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"Sharing the Volunteer Spirit"



THE DRAGONFLIES ARE FLYING!

By GFWC Great Lakes President Tric Heepe (IN)



It is hard to believe that schools are starting again and it is time to begin the club year! If you were lucky enough to attend the International Convention in Memphis, then you are surely still flying high. I came home with so many new ideas for projects

and fundraisers that I am still energized! I was so proud to see ALL of our Region States receive so many awards. The attendees could see why we are called the GFWC GREAT Lakes Region is because you are awesome.

Now that our Region Conference is just two months away, your executive board and the Ohio clubwomen are busy putting the final touches on our plans to make this a rocking time in Toledo. If you were a fan of M.A.S.H. then you remember

Klinger having food sent from home. We will have dinner at the famous restaurant on Thursday night. It is nothing fancy, but a "can't miss." The tour to the Great Lakes Museum seemed to be a no-brainer and no trip to Toledo would be complete without a visit to the Toledo Museum of Art. You can have lunch there on your own, visit the exhibits and still be back in time for the Board Meeting at 3:00. If you are not attending the board meeting, you can linger a little longer and call the hotel shuttle to pick you up. The Libby Glass Outlet is also only a few blocks away.



We will be collecting items for the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter of Toledo and the Executive Director will be joining us for Saturday night dinner.

The President of Prevent Child Abuse America is driving from Chicago just to spend a few minutes with us and GFWC Ohio State President Linda Ross has arranged for Canine Companions to visit and bring a puppy or two.

We will be electing the 2016-2018 GLR officers and honoring the five Jennie June Award winners in addition to one proposed Standing Rule Change and our normal business. Get your reservations in early and let me know if you have any questions. I am so anxious to see everyone in Toledo!!!!



2014-2016 GFWC Great Lakes Region Officers' Reports

President's Report June 2015

Tric Heepe



Since our Annual Conference in Frankenmuth, I have been busy representing you in many activities. After the Conference, I have been in constant contact with the Executive Board and our Registered Parliamentarian, Jackie Pierce. It is such a comfort to have these dedicated members watching your back and helping you put your best foot forward. Thankfully, not "silently correcting your grammar" as my favorite T-shirt says.

I have written articles for the wonderful Communiqué and have stayed in contact with the editor Patrice Booze by email and phone calls. Sheila Shea, GFWC President-elect has been very open and has nurtured a feeling of sisterhood among the eight Region Presidents, encouraging sharing of ideas, practices, and moral support. GFWC President Babs Condon has demonstrated how we can be an efficient leader while ensuring everyone has fun doing it.

Spring was a pretty calm time for this officer, but things quickly picked up with planning of the Semi-annual luncheon at GFWC International Convention. When one chairman could not attend, another would step up and offer to help out. Vice-President Lin worked with the capable State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs to arrange for their presentations to be the highlight of our meeting. The Tennessee Convention Committee was so efficient and welcoming, providing all the decorations and offering any assistance.

I attended the GFWC Board of Directors meeting prior to the Convention where I represented you and kept your desires and needs in the forefront.

I thank you again for the tremendous opportunity to serve as your Region President.

Vice President's Report October 2015

Lin Wilken

Madame GFWC GLR President, Madame GFWC International President, members and guests,

As President Heepe requested last October...just one thing. As GFWC GLR Vice President, I have been busy fulfilling the many tenets of the installation message from Arizona and the outlined requirements of the Vice President position in our Standing Rules. So, it is difficult to provide a snapshot of just one thing since last October in Michigan.

As GFWC GLR Vice President it has been my pleasure to organize presentations from the great Great Lakes Leaders in Memphis and for the upcoming GFWC GLR Annual Meeting. They are a fantastic team to work with and make the waters of the great lakes shine with their efforts to improve the communities of the Midwest.

Vendors and fund raising are an important part of my activities and I hope you will come prepared to support the vendors who bring you so many exciting gift ideas for you to choose from at GFWC GLR in Toledo. New and repeat vendors will be at the Park Inn to greet you.

Of course that one thing you haven't seen yet will be "unwrapped" in Toledo. That search for a proper way to "thank" our GFWC GLR Great President for her tireless and dedicated commitment to the region has come to an end. I appreciate the contribution of personal memories that each member of the 2014 -2016 Board of Directors has contributed to this "thank you". Come to share in the celebration.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the greatest region in GFWC as the Vice President for the 2014 - 2016 Administration.



Secretary's Report June 2015

Paula Schlice



Since the Great Lakes Region Conference in Frankenmuth, Michigan this officer has prepared and distributed the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, the Great Lakes Region Board meeting and the Great Lakes Region conference to the individuals appointed to approve the minutes. All minutes were corrected as needed and approved. This officer also prepared for and attended the GFWC Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, where she attended the Great Lakes Region luncheon and meeting. On a personal note I would like to wish all of you safe travels to Toledo, Ohio in October. See you there.

2014-2016 GFWC Great Lakes Region Officers' Reports

(Continued)

Treasurer's report June 2015 Patricia Heitman

As GFWC Great Lakes Region Treasurer I have received all monies from the GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Those monies have been properly recorded and deposited. Donations received for the Survivor Scholarship were forwarded to GFWC. Donations made in honor of the presence of GFWC Officers were also forwarded to GFWC.

All monies received by this Treasurer have been recorded and deposited. The records for all transactions and the checkbook have been reconciled on a monthly basis and have agreed with the bank statements received.

