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Call to Convention **117th ANNUAL CONVENTION** of the **GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs**



April 24 - April 26, 2015

Columbus/Downtown
Columbus, Ohio

***"EXPERIENCES FROM OUR PAST,
BUILD OUR FUTURE"***

Linda Ross, Presiding Officer
2014-2016 GFWC Ohio President

Special Guests



**Debra "Deb"
Strahanoski
GFWC Secretary
2014-2016**

(see page 6 for about Debra)



GFWC Partner

**Canine Companions and the
Wounded Veteran's Initiative**

Laurel Marks

(see page 6 for about Laurel)



STATE LEGISLATION DAYS 2015

- **Lake Erie District**
March 28, Strongsville
Strongsville Women's League
- **Northeast District**
March 28, Ala Carte Catering
Jr. Women's League of Canfield
- **Northwest District**
March 27, Wapakoneta
Women's Club of Bowling Green
- **Southwest District**
March 21, Cincinnati
Madeira Woman's Club
- **Southeast District**
March 21, Belpre
GFWC ISP and GFWC Hyperion
Women's Clubs of Nelsonville

Message from the President



Hello fellow GFWC Ohio Clubwomen!

The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, the Board of Directors and the dedicated members of the hostess district, Lake Erie, invite you to attend the upcoming State Convention on April 24-26, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Downtown Columbus, Ohio. Your Second Vice President Meetings & Convention Chairman Linda Crish has planned a wonderful meeting that you will all enjoy.



Our GFWC Guest will be Debbie Strahanoski, GFWC Secretary. Debbie is such an interesting person and brings fun and humor where ever she goes. She is a delightful and entertaining speaker and I know you will all enjoy meeting and getting to know her!

The Convention Agenda is elsewhere in this magazine. Please look it over and start getting "fired up" for Convention and seeing all of your Federation Friends/Sisters again. You know how much fun we always have when we are all together! This Convention promises nothing but the best of programs, workshops, speakers and fun!

As you all know, GFWC is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year. The exact date we started is April 24, 1890. So be sure to sign up to attend the Junior Banquet. Even if you're not a Junior, we will be starting our weekend celebrations for GFWC's anniversary at the Junior Banquet on Friday night. We will continue our celebration of GFWC's anniversary at the Saturday Banquet with a Vintage Style Show with the Mistress of Ceremonies being none other than Harriett Groh, our WHRC State Chairman. And you know how much fun is to be had whenever Harriett is in the house!!

We will be announcing the 2015 LEADS Candidate at the Saturday morning business session. Be sure to attend so you can meet and congratulate our 2015 LEADS Candidate.

Our Saturday luncheon will be a treat because our special guest and speaker will be Laurel Marks from Canine Companions for Independence. Laurel will share as much information as possible on the Canine Companions for Independence/Wounded Veterans Initiative which is the President's Special Emphasis for this administration. I'm sure Laurel will have at least one furry/four-legged friend with her. There will also be a table set up outside the meeting room with brochures and information on Canine Companions.

By the time you read this message reporting will be finished and we will be looking forward to our District Legislation Days where clubs will be receiving their much deserved district awards. This is where we are rewarded with recognition for all of our hard work in our communities. And, if your club wins a district award then the club is eligible for a State Award which is presented at Convention. There are a lot of reasons to be at Convention – it is always more fun when a large number of members from your clubs are present to share in the excitement of winning!

In closing I would like to share something I read recently that really says it all.

"What is acceptance? Acceptance is surrendering to what is: our circumstances, our feelings, our problems, our financial status, our work, our health and our relationships with other people, and the delay of our dreams. Before we can change anything in our lives we have to recognize that this is the way it's meant to be *right now*. Acceptance has become what I call the long sigh of the soul. It's the closed eyes in prayer, perhaps even the quiet tears. It's the all right as in "everything is going to turn out alright – this is simply part of the journey".

~ Katherine Mansfield ~ Simple Abundance.

My Words of Wisdom for the day "Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice".

Love to all,

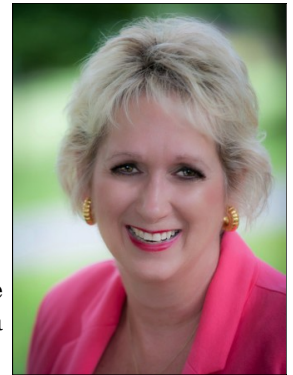
Linda





“Spring is the time of plans and projects.”

— Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina*



YVONNE FORD
2014-2016
Director of Junior Clubs

Winter is the season when the whole world seems to go to sleep. The weather is cold, the ground is hard and the trees and plants seem to be dead. Since there is little else to do, it is a time that is conducive to working hard.

By the time you read this your club reports will have been finished and mailed. I appreciate all of the hard work that goes into gathering this information and thank you for reporting. As you compiled your Award entries you can reflect back on all of the fun, fellowship and hard work all of you did to improve lives in your communities. This is your club's history; be proud of it. Sure it's fun to win awards at convention but it's even better to leave a written account for generations in the future to read. I am looking forward to reading all of them!

“A little madness in the Spring
Is wholesome even for the King.”
~Emily Dickinson

I have just returned from GFWC Ohio Winter Board Meeting and we are planning an exciting 2015 Convention April 24-26. I hope each and every one of you are planning on attending for a little “madness”. Convention is always a fun time to renew old Federation friendships and make new ones. It refreshes your Spirit in GFWC and gives you new ideas for the upcoming year. The Junior Banquet theme this year is **“To Plant a Tree is to Believe in Tomorrow”**. We will have a “Wish Tree” with pieces of paper to put your wishes on this tree. The Japanese tradition of tying prayers to trees to put your wishes returning the paper back to its source evokes an offering. Your wishes will be put into an envelope and mailed to the Imagine Peace Tower started by Yoko Ono in Reykjavik, Iceland for World Peace. The tree will be raffled off to take back to your community and plant.

GFWC Federation Day commemorates the official birthday of the Federation. On April 24, 1890, members of sixty three (63) women's clubs, from throughout the United States, came together to form the General Federation of Women's Clubs at a ratification convention in New York City.

The Junior Banquet kicks off the Ohio celebration of GFWC's 125th Anniversary. This is quite an accomplishment of 125 years of Women “Living the Volunteer Spirit”. Please plan on joining us. Junior fun night hosted by the Juniors and Juniorettes is still in the planning phase but it will be fun filled as always!

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Plant your pinwheel gardens to promote great childhoods for all children. To find out how to help bring about change for children in your community; please visit the following website: www.preventchildabuse.org.

Try this easy spring fundraiser, “Flower Power”. Flower Power offers you the chance to buy and sell flower bulbs for gardens all over your community. Earn 50% profit from sales while taking pride in a fundraiser that helps beautify the community. Information is available at www.FlowerPowerFundraising.com/GFWC. This is a great way to start your project for “A Thyme to Plant a Time to Grow” GFWC Ohio Director of Juniors Special Emphasis.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention!

In Federation Friendship and Love,

Yvonne



2015 OFWC CONVENTION

Can I Vote?

Am I a Delegate

Or Delegate-at-Large?

Clubwomen attending the State Convention are participating in the annual business meeting of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. Each club has at least one vote on the issues that are presented before the assembly. Know if you are a delegate or a delegate-at-large and may vote.

DELEGATES

1. Each per capita club of 25 members or less is entitled to ONE delegate (or her alternate).
2. Each per capita club of 26-50 members is entitled to TWO delegates (or their alternates).
3. Each per capita club of 51-75 members is entitled to THREE delegates (or their alternates).
4. Clubs with more than 75 members are entitled to ONE delegate for each additional 50 members up to a membership of 1,200.
5. Direct members may meet at each Convention and elect ONE delegate who is also a Direct Member to represent them.
6. Each City-County Federation of 10 clubs or less is entitled to TWO delegates and ONE additional delegate for every 20 additional member clubs.

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

1. OFWC Board of Directors and Junior Board.
2. Those members having served in ELECTIVE offices at state or district level.
3. Officers and chairmen of GFWC residing in Ohio.
4. ALL CURRENT State and District Community Service Program chairmen.
5. ALL members of Standing and Special Committees.
6. Trustees of all funds and The Buckeye staff.

NOTE: It is possible that members are in both categories, but only one vote per member is allowed. Have clubs decide before registering who will be the club delegate and vote the club's wishes.

*If you are not a delegate or delegate-at-large, you will check the "Non-Voting Member" line on the registration form.



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General Federation of Women's Clubs

125 Years

Please join us for the Beginning of The Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Celebration of GFWC's 125th Anniversary . Friday April 24, GFWC Ohio Convention Junior Banquet.

Save the Date!

MEMBERSHIP STAR PROGRAM

By Nina Lowery
State Chairman Membership

Hopefully by now everyone is doing their rodeo roundup for Membership. This is to inform all members of the STAR PROGRAM by GFWC.

The GFWC Star Pins are a system for recognizing individuals who recruit many new members to GFWC. In order to better recognize the growing number of clubwomen who have recruited more than 25 members to their clubs, GFWC has expanded and updated the Star Recruitment Pin System. The original five levels of recruitment were recognized with different colored star-shaped pins on a chain, meant to be attached to your GFWC Member Pin. With the expanded system, you can be recognized for recruiting up to 50 new members with the addition of colored circles to be worn behind each pin.

There are ten levels GFWC members can recruit at:

- 5 to 9 new members receive a white star
- 10 to 14 new members receive a red star
- 15 to 19 new members receive a blue star
- 20 to 24 new members receive a silver star
- 25 to 29 new members receive a gold star
- 30 to 34 new members receive a white circle to be worn behind the star pin.
- 35 to 39 new members receive a red circle to be worn behind the star pin.
- 40 to 44 new members receive a blue circle to be worn behind the star pin.
- 45 to 49 new members receive a silver circle to be worn behind the star pin.
- 50+ new members receive a gold circle to be worn behind the star pin.

These are cumulative awards and cross administrations.
Send names and address and other contact information to:
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Let's make this year the biggest roundup in GFWC History.

For more information on this and other membership programs visit the GFWC website and go to Membership.

GFWC'S NATIONAL AWARD FOR WRITING



Pictured L to R: Glen, Roz Novak, Jackie Lang, Carol Tempel, Judi LaFreniere, Lois McGuinness, Nancy Jones and Ann Sexton with Olivia Paguirigan (center).

The Montgomery Woman's Club (MWC) has participated in the GFWC/OFWC writing contests for many years. This is the first time a local student has won the national award in the club's 62-year history.

Olivia Paguirigan, was one of numerous 1st-3rd grade students in the Sycamore School District in Cincinnati, entering their short stories in the writing contest sponsored by the MWC. Olivia's story "All About What Cerebral Palsy is Like" is Olivia's view of living with Cerebral Palsy (CP). Olivia has CP.

Olivia's entry won the MWC contest and was sent on to the SW Ohio District competition where it was the district winner. Her story was then entered into the OFWC state contest where it won, yet again. Finally, to the GFWC contest where she won the national award for short story writing.

Olivia was presented with her national certificate and a check from the MWC on October 19th at Graeter's Ice Cream Parlor in Deerfield Township. Olivia's grandmother took Olivia's story with her illustrations and published them in a book, which was presented to the MWC with gratitude for recognizing Olivia's story as a gift to share with others.

The MWC runs a short stories contest every year. The contest is broken down into age groups (1st-12th grades). Details for the contest are shared with all area schools in the fall of each school year.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

From Linda A. Ross
 GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President

Dear Clubwomen,

I am pleased to let you know that the Ohio Federation will be part of the 125th Anniversary Yearbook that GFWC is hoping to compile. It is an important time in our history and we do not want to be left out. Some members have had questions about the process, usage and rationale for gathering names. This is not unlike what many of us have participated in with alma maters around the country. The actual collection of the names is for the GFWC Membership database and we all know Ohio is a proud member for The Federation. That data will then be processed by the company, Harris Connect, that is compiling the yearbook. The processing will include: verification of information, developing the most comprehensive profile possible and eliminating duplications on the list. Once the information is collected and processed – postcards will be mailed to each member of GFWC for whom they have information with instructions about how to proof and correct your own entry or remove your information from inclusion in the yearbook. There will be a toll free number on the postcard as well as an email address that will allow you to interface with Harris Connect. The publication will be for exclusive use by GFWC and will only be offered for purchase to GFWC members.

