

The GFWC GLR Communiqué

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“Sharing the Volunteer Spirit”



THE DRAGONFLYS ARE FLYING!

By GFWC Great Lakes President Tric Heepe (IN)



Here it is, May already! Flowers and trees are blooming.

Memorial Day, the Indy 500 and GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION are right around the corner. The GLR Board is busy working on our Mid-year meeting in Memphis and plans are taking shape for GLR in Toledo October 9-11th. It is with much sadness that one of our GLR Leaders has had a tremendous personal loss, but we are banding together to make her load lighter while she has time to grieve.*

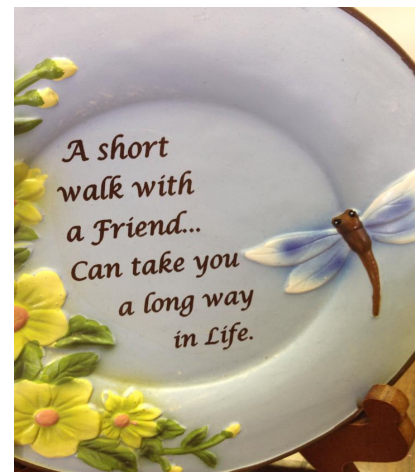
My club does not meet during the summer, so as my club year is winding down other activities are heating up. Have you made your plans for Memphis? It is close enough that I will be driving (with my co-pilot Dana Jones) so we can arrive early and take advantage of the tours. I have been in Tennessee many times, but have never been to Graceland so I am looking forward to that tour as well as the boat trip through the city. The speakers and workshops sound so exciting! I do not want to miss a minute.

Our meeting will be on **Sunday, June 14th**. We only have from 12:45 to 2:45 and that includes lunch, so please attend, eat fast and enjoy! Since our time is so limited, I have asked the GLR officers to put their reports in the next Communiqué and we will devote more time to hearing about the State Conventions from our Great Eight! The State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs are a talented and lively group. I can't wait to hear about their conventions.

The Ohio women are working diligently to make our GREAT Lakes Conference in Toledo a Great success. It is such an exciting city with so much to offer. We will be getting info out to you so you can plan to come early and do some sightseeing. They arranged for the Conference to be in northern Ohio, so it is more accessible to the greatest number of members of the region, so please plan to attend! I have already gotten a little info on State Night, and you will not want to miss it! In response to the 2014 feedback, we will try to have more partners speak and implement other suggestions. Yes, I listened!

So, sit back and enjoy the latest edition of the Communiqué. My thanks again to the reporters, the editor, and other contributors to the Newsletter. This is the Greatest newsletter in the land.

***Note:** Notice and Obituary of GFWC GLR Treasurer Pat Heitman's husband, Gordie Heitman, appeared on the Region's Facebook page on April 30th and is listed elsewhere in this publication.





<http://gfwc.dev.networkats.com/events/2015-annual-convention/>

Are you Ready for Memphis?

By GFWC Credential Committee members, Lucy Devine (IN) and Lin Wilken (OH)

June 13-15, 2015 and the GFWC International Convention is fast approaching. Have you made your room reservations? Have you registered? Hope you planned to arrive early and have signed up for all the great activities that GFWC and our GFWC Tennessee sisters have lined up for us to experience. Your GFWC Great Lakes Region Officers and Chairmen are also looking forward to sharing information and happenings, since our October 2014 meeting in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

As members of the GFWC Credentials Committee we're looking forward to catching up with Federation friends and making new ones, when we gather in Memphis, TN to celebrate the many Club and State accomplishments and 125 years of "Living the Volunteer Spirit" through volunteering and community improvement.

Who knows-we might even have an Elvis sighting at Graceland. Maybe Mark Twain will be on the Riverboat ride. You may want to tour the National Civil Rights and Rock N' Soul Museum's or a trip to St. Jude's Children's hospital. Maybe you just want to do what GFWC members do best and volunteer some time at St. Mary's soup kitchen.

Whatever you choose, we will be waiting to check you in and make sure you have everything you need to make the time spent, memorable.

See you in Memphis, TN.

How are Amendments Proposed to the GFWC Bylaws?

By GFWC Bylaws Committee Member Debbie Bach (IL)

It is hoped that by now everyone has read the latest proposed amendments to the GFWC Bylaws. The proposed revisions are available to members through the Convention issue of the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine* or online at www.GFWC.org.