Treasurer's reports were prepared for the GFWC Great Lakes Region Luncheon meeting; as well as the Proposed Budget for the 2015-2016 administrative year. Copies of the same were made and distributed at the luncheon meeting.

The accounts of the Treasurer are up-to-date and ready for audit.



Journey Through Time

By GFWC GLR Historian Linda Clark (MI)



Happy Summer Everyone!

As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of our organization GFWC, I began to think about the anniversary of the Great Lakes Region. Our history tells us that in 1974 we began the journey with GFWC as the Great Lakes Region. Mrs. Jan vanBlaricom was the first GLR coordinator. The office was recorded as coordinator instead of president. The following two years, Pat Mueller was the next coordinator called President at that time.

I decided to go back in time to 1975, forty years ago and begin a journey through time. Jan vanBlaricom was the coordinator, President at the time. The Great Lakes Conference was held in Kalamazoo, Michigan at the Kalamazoo Center Inn. The dates were November tenth through the twelfth. Their conference entailed many informative programs, including a leadership workshop and a program on estate planning. There was also a trip to the Chocolate Shop.

My time traveling took me to 1985, next. The Great Lakes Conference was held in Columbus, Ohio, October twentieth through twenty-second at the Stouffer Dublin Hotel. Presiding over this conference was Hope H. Niedling from Wisconsin. The ladies from Ohio had a motivational speaker, a personal development workshop and a mini-mart to of course, entice their shopping addictions.

My next part of the trip took me to 1995 Dublin, Ohio, October twentieth through the twenty-second at the Stouffer Renaissance Dublin Hotel. Carolyn Seawell from Wisconsin presided over the conference. Many programs were enjoyed, including a program "Marcia takes the mystery out of report writing". Some things just don't change do they? The women also enjoyed workshops such as "If I Lead...will someone follow" and "Membership begins with me". Do the contents sound familiar today?

Let's continue on to 2005. The conference was in Dublin, Ohio. The dates were October twenty-first through the twenty-third. The hotel was Columbus Marriott Northwest. Carol Rich from Illinois was the President at the time. The conference began with a tour to the Longaberger Basket factory. The Lunch & Learn concept was instituted and the subject this first year was Fundraising Projects. "Care to Share" sessions were enjoyed by GLR members such as: Becoming State Officers, Membership, and Leadership.

I am looking forward to the 2015 Great Lakes Region Conference. We may have changed Presidents, venues and programs during the span of forty years, but what hasn't changed is our spirit and volunteerism.

While I have your attention as your historian, I do have a favor to ask of the GFWC GLR Presidents for the following years 2006-2014. If I could get just a manila envelope with information of your conferences, i.e. programs and anything else you would like to share, it would be greatly appreciated. I am gathering all of this information to send to GFWC archives. It does not have to be your complete yearbook, but I have a box started with the years 1974-2005 and I could finish this up and send to GFWC.

PLEASE contact Linda Clark for further information at Indclrk@comcast.net.





GFWC Awards for GFWC GLR States Presented in Memphis, TN

Community Service Programs

Arts

Category III GFWC Michigan

Education

Category II GFWC Michigan

Category IV GFWC Ohio

Conservation

Category III GFWC Wisconsin

Public Issues

Category III GFWC Michigan

Category V GFWC Ohio

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

Category I GFWC Illinois

Prevention Fund Awards Top Ten

10. GFWC Illinois

Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children

Category III GFWC Michigan

Club Creatively Club Award Honorable Mention

GFWC Warren Junior Woman's League (Ohio)

March of Dimes 75th Anniversary Roosevelt Legacy Society

Gifts up to \$250:

GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club (Wisconsin)

2014 Reporting Year GFWC Awards Presented in Memphis, TN

Advancement Areas

Communications & Public Relations

Category III GFWC Wisconsin

Club Creatively Club Award Honorable Mention

GFWC Hastings Woman's Club (Michigan)

Fundraising and Development

Club Creatively Club Award Honorable Mention

GFWC Joliet Junior Woman's Club (Illinois)

Leadership

Club Creatively Club Award Honorable Mention

GFWC Eastlake Women's Club (Ohio)

Women's History & Resource Center

Club Creatively Club Award Honorable Mention

GFWC Joliet Junior Woman's Club (Illinois)

Youth Writing Contest Poetry

III Linya Guo (Ohio) IV Courtney Davidson (Ohio)

Outstanding State Director of Junior Clubs

Karyn McCarthy (GFWC Illinois)

Junior Membership Increase

GFWC Illinois

Juniorette Participation

GFWC Ohio Warren Juniorettes (Ohio), GFWC Boardman Poland Juniorettes (Ohio)

GFWC Austintown Juniorettes (Ohio)

125th Awards

GFWC Illinois, GFWC Indiana, GFWC Michigan, GFWC Ohio, GFWC Wisconsin

GFWC Clubwoman Magazine Subscription Awards

Category IV GFWC Ohio



GFWC Awards for GFWC GLR States Presented in Memphis, TN

Photography

Scenes

First: Happy Birthday Morning by Dana Jones (Indiana)



Scenes

Third: These Hallowed Halls by Carla J. Noe-Emig (Michigan)



Still Life

Second: Vintage Camera by Carla J. Noe-Emig (Michigan)