**Canine Companions and the Wounded Veteran's Initiative
 Guest Speaker, Laurel Marks**

Laurel H. Marks is the Development Director at Canine Companions for Independence® and has been with the organization for over five years. Prior to joining Canine Companions, Laurel was the Associate Development Director for The Buckeye Ranch and spent the previous six years working for Acloché Staffing as Vice President of Community Affairs. Laurel is an active member of the alumnae board with her alma mater, Columbus School for Girls. She is a graduate from Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Virginia. She resides in Upper Arlington, Ohio with her two dogs,



**DEBRA STRAHANOSKI,
 GFWC Secretary**



Debra Strahanoski has been a dedicated GFWC Illinois clubwoman for 27 years and is highly regarded as a mentor to many. She brings that dedication and leadership to her role as GFWC Secretary.

Deb's endless energy has been apparent during her Federation journey, serving her clubs, district, and state in various roles. She has served on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors as State Project Chairman (Prevention of Child Abuse), Junior Director (2000-2002), President Elect/Dean of Chairmen (2006-2008), GFWC Illinois State President (2008-2010) and as GFWC Illinois Convention Chairman.

Additionally, Deb's leadership positions have included: GFWC Membership Chairman, GFWC Community Improvement Program Chairman and GFWC Treasurer.

Deb is not only a powerhouse volunteer for GFWC, but within her community as well. Past positions include: Chairman of the Board of Easter Seals and board member of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. She is currently Vice President of her local United Way and was the recipient of PCA Illinois' 2013 Illinois Friend of Children Award.

Deb has been employed with Easter Seals since 2005 as Development Manager, managing all annual fundraising activities and events for the Joliet Region. She credits her career success to the experience, leadership and communication skills she has acquired through her numerous GFWC relationships.

Additionally, Deb assists her husband Bill of 33 years with his public accounting business. They have two children and one grandchild.

Her extensive experience, coupled with her contagious enthusiasm and love for GFWC has inspired both new and veteran members alike.

Renew Old Friendships! Make New Friends!
Come to Convention & Share the Friendship!

SAVE THE DATE

October 10-11, 2015

**GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION
 CONFERENCE**

**Park Inn by Radisson
 Toledo, Ohio**



 *Passing..... Our Sincere Sympathies*

Jim Gordon, of Bowling Green, husband to the late Joan Gordon, passed away Saturday, February 14, 2015. He is survived by son Kevin Gordon and daughter Melissa Gordon Johnson and three grandchildren.

Carole Menelle, of Warren, member of the Warren Junior Women's League, passed away Monday, January 12, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Joseph.

The GFWC Ohio Strategic (Long Range) Plan is WORKING!

Chairman Patrice Booze, Vice Chairman Lisa Hedrick, Members Carolyn Adams, Yvonne Ford, Jo Holder, and Pat Ketzell

We can all be PROUD!! We are excited to share that our GFWC Ohio Strategic (Long Range) Plan is being put to work and isn't just forgotten words on pages in the Directory. Our Strategic Plan identifies major issues facing the GFWC Ohio State Federation: membership, leadership, communication, public relations, and finances. Each major issue includes who is responsible for the implementation and which Executive Committee member is serving as liaison to the GFWC Ohio Board of Directors.

The committee would like to say THANK YOU to all the clubwomen that have worked, and continue to work, HARD to make these goals realities. Just look at what has been accomplished since we voted last April.

Membership Update

By Linda Crish GFWC Ohio Second Vice President serving as the liaison to the Board of Directors

The State of the OFWC Union membership numbers that have been submitted to GFWC reflects a slight decline in OFWC membership. For the year 2013 OFWC submitted 1273 members with a change of 1225 for 2014. Membership workshops and platforms will continue to be offered to encourage and help our members to promote their clubs in membership retention and increase, remember if we all just invited one person that we know, we would increase our membership by 50%! We have added two new clubs to our rosters, don't forget to welcome the G.F.W.C. Club (Great Friends Working Cooperatively Club) and the North Coast Jr. Women's League we are glad to have you and look forward to your club reports. Please don't forget the GFWC Star Recruiting, to date, our Membership Chairman, Nina Lowery has only had three new members submitted.

Leadership Update

By Lisa Hedrick GFWC Ohio President-Elect serving as the Dean of the Community Service Programs and liaison to the Board of Directors

Leadership continues to thrive in Ohio and the GFWC Ohio Board encourages all members to use the Advancement Leadership Guide produced by GFWC. Leadership training in Ohio was developed and presented to the incoming District Officers by the past State and District officers. Each State Chairman was given instructions and duties at the beginning of the administration and asked to share the information with their District Chairmen.

A new schedule was used to give the State Chairmen a deadline for *The Buckeye Magazine* articles which offers members information year round. An Ohio LEADS candidate has been chosen to attend the GFWC LEADS program in Memphis, Tennessee and will share her experiences with Ohio members.

A Committee was formed and is developing the first GFWC Ohio LEADS Training to be held in the summer of 2015 and a Leadership Platform workshop will be held at the annual 2015 GFWC Ohio Convention.

Communications & Public Relations Update

By Marjean Sizemore GFWC Ohio Secretary serving as the Dean of the Public Relations/Media/Publications Committee and Liaison to the Board of Directors. GFWC Ohio continues to maintain effective communication with the membership. The Communication/Public Relations Committee is currently working on the development of a brochure that will be available to all GFWC Ohio clubs by the end of the 2014-2016 administration, to promote and communicate the his-

tory and goals of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.

Financial Stability Update

By Carolyn Adams GFWC Ohio Treasurer serving as the liaison to the Board of Directors

Continuing to maintain a financial stability within the organization we initiated a new form called and income form. This helps us track all income by keeping precise records of where the money coming in is designated. It helps when breaking down Ways and Means when there are multiple projects.

We would like to encourage Vendors to sell their wares as a fundraiser this way they make money and GFWC Ohio also makes money from the sales of their products not just the price of the space.



CONVENTION 2015 WORKSHOPS

Want a REASON to attend the 2015 Convention?

"INFORMATIVE WORKSHOPS"

- * Spend time with two Debbie's and gain Leadership skills while having fun!
- * Save Money - Find out how to incorporate your club and use tax deductions!
- * Skype, Facebook, Twitter above your head? Learn the basics and find new members by showcasing your projects!
- * Are you a Current or Incoming President? Get together with GFWC and OFWC officers.

Hope your excitement for attending the important State meeting has begun.

All workshops have limited seating, so sign up now.

Time passes Quickly!

Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/ Dean of CSP

GFWC Ohio Long Range Plan Report

Chairman Patrice Booze, Vice Chairman Lisa Hedrick, Members Carolyn Adams, Yvonne Ford, Jo Holder and Pat Ketzell

The Long Range Plan is a working document that guides and strengthens the activities of our organization. The Long Range Plan Committee has the task of reviewing and updating the Plan as needed.

The Committee has reviewed the current Long Range Plan, approved at the 2014 GFWC Ohio Annual Meeting (Convention), and with the approval of the GFWC Ohio Board of Directors have no proposed amendments or edits to be presented to the assembly at the 2015 Annual Meeting (Convention).

The GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers

The Pioneer Workers of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs united on October 16, 1912, in Athens, Ohio, during the 17th annual convention. Twenty women, consisting of Founders (Pioneers - women who had served as officers, club presidents or delegates at the OFWC organizational meeting at Springfield in October 1894), chairmen of standing committees, presidents and delegates of Federated Clubs who participated in the convention prior to and including 1900, were enrolled at that meeting.

The purpose of this union was to strengthen the bond among the early workers of this great organization and this union continues today with your membership in the GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers.

Officers and members of the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors, all chairmen of community service programs, standing committees, *The Buckeye Magazine* staff and trustees of the scholarship funds and the Memorial Forest who have served a full two-year term on the state level are eligible for membership.

NOTE: If you did not receive a letter of invitation and have served in any of these capacities please notify an officer of the Pioneer Workers listed below.

The Pioneer Workers Luncheon will be held at the GFWC Ohio Convention hotel the Crowne Plaza Downtown Columbus.

When: Friday, April 24th at 11:15 a.m.

Where: In the Fusion Room

We hope you are planning to attend the 2015 GFWC Ohio Convention and look forward to seeing you at The Pioneer Workers Luncheon where our special guest will be the 2014-2016 GFWC Secretary Debbie Strahanoski. The cost will be \$25.00 (*hotel cost only*) for the luncheon. During the luncheon meeting we will be presenting awards, announcing the winner of the Pioneer Workers Appreciation Award for 2015 and recognizing "The Blue Book of Distinguished Women" and the "Book of Friends" honorees.

"The Blue Book of Distinguished Women" was established in 1964 to honor those women in Ohio who have made significant contributions to their clubs, communities and state and, by their accomplishments, character and influence for good, have earned the recognition to have their names entered in "The Blue Book of Distinguished Women". "The Book of Friends" of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs was established in the year 2013 for the purpose of honoring those non-members who, by their assistance to the Federation, have earned the recognition to have their names entered in the Book of Friends.

A name to be recorded in "The Blue Book of Distinguished Women" or "The Book of Friends" may be sponsored by an individual or a club and be sent to "The Blue Book of Distinguished Women" and "The Book of Friends" **chairman (Kathy Combs) along with a ten-dollar (\$10.00) donation per honoree name.** A name may be recorded more than one time however a ten-dollar (\$10.00) donation must be enclosed each time. **Kathy's address is 275 South Market Street, West Union, OH 45693.**

NOTE: Pioneer Workers Luncheon reservations and checks MUST be postmarked ON OR BEFORE April 10th to Pioneer Workers Treasurer:

Patrice Booze

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The Beginning of the Lola Hord Selover Cup

From *The Buckeye* October-November, 1949

"In 1898, Mrs. C. S. Selover, President of the Cleveland Sorosis, organized a group of girls just out of High School into a club and named it the Cleveland Sorosis. Mrs. Selover's daughter was one of the members and this club has the distinction of being the first Junior club in the United States. This club was a study group with programs much like senior clubs of its time.

"When Mrs. Selover was elected President of OFWC, the Cleveland Junior Sorosis present the Lola Hord Selover Cup to her at the first annual convention of her administration. This was held in Steubenville, in 1922. This presentation was made by Mrs. Kenneth R. Taylor, a charter member of this Junior Club. Mrs. Taylor was appointed as the first Chairman of Junior work in OFWC. The Cup bears this inscription: "Lola Hord Selover Cup presented by the Cleveland Junior Sorosis in honor of their organizer, Mrs. Cornelius S. Selover, to OFWC, to be held by the District presenting the largest number of Junior Clubs at the State Convention in 1923." In 1923, Central District received the Cup for having the largest number of State Federated Junior Clubs."

I assume, perhaps wrongly that the new club name was Cleveland Junior Sorosis and the editor left out the word. At one time, beginning in 1920, a Victory Banner was awarded to the district with the highest percent increase in the number of clubs for the year. It, too, was a traveling award. I have found reference of the Victory Banner in the history books, but it seems to disappear about the time of World War II.

