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## Past State President, Shirley A. Mitchell, passes away



Shirley A. Mitchell

Shirley A. Mitchell (Wells), 77, of Wintersville, OH, passed away Monday, July 23, 2012, at Acuity Specialty Hospital.

Shirley was State President from 1990-1992; State Trustee Chairman of the Ohio Memorial Forest and Shrine; past President of the Steubenville Woman's Club; Treasurer of the Steubenville Woman's Club and Steubenville Big Red High School Alumni Association; and a member of the Woman's Advisory Board at Trinity Health System.

She was born Nov. 7, 1934, in Steubenville, OH, a daughter of the late George J. and Lillian A. Jenkins Wells.

Shirley was preceded in death by her beloved husband and closest friend of 56 years, Thomas A. "Mitch" Mitchell, whom she married on Oct. 15, 1955; and brother, Dohrman J. Wells. Surviving are two sons, Kevin T. (fiancée Tammy Burrell) Mitchell of Wintersville, OH, and Kenneth L. (Pam) Mitchell of San Jose, CA; three grandchildren, Jonathan, Katie and Alex Mitchell.

## 2012 FALL CONFERENCES

### **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

Friday, September 21, 2012  
Madeira

### **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**

Saturday, September 22, 2012  
Marietta

### **NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

Friday, September 28, 2012  
Wapakoneta

### **LAKE ERIE DISTRICT**

Saturday, September 29, 2012  
Elyria

### **NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

Monday, October 1, 2012  
Austintown

## **GFWC 2012 CONVENTION**

### **GFWC/OHIO DELEGATION ATTENDEES**

GFWC 2012 Convention was held June 14 - 17 2012 in Charlotte, NC. Ohio Clubwomen brought home numerous awards (see President's message). Well done!

Pictured starting with the top row, from left to right: Patrice Booze, Lin Wilkin, Rose Logston, Barbara Whitaker.

Middle row: Lisa Waitkus, Carolyn Adams, Judy Hibbard, Corky Nosek.

Bottom row: Evelyn Bachman, Carlene Garner, Kathy Ferrara, Lisa Hedrick.

Missing from the picture: Linda Crish and Maddie Crish.

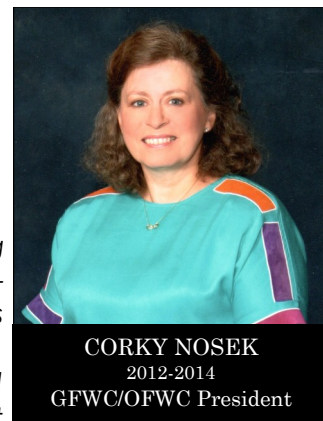




President's Message:

## “About Membership, Leadership and Friendship”

As we were getting this new administration off on the “right foot”, the incoming GFWC/Ohio Board members were excited to learn of the new GFWC Seasonal Membership Recruitment Campaign, “Membership- The ‘Sole’ of the Federation”! Clubs will be asked to “Kick Up Your Heels” in the Summer, “Lace Up Your Shoes” in the Fall, “Dig Out Your Boots” in the Winter and “Pump Up Your Membership in the Spring”! Let’s remember what we all learned at State Leadership Day last summer.....that anything is possible with the right pair of shoes!



The GFWC Signature Project, “Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness” and the GFWC Junior Special Project “Advocates for Children” are both at the forefront of our communities’ concerns and all Clubs are encouraged to participate in these projects. This administration is also introducing some new initiatives, new contests, new challenges and most of all, new ideas for clubs and their communities. Tap into your club’s most creative members’ ideas and perhaps they will want to enter the GFWC Tagline Contest! While “GFWC...It’s A Volunteer Thing” has been a great tagline for us over the past years, a new tagline may be just around the corner.....so send your entries to GFWC Headquarters by November 10, 2012 and compete for a valuable prize!

GFWC Statewide Information Day was a great time for sharing and learning about the upcoming administration plans. Thanks to Linda Ross for coordinating such a fun day and to our State Chairmen for their hard work in preparing their information. Thanks also to Scarlett Ebenhack for taking such good care of our needs and for arranging for the Enchanted Acres facility! A special nod to Stephanie Furano, Directory Editor, for the outstanding job she did in producing our 2012-2014 Directory! Well done, Stephanie!