GFWC GLR Member News



Joan K. Weick (Iciek) age 73 went to be with her Lord, Saturday, August 1, 2015. Joan's life was defined by love, none more so than the 53 years of marriage she shared with her husband, William (Bill) Weick. Born in January 1942, in Hopkins, Michigan, Joan was afflicted with juvenile diabetes at the age of 13. Unwilling to let her disease define her, or even slow her down, Joan received both her undergraduate degree and master's degree from Western Michigan University. Bill and Joan would build a wonderful life together in Hopkins, where she taught elementary school students, and where they raised three beautiful children Julie (Jeff) Staple, John (Susie) Weick, and Rita (Jim) Betcher. Moving to Gun Lake to begin a grocery business with her husband, Joan remained active, founding the GFWC - Gun Lake Area Women's Club and serving as the State President. More importantly, all of Joan's children would remain close throughout her life, allowing her to remain involved with her beloved grandchildren, Alex (Gina), Steve, Katie (Cody), Megan, Paul, Jack (Jackie), Stephanie, Sarah, Stephen, Libby, and Emily. Joan was fortunate to meet her only great-grandchild as well, Lucia Joan. Joan was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Rose Iciek, as well as her brothers, Stanley Iciek and Joe Iciek. Joan's remaining siblings

include Lorraine Calkins, Christine (Fred) Steffens, Betty (Ben) Wisniewski, Maxine (John) Gordon, Stephanie (Ed) Fletcher, Robert (Lynn) Iciek; along with her in-laws Margaret Iciek, Mary Iciek, Mary Lou (George) Adams, Laurie Weick-Wood; and many nieces and nephews. Joan will be missed and loved by all. The family welcomes friends and visitors from 2 - 4pm and 6 - 8pm, Wednesday, August 5, 2015 with Vigil at 6PM - Kubiak-Cook Funeral Home - 312 N Main, Wayland, MI. Funeral Mass will be held at 11AM with visitation one hour prior on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at St. Therese of Lisieux - 128 Cedar Street, Wayland, MI. Fr. Charles Fischer will be officiating. Interment will be at Robbins Cemetery. In honor of Joan, contributions may be made to GFWC - Gun Lake or The American Diabetes Association. The family welcomes memories and messages in their guest book online at www.KubiakCook.com.

Please feel free to contact Fran Leonard (current GFWC Michigan President) if you have questions.



Facts and Myths about Dragonflies

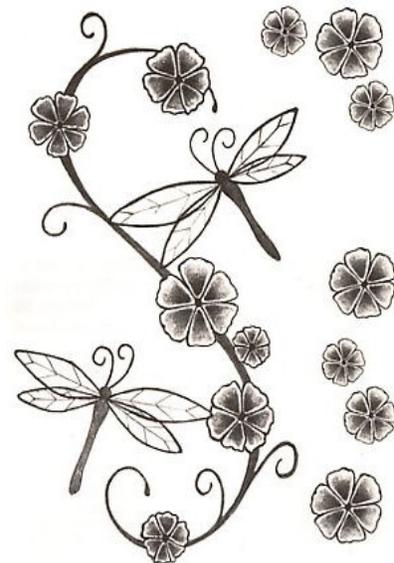
Dragonflies will sometimes travel in swarms, which may be related to weather changes such as the passage of cold fronts.

Dragonflies prey on other creatures through their entire life cycle. As larva in bodies of water, they prey on other small creatures (mosquito larva, tiny fish, etc.). As adults, they eat other flying insects.

Dragonflies can be useful in controlling mosquito populations. Mosquitoes are one of their primary food sources!

Dragonflies are ancient insects. They have existed on Planet Earth for approximately 300 million years. Today, they look very much like they did in "dinosaur times," though they have gradually gotten smaller since then.

The largest dragonfly fossil (one of the earliest) had a wingspan of nearly three feet. That makes it the largest flying insect in known history.



GFWC Juniorette History was made in Memphis

By GFWC Juniorette Chairman Linda Crish (OH)



It has been my pleasure to serve as the GFWC Juniorette Chairman for the 2014-2016 Administration. For the first time, GFWC presented thirty five Juniorette clubs from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia participation certificates at the Junior Banquet. The Juniorette projects that were reported were simply phenomenal. The work that has been accomplished by this group of young women consisted of a total of 27,109.50 hours and dollars donated were \$ 58,774.83. The Juniorette clubs that reported are as follows:

Alabama

- GFWC Alabama Les Belles Junioresses
- Tri-M Junioresses Club
- GFWC Hoover Junioresses Club
- GFWC Alabama Central Junioresses
- GFWC RCHS Junioresses
- GFWC Pelham Junioresses
- GFWC Serenity Junioresses

Florida

- Little Women of Fernandina Beach
- GFWC Temple Terrace Junioresses
- Little Women Junioresses of Ocala
- GFWC Tampa Junioresses
- GFWC New Tampa Junioresses
- GFWC Sebastian River Junioresses
- GFWC St. Petersburg Junioresses
- GFWC Sunshine Junioresses
- Little Women of Lutz
- Treasure Coast Junioresses
- Oveido Junioresses
- GFWC Clearwater Junioresses
- Parkland Junioresses

Georgia

- Tallahassee School Junioresses
- Junior Service Guild
- GFWC Junioresses LEAD
- Leading Ladies

Ohio

- Boardman Poland Junioresses
- Austintown Junioresses
- GFWC Ohio Warren Junioresses

Tennessee

- GFWC, Hendersonville Junioresses

Texas

- GFWC Junioresses of Alpine
- GFWC Fireside Junioresses of Ingleside
- Lady Lobo Junioresses of Monahans
- Bluebonnet Drama Club Junioresses

West Virginia

- GFWC Bridgeport Junioresses

Having the opportunity to read the projects and programs of the GFWC Juniorette's has been inspirational and truly gives me hope for the future of our organization. I am grateful that they are a part of GFWC.