2015 GFWC OHIO CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 23, 2015

- 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Art Exhibits set up
 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Vendors set up
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. GFWC Ohio Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, April 24, 2015 Pre-Convention Activities

- 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Registration Opens
 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Art Exhibit Rooms open for entries
 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Vendor set up
 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. CSP Displays set up
 11:00 a.m. Exhibit and Vendor Rooms OPEN for visitors
 11:00 a.m. Direct-members meet to elect delegate
 11:00 a.m. Endowment Fund Committee Meeting
 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Pioneer Worker's Luncheon (members only)
 1:00 p.m. Photography entries deadline

VISIT THE VENDORS

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 117TH CONVENTION OF THE GFWC/OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

"EXPERIENCES FROM OUR PAST, BUILD OUR FUTURE"

1:15 p.m. Musical interlude

1:30 - 5:00 p.m. **BUSINESS SESSION "TAKE TIME FOR BUSINESS"**

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding-Linda Ross, 2014-2016 GFWC Ohio President

Inspiration

Presentation of the Colors – Introduced by Pam Vines, GFWC Ohio Convention Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Singing of the National Anthem

Appointment of Tellers

Welcome to the 117th Annual Convention by Hostess Lake Erie District President, Penny Speyer and Margaret Resar, Lake Erie District Junior Director

Response – Southeast District President, Sharon Cole-Isner and Deidre Devore Southeast District Junior Director

Host District Chairmen Introductions – Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President and Jeannie Chaney and Esther White, LED General Arrangements Co-Chairmen

Pre-registration Report – Sharon Pervo, LED Pre-registration Chairman

Convention Rules- Marjean Sizemore, GFWC Ohio Secretary

Convention Program- Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

Presentation and Introduction of those at the Head Table, District Officers,

Aides and Tellers – Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio President

Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

KEYNOTE ADDRESS – "TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE"

DEB STRAHANOSKI, GFWC Secretary

BREAK

Approval of the 2014 GFWC Ohio Convention Minutes – Marjean Sizemore, GFWC Ohio Secretary

Endowment Fund Report- Carolyn Adams, GFWC Ohio Treasurer

The Buckeye Magazine Report- Sharon Cole-Isner, Editor

Website Report – Corky Nosek & Wendy Sturick, Co-Website Administrators

Directory Editor – Stephanie Furano

Facebook Report – Katie Liekoski

20 Year History Book Report – Barbara Whitaker Assistant Historian

Loyal Jonquils Report – Barbara Savarin, Chairman

Strategic Long Range Plan Report- Patrice Booze, LRP Chairman

Memorial Forest Shrine Report- Stephanie Rouse, Memorial Forest Shrine Trustee Chr.



2:45 P.M.

2015 GFWC OHIO CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Commercial Break – Darlene Gray, GFWC Ohio Fundraising Chairman; Pam Vines, Junior Fundraising Chairman and our Vendors
 Bylaws and/or Resolutions- Nancy Lombardo, GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman,
 Barbara Whitaker, GFWC Ohio Resolutions Chairman
 Recognition of GFWC Ohio LEADS Graduates
 Announcement of the 2015 GFWC Ohio LEADS Candidate – Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio President and 2014 LEADS Graduate Renee Maiorca
 Presentation of 3 Outstanding Club Programs/Projects
 Workshop Introductions – Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio Dean of Community Service Programs
 Announcements- Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

5:00 p.m.

RECESS

VISIT THE VENDORS AND EXHIBITS (UNTIL 7:00 P.M.)

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Registration Opens

5:00 - 5:15 p.m.

State Chairmen Meeting

5:15 p.m.

GFWC Ohio Scholarship Trustees Meeting

6:15 p.m.

Reception with Cash Bar

7:00 p.m.

Vendors close for the day

7:05 p.m.

Musical interlude

7:00 p.m.

Processional Participants assemble

7:20 p.m.

Processional

7:30 p.m.

GFWC OHIO JUNIOR BANQUET – “TO PLANT A TREE IS TO BELIEVE IN TOMORROW”

Presiding- Yvonne Ford, 2014 -2016 GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

Recognition of First Time Attendees

Opening Thought and Inspiration

GFWC Ohio Junior Awards Presentation

GFWC Ohio Juniorette Awards

Closing Thoughts

JUNIOR FUN NIGHT-

Hosted by the GFWC Ohio Juniors – Everyone invited



SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

Breakfast on your own

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Registration Open

Hospitality Room Open

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Exhibits and Vendors Open

8:15 – 8:45 a.m.

First Time Attendees, 25 and 50 year members, City County Federation members and Direct members are invited to a Coffee/tea Reception with GFWC Ohio President Linda Ross and GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs, Yvonne Ford

9:00 - 10:50 A.M.

BUSINESS SESSION “A THYME TO CONSERVE”

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Musical interlude

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Presiding – Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio President

Registration Report- Anita Zupich, LED Registration Chairman

Inspiration

Recognition of First Time Attendees, 25 & 50 Year Members, City County Federation Members

Recognition of 2015 Club Anniversaries

Great Lakes Region Nomination, Marjean Sizemore, GFWC Ohio GLR Nominating Committee

Club Awards –Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Community Service Programs, and Deidra Devore, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Community Service Programs

2015 GFWC OHIO CONVENTION SCHEDULE

	<p>Introductions of morning workshops and presenters – Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Community Service Programs Announcements- Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President Vendors & Exhibit Rooms open</p>
11:00a.m. – Noon	
11:00 – 11:45 A.M.	<p>WORKSHOPS 1. Leadership – “Leadership Lessons with the Little Debbie’s” with Deb Strahanoski, GFWC Secretary and Debi D’Apice, GFWC/Ohio Leadership Chairman 2. Fun with Tax Deductions and Club Incorporation for Members and Clubs, Renee Maiorca, Ohio LEADS Graduate, 2014</p>
11:45- NOON	BREAK
Noon	Musical interlude
12:15 P.M.	<p>“THE CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE/WOUNDED VETERANS INITIATIVE LUNCHEON” Inspiration Introductions – Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio President</p>
	LUNCH
	<p>Introduction of Speaker by Kathy Combs, OFWC President’s Special Emphasis Chairman Guest Speaker – Laurel Marks, Development Director for CCI for the North Central Region Announcements- Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President</p>
2:15- 2:30 P.M.	BREAK
2:30 p.m.	<p>RECONVENE CONSERVATION PROGRAM - “HERBS, TIME AND THYME AGAIN” Scholarship Winners Announced, Sharon Pervo, Scholarship Committee Chairman Bylaws/Resolutions- Nancy Lombardo, GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman, & Barbara Whitaker, Resolutions Chairman ESO Awards Art Awards- Melva AllStatter, Billie Howard & Esther Gartland, Art Chairmen Commercial Break- Darlene Gray, GFWC Ohio Fundraising; Pam Vines, Junior Fundraising Chairmen Introduction of Afternoon Workshops – Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio First Vice President /Dean of Community Service Programs Announcements- Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President</p>
3:45 P.M.	RECESS
	VISIT VENDORS & EXHIBIT ROOMS
4:00 – 4:45 P.M.	<p>WORKSHOPS 1. Communications – Social Media Workshop 2. “TIME OUT WITH THE PRESIDENT” Current and Incoming Club Presidents meet with GFWC Ohio President Linda Ross</p>
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Registration open if needed
5:00 p.m.	ESO members and prospective members to meet
	LAST CHANCE TO VISIT EXHIBITS AND VENDORS
6:00 p.m.	<p>Exhibits, Displays and Vendors CLOSE All Art exhibits should be picked up immediately following the Banquet</p>
6:15 p.m.	Reception with Cash Bar
7:00 p.m.	Musical interlude
7:00 p.m.	Processional participants assemble
7:15 p.m.	Processional Announced by Harriett Groh
	BANQUET- “WOMEN THROUGH TIME”
	<p>Welcome –Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio President Inspiration ~DINNER~</p>



2015 GFWC OHIO CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Vintage Style Show/Mistress of Ceremonies ~ Harriett Groh
Closing Thoughts – Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio President
Announcements- Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015

Church of your choice

8:00a.m. -9:00a.m. LEAD Graduates Breakfast Meeting (members only)

9:15 a.m. Musical interlude

9:30 A.M. **BUSINESS SESSION “A TRIP BACK THROUGH TIME”**
PLEASE WEAR GFWC, GFWC OHIO OR CLUB APPAREL

Presiding- Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio President
Inspiration – Harriett Groh, OFWC Special Assistant to the President
Introduction of Guest Speaker
Barbara Whitaker, Assistant Historian
“TRAVEL THROUGH TIME WITH THE BUCKEYE MAGAZINE”
Final report of the Credentials Committee
Craft Auction Report
SPECIAL AWARDS:
Introductions
Past Presidents Awards
Top Twenty Honor Roll Clubs
Ruth Miller Memorial Bowl
Jessie June Magee Junior Achievement Cup
Jessie June Magee Achievement Cup
Recognition of Past GFWC Ohio Jennie Award Recipients
INVITATION to the 2016 GFWC Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs Annual Convention – Sharon Cole-Isner SED President, and Deidra Devore, SED Junior Director
April 29-May 1, 2016, Crowne Plaza Columbus-Downtown
Announcements – Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio 2nd Vice President
Parting Words – Deb Strahanoski, GFWC Secretary
Closing Thoughts-Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio President
Junior Pledge
Club Collect
Adjournment – Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio President joined by
Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

POST CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Immediately following adjournment:

2:00 p.m. GFWC Ohio Executive Committee Meeting
3:00 p.m. GFWC Ohio Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2015

GFWC Ohio Board of Directors Meeting

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND SAFE TRAVELS HOME.



2015 GFWC Annual Convention
Memphis, Tennessee
June 13th -June 16th
Reservation Deadline is May 23, 2015



**International Outreach
Community Service Program**

Lisa Waitkus - lmwaitkus@yahoo.com

The purpose of the International Outreach Community Service Program is to educate our members and communities about International relationships and global topics concerning people of all ages. We also want to motivate our members and our peers into action, enabling us all to become better world citizens. There are many ideas listed in the directory to assist you in this process. I encourage you to share the creative ideas and events you and your club members are doing in your communities to become better world citizens through advocacy, education and action!

GFWC is very fortunate to have wonderful partners to assist us in this endeavor. HEIFER INTERNATIONAL has given livestock and agricultural products and training to help families in 125 countries learn and sustain themselves for over 65 years. Please note that we have an updated contact person for them. Our new contact is Jon Templeton (phone - 501-907-2822, email – jtempleton@heifer.org). OPERATION SMILE is an international medical organization that provides volunteer missions to repair cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries for children. UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION SHOT@LIFE is a campaign seeking to educate, connect and empower us to champion vaccines in order to save the lives of children in developing countries. UNICEF – A UNITED STATES FUND is an organization who has been working to give the world’s children access to health care, education and equality for over 60 years. They have many programs to support this.

I am encouraging all of our members to join in educating our communities and sharing the news and works of our partners by “liking” them on your FACEBOOK pages! What a terrific tool to use to spread the word! Our partners have wonderful FACEBOOK pages that highlight their work, events and activities. You never know who you may inspire to help by sharing this information, simply because you have shared this and made them aware. Please promote them on your club pages and your own pages. This is an easy way for us all to “get the word out”!

In the upcoming months, as we begin to emerge from “hibernation”, please share with us what you and your clubs are doing to make our world a better place. Share your photos and descriptions with the Buckeye Magazine and on FACEBOOK, and any other social media site you may utilize. Often times, this is just the inspiration others need to continue your example.

ESO

To all ESO members and those who are interested in joining in ESO. We will hold our annual meeting at the Convention on Saturday at 5:00 pm. Please bring a book to swap. Also on a piece of paper bring with you the name of the book (title and author) of the best book you read in 2014. Yes, we are making our own ESO Ohio reading list.

See you at ESO Happy Hour.

Evie Bachman

**2015 GFWC/OFWC
STATE LEADERSHIP DAY
SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015
ENCHANTED ACRES, COLUMBUS**

The Arts Community Service Program

By Melva Allstatter
Billie Howard

Art is essential to the quality of life! It is designed to inspire clubwomen to engage the creative ambiance within their lives. Art is all around us thru music, dance, theater and art museums. Our hope is that every clubwoman has been able to experience visiting local art exhibits, dramatic events and cultural festivals. Each club should have a Chairman of the Arts to bring all the community activities to the attention of the members so they can participate. Many projects are available from donating tickets to promoting events within the community. Support your local artists.

