budget. She has more than 25 years of experience in leadership positions with human service organizations. Ms. Simler is chair of the DuPage County Continuum of Care Outreach Committee, member of the Chairpersons Forum, and is a board member of the DuPage Federation.

<http://dupagepads.org/>
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RESOLUTIONS

The GFWC Illinois Resolution Committee reviewed 15 resolutions: 10 proposed changes; 3 proposed to rescind; 4 proposed new amendments; 2 reviewed and no changes. ALL CAPS IN BODY = to be omitted. **Bold** + *italics* + **red** = proposed new language.

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Adopted 1995 – Revised 2006 REVIEWED 2015

WHEREAS, Many species of wildlife, marine life and plant life have become extinct as consequence of growth and development tampered by adequate concern for conservation; and

WHEREAS, The proper methods of land and water management must be practiced to create a favorable environment and habitat for wildlife, marine life and plant life which is consistent with other purposes to which the land and water must be devoted; and

WHEREAS, Natural ecosystems and their diversity of wild animals and plants are disappearing at a rapid rate; and

WHEREAS, the proper methods of land and water management must be practiced to create a favorable environment and habitat for wildlife which are consistent with other purposes to which the land and water are devoted; and

WHEREAS, Wildlife is in danger of inhumane treatment and possible extinction because of grossly unsportsmanlike practices involving aircraft, land and water vehicles; poaching and illegal trappings; therefore

WHEREAS, ALL SPECIES OF WILDLIFE, MARINE LIFE AND PLANT LIFE ARE IN DANGER OF INHUMANE TREATMENT AND EXTINCTION BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE PRACTICES; THEREFORE

RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES ITS MEMBERS TO ENCOURAGE THE ENACTMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF MARINE LIFE, WILDLIFE AND PLANT LIFE; AND FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ENCOURAGES THE ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LAWS, AND THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION TO BAN LEG HOLD TRAPS.

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's clubs urges the enactment and enforcement of laws for the protection and preservation of wildlife; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs encourages the enactment of legislation to ban leg hold traps and the enforcement of existing laws.

RATIONALE: to be in accordance with GFWC Resolutions

EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

REVIEWED WITH NO PROPOSED CHANGES 2015

FUNDING FOR EDUCATION

HOMELIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

ECONOMIC EQUITY FOR WOMEN

Adopted – 2008 REVIEWED 2015

WHEREAS, U.S. government statistics continue to demonstrate that there remains a significant gap between the wages paid to men and the ages paid to women; and

WHEREAS, Many female-headed households with children continue to live below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, Women run a greater risk of impoverishment as a result of divorce, death of a husband, or inadequate medical and retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, The welfare of all families is affected by the economic security of women; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs encourages ***the continued*** passage of legislation that would improve the economic status of women through improved employment training, expanded business opportunities, and better child care services; and

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs advocates equal access for women to higher paying and managerial positions with salaries equal to those of men in like positions through enforcement of economic equity laws; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to promote awareness and education regarding the wage gap AND ENCOURAGES RECOGNITION OF "EQUAL PAY DAY"

RATIONALE: Clarification

REVIEWED WITH NO PROPOSED CHANGES 2015

MEDICAL RESEARCH – WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

MEDICAL RESEARCH – WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES – BREAST CANCER

Adopted 1998 – Revised 2007 REVIEWED 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; 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, THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RECOMMENDS BREAST CANCER SCREENING EVERY YEAR FOR WOMEN 40 YEARS AND OVER; AND

WHEREAS, PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT INSURANCE DOES NOT, IN ALL CASES, COVER ANNUAL SCREENING FOR WOMEN OVER 40 YEARS OF AGE; THEREFORE

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; there

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs support of legislation mandating private and government sponsored coverage for breast cancer screening for women annually and/or upon recommendation of her physician; and

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

RESOLUTIONS, CONTINUED

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

RATTONALE: To update and be in accordance with GFWC Resolutions

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

PRAYER

Adopted 1970 – Revised 1999 **REVIEWED 2015**

WHEREAS, THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS HAS AFFIRMED AND REAFFIRMED OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS ITS RESOLUTION FOR PRAYER IN THE SCHOOLS; AND WHEREAS, THE MEMBERS OF GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS WHOLEHEARTEDLY BELIEVE THAT UPHOLDING THE RELIGIOUS FAITH AND FREEDOM UPON WHICH THIS NATION WAS FOUNDED IS ESSENTIAL FOR SURVIVAL OF OUR ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL; THEREFORE
RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS REITERATES ITS BELIEF IN THE EFFICACY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHEREVER THEY MAY BE IF PARTICIPATION THEREIN IS NOT MADE COMPULSORY.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

CONVENTION 2015

WHEREAS, The Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States of America states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof", and

WHEREAS, The GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs opposes intolerance, stereotyping, discrimination, incitement to violence, and violence against the members of any religion, and the destruction of religious property; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to inform themselves and their communities about the diversity of religions in their communities to create better understanding; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports the rights of all individuals to devote themselves to a faith of their own and to practice that religion freely, including the right and opportunity for voluntary prayer.