With Juniorette Enthusiasm,
Linda S. Crish
GFWC Juniorette Chairman

GFWC Fundraising

By GFWC Fund Raising and Development Committee Member Pat Heitman

GFWC has two endorsed fundraising possibilities: 1) Terri Lynn Quality Foods and 2) Flower Power.

- 1) **Terri Lynn**, 1450 Bowes Road, Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 741-1900. For fundraising opportunities, you may contact Terri Lynn at 800.323.0775 and ask for department GFWC15 or visit www.terrilynnfundraising.com.

This company has been in business for over 75 years. They have a delicious assortment of nuts and confections. Visit their website and view their products; a tasty way to make money.



- 2) **Flower Power** may be contacted at www.flowerpowerfundraising.com or 888.833.1486. Request brochures, order blanks, etc and hand them out to all your members. If you set up online shopping, you can earn an extra 10%. **The fall order deadline is October 26th so contact Flower Power soon so you can get your orders in.**



Other items that GFWC has for sale such as emblematic clothing, folders, jewelry etc can be seen and ordered at the Market Place that is easily accessible from www.gfwc.org.

"Hand in Hand-Together We Can"

By GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Committee Member Rose Logston (OH)

"Hand in Hand – Together We Can" make a difference. Learn how you can get involved in this new approach to bring awareness of Domestic Violence at your Great Lakes Region meeting, October 9-11, 2015 in Toledo, Ohio (more details regarding the meeting are found elsewhere in this communiqué).



Stop by the Signature Project display table and decorate an "I CAN Pledge Hand" and be a part of the Yes! We Can Project. Hands and art supplies will be provided and you can create your "I CAN" hand using your own commitment.

Think about being part of a circle of members around the world committed to ending all forms of domestic violence, whether it is physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, or economical. If each one of us lays claim to one step and acts on it, WE CAN make a difference.

Think of your five fingers as areas of the issue in which you could make a difference, and then commit to something within one or more of those areas. Think of something in the area of:

1. Legislation
2. Education
3. Communication
4. Participation
5. Collaboration



No idea or "claim" is too large or too small, just make it something that touches your heart and is meaningful to you. After your hand is done we will take pictures and post to our Facebook pages and Websites (part of the challenge).

Please come prepared to take an opportunity on a "Planting and Gardening" collection and look for our Purple Shoe as we help survivors step into their new lives with the help of the GFWC Survivors Scholarship.

Grandparents Give Pinwheel Garden in DC - watch for more details regarding your opportunity – as a grandparent – to honor your grandchild or grandchildren with a pinwheel with their name on it to be planted on the lawn of the Washington Monument in October. Other exciting things are also being planned and will be shared as soon as finalized.



"News From Around Our GREAT Lakes" Do all of our five GFWC GLR States have Summer Meetings?

Highlighting Summer State Meetings

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Trisha Schafer (IL)

GFWC Illinois holds summer meetings in each of our three regions across the state. These meetings are open to all members. And we work very diligently to keep the cost of attending to a minimum!

Held in July, several GFWC IL officers travel to our Southern, Central & Northern Regions. The first year of an Administration we call them *Summer Seminars* and their purpose is to showcase the GFWC Community Service Projects, Advancements and Special Projects, along with any GFWC Illinois Chairmanships or committees.

Our Chairman and Officers contribute articles for a Seminar Booklet, and at the end of each seminar they are passed out to attendees to take the information home and share with their clubs! J

The second year we call them *Summer Regional Meetings* which are organized by our 3 Regional Vice Presidents. They draft a common "order of business" but then, they find interesting, inspirational and educational speakers from their regional area. Here is the recap that GFWC Illinois President, Diane Addante sent out as her *Presidents' Letter – Special Edition*:

Region Meeting Recap

We had three excellent Region Meetings last week. Kudos to our Region Vice Presidents: Alice Bellach, Southern; Judy Sochor, Central and Elena Lipinski, Northern for their outstanding organization of our days!

Southern – We were at Rend Lake and heard from Dawn Kovarik, Natural Resource Specialist of the US Army Corps of Engineers, about how Rend Lake came to be and the multitude of activities to preserve and improve the lake and surroundings. After the meeting, some of the travel team stopped by the Visitor's Center and toured the facility with Ms. Kovarik. She showed us an endangered little hog-nose snake and in response to our incredulity that such a small snake could eat a mouse, actually gave us a demonstration. You never know where you will end up or what you will see when you're part of the travel team! And it's not every day you hear "I'll be right back, I have to microwave the mouse"...



("Put a Nail In It" project, Painting your ring fingernail purple for awareness and to help end Domestic Violence & Abuse)

Central – In Bloomington, we had an excellent speaker, Val Hawkins from Country Financial. She spoke on "How to Engage Millennials". Millennials are individuals 15-30 years old. In a nutshell: 1. Be on social media since that's where they are; 2. Make it fun (and a key point – they like flexible commitment); 3. Show value by being clear about who you help and to what extent, and 4. Build a culture of respect. Millennials want to be heard and valued, so don't hesitate to put young people on your board and then listen to them. Survey members and share those results and offer encouragement and feedback. This works not only with millennials, but everyone.