Remember to enter the SPECIAL GFWC OHIO ART CONTEST “COLLAGE OF TIME “. Using any medium create a collage exemplifying “Women through Time”. Deadline for the “Collage of Time” Contest **MUST** be submitted by **1 PM** of the first day of Convention of **April 2015 and 2016 Convention**.

The Arts Community Service Program includes PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST. Please Follow ALL the Contest Rules which are in the GFWC/OHIO Federation Directory for The World in Pictures and GFWC Volunteers in Action. We are looking forward to seeing the many photos.

**OFWC CLUBS SUPPORTING
THEIR COMMUNITIES**

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women’s League’s Conservation Community Service Committee presented a Cooking with Herb’s program to the club members at the January monthly meeting. Special guest was GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs Yvonne Ford, whose 2 year emphasis is focused on conservation, gardening and improving our communities. Her Junior Theme is “A Thyme to Plant-A Time to Grow”. Also attending the meeting as special guests were 2nd Vice President Linda Crish, and Northeast District President Esther Gartland. Committee members made dishes using a variety of herbs to share with club members. Each club member was given a packet of herbs to use for dipping and recipes the Conservation members compiled into a Cook Book titled 'From the Garden to the Table ~ Herbs, Health and Happiness'. GFWC Ohio Director of Juniors Yvonne Ford presented the club with a 'Tussie Mussie' personal bouquet for the members of GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women’s League. Each flower or herb had a special meaning for the club and members. Pictured below, L to R: GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women’s League President Renee Maiorca; GFWC Ohio Northeast District President Esther Gartland; GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs Yvonne Ford; GFWC Ohio 2nd Vice President Linda Crish. WJWL Conservation Committee members Dottie Baritell, Mary Lou Jarrett, Becky Bucco, Stephanie Furano, Lynne Brady, Samantha Namples, Pam Vines, Regina Gatti, Cara Mia Gatti, and Lisha Pompili-Baumiller.



STANDING RULES

I. GENERAL

A. All members of GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs shall abide by the Standing Rules as approved by the Board of Directors. (Revised 7/19/2008, 7/26/2009).

B. A theme adopted by any administration, Community Service Program, committee, program and/or contest shall be non-sectarian and non-partisan in content, phrasing and symbol (Adopted 1/12/1997; Revised 7/8/2001, 7/19/2008).

C. The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs mailing list is for the use of GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs only. It is not available to any other organization.

The President may grant requests from officers, committee chairmen, district officers, trustees or editors for a copy of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs mailing list, or part of the mailing list such as the district member listing, either as hard copy or on a disk. Requests shall be in writing to the President. The use of the list shall be for those projects, programs, publications which are part of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs and shall be specified in the request. The mailing list chairman shall provide the list within two weeks of receiving the signed approval of the request by the president. Expenses associated with providing the list shall be reimbursed to the *Buckeye* Editor by GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. (Revised 1/18/2015).

For preservation (safety and security) of the mailing list, the mailing list chairman shall send the list to the President, the editor of The Buckeye Magazine and the editor of the Directory as soon as the labels are run for each issue of The Buckeye Magazine. This would ensure that the most current list is saved and would provide safety for the list in case something happens to equipment or personnel. (Revised 7/12/2000, 7/26/2009).

D. Resolutions remain in effect until rescinded by the delegate body. All resolutions which have been in effect for four (4) years shall be automatically reviewed by the Resolutions Committee for timeliness, change of opinion, etc. Those whose purpose has been accomplished shall be referred to the Annual Meeting (Convention) to be rescinded.

E. The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President shall serve as the Statutory Agent for the organization.

F. Administration clubs are comprised of the members of the Board of Directors of any one (1) administration.

G. State and District officers and chairmen who are invited by a club to perform a service shall have their expenses paid. (Mileage at 25 cents per mile). (Revised 4/27/1998, 6/30/2002, 7/10/2004, 5/20/2006).

H. All mileage expenses shall be substantiated in writing, and all other expenses shall be substantiated by original receipts or a good quality photocopy, signed and dated. An official voucher shall be used to submit all expenses for reimbursement. (Revised 7/16/2005, 7/09/2006).

I. Checks for registration fees for all statewide meetings shall be made payable to GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.

J. Expenses shall be submitted in the fiscal year (June 1 – May 31) in which they are incurred, except for phone charges incurred in May. Phone bills for May shall be submitted postmarked by June 30th. (Adopted 4/27/1997; Revised 4/27/1998, 1/13/2002, 7/09/2006)

K. The members of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors, Assistant Director of Junior Clubs, State Junior Board of Directors, Trustees and State Chairmen, shall maintain in their homes, all materials concerning the operation of their respective offices during the administration of the office. At the end of their term, each person shall deliver to her successor, within thirty (30) days, ALL records, papers and other properties which belong to the position. (Adopted 6/28/1997; Revised 4/27/1998, 7/16/2005, 7/26/2009).

L. Suggestions and/or proposed changes to the Constitution, Bylaws or Resolutions are to be submitted, postmarked by November 15th, to the appropriate committee. (Adopted 1/13/2002; Reworded 7/16/2005; Revised 7/9/2006).

M. All letters of recommendation for nominees are to be submitted to the temporary chairman of the State Nominating Committee, postmarked by November 15th in the odd numbered years. Refer to Bylaw Article X Section Nominations and Elections for letter details. (Adopted 1/13/2002; Revised 1/7/2006, 7/9/2006).

II. GFWC/OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

A. All appointments shall be made from per capita clubs or Direct Members. (Adopted 1/14/07; Revised 7/26/2009).

B. GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Committee Chairmen may receive a maximum reimbursement of \$25.00 per fiscal year for postage, phone calls and copies. (Revised 1/13/2001, 7/16/2005, 7/9/2006, 1/14/07, 7/26/2009).

C. GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Chairmen may receive a maximum reimbursement of \$25.00 per fiscal year for postage, phone calls and copies. (Revised 7/16/2005, 7/9/2006, 1/14/07, 7/19/08, 7/26/2009, 1/18/2015).

D. Committee Chairmen and Chairmen should consider sharing expense reimbursement with their committee members. (Revised 7/19/2008, 1/18/2015).

E. The Temporary Chairman of the State Nominating Committee shall receive a maximum reimbursement of \$50.00 for postage, phone calls and copies. The approval of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Club President must first be obtained for reimbursement of any necessary expenses above this amount.

In the event of the resignation of a nominee, the Chairman of the State Nominating Committee may receive an additional \$20.00 for copies, postage and phone calls in order to secure a new nominee. The approval of the GFWC Ohio President must first be obtained for reimbursement of any necessary expenses above this amount. (Revised 1/18/2015).

Scholarship Chairmen: The Annette Phelps Lincoln Chairman shall receive a maximum reimbursement per fiscal year of \$30.00 and the Chairman for all other scholarships will receive a maximum reimbursement per fiscal year of \$100.00 for postage, phone calls and copies. The approval of the GFWC Ohio President must first be obtained for reimbursement of any necessary expenses above this amount. (Adopted 1/14/2007, Revised 1/18/2015).

F. Funds for an Annual Meeting (Convention) workshop, not to exceed \$30.00 per workshop, shall be considered as Annual Meeting (Convention) expense, not as part of the Committee or Chairman's budget. (Revised 7/2/2000, 7/16/2005, 7/19/2008, 1/18/2015).

G. A total of \$30.00 for fees or gifts for Arts judges shall be considered Annual Meeting (Convention) expense. (Revised 7/16/2005, 7/19/2008, 1/18/2015).

H. Funds donated to Loyal Jonquils/the Operating Fund are used for expenses of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.

I. Only the interest from the money invested in the Endowment Fund is used for expenses of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.

J. Those who are required to report to the Board of Directors for a specific purpose (such as State Nominating Committee, By-laws, Resolutions and Redistricting) shall be reimbursed at 25 cents per mile charged to the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Board meetings. (Adopted 1/9/2000; 6/30/2002, 7/10/2004, 7/16/2005, 5/20/2006).

K. The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs shall have a balanced budget (Adopted 1/9/2000).

L. The GFWC LEADS Seminar participant shall be reimbursed one-half of the room cost for two (2) nights (based on double occupancy). (Adopted 1/14/2007).

M. Only per capita members of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs may make announcements, distribute flyers, sell tickets, etc. at district and state meetings. All announcements, flyers, advertisements, ticket sales, etc. relating to upcoming per capita club events shall be subject to review by the officer in charge of any GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs sponsored district or state meetings prior to the meeting. (Adopted 7/19/2008; Revised 7/26/2009).

III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS/JUNIOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Regardless of the number of individuals holding a district office, the reimbursements for meals, lodging and mileage at required meetings shall be based on one (1) individual per office. (Adopted 7/10/2004).

B. If the District President or District Junior Director share duties, i.e. co-presidents or co-directors in a district, agreement as to how the reimbursements are to be divided shall be made prior to their assuming office. The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President and Treasurer shall be notified in writing as to the agreement before any reimbursement occurs. (Adopted 7/10/2004; Revised 7/26/2009).

C. Members of the Board of Directors shall receive \$6.00 for lunch and \$10.00 for dinner when required to be present for the Board of Directors meetings (unless a catered meal is provided which will be paid for by the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs). This policy shall be reviewed at the beginning of each administration by the incoming GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President. (Revised 7/2/2000, 7/16/2005).

D. When an overnight stay is required for meetings, all members of the Board of Directors/Junior Board of Directors and Parliamentarian shall have their rooms paid (based on double occupancy). If a district office is being shared by two or more people, room reimbursement shall be divided among them by mutual consent, the total amount to be not greater than one-half the cost of the room. Should a member choose to room alone, she shall be responsible for one-half of the cost of the room. Planned meal functions at the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Annual Meeting (Convention) shall be paid at a cost of 50% of the published price. (Revised 7/16/2005, 1/7/2006, 7/9/2006).

E. Round-trip mileage will be paid at 25 cents per mile for attendance at Board of Directors/Junior Board of Directors meetings. The exception to this is that incoming and outgoing members of the Board will receive one-way mileage to Annual Meeting (Convention) in the even numbered years. (Revised 4/27/1998, 6/30/2002, 7/10/2004, 5/9/2006).

F. At the Post Annual Meeting (Convention) Board of Directors meeting in the even numbered years, the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors shall approve a Board member to review and sign the payment vouchers of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President. (Revised 1/7/2006, 7/9/2006).

G. The Board of Directors shall elect a member-at-large to the State Nominating Committee at the Post Annual Meeting (Convention) Board of Directors Meeting preceding the biennial election of officers, (odd years) who shall serve as Temporary Chairman and receive all letters of recommendation. It shall be her duty to copy the letters and send to the committee members at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting of the State Nominating Committee, which the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President calls, to allow each member time to read the letters. In the event that the committee member cannot attend the meeting, it is her responsibility to give the letters to her alternate. (Revised 4/27/1998, 1/14/2007, 1/18/2015).

H. Procedure for voting electronically in accordance with Bylaw Article III, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Section I. Periodically the necessity may arise between meetings of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors to vote on an issue of an emergency nature (i.e., that which cannot wait until the next Board Meeting).

Any Board member who does not have access to necessary equipment for electronic voting shall be contacted by the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President as soon as a motion has been made. The Board member shall be afforded the opportunity for debate and vote.

The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President will notify the Board members of the need to vote on a specific question/issue. At that time, she shall request for a motion with a second to be made to bring the item to the table. Members shall have a specific time frame to cast their votes once the question is put. The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President shall determine and publish this time frame. The Parliamentarian may serve as Teller as she does not have a vote.

The Parliamentarian/Teller receives and tabulates the votes and makes a Teller's report to the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President, who then shall announce the results of the vote.

The Teller may audit the vote and verify through communication with any member who did not vote or register an abstention. The Teller shall produce a list of who voted and abstained and submit it to the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Secretary who shall document such information and circulate same at the next regular or special meeting of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors. (Adopted 1/14/2007).