RATTONALE: To be all encompassing

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

QUALITY NURSING HOME CARE (to be omitted)

QUALITY LONG-TERM CARE

Adopted 1993 – Revised 2003 **REVIEWED 2015**

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

WHEREAS, CONGRESS HAD ADOPTED THE NURSING HOME REFORM AMENDMENTS OF 1987 TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF NURSING HOME CARE AND TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS; THEREFORE

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

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

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

1. Volunteer at nursing homes;
2. Work with long care ombudsman, nursing home administrators and other state and local officials to ensure quality care and compliance with laws;
3. Support the Consumer Bill of Rights on health care.

RATTONALE: To clarify

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Adopted 2002 **REVIEWED 2015**

WHEREAS, THE ABUSE OF SUBSTANCES INCLUDING ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS CONTINUES TO BE A SERIOUS MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL CITIZENS; AND

WHEREAS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE PRODUCES HARMFUL EFFECTS TO THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH OF ABUSERS, OFTEN CONTRIBUTING TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY; AND

WHEREAS, EFFECTIVE CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITY IN PREVENTING SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS LARGELY DEPENDENT UPON A SOUND PROGRAM OF EDUCATION ON THE DANGER OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE; THEREFORE

RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS CALLS UPON ITS MEMBER CLUBS TO CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATIONS AND NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES UNDERTAKING EDUCATIONAL AND CONSUMER AWARENESS PROGRAMS PARTICULARLY THOSE DIRECTED AT YOUTH; AND FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS THE ENACTMENT OF LAWS, WHERE NECESSARY, AND STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF PENALTIES FOR THE PRODUCTION, MARKETING AND POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND REHABILITATION

CONVENTION 2015

WHEREAS, Substance abuse including alcohol, illegal, prescription, and over the counter drugs continues to be a menace to the public health and safety, and societal costs for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse are enormous; and

WHEREAS, Substance abuse produces harmful effects to the physical, mental and emotional health of abusers, contributes to criminal activity and is a contributing factor in the spread of HIV infection in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Substance abusers need therapeutic programs and services to return to healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Preventing substance abuse is largely dependent upon a sound educational program about the dangers of substance abuse; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to work with other organizations in supporting and promoting substance abuse education and prevention programs; and

RESOLUTIONS, CONTINUED

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support the enactment and strict enforcement of laws against the production, distribution and possession of illegal substances; and

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support the continued development of programs and increased availability of services to substance abusers through private and public means such as continued appropriations at federal, state, and local levels recognizing that these programs should be viewed as ongoing treatments for improving the lives of abusers; and further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support local, state, and national program initiatives for the proper and environmentally safe disposal of unused prescription medications to prevent future abuse.

RATIONALE: To expand and be in accordance with GFWC Resolutions

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Adopted 2001 **REVIEWED 2015**

WHEREAS, GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs recognizes the interdependence of nations, has consistently urged cooperation and collective action as the only road to mutual security and enduring peace; and has repeatedly endorsed the United Nations as an instrument for "solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian nature"; and

WHEREAS, National integrities are safeguarded by the Charter of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, The Charter of the United Nations provides for a General Conference of the members of the United Nations for the purpose of reviewing the present provisions of the Charter; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs affirms its endorsement of participation by the United States in the United Nations; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, in order to disseminate accurate information, shall promote programs on **about the United Nations and events, such as, United Nations Day (October 24).**

RATIONALE: To update and be in accordance with GFWC Resolutions

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

TERRORISM

Adopted 2002 – Revised 2003 **REVIEWED 2015**

WHEREAS, Terrorism continues to be a grave threat to all person throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America has become a target of terrorism, as tragically demonstrated on September 11, 2001; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs and its member clubs support anti-terrorism efforts including:

Developing and implementing a domestic anti-terrorism strategy; and

Providing training and financial aid to state and local government agencies and emergency response teams preparing for terrorist attacks; and

Educating members to better understand the vast forms of terrorism in order to be better prepared; and

Support legislation providing strong counter-terrorism programs; and **FURTHER**

Encouraging enhanced communication and cooperation among participating agencies within the U.S. and internationally; and

The improvement and reform of anti-terrorism programs as necessary; therefore

RESOLVED, that the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges the United States to work collaboratively with international organizations and governments to combat terrorism and reaffirms its conviction that any terrorist act is morally outrageous; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs affirms its conviction that any terrorist act against the United States of America or other countries, any person or property, be investigated and necessary action taken to apprehend those responsible and to have them prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

RATIONALE: To expand and be in accordance with GFWC Resolutions

PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY (to be omitted)

CHILD SAFETY SEATS

Adopted 2002 **REVIEWED 2015**

WHEREAS, MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES REMAIN THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AND INJURY TO AMERICAN CHILDREN, ANNUALLY TAKING THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 2,000 CHILD PASSENGERS AGES 0-15 AND SERIOUSLY INJURING NEARLY 330,000 MORE; AND

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death and injury of children 0-12 years old in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Children who are unrestrained or improperly restrained have a significantly higher rate of injury and death in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, SIXTY PERCENT OF THOSE WHO DIED WERE UNRESTRAINED AND OF THOSE WHO WERE RESTRAINED, 29% WERE NOT SECURED IN AN APPROPRIATE SAFETY SEAT; AND

WHEREAS, The National Highway Transportation Safety Association recommends children be seated in a federally approved car or booster seat with properly fitting shoulder and lap belts based on height and weight; and further

WHEREAS, State laws regarding safety seat usage and enforcement of those laws vary greatly; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORT LEGISLATION REQUIRING CHILDREN BE SEATED IN A CAR OR BOOSTER SEAT WITH PROPERLY FITTING SHOULDER AND LAP BELTS BASED ON HEIGHT AND WEIGHT; AND

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its Clubs and members to use child identification labels on all forms of child restraints – C.H.A.D. (Children Have an iDentity) labels are available from the Illinois Department of Transportation's Public Affairs Office; and further

RESOLVED, That member clubs demand enforcement of the Illinois Vehicle Code pertaining to child restraints; **and therefore**

RESOLUTIONS, CONTINUED

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports education programs regarding child safety seats, stressing the importance of proper and consistent use and correct installation.