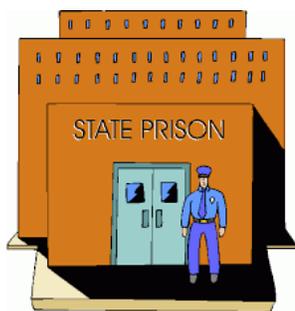


(Val Hawkins, Country Financial)

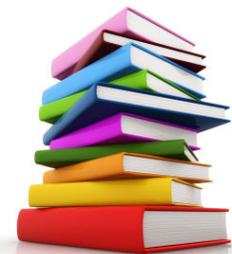
GFWC Illinois *(continued)*

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Trisha Schafer (IL)

Northern – We met at the Trickster Native American Art Gallery in Schaumburg and heard from their CEO, Joe Podlasek (picture below), whom many of you know from the American Indian Center in Chicago. It was a wonderful facility. Joe stated that while the focus of the Gallery was on Native American culture, they encourage sharing information about all cultures. If you get a chance, it is worth a visit. We learned of an upcoming event: A Day to Celebrate and Remember the Untold Story of American Indian People's Contribution to the Military, August 29 (11-8) & 30 (9 – noon) at Cantigny Park, Wheaton. Admission is free.



In all regions, we collected over 330 books for the Statesville Prison Intake area. Great job ladies, especially on short notice! There are prisons all across Illinois and with funding cuts, prison libraries and librarians took a real hit. If you subscribe to the theory that "Reading Reduces Recidivism", perhaps the books you have finished reading could serve a higher purpose.



GFWC Indiana Made Changes for the Needs of the Members

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Kimberly Meyers (IN)

The women of Indiana always enjoy a reason to gather to fellowship and learn. For many years we would meet in Indianapolis on a Saturday in July to learn about the new programming available through GFWC, review current practices, and of course, visit with our friends, new and old. Our State Officers and Program Chairmen would pull together mounds of information and share it amongst the clubwomen who would eagerly take it back to their clubs to plan for the upcoming year. It was always a day we looked forward to.

Over the years, the number of members attending diminished: other obligations, dwindling members, and the cost of travel. The cost of pulling together a state wide meeting for the few members that attended was not a wise use of state money. Change was necessary. New programming came out in the even years with the new administration, so about 3 administrations ago, State officers eliminated the "odd year" meeting, but member attendance remained low.



In 2014 our always wise State officers came up with the idea of convening our "Fall Tour" State District meetings earlier. Traditionally, the 5 Districts met in October and November. If the Districts met in August and September, officers could meet with members close to home, cutting down on travel and expenses for all members. Members would be able to attend one meeting and get all of the information and be able to meet with their friends. It would be a win – win. With only one "round" under our belts, members seem to appreciate having the State officers attend their District meetings. Members and officers enjoy the time to share information and enjoy time together.



GFWC Michigan Summer Meetings

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Donna Brown (MI)

GFWC Michigan offers two workshops, Legislative Day (each year) and Leadership Day (every other year). Each workshop is chaired by a member who is appointed by our State President at the beginning of the new administration. Three Districts provide spring/summer workshops for their members.

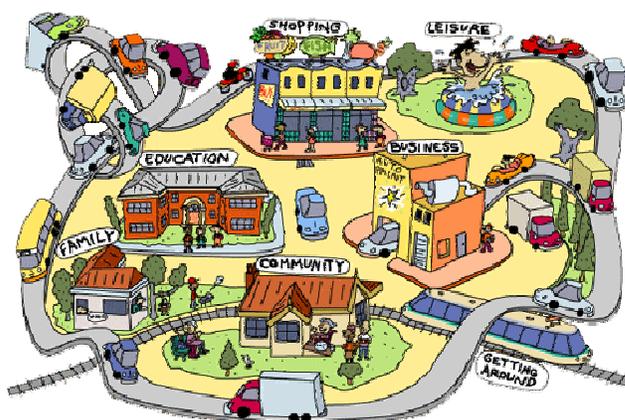
The GFWC Michigan Legislation Day Workshop for 2015, held in Lansing at our State Capitol, was an attempt to increase the awareness of human trafficking and educate members of what happens in this brutal experience. The line up of expert speakers included: two survivors; a Licensed Professional Counselor in the field of Human Trafficking related activities; the President and CEO of a nonprofit agency that provides treatment, education and care to at-risk girls and children; A (female) Lieutenant of a County Sheriff's Office who has recently worked on a team of creating training modules for law enforcement having to do with Sexual Assault; and Senator Judy Emmons who has spearheaded the awareness and legislation for Human Trafficking in Michigan. Question and answer opportunities were given. Attendees were asked to take back information to their club members and their communities to familiarize them with the situation and what to look for. And, to contact their legislators for follow-up with pending bills and perhaps lead the way with new bills for tighter laws. There was a registration and luncheon charge to members.



The 2015 GFWC Michigan Leadership Workshop, held every other year, asked the question: "Do You Know What Direction Your Club is Going?" Speakers included the 2015 GFWC Michigan LEADS Graduate regarding her attendance at GFWC Leads Seminar in Memphis; from the Michigan MyLEADS student program, four speakers from two different high schools, speaking about their life changing experiences by attending our State Leadership Program at Michigan State University. "Resolve Conflict In Under 11 Minutes" was the title of one program as the speaker discussed how effective communication and strong relationships help in resolving conflict. And another spoke about leaders remembering to have a purpose and a goal; that fear is not knowing-go forward and you will do your best; and do we like ourselves? we must in order to help others. There was a registration and luncheon charge to members.