Serving on the 2014-2016 GFWC Bylaws Committee are Mary Pat Marcello (NJ) as Chairman, Cathy Barker (AL), Martha Curwen (WA), Crystal O'Neal (NC), Suzanne Raymond (ME), and myself (IL). Ida Dorvee, GFWC Parliamentarian, and Darrell Jones, GFWC Programs Manager, assisted our committee when we were in Washington, DC, in January.

I would like to share with you the process the GFWC Bylaws Committee went through to come up with the proposed revisions. All committee members reviewed the GFWC Bylaws prior to the GFWC Board of Directors Meeting in August and our committee read through all the GFWC Bylaws and Standing Rules again during our committee meeting during the Board of Directors Meeting. We were not looking for things to change; only areas we had questions about or areas we thought were not as clear as they should be.

In December our Chairman Mary Pat Marcello went over all our comments and questions with GFWC President Babs Condon so we would have answers before we met at GFWC Headquarters for three days in January. The GFWC Parliamentarian Ida Doree and staff member Darrell Jones met with our committee as we reviewed the Bylaws again and suggested revisions to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. There was a lot of discussion, as you can well imagine, as to whether or not each suggested amendment was worded properly, clearly and worth changing. When this was finished our committee met with the GFWC Executive Committee to go over our proposals.

Our Committee had the pleasure of staying in the newly remodeled bedrooms in the "West Wing" of our GFWC Headquarters. They have been made available for the Committees that go to Washington, DC for meetings.

Not only is this a very interesting job, I am honored to have the opportunity to serve on this committee. I am also very pleased to work with an outstanding group of women in this endeavor.

GFWC NEWS & NOTES MAY 2015

Contributed By GFWC Legislation Public Policy Chairman Becky Weber (IL)

GFWC NEWS & NOTES – LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY MAY 2015

GFWC is a NON-PARTISAN organization, advocating for universal issues germane to the organization without a political bent. Our goals are to educate members about policy issues and pending legislation, while mobilizing members to advocate for GFWC policy priorities.

The GFWC **LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER** is an incredible tool to educate our members on important issues. Not only can we send legislative alerts, we can also send updates to keep our members informed. At the GFWC International Convention in Memphis, don't miss the Legislation/Public Policy workshop. Members will be able to sign up for the LAC, learn how to develop a relationship with their legislators and hear from our legislative consultant, Debby Bryant.

Darrell Jones, GFWC Programs Manager and Melanie Ginsler, GFWC Membership Services and Programs Director are in the process of reaching out to our GFWC partners to determine their current legislative issues. They will be utilizing the LAC to inform members on taking action to advocate on these issues.

I was at GFWC HQ the end of April, working with Darrell, Melanie and Debby. We are all excited about the updated LAC! This tool is absolutely the EASIEST and FASTEST means to make a difference. Please take the time to sign up for the GFWC Legislative Action Center, found on our GFWC website – go to the "What we do" tab, then click on Public Policy and scroll down to the Legislative Action Center.

I also was honored to accompany GFWC International President Babs Condon to the hill to visit with Congressman Marsha Blackburn. The Congressman congratulated GFWC for our 125 years of outstanding volunteer service on the House floor on Federation Day. What a fabulous way to celebrate our Federation accomplishments!!!!



Becky Weber, Congressman Marsha Blackburn, and Babs Condon

Resolutions – What's It To Me?

By GFWC Resolutions Committee Member Barbara Whitaker (OH)

Resolutions are the foundation of the public policies and areas of work of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, your Region, your State and your Club. Only with an adopted resolution can GFWC/your state/your club advocate for or against an issue. Resolutions can be used as tools for advocating important issues and serve as guides, background material for correspondence, a springboard for action. If a particular subject is not addressed by a resolution, members cannot use GFWC's support to advocate for or against the issue, but may advocate as concerned individuals.

According to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th edition, the current edition, resolutions are to be reviewed every four years. This year the GFWC Resolutions committee reviewed over 60, plus the nearly dozen new ones proposed for consideration. The result of that work is in the Call to Convention Issue of The Clubwoman Magazine. It is a must for the attendees to the convention to review them and desirable to discuss them with other attendees prior to the presentation of the resolutions. It is ideal for members to review them, discuss them as a club, and communicate their desired action on the resolutions to those representing them at the convention. Your state officers in attendance at the convention are representing the state and should vote the desires of the state. And, believe it or not, the process can actually be enlightening, educational and (gasp) engaging.