RATONALE: To update and be in accordance with GFWC Resolutions

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

CRIME REDUCTION (to be omitted)

CRIME PREVENTION

Adopted 1977 – Revised 2002 REVIEWED 2015

WHEREAS, Crime and the fear of crime are major concerns affecting the daily living of persons of all age groups; and

WHEREAS, The attitude of the general public has proven that something can be done about crime; and

WHEREAS, There is still a need for volunteer action programs; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to work with other organizations and law enforcement agencies to study the crime situation in their communities, examine the resources available to prevent and reduce crimes, and initiate and promote programs in cooperation with law enforcement agencies that combat crime.

RATONALE: To clarify

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

DIRECT DIAL 911

CONVENTION 2015

WHEREAS, The death of Kari Hunt Dunn in December 2013 resulted from the lack of direct dial 911; and

WHEREAS, Enhanced 911 systems for direct dial 911 calls provide the exact location of the call; therefore

RESOLVED, The GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to partner with the American Hotel and Lodging Association and the Federal Communications Commission for the installation of the enhanced 911 systems to allow direct dial 911 calls.

SUBMITTED BY RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

DRIVING AND DRUGS (to be omitted)

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Adopted 1981 – Revised 2007 REVIEWED 2015

WHEREAS, Tests and studies conducted by State and Federal agencies indicate that drivers under the influence of alcohol and/or any other drug are a threat to motorists and pedestrians who use our highways and streets; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports the strong enforcement of laws such as:

Administrative License Revocation (ALR);

Immediate arrest and speedy trial of offenders;

Tough, standardized penalties especially for report offenders

that will penalize drivers who choose to drive under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs and will cooperate with community agencies working for safer highways and streets.

RATONALE: To clarify

PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED

IDENTITY THEFT

Adopted 2003 REVIEWED 2015

WHEREAS, IDENTITY THEFT, STEALING OF SOMEONE'S PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION FOR CRIMINAL PURPOSED, IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING CRIMES IN THE UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS, IDENTITY THEFT IS PERPETRATED BY STEALING PERSONAL INFORMATION THROUGH CREDIT CARDS, DRIVERS LICENSES, ATM CARDS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, AND COMPUTER HACKING; AND

WHEREAS, CAREFUL HANDLING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS CAN REDUCE THE RISK OF IDENTITY THEFT; THEREFORE

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES ITS MEMBER CLUBS TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES ABOUT IDENTIFY THEFT, ITS SERIOUS RAMIFICATIONS, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF AND METHODS FOR PROTECTING PERSONAL INFORMATION; AND FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND CREDIT REPORTING BUREAUS TO ESTABLISH A SIMPLIFIED VICTIM FRAUD ALERT PROCESS; AND

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INDUSTRIES TO CREATE METHODS OF PROTECTING PERSONAL INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY RECORDS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET; AND

SUPPORT OF INCREASED RESOURCES FOR AND STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT OF THE IDENTITY THEFT AND ASSUMPTION DETERRENCE ACT AND RELATED LAWS.

PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION

IDENTITY THEFT

CONVENTION 2015

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that identity theft, the stealing of someone's personal identification for criminal purposes, is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Identity theft is an invasive crime that can severely damage the victim's financial security and credit history; and

WHEREAS, Identity theft is perpetrated by stealing personal information through credit cards, drivers' licenses, ATM cards, social security numbers and computer hacking; and

WHEREAS, Governments and businesses increasingly use personal identification numbers, and technology expands and simplifies the dissemination of personal information; and

WHEREAS, Careful handling of personal information and documents, including the use of encrypted websites can reduce the risk of identity theft; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to educate themselves and their communities about identity theft, including child identity theft, its serious ramifications, and the importance of, and methods for, protecting personal information, including the use of encrypted websites for the transfer of personal information; and

RESOLUTIONS, CONTINUED

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to educate themselves and their communities about the importance of prompt reporting of any suspicious activity in their accounts and credit reports; and

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges government agencies and credit reporting bureaus to establish a simplified victim fraud alert process; and

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges public and private industries to create methods of protecting personal information, especially records available on the internet, and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support increased resources for and stringent enforcement of The Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act and related laws.