Our Northwestern, Northeastern, and Southeastern Districts provide workshops for their members during the summer each year. They prepare information on reporting, membership, fundraising, how to make media your friend; ideas on selecting members for offices, how to run a successful club meeting/the importance of using a script and agendas; share club projects; District Chairmen speak about community service programs/advancements. Information was presented on accessing the GFWC Website/GFWC News and Notes and the GFWC Michigan Website. One District included a light breakfast and lunch with no cost to members; others charged a small fee. And, of course, when dealing with food, recipes were shared.



GFWC Ohio Summer Meetings

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Patrice Booze (OH)

GFWC Ohio holds a State Meeting annually in the month of July with a continental breakfast and lunch served for a nominal fee at a central location. The first year of an administration it is called the State Federation Information Day and the second year of the administration it is called the State Leadership Day. These days are chaired/moderated by the GFWC Ohio First Vice President/President elect (after September 1st odd year) as Dean of the Community Service Programs. She provides publicity information for the state newsletter *The Buckeye Magazine* regarding the two days including schedule, cost, registration procedure, etc. She also communicates with the state chairmen informing them of their duties and responsibilities pertaining to these meetings. These meetings are open to all members but strongly recommended for district and club chairmen to fulfill their duties

State Federation Information Day

This meeting is held the first year of an administration and is used to educate district and club chairmen, and members on the GFWC and State projects and programs.

The Responsibility of each state chairman is to prepare informational pages and submit to the GFWC Ohio First Vice President/President elect for the GFWC Ohio State Directory. These pages and any other pertinent printed materials are used to make up a packet of for each of the five district chairmen in their appropriate area. The Dean shares with the chairmen the registration count for the day so chairmen are able to have enough copies made for all attendees and for the district packets. The state chairmen are also encouraged to have an informational exhibit with materials for club members in attendance. Each chairman is given a time to speak to attendees about their Community Service Program or Advancement Area.



Packets: The district chairmen are to take this information and make copies for each club in their district to be distributed at their District Information Days held approximately one month later.

State Leadership Day

The GFWC Ohio First Vice President/President elect (after September 1st odd year) as Dean of the Community Service Programs prepares and conducts the Summer Workshop at direction of Board of Directors for odd numbered year summer. This meeting is used to focus on the area of Leadership and to update members in attendance and district and club chairmen of any changes. This meeting is more flexible and has had many themes over the years and has been conducted in a variety of ways.

A Sampling:

"Come and join fellow clubwomen as the staff of the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County leads us in a morning of interactive leadership development and community awareness in a simulated society seminar entitled "In Her Shoes." We will be walking in the shoes of domestic violence victims as we learn how community leaders can make an impact in the lives of those affected by Domestic Violence, the GFWC Signature Project."

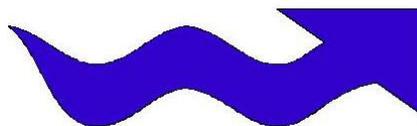


"Are you the Director, the Actor or maybe the Crew? What is your role? Knowing how to keep it rolling, adjust to personalities and formulate the different endings! Ohio will produce its first LEADS program for all members. A Leadership, Education and Development Seminar to promote confidence, share information for club officers, chairmanships and members of all ages will be in the spotlight!"



"This day will prove to be one you will not soon forget and one that will improve your desire to serve in Leadership Positions for GFWC Ohio."

Leadership



Training

GFWC Wisconsin Changes Summer Meetings

By GFWC GLR Correspondent Sue LaBuda (WI)

Summer/Fall Workshop

In Wisconsin, we have one summer/fall workshop. This meeting used to be in the summer, but due to the GFWC Board of Directors meeting held in the summer and EAA- fly-in air show. Now that we moved the meeting to the fall, we get to share the latest information for the Board of Directors meeting, and it is a lot easier to get a hotel for this meeting; because the EAA books just about all hotels in the state for the event.

This Fall Workshop will be held at the Glacier Canyon Lodge at Wilderness in the Wisconsin Dells on September 11th and 12th (Friday & Saturday) On Friday night a seminar will be held called "Decoding People's Personal Perspectives". This seminar should be able to help club member's work with difficult individuals! On Saturday, there will be a Fashion show and workshops from our GFWC Partners such as March of Dimes, HOBY, Canine Companions, Easter Seals, The Heart Truth, Heifer International, Operation Smile, Shot at Life, UNICEF, Sew Much Comfort, USO just to name a few. (GFWC Partners <http://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/partnerships/>)

We tried something new last fall, we had three districts hold the district meeting at the fall workshop. For two districts this worked they increased their attendance at the district meeting. And one just did not promote their district meeting at the workshop. At this meeting only one district will be holding their meeting at the workshop.

So Wisconsin Ladies, mark the date, send those registrations and make those hotel reservations and we hope to see you in Wisconsin Dells September 11th & 12th.

What: Summer/Fall Workshop

When: September 11th & 12th

Where: Glacier Canyon Lodge at Wilderness in the Wisconsin Dells



GFWC GLR Fundraising

BY Mary Kay Ernest (WI) and Annette Andretich (IL)

A special thank you to all of the GFWC Great Lakes State Presidents, Directors of Junior Clubs and The GFWC GLR Executive Committee for all the awesome "Girls Night Out" Baskets and or boxes used to help fund our wonderful Region.

It is always wonderful to see the enthusiasm that is shown when asked to put together items for an opportunity drawing and watching the lucky owners pick up their gifts.

As we are in the final year of this administration, please remember that not only does the Region do fundraising but so do all of our individual states. If you are looking for new fundraising ideas please visit GFWC on Pinterest for many ideas. The fundraising chairman of each state is also available to help answer questions about what worked or did not work for them in fundraising.