Congratulations to the individual club members and member clubs of GFWC/Ohio for the outstanding recognition that we received at the 2012 GFWC Convention! Ohio clubs and club members were honored with numerous awards and we are so very proud of all of the efforts by Ohio clubwomen. We were honored to receive first place awards in the following areas: **GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention**, State Chairman Carolyn Adams; **Leadership**, State Chairman Patrice Booze; **Arts Collaborative**, State Chairman, Esther White and the **GFWC International Outreach/Partnership Operation Smile Award**, Scarlett Ebenhack, State Chairman.. GFWC/Ohio Clubs that were honored for outstanding achievement were: **The Women’s Club of Bowling Green** who received the March of Dimes Award; **Circleville Junior Women’s Club** who received the Communications and Identity Award and the UNICEF Award and the **Warren Junior Women’s League** who received First Place nationally for their Media Book, submitted by Stephanie Furano, GFWC/Ohio Communications/Public Relations Chairman. Individual club members who were honored were **Jane Bavely** of the Madeira Woman’s Club for her photography entry which will appear as the February photograph in the GFWC Calendar. **2010-2012 GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs, Lisa Hedrick**, received the GFWC Outstanding Junior Director Award and also accepted the GFWC Outstanding Junior Newsletter Award as well. **2010-2012 GFWC/Ohio President Evelyn Bachman** was honored with the GFWC Charlotte Emerson Brown Award for Excellence in State Leadership. Evie was one of only twelve State Presidents recognized for this inaugural GFWC Award! How fortunate it is that GFWC/Ohio has these remarkable leaders in our midst! With the GFWC/Ohio 2010-2012 Leadership initiative continuing to thrive, I encourage all clubs to promote leadership development in their clubs with mini LEADS programs, leadership style assessments and Leadership FYI’s!

And now.....a few words about Friendship. We were so saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend, Shirley Mitchell. The GFWC and GFWC/Ohio legacy that she leaves behind her will endure forever. Her leadership as President of the GFWC/Ohio Federation from 1990-1992 has contributed so positively to the history of our organization. As the Chairman of the Memorial Forest Shrine Board of Trustees, she continued to serve GFWC/Ohio and the Shrine to which she was so dedicated for so many years.



## Finding Happiness where you least expect it....

**"We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have." -  
Frederick Koenig**



Dear Juniors,

What a whirlwind these last four months have been! In June, we celebrated award after award at the 2012 GFWC Convention in Charlotte, NC. Congratulations to all of the Ohio members and clubs who received special recognition for their countless hours of volunteering and reporting their clubs projects. GFWC knows that Ohio is a strong voice for the Federation! Special congratulations to Warren Junior Women's League, **First Place** for their Media Book submitted by Stephanie Furano; Circleville Junior Women's Club who received the Communications and Identity Award and the UNICEF Award and 2010-2012 GFWC/Ohio Director of Junior Clubs Lisa Hedrick for her GFWC Outstanding Junior Director Award and.... GFWC Outstanding Junior Newsletter Award. Lisa, you are a true inspiration to all of the Ohio Juniors.

July was OFWC Information Day at Enchanted Acres. Thank you's go out to Scarlett Ebenhack. Not only was everything delicious but your kindness for hostessing this event goes above and beyond the call of hospitality to our Ohio Federation members. Bright and early that morning 18 members of the OFWC Junior Board met for our Summer Board Meeting. The Junior Board is comprised of a wonderful group of creative, hardworking members working for all of the Ohio Junior's. I thank you for all that you do and I want you to know how much you are appreciated! During the meeting, we discussed providing a Tour Bus that will be available to all members to transport us to the Great Lakes Region Conference to be held in Oak Brook, IL on October 13-14, 2012. Additional information is provided in the Buckeye. Please consider joining us, I think we will have a great time and for those of you that have never been to a Region Conference, now is the time. Time and space is limited so please notify me as to your interest as soon as possible. Information Day was comprised of General and Junior Chairmen who worked together to present all of the new information for the 2012-2014 administration. The day was well organized and everyone left with their "wheels spinning" and ready to motivate their clubs with new and fresh ideas. Soon, we will be packing up our bags and returning to all of the Ohio Districts to attend Fall Conference and the Gold Star Mother's Pilgrimage. Last year was the first time that I was able to visit other districts besides the NED. I loved every minute of it and even though each district has a different way of doing things, it was so interesting to watch the meetings unfold. I am looking forward to visiting with all of you, and Junior Club President's you will be receiving a letter from me asking for a visitation date during the next two years so that I can start planning my schedule.

Over the last few months I have learned that happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude. Happiness is being given the opportunity to know all of you. Our Junior Pledge asks us to "try to accomplish something, not merely to exist". As you recite the pledge, remember the positive impact you have on your members and your community. You are an inspiration to me and I am forever grateful. Now, it's time to share your voices and be strong club members, for those that need us.

In Federation Friendship,

*Linda*



**"About Membership, Leadership and Friendship"**

(continued from page 2)

She forged friendships with people from all over the State of Ohio in her effort to preserve and perpetuate the integrity of the Memorial Forest Shrine, and for those efforts we will be forever grateful.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful club year and encourage each of you to rise to meet the challenges ahead.....whether they deal with friendships, tag lines or membership.....signature projects, leadership or personal initiatives to Just.... Do One Thing! My hope is that you enjoy being a part of these two exciting organizations..... GFWC and the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs and that you will always, as the Collect for club members gently reminds us, "Forget not to be kind."