RATIONALE: To update, clarify and to be in accordance with GFWC Resolutions

PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Adopted 2004 – Revised 2008 **REVIEWED 2015**

WHEREAS, There is deep concern by the American people about the control and influence over the political process held by special interests due to large political campaign contributions; and

WHEREAS, The escalating costs of political campaigns prohibits many candidates from attaining office and undermines the allegiance of elected officials to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, MAJOR REFORM OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM IS CENTRAL TO PEOPLE'S INSISTENT DEMAND FOR CHANGE; THEREFORE

WHEREAS, Ongoing reform of the campaign finance system is necessary to ensure transparency and to safeguard the democratic process; therefore

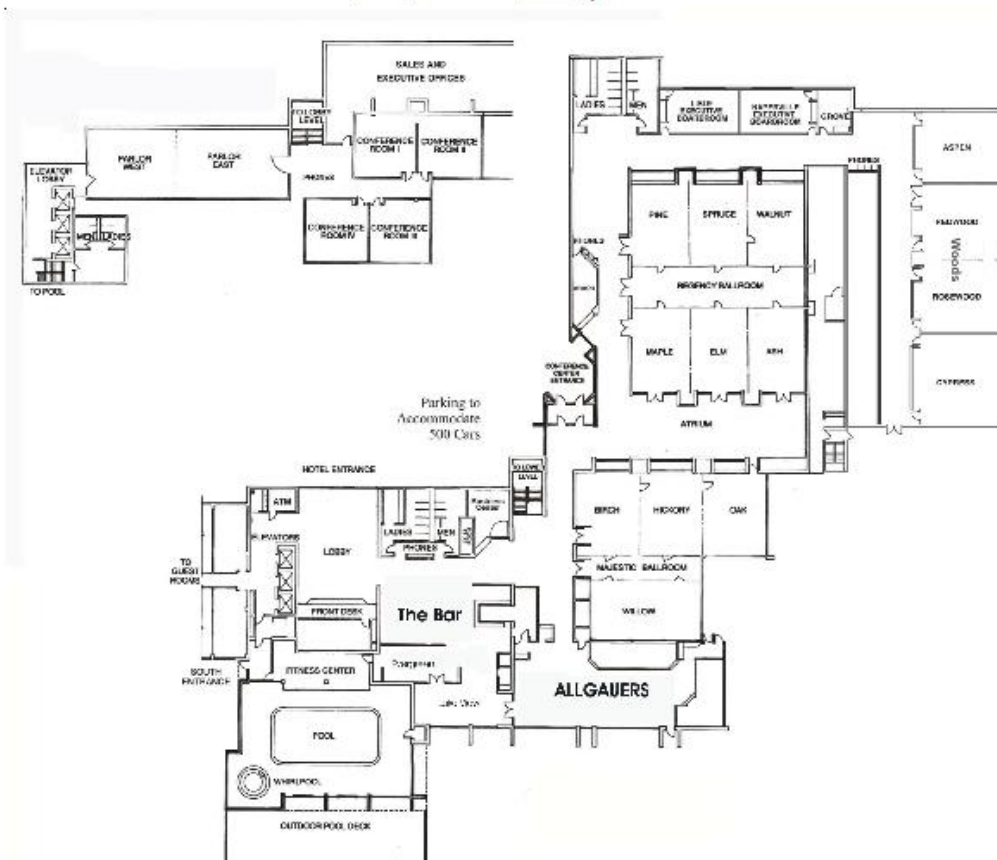
RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges the enactment and enforcement of laws to curb unchecked campaign donations and restrict campaign spending; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to network with other organizations in support of enactment and enforcement of laws that will create major reform in the financing of political campaigns.

RATIONALE: To expand

Hilton Lisle/Naperville

Hotel Layout



GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION/CREDENTIALS—Arbor

Thursday, May 14 from 8:00 am-6:00 pm
 Friday, May 15 from 8:00 am-7:00 pm
 Saturday, May 16 from 8:00 am-10:00 am

CONVENTION OFFICE—Arbor

Thursday, May 14 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm
 Friday, May 15 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm

ARTS & CRAFTS ROOM—Aspen

Thursday, May 14
 7:00 am-9:00 am Receiving Artwork
 1:00 pm Closed for Judging
 3:30 pm-5:00 pm Open for Viewing
 Friday, May 15 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm Open for Viewing
 Saturday, May 16
 8:00 am-10:00 am Pick Up Artwork

EXHIBITORS—The Woods

Wednesday, May 13 – Set Up
 Thursday, May 14 from 8:00 am-6:00 pm
 Friday, May 15 from 8:00 am-6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

PRE-CONVENTION SCHEDULE

10:00 am-2:30 pm.....LEADS Workshop
 Cypress
 1:00 pm-3:30 pm.....Executive Committee
 Lisle Board Room
 4:00 pm-5:30 pm.....Board Meeting
 Cypress

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE

Immediately following Board Meeting
 Convention Committee
 2014-2016 Executive Committee
 2014-2016 Board of Directors
 President Elect with Chairmen
 District Presidents
 Region VP with District Presidents
 6:00-6:30 pm.....Social
 Foyer
 6:30 pm.....Pre-Convention Dinner
 Cypress

“Mahalo from the Heart” Luau
Hosted by Convention Officers
Terri Soehrmann, Chairman
 Barefoot Hawaiian Dancers

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

CONVENTION SESSIONS

(Program Agenda is subject to change)

CONVENTION OPENING

9:00 am – 11:00 am.....Maple/Elm/Ash

SESSION I – BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER:

ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS

Presiding.....Diane E. Addante
 GFWC Illinois President
 Invocation.....Annette Andretich Gross
 District 3 President

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

National Anthem, “The Star Spangled Banner”
 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of
 America
 Led by Karen Meyer, Public Issues Chairman