But, this is work and I'm busy, you say. Why should I take the time to do all this? Go back to the first paragraph. Because resolutions are the foundation of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, that's why. In fact, it is stated in the first history book of GFWC Ohio that the movement for federating the women's clubs of Ohio began with a RESOLUTION passed by the Ohio delegates at the Second Biennial Convention of GFWC. (The first being spent in formation of GFWC.) I'm sure each of the GFWC Great Lakes Region states had a similar beginning. Look at what the organization has done over the years – the Food and Drug Act, Women's right to Vote, child labor laws, the list goes on. All from resolutions.

Study the resolutions. Act on the Resolutions. Be involved.

GFWC International Convention

Information taken from the GFWC Website

Preliminary Agenda for the GFWC International Convention in Memphis, TN

Wednesday, June 10

First day of Tours and Service Project

7:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Volunteer at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen (12 max daily, one block from hotel) **FULL**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Graceland Tour

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Tour

1:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. National Civil Rights Museum and Rock 'N Soul Museum

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Riverboat ride and 30-minute Downtown Memphis Bus Tour



Thursday, June 11

Second day of Tours and Service Project

7:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Volunteer at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen (12 max daily, one block from hotel) **FULL**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Graceland Tour

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Tour

1:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. National Civil Rights Museum and Rock 'N Soul Museum

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Riverboat ride and 30-minute Downtown Memphis Bus Tour

5:00 p.m. Peabody Hotel Duck March with Babs Condon as Honorary Duck Master

6:30 p.m. - 7:05 p.m. Memphis Redbirds recognize GFWC



Friday, June 12

Third and final day of Tours and Service Project

7:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Volunteer at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen (12 max daily, one block from hotel) **FULL**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Graceland Tour

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Tour

1:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. National Civil Rights Museum and Rock 'N Soul Museum

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Riverboat ride and 30-minute Downtown Memphis Bus Tour

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 2014-2016 Board of Directors Lunch Meeting

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. First-Time Attendee Welcome and Orientation

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Tennessee State Night Banquet *An Evening of Hope*



Saturday, June 13

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. LEADS Graduates Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Past State Presidents Breakfast

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. History in Pictures Luncheon

3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Workshop Session 1

4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Workshop Session 2

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Junior Banquet

9:15 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Junior Fun Night: Boogie for Babies

GFWC International Convention

Information taken from the GFWC Website

Sunday, June 14

8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Coffee and Pastry Networking Social

12:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Region Luncheons **Hope to see YOU at OUR GFWC GLR Luncheon!**

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Awards Banquet sponsored by Shot@Life

Monday, June 15

8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Coffee and Pastry Networking Social

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Past Region Presidents Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Past State Directors of Junior Clubs Breakfast

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Workshop Session 3

12:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Partner Luncheon

7:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 125th Anniversary Celebration Gala

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME DESK

Tuesday, June 9 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 11 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, June 12 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 13 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 14 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, June 15 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Saturday, June 13 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 14 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, June 15 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, June 15 3:00 p.m. - 4:30

NOTE: Events and times are subject to change. Please check the GFWC website for the current information: <http://gfwc.dev.networkats.com/events/2015-annual-convention/>

IF you haven't registered yet it is not to late but you better HURRY BEFORE the deadline of May 23rd!

<https://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=20151552E&OID=50>



REGISTER NOW

Mark your calendars NOW for the GFWC GLR Conference to be held October 8-11, 2015 in Toledo, Ohio!

Be on the lookout for more details SOON!

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Park Inn By Radisson
101 North Summit Street
Toledo, Ohio 43604



Facts and Myths about Dragonflies

Dragonflies spend most of their lives in the larva stage (up to three years, depending on the species). The adult, winged stage only lasts a few weeks. Mating is the primary reason for their winged stage. So when you see a winged dragonfly, you know it's toward the end of its lifespan. Sad but true.

Male dragonflies can be very territorial, staking claim to a particular area alongside a pond or stream. When you see two adults chasing each other through the air, it is often one male chasing another from its territory.

When you see two dragonflies flying through the air attached to one another, it is almost always a male and female mating.

There are about 5,000 different species of dragonflies all over the world except in Antarctica. 450 of the species can be found in the United States and about 80 species in British Columbia. (Fact, most of the 5,000 species are found in remote, tropical areas.)

A dragonfly's eyes have about 30,000 lenses and a dragonfly can see all the way around it, but they don't see details very well. (Fact, a human eye only has one lens and sees better than a dragonfly, but only to the front and side of them.)



Help Your Brain
May is American Stroke Month

Lyme Disease Association, Inc. (LDA)
Working on behalf of the Lyme Community Since 1992.