IV. DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

A. Each District President may receive a maximum reimbursement of \$100 per fiscal year for office/district expenses. (Revised 7/10/2004, 7/26/2009).

B. The registration fee for District Fall Conference and for Legislation Day shall be \$2.00. The fees collected shall be divided equally between the hostess club and the District President. (Revised 7/9/2001, 6/30/2002, 7/16/2005, 1/18/2015).

C. Summer District Federation Information Day is self-supporting. (Revised 1/9/2000).

D. Those clubs and federations whose dues are not paid by November 10th shall be contacted by the District President. (Revised 7/9/2006).

E. The District President shall distribute awards and certificates at District Federation Information Day or Fall Conference for those not in attendance at Annual Meeting (Convention) (for recognition and to save postage). (Revised 4/27/1998).

V. OFFICERS

A. President

a) All hotel bills are to be scrutinized for accuracy by the President and Second Vice President prior to payment.

B. First Vice President

a) Monies for District and State contests are charged to Miscellaneous Expenses. District student winners are given \$15.00 each. State student winners are given a \$75.00 savings bond each. (Revised 1/9/2000, 6/30/2002, 1/12/2003).

b) She shall ensure that qualified judges for contests judged at Annual Meeting (Convention) are obtained by the appropriate chairmen. (Adopted 6/30/2002; Revised 1/12/2003, 7/16/2005, 7/9/2006).

C. Second Vice President

a) All expenses are charged to Annual Meeting (Convention).

D. Secretary

a) The minutes of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings shall be sent to the respective members within six (6) weeks following the meetings. (Revised 7/9/2006).

E. Treasurer

a) She shall notify the District Presidents by November 25th of the clubs and federations in their districts whose dues are not paid, postmarked by November 10th. (Revised 7/9/2006).

b) The outgoing Treasurer shall attend the Summer Board of Directors meeting and give a Final Report.

c) The outgoing Treasurer shall be responsible for closing the books for audit.

d) The outgoing Treasurer shall arrange for the transfer of monies in the accounts to the incoming Treasurer by the Summer Board of Directors Meeting. (Revised 7/9/2006).

e) The incoming Treasurer shall be responsible for obtaining an auditor. (Adopted 1/9/2000; Revised 7/9/2006).

F. Office expense is reimbursed for the Executive Committee. This includes postage, copies and phone calls (within reasonable limits).

G. The outgoing GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President and Director of Junior Clubs shall each send an administration summary and a picture to the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs outgoing Secretary within sixty (60) days of the close of her administration for use in future histories. (Revised 4/17/2011, 1/18/2015).

H. The Assistant Director of Junior Clubs shall be invited to attend the Winter Board of Directors Meeting in the second year of the administration, as Director of Junior Clubs-Elect, and her expenses be paid as stated under the Standing Rules of the Board of Directors/Junior Board of Directors. (Revised 7/2/2000).

I. Mileage (at 25 cents per mile), rooms and meals shall be paid for the President, President-elect, First Vice President, Director of Junior Clubs and Director-Elect of Junior Clubs or their designated alternates for the Fall Conference Tour. If the Second Vice President and/or the Assistant Annual Meeting (Convention) Chairman attend the Fall Conference of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Annual Meeting (Convention) hostess district, their expenses are to be charged to the Annual Meeting (Convention). (Revised 4/27/1998, 6/30/2002, 7/10/2004, 7/16/2005, 5/20/2006, 7/26/2009).

VI. GFWC/OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ANNUAL MEETING (CONVENTION)

A. Only rooms of the members of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Executive Committee, Board of Directors/Junior Board of Directors, Parliamentarian and GFWC guest(s) shall be on the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs hotel bill for Annual Meeting (Convention). (Revised 4/27/1998, 7/16/2005).

B. The cost of Annual Meeting (Convention) meals shall be 50% of the published price for the Board of Directors/Junior Board

of Directors and the Parliamentarian. (Revised 7/16/2005).

C. The Annual Meeting (Convention) Chairman Assistant, if appointed, shall receive the same consideration as the Board of Directors/Junior Board of Directors and Parliamentarian as it relates to hotel and meal costs. (Revised 7/17/2005).

D. The members of the Board of Directors/Junior Board of Directors, Parliamentarian and Annual Meeting (Convention) Chairman Assistant shall pay their own registration fee for Annual Meeting (Convention). (Revised 7/17/2005).

E. The Junior Banquet will be complimentary for past GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Directors of Junior Clubs and the Saturday Banquet will be complimentary for past GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Presidents.

F. The Annual Meeting (Convention) minutes shall be read and approved by the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Executive Committee.

G. The number of votes received by candidates in elections shall not be read aloud.

H. The total expense of \$30.00 for the Arts Community Service Program judges and the income and expense for the Community Improvement Program Award shall be included in Annual Meeting (Convention) expenses. Also, all mailings of GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs materials to GFWC for contests, etc., shall be considered an Annual Meeting (Convention) expense. (Revised 1/9/2000, 7/17/2005, 7/7/2010).

I. Each division, committee contest shall be responsible for administering exhibits, contests, including Exhibit Room aides and awards for their own contest and/or exhibit. (Revised 6/30/2002, 7/19/2008.).

J. The Annual Meeting (Convention) hostess district clubs shall pay 50 cents per member to the District Treasurer for district Annual Meeting (Convention) expenses. City/County Federations in the district shall pay \$1.00 per club.

Any remaining funds after the Annual Meeting (Convention) shall be sent to the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Treasurer to be designated for future Annual Meeting (Convention) expenses. (Adopted 1/9/2000, 6/30/2002).

K. The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President, with consultation with the district officers of the hostess district, shall select a general district chairman for the next Annual Meeting (Convention) by the Summer Board Meeting. (Adopted 7/17/2005).

L. Those planning a meeting or Annual Meeting (Convention) for GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs shall avoid scheduling these activities on major religious holidays. (Adopted 7/17/2005).

M. All Per Capita clubs and City/County Federations are eligible for the Top 20 Honor Roll Awards. (Adopted 4/27/2013.)

VII. GFWC MEETINGS AND GREAT LAKES MEETINGS

A. The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs official representative to the GFWC Convention in the even numbered years shall be the outgoing President and the outgoing Director of Junior Clubs. They may stay through the adjournment of the Convention.

B. At the GFWC Convention in the even numbered years, the incoming President and incoming Director of Junior Clubs shall receive transportation, registration, meals and ½ room (based on double occupancy) expenses from the day of installation through the Post-Convention Board Meeting. (Revised 6/30/2002, 7/26/2009).

C. For GFWC meetings, transportation not reimbursed by GFWC, registration, meals and ½ room (based on double occupancy) expenses will be paid for the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President and Director of Junior Clubs when they are required to be present.

D. The President-Elect and the Director of Junior Clubs-Elect will receive reimbursement by GFWC Ohio of all expenses for transportation, registration, meals and ½ room (based on double occupancy) for attendance at one GFWC planning/orientation meeting. (Revised 6/30/2002, 1/18/2015).

E. For Great Lakes Region meetings, travel (at the least expensive rate of travel), registration, meals and ½ room (based on double occupancy) expenses will be paid for the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President and Director of Junior Clubs. For Great Lakes Region meetings, registration, ½ travel cost, ½ room for one night's stay (based on double occupancy) and one day's meals will be paid for the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs First Vice President/President-Elect and the Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/Director of Junior Clubs-Elect, when their presence is required. (Revised 6/30/2002, 7/20/2008, 7/26/2009).

F. Portage of Federation materials is considered part of transportation expense for the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs President and Director of Junior Clubs.

G. GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs does not reimburse tips and/or optional activities. (Revised 6/30/2002). (Section revised 1-9-2000)

VIII. MEMORIAL FOREST

A. Substantiated transportation expenses for Trustees shall be reimbursed at 25 cents per mile (in accordance with the Bylaws). (Revised 4/27/1998, 6/30/2002, 7/10/2004, 5/20/2006).

B. All plans for purchases or expenditures are to be authorized by the Board of Directors prior to purchase or expenditure. (Bylaws, Article 9, Section 5). (Revised 7/26/2009)

C. Minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings shall be sent to the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Executive Committee within six weeks following the meeting. (Revised 7/8/2001).

IX. SCHOLARSHIPS

A. Only the interest from the Certificates of Deposit for the scholarships and the donations from clubs is to be used to fund the scholarships. The scholarships are GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Art Scholarship; Elaine Weinman Memorial Scholarship; Ethel G. Swanbeck Allied Health Scholarship; GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Clubwoman Scholarship and the Annette Phelps Lincoln Scholarship. (Revised 4/27/1998, 1/13/2002, 4/28/2013).

B. If Scholarship CD interest and donations do not reach \$750.00; the difference shall only be taken from the reserved fund. (Adopted 4/28/2013).

C. The Scholarship Trustees shall be elected in the following order: SED and LED in the even years and NED, NWD, and SWD in the odd numbered years. (Revised 1/18/2015).

D. The Treasurer shall notify the Trustees by March 15th as to the funds available prior to the awarding of scholarships. (Revised 6/30/2002, Revised 4/28/2013, 1/18/2015).

E. As many scholarships as possible should be awarded. Any balance not awarded or any money returned shall be put into the principal of the fund. (Revised 1/12/2003, Revised 4/28/2013, 1/18/2015).

F. The Chairman shall give a complete list of scholarship recipients with name, address, phone number, sponsoring club, district and school they will be attending to the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Treasurer and the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Secretary at the Annual Meeting (Convention) when the scholarships are given. (Revised 4/27/1998, 7/9/2006, Revised 4/28/2013, 1/18/2015).

The recipient shall provide a copy of the bursar's statement to the Treasurer before the check may be written. (Adopted 7/9/2006).

G. Substantiated expenses for Scholarship Trustees, including transportation expenses at 25 cents per mile for attendance at one meeting per year and office expenses, shall be reimbursed through the Chairman and paid out of the General Fund. (Revised 4/27/1998, 1/13/2001, 6/30/2002, 7/10/2004, 5/20/2006, Revised 4/28/2013, 1/18/2015).

H. The amount of the Scholarship Award shall be revised per each Administration. (Adopted 4/28/2013, Revised 1/18/2015). (Section revised 1/9/2000, 1/18/2015).

X. WAYS AND MEANS

A. All purchases or expenditures are to be approved by the Board of Directors prior to purchases or expenditures. All bills will be paid by the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Treasurer. (Revised 7/26/2009)

B. A detailed report of income and expenses shall be sent by the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Fund-Raising Chairman to the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Treasurer. This report by the State Fund-Raising Chairman shall include the cost and income from each fund-raising item. (Revised 6/30/2002).

C. District Fund Raising Chairmen shall keep records of inventory and of all transactions. A copy of their reports shall be sent to the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Fund-Raising Chairman following each district event along with the funds received.

D. The administration pins, which have to be ordered by the president-elect and must be ordered in advance by the president-elect to have after installation at Annual Meeting (Convention), shall be paid for by the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Treasurer. (Revised 7/17/2005, 7/26/2009).