Welcome.....Joe Broda, Mayor, Lisle
 “The Arboretum Village”
 Diane E. Addante
 Karyn M. McCarthy
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs
 Credentials Report.....Terry Lahue
 Credentials Chairman
 Greetings.....Carol Rich
 GFWC Illinois President 1990-1992

(Doors Close)

Convention Rules.....Terri Soehrmann
 Convention Chairman
 Convention Programs.....Jackie Haddad
 Convention Program Chairman
 Minutes of the 119th Annual Convention, 2014.....
 Betty Peters, Secretary
 Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes of the
 120th Annual Convention
 Greetings.....Sheila Shea

GFWC President-Elect
 Deb Strahanoski, GFWC Secretary
 GFWC Illinois President 2008-2010

(Doors Open)

GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

Reports of GFWC Illinois Executive Committee
 Recommendations from the Board of Directors
 Bylaws Amendment.....Helen Crause
 Bylaws Chairman
 Resolutions Revisions.....Becky Weber
 Legislation/Public Policy Chairman
 Program Introduction.....Jackie Haddad
Amy Logan, author of "A Girl With A Cape"

Presentation of Awards/*Funds*.....Phyllis Skubic
 President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

International Outreach.....Barb Potter, Chairman
 Kim Kalafut, Junior Chairman
Helping Babies Breathe
Operation Smile

Legislation/Public Policy.....Becky Weber, Chairman

*****Recognition of First Time Attendees*****

Announcements.....Terri Soehrmann
 Closing Thought.....Jackie Pierce
 Parliamentarian
 GFWC President 2006-2008
 GFWC Illinois President 1992-1994

RECESS

11:45 am Musical Prelude.....Rosemary Hauser
 11:45 am Processional Assembles.....Atrium
 Noon-3:00 pm.....Pine/Spruce/Walnut

SESSION II - OPENING LUNCHEON

"GFWC Illinois Goes to the Dogs"

Hosted by District 22

Betty Schmieder, President

Processional Introductions.....Terri Soehrmann
 Presiding.....Diane E. Addante
 Greetings.....Nancy F. Lee
 GFWC Illinois President 2006-2008
 Luncheon Grace.....Betty Schmieder

LUNCHEON

(Doors Close)

Memorial Service.....Marge Nelson
 GFWC Illinois President 2002-2004
 Keynote Speaker.....Sheila Shea
 GFWC President Elect

Guest Speaker.....Canine Companions for
 Independence

(Doors Open)

Presentation of Awards/*Funds*.....Phyllis Skubic
 President Elect/Dean of Chairman

Home Life.....Marsha Vaughn, Chairman
 Cyndi Fulco, Junior Chairman

Brain Research Foundation

Easter Seals

Winning Wheels

Public Issues.....Karen Meyer, Chairman
 Debbie Monteith, Junior Chairman

Native American Scholarships

American Indian Center

USO of Illinois

Fundraising.....Deb Hazlett, Chairman
 Brenda Hatch, Vice Chairman
 Sandy Christofanelli, Junior Chairman

Door Prizes.....Bonnie Heydorn
 Convention Vice Chairman

Announcements.....Terri Soehrmann

Closing Thought.....Betty Peters
 GFWC Illinois Secretary

RECESS

WORKSHOP

3:15 pm-4:15 pm.....Parlor East

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE - Atrium

Please report 10 minutes early

5:00 District 14/15	5:30 District 6
5:05 District 13	5:35 District 4
5:10 District 12	5:40 District 3
5:15 District 10	5:45 District 18
5:20 District 8	5:50 Past Presidents
5:25 District 7	

GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm.....Atrium
“Honoring 25 Years of Service – PCA Illinois”

6:45 pm Musical Prelude.....Rosemary Hauser

6:45 pm Processional Assembles.....Atrium

7:00 pm-10:00 pm.....Majestic Ballroom

SESSION III – FEDERATION BANQUET

“The Key to the Future – Our Children”

Hosted by District 5

LeeAnn Conlon, Director

Sue Bielenda, President

Processional Introductions.....Deb Strahanoski
 Platform Hostess/Protocol Chairman

Presiding.....Diane E. Addante

Greetings.....Deborah J. Bach

GFWC Illinois President 2000-2002

Martha Bein

GFWC Illinois President 2004-2006

Dinner Grace.....Jeanette T Wells

GFWC Illinois Director Elect of Junior Clubs

DINNER

(Doors Close)

Introduction of Guests.....Diane E Addante

Keynote Address.....Prevent Child Abuse

(Doors Open)

Presentation of Funds.....Karel Volpert, Chairman

Becky Weber, Blue Ribbon Fashion Show Chairman

GFWC Illinois State Project

“Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child”