We will be collecting items for the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter of Toledo.

NEEDS:

Twin sheets

Towels

Underwear

Paper products

Afro-American hair products

CASH or

Checks payable to **YWCA Battered Women's Shelter**



GFWC Fun, Friendship and Information

By GFWC GLR Conference Chairman Marjean Sizemore (OH)

The GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference is fast approaching, so mark your calendars ladies for October 9-11, 2015. Travel to Toledo, Ohio for a weekend of Fun, Friendship and Information.



Come early and enjoy extra fun and fellowship with your GFWC sisters. On Thursday evening you can walk or car pool to Tony Packo's Restaurant (2 blocks) for dinner (on your own) and can enjoy one of their famous entrees and maybe we will see Klinger himself; pack your quarters, and try your luck because the casino is just down the street from the hotel.

On Friday morning you can hop on the bus, tour The Great Lakes Museum www.inlandseas.org and visit the Gem of Toledo, The Toledo Museum of Arts www.toledomuseum.org. The bus will transport you to both museums, leaving at 9:45 a.m. and returning at 2:30 p.m. in plenty of time for the Board Meeting. Cost is \$27.50 includes bus and museums with lunch on your own.

Friday Evening, Ohio State Night you will be transported to Margaritaville for a great backyard cookout, and some Jimmy Buffett style music, so wear your favorite beach dress, put on your dancing shoes and plan to have an enjoyable evening.



GFWC Ohio will continue the 125th Anniversary of GFWC as we look back through the years to see what GFWC women were wearing. A vintage style show will be featured as part of the celebration.

GFWC International President Babs Condon and President-elect Shelia Shea will be our guests for the weekend. There will be informative workshops and information from some of our Partners.

Plan on joining us October 9-11, 2015 at The Park Inn by Radisson in Toledo, Ohio. Mark your calendar; make your reservation; and plan for a fun and informative weekend with your GFWC sisters.

The Call and Registration Forms found elsewhere in this newsletter.





OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION OCTOBER 9-11, 2015



TRIC HEEPE, GFWC GLR President
"SHARING THE GFWC SPIRIT"

You are invited to attend the 2015 GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference October 9-11, 2015 at The Toledo Inn by Radisson in Toledo, Ohio. Conference Chairman Marjean Sizemore and the members of GFWC Ohio have arranged a wonderful weekend for us. Please come early and visit this quaint city with a lot of history. Were you a fan of Klinger on MASH? Remember the restaurant in Toledo where he would order his favorite food? Well, we will get to eat there if you arrive on Thursday by 6 p.m. as we walk or carpool the two blocks and enjoy dinner together.

Registration:

Thursday, October 8: from 3-5pm;

Friday, October 9: from 12:00pm-5:00pm;

Saturday, October 10: from 8:00am -12:00pm.

Day of Service: We will be collecting items for the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter in Toledo. Suggested items for donation are: twin sheets, towels, paper products, underwear, Afro-American hair products, AND OF COURSE, MONEY is always appreciated. (*Checks made payable to YWCA Battered Women's Shelter*)

Thursday evening:- We will meet in the lobby and walk or car pool to Tony Packo's for dinner on your own.

Friday morning 9:45: The bus will leave the hotel at 9:45 to visit the Toledo Museum of the Great Lakes. We will then travel to the Toledo Museum of Art where you can have lunch on your own. We will return to the hotel in time for the Board Meeting.

Friday afternoon 3:00:- The GFWC Great Lakes Region Board of Directors will meet from 3:00-4:30pm. Officers and Chairmen who are being asked to give reports at the Board Meeting and/or during the Conference are asked to bring the Secretary's copy to this meeting. A collection box will be provided.

Friday evening 6:00: The Social Hour begins at 6pm with a cash bar and an opportunity to catch up with long-time friends and make new Federation friends. GFWC International President Babs Condon and President-elect Sheila Shea will be joining us for this informal get together. Then enjoy State Night in Margaretville as GFWC Ohio members welcome us to their state. Wear your best Parrot Head attire or beach dress.

Saturday 8:00: We will begin the morning with three forty-five minute workshops. Please choose which one will best suit your needs. We will have one for Treasurers, one for Secretaries, and one "The P's and Q's of Leadership" by Jackie Pierce.

Saturday 9:00: The opening ceremonies of the **2015 Great Lakes Region Conference** will begin at 9:00am. The Business Session will include reports from the Region Officers and GFWC Chairmen within the Region. Workshops, dynamic speakers and information on our Signature Project/Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children will fill the day. Last year you indicated that you wanted to meet more Partners. Well, you will meet James Hmurovich, President of Prevent Child Abuse American, a representative from Canine Companions and another from the USO. Again I remind you to bring your notebooks (paper or electronic) so you can jot down the many ideas you get from the presenters and your fellow Convention attendees. Hear the report of the Nominating Committee and elect the 2016-2018 GFWC Great Lakes Officers.

Saturday evening: Saturday evening will feature Babs Condon, GFWC International President, as the keynote speaker. . We will also meet Sue Lane, Executive Director of the Toledo YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter. The entertainment will be a Style Show presented by the Ohio Federation to honor our 125th Anniversary.

Sunday morning:- Enjoy a buffet breakfast after which we will have a morning inspiration led by Patricia Heitman, hear the exciting reports from our State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs and the invitation to the 2016 Conference in Wisconsin, before we adjourn the **2015 GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference.**

DRESS FOR THE WEEKEND

When traveling, remember to wear your GFWC membership pin.