Adopted by the 1996-1998 Board of Directors July 27, 1996
 Reviewed and revised by the 1998-2000 Board of Directors, April 27, 1998
 Reviewed and revised by the 1998-2000 Board of Directors, January 17, 1999
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 Reviewed and revised by the 2000-2002 Board of Directors, July 2, 2000
 Reviewed and revised by the 2000-2002 Board of Directors January 13, 2001
 Reviewed and revised by the 2000-2002 Board of Directors, July 8, 2001
 Reviewed and revised by the 2000-2002 Board of Directors, January 13, 2002
 Reviewed and revised by the 2002-2004 Board of Directors, April, 2002
 Reviewed and revised by the 2002-2004 Board of Directors, June 30, 2002
 Reviewed and revised by the 2002-2004 Board of Directors, January 12, 2003
 Reviewed and revised by the 2004-2006 Board of Directors, July 10, 2004
 Reviewed and revised by the 2004-2006 Board of Directors, July 16, 17, 2005
 Reviewed and revised by the 2004-2006 Board of Directors, January 7, 2006
 Reviewed and revised by the 2006-2008 Board of Directors, May 20, 2006
 Reviewed and revised by the 2006-2008 Board of Directors, July 9, 2006
 Reviewed and revised by the 2006-2008 Board of Directors, January 14, 2007
 Reviewed and revised by the 2008-2010 Board of Directors, July 19, 2008
 Reviewed and revised by the 2012-2014 Board of Directors, April 28, 2013
 Reviewed and revised by the 2014-2016 Board of Directors, January 18, 2015

**OFWC CLUBS SUPPORTING
THEIR COMMUNITIES**

COMFORT PILLOWS



Hillcrest Women's Club members working on comfort pillows - over the years we have made over 1000 pillows and delivered them to area hospitals. Pictured L to R: Penny Speyer, Marian Trela, Jeannie Chaney, Dianne Austin, Esther White, Sandy Rosenfield, Katherine Ganz, Lanie Strassburger, and Janet Dreyer

**Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimage at the
Memorial Shrine
Sunday, September 27, 2015**



The Shrine is located on Route 3, just outside of Loudonville, in Mohican State Park.

**April is
Child Abuse
Prevention Month**

Ohio clubs plant
Pinwheel Gardens
all over Ohio




RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN 2015

The following report was presented to the GFWC Ohio Board of Directors in January. There were 15 resolutions that needed to be reviewed.

Three resolutions were found to have met their accomplishments and are recommended to be rescinded.

3-81 SERIOUS, VIOLENT, AND HABITUAL JUVENILE OFFENDERS

5-83 PROHIBITION OF RIDERS ON BILLS

6-85 REPORT, IDENTIFY AND TESTIFY

RESOLUTIONS TO BE AMENDED**Resolution 1-81 TO PROMOTE SERVICES FOR THE GIFTED CHILD**

(Reaffirmed 1986; Reviewed 1991, 1995, 2003, 2007, 2011; Amended 1999)

WHEREAS, The state of Ohio defines a gifted student as one who “performs or shows potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment and who are identified under specific division of section 3324.03 of Ohio Revised Code. Students can be identified as gifted in the areas of superior cognitive ability (general intelligence), specific academic ability (reading, math, social studies, and/or science), creative thinking ability, and visual-performing arts ability;

WHEREAS, In our complicated society the need for specialized training for academically gifted children is important; ~~and~~ WHEREAS, The special abilities of the gifted students need to be recognized and developed during the students’ elementary and secondary school years to insure these students are significantly challenged to develop to their full potential in order to lead full, productive, and enriched lives; and

WHEREAS, Families of gifted children are often without needed support, professional services, and counseling; therefore

~~RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to investigate the services being offered gifted children and their families in their communities and to support programs for the betterment of gifted children and their families, and further~~

~~RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support legislation that addresses the funding needs for identifying academically gifted students, the training of teachers, developing challenging curriculum and implementing programs.~~

- **Investigate the services being offered gifted children and their families in their communities and to support programs for the betterment of gifted children and their families**
- **Support legislation that addresses the funding needs for identifying academically gifted students, the training of teachers, developing challenging curriculum and implementing programs.**

Rationale: To update.

Resolution 2-81 NEWS COVERAGE OF ELECTIONS

(Reaffirmed 1986, 1999; Reviewed 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011)

WHEREAS, The right to vote is the cornerstone of freedom; the power to select those who govern is the only guarantee of continuing liberty; and

WHEREAS, The right to vote carries with it the responsibility to exercise that right in the best interest of the nation as perceived by each voter; and

WHEREAS, Voting decisions should be based on fact; and

WHEREAS, The news media, in the past, have demonstrated the ability to shape public opinion; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs calls on the media, particularly the major television networks to:

- **Report objectively the positions and statements of the candidates**
- **Clearly label editorial comment as such**
- **Refrain from speculation and sensationalism**

~~4) Refrain, on Election Day, from broadcasting results and projections from the eastern states until the polls have closed in all states.~~

Rationale: To update

Resolution 1-85 PROMOTE LITERACY

(Reaffirmed 1990; Reviewed 1995, 2003, 2007, 2011; Amended 1999)

WHEREAS, An estimated one in five **seven** adult Americans is functionally illiterate. Functional illiterates can read words but they cannot comprehend their meanings, synthesize information, or make decisions based on what they read; and

WHEREAS, Over 25 million persons in the United States can neither read, nor write, nor reason well enough to solve problems or have the skills to earn a living in our increasingly technological society; and

WHEREAS, The costs to our nation, through assistance programs and the decline of an educated work force, are enormous; ~~and~~

WHEREAS, The emotional costs to these illiterate citizens in terms of helplessness and humiliation is devastating; and

WHEREAS, Effective citizenship is dependent upon the ability to read, write, and understand; therefore

~~RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to educate themselves on the literacy needs of their communities and to promote educational programs by instituting adult literacy programs where one exist.~~

~~Members are urged to support already existing literacy programs through donations, by recruiting qualified tutors, and by themselves volunteering to tutor; and further~~

~~RESOLVED~~, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs believes that to have a literate nation, we must start with literate children. Members are urged to assist teachers by tutoring those children who experience reading difficulties and to promote reading for enjoyment as well as for information.

- Educate themselves on the literacy needs of their communities.
- Promote educational programs by instituting adult literacy programs where none exist.
- Support already existing literacy programs through donations, by recruiting qualified tutors, and by themselves volunteering to tutor.
- Assist teachers by tutoring those children who experience reading difficulties.
- Promote reading for enjoyment as well as for information.

Rationale: To update

Resolution 4-85 ECONOMIC EDUCATION GRADE 1-12

(Reaffirmed 1990; Reviewed 1994, 2003, 2007, 2011; Amended 1999)

WHEREAS, In this day of "plastic money," private retirement funds, creative home financing, ease of filing bankruptcy, as well as the continuing concern over the federal deficit, a solid foundation in basic understanding of our economic system is becoming vital to the survival of the family and the continued strength of our democracy; therefore

~~RESOLVED~~, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs commends the efforts of the Joint Council on Economic Education to devise teaching methods for students of all ages and levels of competence in economic education, giving them practical, "hands on" experience in fiscal matters; and

~~RESOLVED~~, The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urge the Ohio Board of Education and the Ohio General Assembly to enact such laws and devise such programs as necessary to ensure every Ohio student the privilege of obtaining a solid foundation in basic understanding of our economic system in each grade during the first twelve years of education; and further

~~RESOLVED~~, The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to exercise their responsibility within their communities and schools to insure the implementation of curriculum that fosters economic competence.

Rationale: To update

Resolution 3-86 ENGLISH, OUR NATIONAL LANGUAGE

(Reviewed 1991, 1995, 2007, 2011; Amended 1999, 2003)

WHEREAS, The United States of America has long been able to welcome immigrants and bring people of differing backgrounds and heritages into its culture; and

WHEREAS, Our commerce, social interaction, democratic processes of government and preservation of an orderly society are best carried forward with a unified people speaking one language; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America is strengthened by a common language which is essential to the democratic processes of government and the clear identity of all its citizens as "Americans, "; and

WHEREAS The Census Bureau's American Community Survey recently released data from its 2013 survey, which also showed that of the 20 percent of residents speaking a language other than English at home, more than 25.1 million (40 percent) are considered limited English proficient, meaning they speak English less than "very well" and that English proficiency has been shown to be the key to removing the language barriers that a newcomer can face on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, The use of a common language as the language of public record in no way infringes upon the rights of citizens to exercise the use of a primary language of their choice for private conduct; therefore

~~RESOLVED~~, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges and supports legislation in our State and National Legislatures establishing English as our official national language; and further

~~RESOLVED~~, That all school systems, even those in predominately non-English speaking areas, teach English as their first language and present all instruction in English; and further

~~RESOLVED~~, That GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs encourages its members to volunteer for English as Second Language activities to help non-English speaking individuals learn English, either as tutors or in assisting non-native speakers to locate the proper tutoring services in their community; and further

~~RESOLVED~~, That GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to encourage the study of foreign languages by all citizens both in our children's schools and as adult study programs.

RESOLVED, That

- ***The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges and supports legislation in our State and National Legislatures establishing English as our official national language; and further***
- ***All school systems, even those in predominately non-English speaking areas, teach English as their first language and present all instruction in English; and further***
- ***The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs encourages its member clubs to volunteer for English as Second Language activities to help non-English speaking individuals learn English, either as tutors or in assisting non-native speakers to locate the proper tutoring services in their community; and further***
- ***The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to encourage the study of foreign languages by all citizens both in our children's schools and as adult study programs.***

Rationale: To update.

Emergency Resolution 1-99 STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM

(Reviewed 2007, 2011; Amended 2003)

~~WHEREAS, Trauma refers to injuries sustained in motor vehicle crashes, falls, fires, assaults and other situations; and~~
~~WHEREAS, Serious injury, or trauma, results in over 80,000 hospital admissions in Ohio, 5,000 deaths and thousands of permanent disabilities; and~~
~~WHEREAS, Serious injury is the leading cause of death in America of children and adults ages 1-44 years, and~~
~~WHEREAS, Studies and research, from states with trauma systems, demonstrate substantial reduction in death and permanent disability when a trauma system is in place; and~~
WHEREAS, Trauma is the leading cause of death for ages 1-34, the 3rd leading cause of death for ages 35-44 and the 5th leading cause of death in all age groups; traumatic injuries cause the loss of productive work years more than any disease; and trauma systems, statewide or regional, can reduce the death rate anywhere from 10% to 20%;
WHEREAS, A trauma system assures that optimal trauma care is provided in a consistent standardized way throughout the state and lowers cost associated with trauma care; and
WHEREAS, Ohio passed The Trauma Care Bill HB 138 and now has a state data registry related to trauma and more and more hospitals are upgrading their services to meet the new standards of an organized system helping to assure that every citizen has rapid access to appropriate trauma care; therefore
RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs strongly supports The Statewide Trauma System; and further
RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs and members to be ever vigilant to legislation relating to Trauma Care or Trauma Care Research to ensure keeping The Ohio Statewide Trauma System strong and progressive.
.Rationale – To update.

Resolution 3-03 MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

(Reviewed 2007, Amended 2011)

~~WHEREAS, The American Psychological Association reports that approximately 44.3 million Americans~~ **Center for Disease Control (CDC) report that approximately 1 in 4 adults in the United States** suffer from a diagnosable mental health disorder **such as schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorders and severe anxiety disorders** which can be as serious and debilitating as having a heart attack; **and without treatment the consequences of mental illness for the individual and society are staggering: unnecessary disability, unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, inappropriate incarceration, suicide and wasted lives; the economic cost of untreated mental illness being more than 100 billion dollars each year in the United States;** and

~~WHEREAS, A report from the Surgeon General's Conference on Children's Mental Health 2001~~ **National Alliance on Mental Illness** states that fewer than 1 in 5 of the ~~estimated 15 million~~ children and adolescents **in the United States** who have a mental illness receive treatment; and

~~WHEREAS, Mental illness such as schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorders and severe anxiety disorders are real illnesses of the brain; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The Nation's Voice on Mental Illness reports that treatment efficacy rates for most severe mental illnesses exceed those for heart disease and diabetes and contends there is no scientific or medical justification for insurance coverage to be on different terms and conditions than other diseases; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry states that providing equal coverage for mental health is cost effective; the National Institute of Mental Health estimates that the annual cost of untreated mental illness is over \$300 billion in lost productivity, health care and societal costs; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the cost to employers of implementing parity will be just 1% of annual premiums~~ **The Office of Personnel Management estimates that parity implementation increased plan premiums by 1.3%;** and

~~WHEREAS, Discriminatory insurance coverage of mental illness can bankrupt families and place a tremendous burden on taxpayers through suicide, homelessness and inappropriate "criminalization" of mental illness; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The American Psychological Association now recognizes the psychological needs of our troops, veterans and their families that they, also, may encounter barriers due to lack of insurance; therefore~~

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to contact legislators at all levels and encourage them to support passage of legislation implementing immediate mental health parity without limitations as to the illness; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to educate their members and the public through informational programs to better understand the connection between mental health and physical health in an effort to remove the stigma associated with brain disorders.