In Partnership with Prevent Child Abuse - Illinois

Presentation of Awards.....Phyllis Skubic

GFWC Illinois State Project.....Karel Volpert

Leadership.....Elena Lipinski, Vice President

Patti McNaught, Junior Chairman

2015 LEADS Representation.....Elena Lipinski

Isabella Candee Foundation.....Lou Brown

Foundation Chairman

Door Prizes.....Bonnie Heydorn

Announcements.....Terri Soehrmann

Closing Thought.....LeeAnn Conlon & Sue Bielenda

RECESS

Reception for Dignitaries.....Location TBA

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

7:00 am-8:00 am.....Parlor West

Deb’s Diamond Divas Breakfast/Meeting

8:00 am-9:00 am.....Parlor East

Junior Board of Directors Meeting

9:15-11:00 am.....Maple/Elm/Ash

SESSION IV – BUSINESS

Presiding.....Diane E. Addante

GFWC Illinois President

Greetings.....Nancy H. Willis

GFWC Illinois President, 2010-2012

Phyllis Cossarek

GFWC Illinois President, 1996-1998

Agnes Simms

GFWC Illinois President, 1982-1984

Credentials Report.....Terry Lahue

Credentials Chairman

GFWC Illinois Art School.....Dee Lenzi, Chairman

Jennie Award.....Candy Godbee, Chairman

Presentation of Awards.....Phyllis Skubic

GFWC Illinois President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

Community Improvement Program Award and Make a
 Difference Day.....Evelyn Dill, Chairman

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO).....Sharon Gill, Chairman

Introduction of Guest.....Karyn M. McCarthy

GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Guest Speaker.....Jarrett Payton

The Jarrett Payton Foundation

*****Recognition of First Time Attendees*****

Announcements.....Terri Soehrmann

Convention Chairman

Closing Thought.....Darla Weltmer

District 19 President

RECESS

11:45 am Musical Prelude.....Rosemary Hauser

11:45 am Processional Assembles.....Atrium

Noon-3:00 pm.....Pine/Spruce/Walnut

GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

SESSION V – UNITY LUNCHEON

“One Voice – The Key to Change”

Hosted by District 11

Amy Vicioso, Director

Faith Cromwell, President

Processional Introductions.....Terri Soehrmann
 Presiding.....Karyn M. McCarthy
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs
 Greetings.....Debbie Bach
 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs 1994-1996
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 1988-1990
 Becky Weber
 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2004-2006
 Greetings from GFWC.....Sheila Shea
 GFWC President Elect
 Debbie Strahanoski, GFWC Secretary
 Remarks.....Diane E Addante
 GFWC Illinois President
 Luncheon Grace.....Faith Cromwell

LUNCHEON

Presentation of Awards/*Funds*.....Phyllis Skubic
 Cherie Sieger, GFWC Illinois Junior Dean of Chairmen

Junior Special Projects-Advocates for Children.....Maria
 Uribe, Chairman
 Children's Research Foundation
 Accepting: Pat Broggi, Liaison

Membership.....Alice Betlach, Vice President
 Terri Tatroe, Junior Chairman

Education.....Jo Koenig, Chairman
 Sara Gilbert, Junior Chairman

Unity Award.....Karyn McCarthy and Diane Addante

Junior Leadership Awards.....Patti McNaught, Chairman
 Junior of the Year
 Outstanding Junior Service
 Spark Plug Award

Door Prizes.....Bonnie Heydorn
 Convention Vice Chairman

Announcements.....Terri Soehrmann
 Closing Thought.....Amy Vicioso

RECESS

3:15-5:15 pm.....Cypress

SESSION VI – JUNIOR BUSINESS

RECESS

WORKSHOP

3:30-4:30 pm.....Parlor East

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE - Atrium

Please report 10 minutes early

5:30	Junior Board/Junior EC		
5:40	Past Directors		
5:45	District 11	6:10	District 21
5:50	District 5	6:15	District 22
5:55	District 16	6:20	District 23
6:00	District 17	6:25	District 25
6:05	District 19		

FUN NIGHT

“A Night at the Races”

Hosted by Banquets Chairmen

Nancy Spartz and Cathy Tufano

6:00 pm.....Social Hour
 Parlor East/West

7:00 pm.....Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

7:30 am-8:45 am.....Parlor East
 Jr Board of Directors' Post-Convention Meeting

7:30 am-8:45 am.....Parlor West
 Past State Board Members Breakfast

9:00 am-11:00 am.....Maple/Elm/Ash

SESSION VIII - BUSINESS

Presiding.....Diane E. Addante
 GFWC Illinois President

Credentials Report.....Terry Lahue
 Credentials Chairman

Greetings.....Marie McNabb
 GFWC Illinois President 1988-1990
 Lou Brown
 GFWC Illinois President 1984-1986
 Patricia L. Heitman
 GFWC Illinois President 2012-2014

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GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

Membership Recognitions.....Alice Betlach
Vice President

*25/50 Year Members
Star Pins for Recruitment*

PRESENTATION OF FUNDS

Arts.....Betty Koran, Chairman
Kathy Koran, Vice Chairman

*Pennies for Art, Very Special Arts
Parade of Banks -Pennies for Art March*

Conservation.....Elaine Bush, Chairman
Shawnee National Forest

Public Issues.....Karen Meyer, Chairman
Fire Safety Alliance Camp "I Am Me"

GFWC Signature Project.....Mary Jo Murphy, Chairman
GFWC Survivor Scholarships

Scholarships.....Nancy Willis, Chairman

Door Prizes.....Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Vice Chairman

Announcements.....Terri Soehrmann
Convention Chairman

RECESS

11:45 am Processional Assembles.....Atrium
Noon-3:00 pm.....Pine/Spruce/Walnut

SESSION IX – AWARDS LUNCHEON

“Celebrating GFWC Illinois”