May is Lyme Disease Awareness & Education Month

Learn the Science & the Facts.
www.LymeDiseaseAssociation.org

Don't forget: Do a Tick Check Every Day!

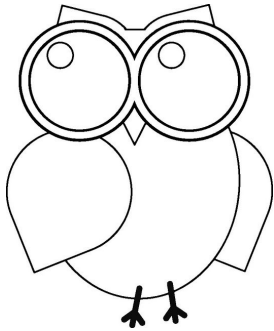
Vendor\$ Vendor\$ Vendor\$

By Lin Wilken, GFWC GLR Vice President (OH)

GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference in October will bring new and exciting vendor\$ as well as some of your favorites. Put that mad money away a little at a time so you can participate in the fun. Jewelry will be represented by Premier Jewelry and Sharon Culross a perennial favorite. She will be joined by Dawn Bolthouse from  The NEW Cookie Lee.

New Vendor\$ invited this year are Carrie Beth Carver from The Pampered Chef and representing a new product line called "in a Pickle" which you will have to come to the vendor's room to find out all about the Pickle. Paula Huffer a recently retired United States Air Force veteran will be representing "Origami Owl" in October in Toledo, Ohio.

More vendor\$ are coming each day but this is just a taste of the fun to be had at GFWC Great Lakes in 2015. We look forward to your attendance and support of vendors as well as the region.

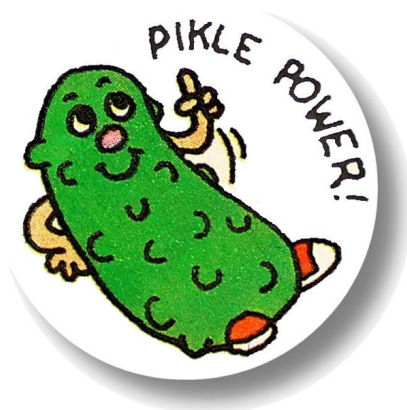


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The GFWC Illinois Officers for 2014-2016

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Trisha Schafer (IL)

GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT

Diane Addante

President - The duties of the President shall be to:



1. Have general supervision of the work of GFWC Illinois.
2. Call and preside at all meetings of GFWC Illinois, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee.
3. Serve as a member of the Great Lakes Region Board of Directors and GFWC Board of Directors.
4. Serve as Dean of District Presidents.
5. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
6. Sign contracts and co-sign GFWC Illinois checks.
7. Appoint a Convention Committee, a Historian, and a Parliamentarian to serve during her term of office.
8. Appoint Special Committee Chairmen and assign their duties.
9. Appoint three additional members to the Strategic Planning Committee, one from each region.
10. Appoint committees for the auditing of the minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings for the immediate prior administration. Each committee shall consist of the Secretary as Chairman and 2 additional members.
11. Coordinate the dates for District Annual Meetings/Conventions.
12. Plan and supervise each GFWC Illinois Convention during her term of office.
13. Serve as chairman of the Illinois delegation at GFWC International Convention in the odd numbered years, and report for her administration. The outgoing president will be chairman of the Illinois delegation in the even numbered years.

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS

Karyn McCarthy Naperville, IL



Director of Junior Clubs - The duties of the Director of Junior Clubs shall be to:

1. Direct the activities of the Junior Organization.
2. Preside at Executive Board and Convention meetings of the Junior Organization.
3. Encourage Junior clubs to understand and participate in GFWC and GFWC Illinois work.
4. Serve as a member of the Great lakes Region Board of Directors and GFWC Board of Directors.
5. Represent the Junior Organization at GFWC International Convention in the odd numbered years, and report for her administration. The outgoing Director of Junior Clubs is to represent the Junior delegates in the even numbered years.
6. Designate a member of the Executive Committee of the Junior Organization to represent the Junior Organization with full voting privilege if she is unable to attend any official meetings.
7. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

PRESIDENT ELECT

Phyllis Skubic Coal City, IL



President Elect - The duties of the President Elect shall be to:

1. Perform the duties of the President in her absence or at her request.
2. Serve as Dean of Chairmen.
3. Serve as Dean of the District Deans of Chairmen.
4. Serve as Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee.
5. Prepare for the next administration when she shall be President.
6. Co-sign GFWC Illinois checks.
7. Appoint a Convention Vice Chairman.
8. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.



L to R Diane, Karyn, Phyllis, (Director Elect, Jeanette T Wells), Elaina, Judy, Alice, Betty, Janice.