Rationale: To update.

Emergency Resolution 1-03 Proposed Ohio Budget Cuts That Threaten Our Public Libraries

(Reviewed 2007, Amended 2011)

~~WHEREAS, The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, in partnership with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has supported libraries for many years, including the founding of approximately 75 percent of this nation's public libraries and the raising of more than 13 million dollars in materials and property for the Libraries 2000 project; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Ohio clubs and clubwomen have been involved in supporting libraries for more than 100 years, being the driving force behind many of the public libraries in the state of Ohio, funding construction, raising money for maintenance, and donating large quantities of books and materials, in addition to untold hours of volunteer work at the state's libraries; and~~

WHEREAS, More than 8.9 million Ohioans (more than three-fourths of the state's population) have library cards at one or more of the states 251 public libraries;

WHEREAS, Proposed Ohio State Budget cuts threaten to eliminate or severely reduce the funding of the "Library and Local Government Support Fund," which provides most of the operating funds for many of Ohio's public libraries (176 libraries in Ohio are totally funded by this tax fund), thus forcing major limitations in availability of library services or even closure of many libraries; and

WHEREAS, Funding from the Ohio State income tax for the "Library and Local Government Support Fund" was cut from 6.3 percent in 2001 to 5.7 percent in 2002, thereby already forcing cutbacks in library services; and the Legislature is proposing cuts to 5.2 percent and as low as 2.6 percent, which would threaten many libraries with closure; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the Library and Local Government Support Fund, which was 5.7% of the State of Ohio's income tax collection, was replaced with the Public Library Fund (PLF); and

WHEREAS, The PLF was initially set at 2.22% of total state tax revenue, but was reduced and currently funded at ~~1.97~~ **1.66** %; and

WHEREAS, This reduction has resulted in an 18% loss in funding in one year-2009-for Ohio's 251 public libraries and a drop in revenue from State funding of more than 30% since 2000; and

WHEREAS, This reduced level of funding has resulted in major reductions in hours of operation, purchase of new Library materials, availability of services and even closure of many libraries across the entire State; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members clubs and members to contact the Governor and all Ohio Legislators in the House and Senate to let them know that these cuts are not acceptable and to strongly urge that funding be returned to the 2008 levels for all Public Libraries; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs encourages its member clubs and members to communicate the seriousness of this situation to their local communities and urge others to make their voices heard as well in this matter.

Rationale: To update

Resolution 1-07 RAILROAD CROSSINGS

(Amended 2011)

WHEREAS, There are over ~~253,000~~ **209,308** railroad crossings in the United States and over ~~9,300~~ **5,800** railroad crossings in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ohio ranks fifth in the nation in regard to states that have the most railroad crossings; and

WHEREAS, Ohio, is the state with the densest population per square miles to railroad miles; and

WHEREAS, Ohio rail lines carry *which carries* more traffic than those of 46 other states; ranking Ohio 4th in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Annually there were over ~~3,200~~ **2,087** accidents, ~~400~~ **249** deaths and ~~1,100~~ **954** *serious* injuries at railroad crossings in the United States, and over ~~140~~ **66** accidents, ~~20~~ **3** deaths and ~~40~~ *several* injuries at railroad crossings annually in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Because of improved Public Awareness Programs, better enforcement and new engineering improvements, in ~~2009~~ there were ~~1,916~~ accidents, ~~246~~ deaths and ~~720~~ injuries at railroad crossings in the United States, and ~~63~~ accidents, ~~9~~ deaths and ~~21~~ injuries at railroad crossings in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The majority of railroad crossings in the United States and in Ohio are not protected with automated gates accompanied by flashing lights; and

WHEREAS, The vast majority of railroad crossings, have inadequate sight distances, such as trees and other vegetation, sharp turns in the roadway or steep roads leading to track crossings; and

WHEREAS, Railroad crossings are dangerous because they handle two conflicting streams of traffic (trains and motor vehicles) which have entirely different operating characteristics; and

WHEREAS, The physical structure of railroad crossings presents a severely higher risk to motor vehicles than to trains; and

WHEREAS, Railroad crossings require *requiring* that motorists always yield the right-of-way to trains which cannot avoid hitting vehicles in their path; and

WHEREAS, Railroad crossing maintenance is shared by privately owned entities and public authorities; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, annually allocates monies to states for the installation of railroad-crossing protection devices and for the elimination of hazards at railroad crossings;

WHEREAS, While railroad crossing accidents in Ohio are down 83% since "Operation Lifesaver" began lives are still at risk; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs continues to urge and support legislation in our State and National Legislatures which will protect motorists who must cross railroads as they drive Ohio's roads and roads throughout the United States; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges members to exercise their responsibility within their communities by taking note of dangerous railroad crossings and reporting those dangerous railroad crossings to their local county commissioner and/or state legislator and to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and to the Ohio Rail Development Commission and to the Angels on Track Foundation; and further

RESOLVED, That because the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs recognizes that automated gates provide the safest protection at railroad crossings, and are known to be at least 90% more effective than cross bucks in preventing accidents, we will work for the installation of railroad-crossing protection devices and for the elimination of hazards at railroad crossings in our communities; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs will help educate others about the unique dangers of railroad crossings by spreading the word - both orally and by distributing written information - to reverse public apathy toward railroad crossing safety.

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to

- **Support legislation in our State and National Legislatures which will protect motorists who**

must cross railroads as they drive Ohio's roads and roads throughout the United States

- *Exercise their responsibility within their communities by taking note of dangerous railroad crossings and reporting those dangerous railroad crossings to their local county commissioner and/or state legislator, to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Ohio Rail Development Commission and to the Angels on Track Foundation*
- *Work for the installation of railroad-crossing protection devices and for the elimination of hazards at railroad crossings in our communities as automated gates provide the safest protection at railroad crossings, and are known to be at least 90% more effective than cross bucks in preventing accidents*
- *Help educate others about the unique dangers of railroad crossings by spreading the word – both orally and by distributing written information – to reverse public apathy toward railroad crossing safety.*

Rationale: To update and clarify.

Resolution 2-07 REQUIRE DIABETES HEALTH CARE

(Amended 2011)

~~WHEREAS, In the year of 2000, 40% (41 million) of adults age 40-74 had pre-diabetes and in the year 2002, 57 million adults had pre-diabetes. Pre-diabetes is a condition where blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not high enough to be classified as diabetes. This condition raises the risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes, heart disease and stroke; and~~

~~WHEREAS, In 2008, more than 840,000 Ohio adults had diabetes and almost 12,000 Ohioans die each year from diabetic complications and nearly 200,000 Ohioans are hospitalized due to diabetes-related causes; and~~

~~WHEREAS, In 2009, H.B. 81 passed that required health care plans provide coverage for the expenses of medically necessary (1) equipment, supplies and medication for the treatment and management of diabetes (2) diabetes medical nutrition therapy, and (3) diabetes self-management education; and~~

~~WHEREAS, In 2010, the Ohio Senate has not passed legislation to require health plans to provide comprehensive diabetes health coverage; and~~

~~WHEREAS, With 90 to 95% of people, Type 2 Diabetes is directly linked to obesity; and~~

~~WHEREAS, More than half of all Americans could have diabetes or pre-diabetes by the year 2020; therefore~~

~~RESOLVED, That GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs members learn about diabetes and its impact on those that have it; and further~~

~~RESOLVED, That GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs help mobilize individuals, communities, businesses, health insurances and other organizations to address the rising rate of diabetes and its consequences; and further~~

~~RESOLVED, That GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs seek to raise national and state awareness, facilitate and coordinate efforts and leverage resources for prevention, detection and treatment of diabetes; and further~~

~~RESOLVED, That GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs encourage their state legislators to formulate a health care policy that would provide comprehensive diabetes health coverage.~~

WHEREAS, An estimated 26 million people in the United States—8.3 percent of the population—have diabetes, a serious and chronic condition. Of those, 25 percent do not yet know that they have the condition. In addition, an estimated 86 million Unites States adults have pre-diabetes—an elevated blood sugar level that is not high enough to be classified as diabetes, but which greatly raises their risk of developing type 2 diabetes and its complications.

WHEREAS, Diabetes, is the 7th leading cause of death in the United States and costs the nation \$58 billion on average in any given year; the cost to treat an individual with diabetes is more than 200 percent higher than the cost to treat a non-diabetic and, if current trends continue, one of every two minority children born after the year 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime, and in 2050 one of every three Americans will have diabetes;

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the medical costs and associated costs of diabetes jumped to \$245 billion in 2012, meaning that the diabetes toll on the economy has increased by more than 40 percent since 2007, according to a recent report from the American Diabetes Association; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), Ohio is one of four states that does not have a mandate or insurance requirement specific to diabetes coverage; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to

- **Learn about diabetes and its impact on those that have it; and further**
- **Help mobilize individuals, communities, businesses, health insurances and other organizations to address the rising rate of diabetes and its consequences**
- **Seek to raise national and state awareness**
- **Facilitate and coordinate efforts and leverage resources for prevention, detection and treatment of diabetes; and further**
- **Encourage their state legislators to formulate a health care policy that would provide comprehensive diabetes health coverage.**

Rationale: To update and clarify.

Resolution 2-95 BREAST CANCER SCREENING

(Reaffirmed 1999; Amended 2003, 2007, 2010)

WHEREAS, 2.4 2.8 million women in the United States have been diagnosed with breast cancer and breast cancer is the most common cancer among U.S. women and accounts for one (1) out of every four (4) women diagnosed. And 192,370 232,240 more women will be diagnosed this year and an estimated 1 million women are unaware that they have the disease, and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States between the ages of 20 and

59, a woman in the United States has a one (1) in eight (8) chance for developing invasive breast cancer during her lifetime; and the chance that breast cancer will be responsible is now 13%. Death rates from breast cancer are declining significantly with the largest decrease in young women; this is attributed to early detection, and ~~more effective~~ **improved** treatment, **and possibly to a decreased incidence as a result of declining use of medically prescribed menopausal hormone therapy**, and WHEREAS, About 77% of breast cancers occur in women ages 50 and over and although less than 5% of all breast cancer occurs in women under the age of 40, younger women who develop breast cancer have a lower survival rate, and WHEREAS, Mammogram screening does not prevent or cure breast cancer; however, it may detect the disease before symptoms occur because breast cancer can exist six (6) to ten (10) years before the growth can be detected; therefore RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urge each member to learn and practice monthly self-breast examinations and to have clinical breast examinations every three (3) years for women 20 – 39 and every year for women 40 – years or older or upon recommendation of their physicians; and further RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs encourages its members and other women to continue self-breast examinations as a way to reduce risk factors and to follow medical community guidelines for finding cancer early since it is noninvasive, does not cost anything and has been effective in some instances.

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to encourage their members to

- **Learn and practice monthly self-breast examinations**
- **Have clinical breast examinations every three (3) years for women 20 – 39 and every year for women 40 years or older or upon recommendation of their physicians**
- **Follow medical community guidelines for finding cancer early.**

Rational: To update

Resolution 1-90 MENTAL RETARDATION LEGISLATION DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS

(Reviewed 1994, 2004, 2008, 2012; Amended 2000)

WHEREAS, There are over 6,000 **90,000** Ohioans with mental retardation **developmental disabilities**, many waiting for more appropriate places to live, and

WHEREAS, Some of these people are living at home with aging parents whose anxiety for the future grows daily, and WHEREAS, The State of Ohio continues to be slow to recognize the ever growing costs to the community for services; and WHEREAS, The necessary solution will be accomplished by an energetic community of parents and advocates working with the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, The ARC of Ohio, (formerly the Association of Retarded Citizens), other agencies, the private sector, and the State Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs encourages its member clubs to educate themselves to the needs of our mentally retarded and developmentally disabled citizens, to obtain current information on the State of Ohio with MRDD, to form effective collaborations with advocate groups, and encourages its member clubs to work legislatively to accomplish better funded services that provide safety, security and the opportunity for a quality of life available to other Ohioans.