Hosted by District 6, Gerri Eck, President

Processional Introductions.....Deb Strahanoski
Platform Hostess/Protocol Chairman

Presiding.....Diane E. Addante

Greetings.....Marge Nelson
GFWC Illinois President 2002-2004

Bea Beckley
GFWC Illinois President 1978-1980

Thought for the Day.....Gerri Eck

Luncheon Grace.....Betty Koran

LUNCHEON

Program Introduction.....Karyn M. McCarthy
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Guest Speaker.....Carol Simler
President and CEO, DuPage PADS
(Public Action to Deliver Shelter)

Recognition of 100th Anniversary Clubs

Recognition of New Clubs

Presentation of Awards.....Phyllis Skubic
President Elect/Dean of Chairmen

Communications & Public Relations.....Judy Sochor
Vice President
Julie Stiles, Junior Chairman

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Prevention
and Awareness.....Mary Jo Murphy, Chairman
Arts.....Betty Koran, Chairman

Kathy Koran, Vice Chairman
Sue Lucio, Junior Chairman

Conservation.....Elaine Bush, Chairman
Amee Lee, Junior Chairman

WHRC and 1734 Society.....Trisha Schafer, Chairman

Door Prizes.....Bonnie Heydorn

Final Announcements.....Terri Soehrmann

Closing Thought.....Kathy Koran

Collect for Clubwoman.....Carol Jablonski
GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine Editor

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”.....In Unison

Adjournment – Sine Die.....Diane E. Addante

IF IT NEEDS TO BE,



VOLUNTEERS ARE THE KEY

PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

1. The Convention shall be one meeting, recessing from session to session within the meeting
2. A credential badge, signifying Delegate or Non-Voting status is required to be worn by all persons at all business sessions, workshops, and Federation sponsored activities.
3. Delegates shall be seated in the section reserved for their Districts on the Convention floor. Non-Voting Members with badges shall be seated in the sections reserved for them, seating to be based on pre-registration numbers.
4. Delegates with badges, who are members of the Junior Clubs, shall be seated in the section reserved for them during the Junior Business Meeting.
5. There shall be a reserved section for State Board Members on the Convention floor.
6. Delegates shall be in their seats at the opening of the Convention, be seated at all sessions and stay for the full Convention until the close.
7. Those who are appearing on the program shall report to the Platform Hostess one-half hour before their time to appear on the program, unless otherwise noted.
8. All motions made from the floor shall be presented to the presiding officer in writing
9. A Delegate shall speak only once to a question. Debate shall be limited to two minutes per person. Debate shall be limited to twenty minutes for each amendment/motion.
10. A motion shall be carried by an affirmative vote of the Delegates present and voting.
11. 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.
12. No materials shall be placed on the chairs at any time except those approved by the Executive Committee prior to Convention opening.
13. Hats are not to be worn on the Convention floor except for medical reasons/procedures or at the discretion of the presiding officer.
14. No food or drink, other than that provided by the Convention, will be permitted on the Convention floor.
15. Cellular phones are not to be used on the Convention floor, in workshops or during food functions. Audible ringers on cellular phones and beepers are to be turned off.
16. Doors will be closed at the direction of the presiding officer during business meetings. When doors are opened periodically, be seated as promptly as possible in your designated area.
17. No recording devices, including cell phone cameras, may be used on the Convention floor or in workshops without the approval of the President and Executive Committee.
18. A credentials badge and meal ticket are required for admittance into the room to all food functions. Meal tickets will be collected at the tables.
19. There will be reserved banquet seating for all ticket holders. Table numbers will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.
20. Written messages may be left with the Convention Chairman.
21. All official Assistants as well as the Convention Chairman and Vice Chairman will be permitted to enter and exit all Sessions as needed.



**GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
120TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
MAY 13-16, 2015
2015 DOOR PRIZE REQUEST**



To: GFWC Illinois Clubs (General, Juniors, Junioresettes)
 From: Bonnie Heydorn, Convention Vice Chairman
 630-531-1400 (cell) or bonheydorn@gmail.com

The 120th Annual GFWC Illinois Convention will be held May 13-16, 2015 at the Hilton Lisle-Naperville Hotel Naperville, 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 kind donation will be accepted at any time, but to be included in the Convention Program, please fill out the form below and send to me by **April 1, 2015**. You can also bring your door prize donation to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting, February 27-28 2015, at the Hilton Lisle-Naperville Hotel. 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. I look forward to receiving your donation.

FOR CASH DONATIONS PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Deana Justak, GFWC Illinois, 5 East Van Buren St., Suites 206-208, Joliet, IL 60432

FOR GIFT DONATIONS PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Bonnie Heydorn, P.O. Box 486, Winfield, IL 60190 or email bonheydorn@gmail.com

Door Prize Donation by (check one): Individual _____
 Club _____
 District _____

DONOR: _____

TITLE or CLUB: _____

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT/DONATION: _____

Make checks payable to: **GFWC Illinois

**Gift/gift basket may be brought to Convention.

For recognition in the convention program return by: April **1, 2015

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ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION
MAY 14, 15 AND 16, 2015 – HILTON LISLE/NAPERVILLE-LISLE

GFWC IL 120th Annual Convention

GFWC ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration materials must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2015** to avoid a late fee. Please register early, as meal functions are available on a first-come first-served basis.