The GFWC Illinois Officers continued

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Trisha Schafer (IL)

Vice Presidents – Each one of the three Vice Presidents, in consultation with the incoming President, shall become either the chairman of Communications and Public Relations, Leadership, or Membership with the following duties:

1. Stimulate and promote GFWC communications/public relations, leadership, and membership.
2. Act as mentors/consultants in the organization of new clubs.
3. Promote understanding of GFWC Illinois goals, structure, and processes.
4. Serve as the liaison between the Executive Committee and the District Presidents.
5. Concentrate on communication with, and support of, the districts in their respective regions.
6. Coordinate arrangements for GFWC Illinois region meetings of the Districts when scheduled by the GFWC Illinois President.
7. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.



NORTHERN REGION

Elena Lipinski
Elgin, IL



CENTRAL REGION

Judy Sochor
Cerro Gordo, IL



SOUTHERN REGION

Alice Betlach
Millstadt, IL

SECRETARY

Betty Peters Millstadt, IL

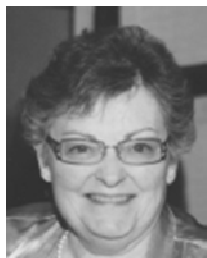


Secretary - The duties of the Secretary shall be to:

1. Keep minutes of the meetings of GFWC Illinois, its Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
2. Send copies of minutes within two weeks after a meeting to the President and the Headquarters Executive Secretary.
3. Send copies of the Convention minutes within four weeks of the Convention to the President and the members of the committee appointed to approve such minutes.
4. Act as Chairman of the committees to audit the minutes of the immediate prior administration's Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
5. Prepare the minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors from the immediate prior administration for preservation.
6. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President

TREASURER

Janice Perkins Marengo, IL 60152



Treasurer - The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:

1. Serve as Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.
2. Monitor the budget and submit a written accounting to the members of the Executive Committee on a monthly basis.
3. Study and review the financial accounts with the Headquarters Executive Secretary prior to each Board of Directors Meeting, submitting a written monthly financial report to the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at each meeting.
4. Co-sign GFWC Illinois checks.
5. Review and prepare a recommendation to the Executive Committee at the Spring Meeting for the disbursement of the interest of the Englewood Memorial Fun~
6. Annually review and report to the Executive Committee the status of the GFWC Illinois 1922 Trust Fund and transfer all interest monies from the fund to the GFWC Illinois General Fund.
7. Prepare and submit written instructions to the Executive Secretary directing disbursements of funds for expenditures not covered by the budget immediately following the meeting at which such expenditures are approved by the Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee.
8. Present a written membership dues report to the members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors at each meeting.
9. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

GFWC Indiana's Officers

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Kimberly Meyers (IN)



The Great State of Indiana may have a smaller membership than our neighbors, but we work just as hard! Our five elected officers work with our Hoosier volunteers to keep them informed and inspired. Our officers have a history of being a snapshot of our membership: hard working and approachable.

Our GFWC/IFC President, Dana Jones, leads our 33 clubs, keeping in touch via email with most members about the happenings around the state and GFWC. She also works with the Indiana Clubwoman editor, Kay Bennett, to produce and mail an informational quarterly that tells in pictures and words what our women have been up to. And she is the head planner for our spring convention which is full of information, fun, and celebrating.



President Elect, Betsey Neilsen, keeps tabs on our five Districts and their Presidents. Districts meetings happen in the fall as our state officers travel the state to share information about new programming and projects. District meetings allow members to have convenient access to our President and other officers in an informal, convenient setting.

Vice President, Michelle Tovo, has the huge job of corralling report information from state chairmen, organizing awards, and preparing a compilation of "The Winners and Why They Won." Michelle has a full job, but it is also a rewarding one.

Secretary, Barb Reardon, is the keeper of the minutes, tracking the activities of the Executive Committee and the State Convention, and Treasurer, Tam Lubelski, collects our dues, pays our bills, and balances our books. She also does a great job of keeping the membership informed of the budget.