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs encourages its member clubs to

- **Educate themselves to the needs of our developmentally disabled citizens**
- **Obtain and disseminate information on the latest resources available**
- **Form effective collaborations with advocate groups**
- **Encourage to work legislatively to accomplish better funded services that provide safety, security and the opportunity for a quality of life available to other Ohioans.**

Rationale: To Update.

OFWC FUNDRAISING

OFWC-- for sale at this moment are the President's pins for \$3.50. Each district president should have some of the pins left to sell.

We have a Ohio GFWC sleeve for plastic garbage bag storage. They are \$6.00. We will have this at the next Legislation Day and of course at the OFWC Convention.

There will be theme baskets to sell at these events also. We would like to thank everyone for participating in our raffles of the baskets so far. We have made a considerable amount of money on these items.

OFWC State Fundraising Chairman
Darlene Gray

OFWC Junior Clubs have the following items that can be purchased through your District Presidents or your club fundraising chairman.

They have the 2014-2016 Junior Administration pins for \$3.00, lanyard's \$2.00, pouch's \$3.00, badge holders \$3.00, 4 g zip drive \$10.00 2pc 4g Zip Drives/pouch for \$12.00 Umbrella's \$14.00 & 8 ½ x11 Portfolio's \$22.00.

All junior items have the **GFWC** Logo printed on them.

They can be purchased at your monthly meetings or at your District Legislation Day or at the **OFWC** Convention and at Fall Conferences.

OFWC Junior Fundraising Chairman
Pam Vines

OFWC Bylaws Recommendations

Page 73 - Article VI Districts, Section 3 - District Meetings
Paragraph b - Third Sentence

In districts without Junior Clubs and *in districts where no Junior clubwomen eligible to serve on the Committee are present*, the committee shall consist of three club members and an alternate. The chairman shall be the member receiving the greatest number of votes. No member shall serve two consecutive terms on this committee.

Rationale: To provide for election of a Nominating Committee when no Junior clubwomen eligible to serve are present at this meeting.

Page 78 - Article XI Scholarships, Section 1 - Scholarships

A-I. The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Clubwoman Scholarship - This scholarship shall be available to members of per capita clubs who need additional education or training as a means of providing or helping to provide for themselves and/or their families and who will attend an accredited Ohio college, university or technical school. *A high school senior is not eligible to apply for this scholarship.*

Rationale: To clarify exactly who is eligible to apply for the Clubwoman Scholarship. There are three other academic scholarships available to high school seniors. Note: This also is "housekeeping" as this was adopted at the 2013 Convention, but somehow not included in the reprinting of the Bylaws the next time.

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A-2. The Ethel G. Swanbeck Allied Health Scholarship. *This scholarship shall be available to graduating high school seniors entering upon or already pursuing a course of study in an allied health field and who have been attending or will attend an accredited Ohio college, university or technical school.*

Rationale: *Some high school seniors may be taking advanced classes in the allied health field. This also is specifying it is for a high school senior.*

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Add new "Letter C":

c. Due to the fact that there are so many on-line colleges and other types of higher level academic institutions that are not necessarily accredited Ohio schools, these schools shall not be considered.

Rationale: It is not the duty or responsibility of the OFWC Scholarship Committee to research the many on-line colleges and other academic institutions to determine if they are accredited Ohio schools.

Nancy Lombardo, Chairman
Beverly Rufener, Sandra Saluga

OFWC CLUBS SUPPORTING THEIR COMMUNITIES

Circle of Charity in Madeira leads to Madeira Woman's Club Property Search

The City of Madeira wants to repurpose three of its historic properties on Miami Avenue, including the Hosbrook house which has been home to the Madeira Woman's Club Clothes Closet consignment shop for at least 20 years. The Club raises money from the clothing shop, staffed by volunteer club members and from other projects for numerous charitable projects, including scholarships, donations for equipment to the Fire Department and the Police K-9 program, and much more. The club also sponsors and organizes the annual Madeira Art Fair (May 3 this year).

The circle of generosity in this area is inspiring. Heretofore the city has supported the club's charitable efforts by charging below-market rent to the club for the Hosbrook house.

More changes are coming to the city: Harold and Margret Thomas of Indian Hill are generously donating money to rebuild the fire station, which was converted from a house built in 1890.

The Madeira Woman's Club would like to find an affordable space in the area suitable for the consignment shop and asks the public to pass along any information about such a property to anyone at the Clothes Closet, 7014 Miami Avenue (513) 561-2117.

Of course if the Thomases and the city could replace just the fire engine garage and let the Clothes Closet use the historic 1890 house, that would be one way to keep the circle of charity going in Madeira!

EDIBLE ORNAMENTS



On Dec. 7, 2014 Boardman Park, the Boardman Poland Juniors made edible ornaments for the wildlife at the park and decorated a tree in blue ribbon and a

sign stating "Juniorettes Against Bullying". They also helped to decorate a tree for the ladies of Boardman Poland Junior Women's League in a red, white, and blue color scheme with a sign reading "BPJWL Supports Our Troops."



GFWC OHIO FALL CONFERENCE TOUR DATES 2015

Lake Erie District
Northeast District
Northwest District
Southeast District
Southwest District

Saturday, September 26
Monday, September 28
Friday, September 11
Saturday, September 19
Saturday, September 12

GFWC OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS CONVENTION MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

(Include with your Convention registration)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

In case of Emergency Notify: NAME _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____ Cell _____

Medicines Currently Taking: _____

List any Health Problems for Doctor: _____

Allergies: No _____ Yes _____ If yes, list them _____

Medication to be taken in case of emergency, where it can be found and instructions for use: _____

Fill in below - Medical Insurance Company, Coverage Verification Telephone Number and Policy Number: _____

Your Legal Signature _____

Complete this information, place it in a SEALED envelope. Write Medical Emergency Information and your name on the front of the envelope. Mail it with your convention registration or bring it to the Convention registration desk when you pick up your packet. Envelopes will be shredded after Convention. NOTE: IF you are attending Convention with another clubwoman, please list her name: _____

OFWC CLUBS SUPPORTING THEIR COMMUNITIES

DINNER IS SERVED!

The members of the GFWC Great Friends Working Cooperatively Club cooked and served a dinner at Bethany House Service for Homeless Women and Children. We developed a menu based on nutrition, palatability for children and ease of heating in their kitchen. We were required to provide not only the food but also drinks, paper plates, forks, spoons, cups, and napkins. We arrived to the facility and enjoyed meeting all the staff and getting set up to cook our meal for the families. We knew the meal was a success because they came back for seconds. We enjoyed interacting with the 15 mothers and their 25 children and know we will do more



projects in the future for this worthwhile cause. Members preparing to serve dinner at a shelter for homeless women and children.

Pictured left to right Patrice Booze, Sue Schutz, Donna Harrington, and Diane Glende.

SOUP FOR SUPER BOWL



Pictured L to R: Debbie Anastasiadis, Julie Vugrinovich, Athena Anastasiadis, Becky Bucco, Breanna Bucco, Jena Stevens, and Lisa Altieri

Members of the GFWC Ohio Warren Juniorettes Volunteer Organization held can collection drives at area basketball games and in local neighborhoods to collect over 750 cans of soup/food, along with crackers, fruits, and sweet treats for their "Soup For the Super Bowl" Project. Over 100 Care Packages were prepared with Soup/Food, Crackers, Fruits, and Sweet Treats and handed out to the families and individuals at the St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen on Saturday, January 17th. "Soup for the Super Bowl" became a reality and was the idea of Juniorette member Breanna Bucco, who worked very hard on coordinating this wonderful project that touched many lives!

DIRECTORY or ADDRESS UPDATES

Please send any updates or corrections to:
Marjean Sizemore at sizemore172@comcast.net

DON'T WAIT!! ACT NOW!!

MAIL your registration/meals form by April 8TH .

2015 GFWC OHIO CONVENTION ~ APRIL 24-26, 2015

Registration, Meal Reservation and Credentials

This form must be filled in and mailed, postmarked by April 08, 2015.

(Make a copy of this completed form for your records and bring it with you to the Registration Desk to receive your credentials.)

SEND FORM AND FEES TO

Carolyn Adams
 GFWC Ohio Treasurer
 414 E. Columbia Ave.
 Cincinnati, OH 45215
 Phone 513/733-3797
adamsc143@yahoo.com

CANCELLATION DEADLINES:

April 15, 2015
 No refunds will be issued until after
 the close of Convention.
 Make checks payable to GFWC Ohio
 2015 Annual Convention.
 Payment for all fees must be enclosed
 with this form

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

See page 28
 For Hotel Reservation Please
 call the Crowne Reservation
 Desk at **1-800-338-4462** Group
 #: **GFW** The Hotel must re-
 ceive your room reservation by
 April 6, 2015

Registration, Meal Reservation and Credentials Form

NAME _____ DISTRICT _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

NAME OF
 CLUB or CITY/COUNTY FEDERATION _____

Check one: GENERAL JUNIOR JUNIORETTE CITY/COUNTY FEDERATION DIRECT MEMBER

VOTING STATUS Check one – not sure, use Page 4 to determine your voting status: NON-VOTING MEMBER _____

DELEGATE _____ Club Office _____

DELEGATE-AT-LARGE _____ Office/Chairmanship _____

REGISTRATION FEE

Fee for All Three Days \$40.00 \$ _____

Fee for One Day Only \$20.00 \$ _____

• If one day, check which day:

Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Juniorette Fee for All Three Days \$10.00 \$ _____

Late Fee (if you register after 4/10/15) \$ 15.00 \$ _____

MEALS

Friday Banquet \$38.00 \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon \$26.00 \$ _____

Saturday Banquet \$38.00 \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION/MEALS FEES \$ _____

Special Meals: _____ Vegetarian _____ Food Allergy _____

Specify Only Food Allergies _____

Do you need the use of a wheel chair? _____

Are you a first-time Convention attendee? _____ 25-year member? _____ 50-year member? _____

Workshop details are inside this issue.

SATURDAY 11:00 am

_____ Leadership with the Little Debbie's

_____ Fun with Tax Deductions and
 Club Incorporation

4:00 pm

_____ Communications-Social Media

_____ Time Out with the President

Register early – so you are not shut out!

4:00 pm _____ check here if you will
 attend the OFWC President's Chat Room
 for Current and Incoming Club Presidents

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APRIL 6, 2015**

**REGISTRATION/MEALS FEES
Due by April 8, 2015
(form on Page 27)**

CROWNE PLAZA COLUMBUS/DOWNTOWN



33 East Nationwide Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43215

For reservations call:
Phone: 1-800-338-4462

ROOM RESERVATION REQUEST

Group: GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs
Group Code: **GFW**
Date April 24-26, 2015
Rate: \$137 per night plus tax (this rate includes hotel parking)
Rooms are available at this rate until April 6, 2015

If you phone for a reservation, identify yourself as being with the Ohio Federation of Women's Club with Group Code to get the special group rate.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

All reservations must be guaranteed by a credit card payment for one night's lodging. The OFWC group rate may not be available for requests received after the deadline.

Check-in: 3:00pm **Check-out: 12:00pm**

Please reserve	Two Double Beds	King
1 Person	_____	_____
2 persons	_____	_____
3 persons	_____	_____
4 persons	_____	_____

Circle Credit Card AMEX VISA MC DC

Credit Card No. _____

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SIGNATURE _____

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