YOUR FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Official Convention Badge | Convention Welcome Bag | Convention Program | Admission to Convention Business Meetings | Admission to the GFWC IL Exhibitor Area | Workshops | All Speakers and Entertainment featured at Convention Business Sessions.

MAIL – checks payable to GFWC ILLINOIS

Mail your Registration Form by APRIL 15, 2015 with your payment to:

PATTI KUCHAR, GFWC ILLINOIS CONVENTION TREASURER
180 S DeWITT PLACE
COAL CITY, ILLINOIS 60416

MEMBER INFORMATION

First Name		Last Name	
Badge Name		Email Address	
2014-2016 General or Juniorette Club Name	District	2014-2016 Junior Club Name	District

REGISTRATION/CREDENTIALS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Registration/Credentials Fee is \$25** for the entire Convention. Late fee for Registration/Credentials **post-marked after April 15, 2015 is \$40**. Delegates (Voting) must be registered for the entire Convention. Registrants must pick up their own credentials.
- Registration must be postmarked on or before **April 15, 2015**.
- Non-voting members may register for one or more days at **\$15 per day**.

Registration fee of the GFWC Illinois Past Presidents will be waived.

Select your registration type (please select only one)

- Voting General Member-\$25 registration/\$40 late fee
- Voting Junior Member-\$25 registration/\$40 late fee
- Voting Juniorette Member-\$25 registration/\$40 late fee

VOTING MEMBER: PLEASE INDICATE THE CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU ARE VOTING. PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE.

- General, Junior or Juniorette Delegate Club Name _____ District _____
- Past GFWC Illinois President
- Past GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs
- GFWC Illinois Executive Committee Office _____
- 2014-2016 GFWC IL Board of Directors District President/Chairmanship _____
- GFWC Illinois Junior Executive Committee Office _____
- 2014-2016 GFWC IL Junior Board of Directors Chairmanship _____

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: PLEASE SPECIFY DAY(S) ATTENDING:

- 1st Day, May 14th 2nd Day, May 15th 3rd Day, May 16th Attending all three days

(Non-voting members **\$15 per day**.)

GFWC ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONVENTION
MEAL RESERVATIONS & WORKSHOPS FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

NOTE: MEAL FUNCTIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL DELEGATES AND NON-VOTING MEMBERS WHO HAVE PURCHASED A MEAL TICKET FOR THE EVENT AND WHO HAVE A CREDENTIAL BADGE.

EACH MEMBER ORDERING MEAL TICKETS MUST COMPLETE THIS MEAL RESERVATION FORM.

NO RESERVATIONS OR REFUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1, 2015.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: MEAL PRICES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

- 7:00PM – 10:00PM PRE-CONVENTION \$34

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

- 12:00PM – 3:00PM OPENING LUNCHEON \$30
- 7:00PM – 10:00PM FEDERATION BANQUET \$39

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

- 12:00PM – 3:00PM UNITY LUNCHEON \$35
- 7:00PM – 10:00PM FUN NIGHT \$39

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

- 12:00PM - 3:00PM AWARDS LUNCHEON \$30

<u>FINAL CHECKLIST</u>	
Registration/Credential Fee	\$ _____
Total Meal Reservations	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$ _____
<i>CHECKS PAYABLE TO GFWC ILLINOIS</i>	
<i>MEAL TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE</i>	
<i>REGISTRATION FEE & MEAL RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15, 2015</i>	

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Please inform us of any medical or food allergies restrictions

- No restriction
- Vegetarian
- Chicken for pork
- Chicken for shrimp
- Chicken for red meat
- No dairy
- Gluten free
- Diabetic
- List Food Allergies/Medical _____

**IF YOU DID NOT CHECK A RESTRICTION,
THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD SUBSTITUTIONS DURING CONVENTION.**

FREE INTERACTIVE AND INFORMATIVE WORKSHOPS

- THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015 | 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm**
- FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015 | 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

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May 14, 15 & 16, 2015

Hilton  Lisle/Naperville

3003 Corporate West Drive

Lisle, Illinois 60532

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

RATE: \$99.00 plus tax for King or a Double. Rooms are either King Bed or Double/Double Bed.

Reservations may be made by calling the hotel toll free at 800-445-8667 or local number 630-505-0900 or online.

To reserve online, access www.hiltonlisenaperville.com and proceed to the reservations tab. Enter arrival and departure dates as requested. On the right hand side there is a column titled "Special Accounts and Rates" type in the group code **CGFW** under the "Group Code" tab. The group name and rate should display when moving forward.

Please specify that you are with **GFWC IL Federation of Women's Clubs** or provide the group code: **CGFW**.

Organization: GFWC IL Federation of Women's Clubs

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

_____ King _____ Double

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Rooming
with _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 22, 2015 on or before 12 Midnight local time

All reservations need to be guaranteed to a pre-approved master account or credit card. Reservations are subject to 24 hour cancellation policy and early departure fee. Hotel Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and Check-out time is 12:00 Noon. Guests arriving before 4:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms are available. Please be aware that although an adequate block of rooms has been reserved, the availability of reservation at the group rate cannot be guaranteed if the block has been filled or the cutoff date has passed.

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GFWC IL Region Meetings

July 16-18, 2015

Great Lakes Region Meeting

October 8 – 11, 2015, Toledo, Ohio

*More information coming & will be posted on
GFWC IL website, www.gfwcillinois.org*