Every April members from throughout the state gather in our state capital, Indianapolis, to celebrate our collective accomplishments. We are often entertained by a winner of our Music Scholarship, amazed by the talented artists who participate in our Art Scholarship contest, and amazed by the works of the winner of the latest Latin-American Fellowship. There is laughter, love, and fellowship whenever we gather. We are blessed to have a team of leaders who plan, organize, and implement a meeting where all of our members can walk away with more than we brought. Well, maybe not money in our pockets. There is always something to buy, too. :)



Bottom row left: Dana Jones, President, Betsey Nielsen, President Elect
Top Row: Michelle Tovo, Vice President; Tam Lubelski, Treasurer; Barbara Reardon Secretary

GFWC Michigan's 2014-2015 Officers

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Donna Brown (MI)

The officers of the Great Lakes State, GFWC Michigan are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer; each elected for a term of two years, except Treasurer and Secretary, who are eligible for two consecutive terms. Duties are assumed on July 1st, following their election and installation at the GFWC Michigan Convention.

GFWC Michigan Board 2014-16



Fran Leonard President
Donna Brown 1st Vice Pres.
Susan Johnson 2nd Vice Pres.
Linda Foster Secretary
Connie Hopkins Treasurer

Eligibility for the office of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President is: members must have served as a District President or Junior Director, and Club President. No two elected officers shall represent the same club, except a club which has a membership of seventy-five or more, and members cannot hold more than one office at the same time.

Should the office of the President becomes vacant, the First Vice President and the Second Vice President shall succeed to the office of President and First Vice President, respectively.

Should the office of the Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Endowment/Fox Fund Trustees become vacant; the office shall be filled by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Officers are to keep a record of their work and upon completing their term of office and give materials to their successor within thirty days following the GFWC Michigan State Convention.

The President presides at all GFWC Michigan meetings, ex-officio of all GFWC Community Service Programs, Special Projects, Advancements, and GFWC Michigan Projects, Standing and Special Committees, appointing those chairmen, and promoting same programs to the membership. She also appoints the Parliamentarian, Budget and Credential Chairmen. She supervises the issuing of the GFWC Michigan Yearbook and delivers an annual address at state conventions, and attends and speaks at each District Meeting and State Advisory Board Meetings.

The First Vice President serves as the Dean of Community Service Programs, GFWC Special Projects, and Advancements; Standing Committees and Special Committees. She prepares a two year reporting program for Club Presidents, District Presidents, and State Chairmen, encouraging communication between the groups and handles the awards presentations at the state conventions. She attends and speaks at each District Meeting and State Advisory Board Meetings, and automatically becomes President-elect November 1 in the odd year and can begin to make appointments to all state and GFWC related programs, committees and projects.

The Second Vice President serves as the State Membership Chair and maintains the State member database, keeping it up-to-date. She sets a two-year membership program for all clubs to follow to recruit and retain new members, and is part of the awards program at the state conventions. She also attends and speaks at each District Meeting and State Advisory Board Meetings.

The Secretary takes and keeps minutes and records of each Board meeting and State Conventions; and has custody of all records and papers for GFWC Michigan, not otherwise provided for. She is responsible for all correspondence of GFWC Michigan, as directed by the President of the Board of Directors; notifies the Membership Chairman and President of any club withdrawing from GFWC Michigan and makes sure that all records within her possession are organized in uniform order that will be archived.

The Treasurer is bonded; collects and deposits all monies including all interest or interest bearing funds in a bank approved by the Board of Directors; pays all bills upon receipt of original bills and approved vouchers, signed by the President; submits a complete report at the GFWC Michigan Convention; prepares a Financial and Tax Preparation Report to the Board of Directors and Records Committee. She also compiles a list for each district of all clubs who have paid their annual dues in time to entitle them to representation at the annual convention.

The GFWC Michigan Board of Directors consists of: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, seven District Presidents, Endowment/Fox Fund Chairman, Guiding Harbor/Girlstown President, Michigan Education Foundation President, Parliamentarian, Social Media Chairman, who together, are proud to lead and serve GFWC Michigan.

GFWC Ohio's 2014-2016 Officers!

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Patrice Booze (OH)

The officers shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Director of Junior Clubs. There shall be an Assistant Director of Junior Clubs. The Assistant Director of Junior Clubs shall be a member of an active Junior Club.

No GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs officer, with the exception of the Treasurer, shall serve more than one term consecutively in the same office. A Treasurer shall not serve more than three consecutive terms. No member shall hold more than one office at the same time. Any part of a term in excess of twelve months shall be considered a term.

With the exception of the Treasurer, the Officers of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Assistant Director of Junior Clubs hold office until the adjournment of the Annual Meeting (Convention) at which elections are held and their successors are elected. The Treasurer shall hold office until the end of the fiscal year in which elections are held.