Friday – Comfortable clothes & walking shoes –Wear your GFWC Apparel. **We want Toledo to know we are there!**

Friday Board of Directors Meeting- GFWC Tour Wear

Friday Evening –Margaretville Beach Dresses

Saturday – Business Casual

Saturday Evening – Cocktail

Sunday Morning- Travel Wear

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

State Presidents & Directors of Junior Clubs – Please be prepared to present a five-minute report. GLR Vice President Lin Wilken will contact you with more detailed information.

Please remember to bring your state flag, pole and stand for Saturday morning opening ceremonies. The flag bearer is to wear white gloves.

GFWC Appointees-Please be prepared to give a 2-minute report or as assigned by Babs.

Deadlines – **Please adhere to the GLR and Hotel deadlines as listed on the Registration Form. The hotel has an unusually early deadline for the meal counts so please register as soon as you decide you can attend.**

Please share this Call with all the members in your state and club. Invite them to ride along for a fun-filled and very worthwhile weekend. We look forward to seeing you in Toledo!

The following Standing Rule will be considered.

II. DUES AND FINANCES

D. Annual Meeting

1. Registration Fee

- b. The Hostess Federation shall turn over to the Region Treasurer all monies received for registration fees by the end of the Annual Meeting. At that time, the Region Treasurer shall then issue a check to the Hostess Federation for their 50% share of the Registration Fee. This shall also apply to the Mini-mart.
- c. Registration fees shall not be refunded.

Amend to read:

II. DUES AND FINANCES

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- b. The Hostess Federation shall turn over to the Region Treasurer a report of incomes along with a check for 50% of all monies received for registration fees as well as Mini-mart fees by the end of the Annual Meeting.
- c. Registration fees shall be refunded, at the discretion of the Hostess Federation, for cancellations, if done prior to cut off date or due to emergency situations.

Rationale: To eliminate double check writing between Hostess Federations and Region Treasurer and allow the Hostess Federations the ability to refund Registration Fees under "special circumstances".

Presented by the GFWC Great Lakes Region Committee

Lucy Devine, Chairman

Shellie Fehr, Committee Member, Elizabeth Griesser, Committee Member, Renee Horist, Committee Member

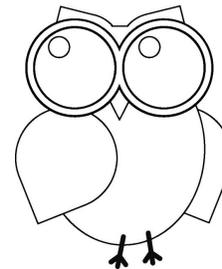
Vendor\$ Vendor\$ Vendor\$

By Lin Wilken, GFWC GLR Vice President (OH)

Have you put away that mad money so you can do some Christmas shopping in Toledo with our terrific Vendor\$ GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference in October will bring new and exciting vendor\$ as well as some of your favorites.

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 Airforce veteran will be representing "Origami Owl" in October in Toledo, Ohio. Perennial favorites in Jewelry will be represented by Premier Jewelry with Sharon Culross and by Dawn Bolthouse from ViVi The NEW Cookie Lee. Indiana potters, Judy Logan and Shonda Ray are back with Hand-made Pottery you'll love to use when serving special dishes and decorating your home.

Vendor\$ are waiting to offer you options for great gift giving even if the gift is for you, yourself! But this is just a tease 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.



Vision, Inspiration, Value & Independence



Premier Jewelry with Sharon Culross

Pottery by Indiana potters Judy Logan & Shonda Ray





**REGISTRATION FORM
GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 9-11th, 2015
Park Inn by Radisson
101 North Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ OFFICER/CHAIRMAN _____

CLUB/DISTRICT/STATE AFFILIATION _____

REGISTRATION (A late fee of \$25.00 to be added to the \$ 25.00
Registration postmarked after the due date). _____

Tour - Friday Morning @9:45 am
National Museum of the Great Lakes \$27.50 _____
Toledo Art Museum (Lunch on your own- includes bus)

FRIDAY - Ohio State Night - Buffet \$ 35.00 _____
Backyard Cookout in Margarita Ville (Casual Beach Dress)

SATURDAY LUNCH - Classic Chef Salad \$ 19.00 _____

SATURDAY - Banquet \$ 37.00 _____
Chicken Veronique

Sunday Breakfast - Ohio Buffet \$19.00 _____

MINI MART SPACE \$10.00 _____
(FOR STATES AND CLUBS FUNDRAISING)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE INDICATE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

GFWC OHIO

SEND REGISTRATION TO:

Carolyn Adams
414 E. Columbia Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215
Phone: 513-733-3797
adamsc143@yahoo.com

Registration must be received by **SEPTEMBER 14, 2015** **NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2015**

GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE
TOLEDO, OHIO



Park Inn by Radisson Toledo, Ohio
101 North Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604
P: 419-241-3000 F: 419-321-2009

1-800-670-7275
Parkinn.com

When calling for a reservation you will need the following information:

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 GLR group rate may not be available for requests received after the deadline. Reservations can be canceled up to 24 hours prior to arrival without penalty.

**DEADLINE
FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS
September 8, 2015**

Group: GFWC/Great Lakes Region
Group Code: **1510GFWCCN**
Date: October 9-11, 2015
Rate: \$95.00 per night plus tax

Parking: \$10.00 per day NOT included on hotel bill.

Please phone for a reservation; identify yourself as being with the Great Lakes Region Conference with Group Code to get the special rate.

Check-in: 3:00 p.m. Check-out: 12 p.m.

Please reserve Two Double Beds King

1 Person	_____	_____
2 Persons	_____	_____
3 Persons	_____	_____
4 Persons	_____	_____