The President

- a. The President shall preside at Annual Meeting (Conventions), the meetings of the Board of Directors and the meetings of the Executive Committee. She shall supervise plans for extending, unifying and rendering efficient work for the Federation.
- b. She shall appoint special committees and fill vacancies of appointees.
- c. She shall approve all programs of work and the final proof copy of *The Buckeye Magazine*.
- d. She shall represent GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs at the Great Lakes Region meetings and at the General Federation of Women's Clubs Annual Meeting (Conventions).
- e. She shall attend the meetings of the Board of Directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.
- f. She shall sign all warrants of the Treasurer and shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- g. She shall serve as the Statutory Agent for the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.
- h. She shall perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.



The First Vice-President

- a. In the absence of the President, she shall perform the duties of the President except in an ex officio capacity.
- b. She shall serve as Dean of Community Service Programs.
- c. On September 1 of the second year of the term (odd numbered years), she shall become the President-Elect except when the office has been filled by an individual named by the Board of Directors.
- d. Excepting those chairmen appointed by the Board of Directors and Junior Chairmen, the President-Elect shall appoint all Chairmen of Community Service Programs and Committees, *The Buckeye Magazine* Editor and Circulation Manager and the Directory Editor, the Historian, and the Parliamentarian, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee at its Post-Annual Meeting (Convention) meeting.
- e. All appointments, except the Parliamentarian, shall be made from per capita clubs or direct members.
- f. She shall perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.

The Second Vice-President

- a. In the absence of the President and the First Vice-President, she shall perform the duties of the President except in an ex officio capacity.
- b. She shall serve as chairman of the Annual Meeting (Convention). She shall work with the Executive Committee and the hotel in planning all state meetings, including the Executive Board meetings, Statewide Summer meetings as well as the Annual Meeting (Convention).
- c. She shall serve as Dean of the Membership Committee and act as liaison to the Board of Directors.
- d. She shall perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.

The Secretary

- a. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Annual Meeting (Conventions) and of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings.
- b. She shall serve as the Dean of the Public Relations/Media/Publications Committee and act as a Liaison to the Board of Directors. She shall coordinate the publication of the Directory with the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors and the Directory Editor.
- c. She shall perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.

GFWC Ohio's Officers continued

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Patrice Booze (OH)

The Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer shall collect all monies belonging to the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs and deposit them in a Federally Insured bank approved by the Board of Directors.
- b. She shall be bonded for \$100,000, the expense of which shall be paid by the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. The bond shall be placed in the safe deposit box of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.
- c. She shall pay only such bills as are accompanied by a voucher signed by the President.
- d. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited at the close of each even-numbered fiscal year. At the close of each odd-numbered fiscal year, the books shall undergo a Review. Both the Audit and the Review shall be conducted by a Certified Public Account appointed by the Executive Committee.
- e. In the event the Treasurer is unable to disperse monies, the President is authorized to do so.
- f. Withdrawal of any Investment Money must have prior authorization of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer and two other members of the Executive Committee must sign the voucher.
- g. She shall perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.

Director of Junior Clubs

- a. The Director of Junior Clubs shall supervise the Junior club work and special events, serve on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and preside at Junior Sessions at Annual Meeting (Convention).
- b. She shall represent Juniors at GFWC meetings.
- c. She shall prepare reports of the Junior activities to be presented to the Board of Directors.
- d. She shall perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.

Assistant Director of Junior Clubs

- a. The Assistant Director of Junior Clubs shall assume all duties of the Director of Junior Clubs in her absence. She shall serve as Junior Board Secretary and Dean of Community Service Programs for Junior Chairmen.
- b. She shall prepare a report of her activities for the Director of Junior Clubs.
- c. On September 1 of the second year of the term (odd numbered year), she shall become Director of Junior Clubs-Elect except when the office of Assistant Director of Junior Clubs has been filled by an individual named by the Board of Directors during the second year of an administration. In that circumstance, both an Assistant Director of Junior Clubs and a Director of Junior Clubs shall be nominated by the State Nominating Committee and shall stand for election at the next Annual Meeting (Convention).
- d. The Director of Junior Clubs-elect shall appoint the Junior Community Service Program Chairmen, the Junior Membership Chairman, the Junior Leadership Chairman, the Juniorettes Chairman, the GFWC Junior Special Project Chairman, the Junior Communications and the Public Relations Chairman subject to the approval of the Executive Committee at its Post-Annual Meeting (Convention) meeting.
- e. She shall perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.



GFWC Ohio Officers front row left to right:
Marjean Sizemore Secretary
Carolyn Adams Treasurer
Linda Crish Second Vice President
Yvonne Ford Director of Junior Clubs
Linda Ross President
Mary Ellen Brock GFWC Second Vice President
Lisa Headrick First Vice President

Back row left to right District Presidents:
Sharon Cole Isner, Esther Gartland, Penny Speyer, and Pat McElroy
Missing Nancy Rolfert



GFWC Wisconsin's Officers

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Sue LaBuda (WI)

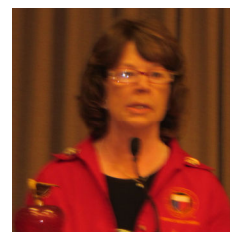
How do we find our fearless leaders for GFWC-Wisconsin, well our scouting crew (nominating committee) is found first, which happens at the first meeting of the Board of Directors and shall be elected consisting of five members, three from the Board of Directors, excluding our officers and two from the general membership. A chairman is chosen from one of the three who are members of the Board of Directors. Then those busy scouts have till January 1st of even numbered year to present a slate of officers.

As we speak those scouts are busy scouting looking for that perfect candidates. Certain criteria must be met for certain positions. For office of the First Vice President, a) previous experience on the GFWC-WI Executive Committee, b) experience as a GFWC-WI club president or district president and c) active membership in a club. As for offices of Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall include a) previous experience on a District Executive Committee, the GFWC-WI Board of Directors or both, b) active membership in a federated club, c) the candidate for treasurer shall have an accounting experience or similar financial background.

For the office of Director of Junior Clubs and the Junior Director Elect, both of these ladies have to be members in good standing, of a club membership with in the GFWC-Wisconsin Junior Clubs and the GFWC-WI. The Junior Director Elect will have been a past or present club president and /or shall have had previous experience on the board. The Junior Director Elect is voted on by the Junior membership, once elected her name is given to the GFWC-WI nominating Chairman to be placed on written ballot along with 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, the secretaries and Treasurer. The current First Vice President during the second year of her term automatically becomes President-Elect.

Each officer has a role/duty to play, some have much to do and some do not. The First Vice President is chairman for membership committee, strategic planning and budget committee and dean of district presidents. This officer also holds a spot on the by-laws and policies and the investment committee. The Second Vice President is the dean of departments and she holds a spot on the strategic planning and budget committee. The Recording Secretary records the minutes. The Corresponding Secretary takes care of any correspondence, the registrations for meetings and the state directory (with the help of the President and Junior Director). The Treasurer takes care of all of our funds. She holds a spot on the budget and investment committee. The Junior Director has a spot on the strategic planning committee. The Junior Director-Elect holds a spot on the strategic planning, by-laws and policies, membership and budget committee. As you can see these gals are busy at certain times thru out the administration.

So in Wisconsin, the scouts are looking for a few good ladies, to help spread the volunteer spirit across the state. Who knows it could be you!



Kristine Huss

Kristina Higbee, Jan Allen, Gloria Teifke, Barbara Pontow, Babs Condon, Kim Burns, and Sue LaBuda

GFWC GLR Member News

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of Gordie Heitman, Pat Heitman's husband. Please keep Pat, Bridget, Chris, Alex and Alvin in your thoughts and prayers.

Pat Heitman is the GFWC GLR Treasurer (IL). If you would like to send personal cards you can find Pat's address in the GFWC GLR Communiqué.

Obituary for Gordon John Heitman

Gordon J. Heitman, age 77, of Manhattan, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Patricia (nee Butler), his son, Alvin Heitman of Milwaukee, WI, his daughter Bridget (Chris) Herzog of Elwood, his grandson, Alexander Herzog, his brothers, Robert (Debbie) Heitman and Gary Heitman, and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, May L. and Victor F. Heitman and his brother Gerald Heitman. Gordon graduated... from Joliet Township High School class of 1955, and he served in the U.S. Army, Korean War. Gordon was employed by Heitman Trucking Company 1959-1967, V. Heitman and Sons 1967 - 1991, Joliet Sand and Gravel 1991-1999 as a truck driver and was a heavy equipment operator. Gordon enjoyed antique tractors and steam shows and attending county fairs, he was a simple man who was content with his life.

Funeral service for Gordon will be 8:00 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2015 at Forsythe Funeral Home with Rev. Carol Currier Frighetto officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service. Cremation to follow. Private interment Manhattan Center Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Gordon's name may be made to the Will County Farm Bureau Foundation's Scholarship Fund, 100 Manhattan Rd, Joliet, IL 60433.

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