In Federation Friendship,

*Corky*

### PROPOSALS for RESOLUTIONS due by November 15

Proposed resolutions for consideration by the Convention Assembly in April 2013 are due by November 15 to Chairman Penny Speyer. Copies of the Resolutions currently in effect may be found in the new 2012-2014 Ohio Directory. Any member or club may submit a proposed resolution.

The Resolution Committee reviews the proposals and makes recommendations to the Board.

### PROPOSALS for BYLAWS due by November 15

Proposed Bylaws changes for consideration by the Convention assembly in April, 2013 are due by November 15th to Nancy L. Lombardo. Copies of the current Bylaws may be found in the new 2012-2014 Directory which each club president has in her possession. Any member or club may submit a proposed change to the Bylaws.

The Bylaws Committee will review the suggested Bylaws changes and make recommendations to the OFWC Board in January.

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## GFWC 2012 CONVENTION PICTURES



Pictured above: Evelyn Bachman (left) receiving GFWC Charlotte Emerson Brown Award for Excellence in State Leadership from GFWC International President Carlene Garner (right).

Pictured below: 2012—2014 GFWC/Ohio, President, Corky Nosek Walking in the Installation Processional.



Lisa Hedrick (left) and Linda Crish (right) are registering for the convention and looking forward to the coming activities.



Pictured from left to right: GFWC President Carlene Garner; Lisa Hedrick and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Kathleen Ferrara. Lisa receiving the GFWC Outstanding Junior Director Award for Reports on Ohio Juniors 2011 Reports.







## Come "home" to Washington DC...See all the sites with your GFWC friends!

The dates are set for the second GFWC/Ohio trip to Washington DC and our GFWC Headquarters.

The tour will be leaving on Thursday, May 9, 2013 and will return on Sunday, May 12, 2013.

As Jackie Pierce, 2006-2008 GFWC International President said, "This is our home." We hope you can join us for our fabulous homecoming!

We're still working out some of the details, but here is a tentative agenda:

### MAY 9, 2013 - THURSDAY

One coach departs Columbus, Ohio and makes its way along RT #70 for additional pickups in Cambridge and St. Clairsville/Wheeling area. Lunch (probably at Mehlman's Cafeteria) and dinner near the hotel - on own.

### MAY 10, 2013 - FRIDAY

After a tour of the Federation Headquarters Friday morning (this may be in the afternoon for the Mother's Tea), we will enjoy a guided tour of the Capitol. Afterwards, tour the Federal Triangle and tour of the exterior of the Capitol Building; then visit the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress. Visit the White House Visitor Center and enjoy photo opportunities of the White House and possible tour of the White House (they will not verify the White House tour until 2 months prior to the tour). From here, have dinner at a place still to be decided and included, we will meet our guide here for the Illuminated Monument Tour (WWII, Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, Iwo Jima, Washington Monument, etc.). Drop our guide off and return to the motel for the night.

### MAY 11, 2013 - SATURDAY

Visit Arlington Cemetery - You will tour here via Tour mobile, which will give you on-off opportunities to see the sights. Time your morning to see the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (we are checking on the possibility of GFWC/Ohio sponsoring the wreath to be laid at the tomb), and see the resting-places of JFK and Jackie Kennedy Onassis, Audie Murphy, Joe Louis and others. From here, travel to Mt. Vernon. Have lunch here at the food court, on your own, and then enjoy George Washington's home. Here you tour the house and grounds with gardens, slave quarters, the round barn and even the tomb of George and Martha. Depart here for Old Town Alexandria where you can take a walking tour, enjoy the waterfront area and enjoy dinner, all on your own. Return to the motel for the night.

### MAY 12, 2013 - SUNDAY

Before heading home we will tour at least one of the Smithsonian Museums with lunch being provided on our way home. Return with some great memories of your trip to the Nation's Capitol.

There will be free breakfasts for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the hotel.

### \*APPROXIMATE COST

*Per Person Cost of Tour	Minimum of 40 per coach	Initial Deposit
SINGLE OCCUPANCY	\$777.00	\$277.00
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	\$509.00	\$175.00
TRIPLE OCCUPANCY	\$439.00	\$150.00
QUAD OCCUPANCY	\$409.00	\$140.00

*Please fill in the following form and contact Rose Logston.  
(Full details will be available & trip insurance available for an additional cost)*

*District* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please let Rose Logston know of your interest as soon as possible – [rlogston@yahoo.com](mailto:rlogston@yahoo.com) or call  
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## Awards • Recognitions • Reports

### 2012 GFWC/Ohio Federation Convention

# MEMORIAL FOREST & SHRINE REPORT



*By Stephanie Rouse for Shirley Mitchell*

As you know, the Memorial Shrine in Mohican State Forest houses the two “Great Books” that have all of Ohio’s war dead that were killed in war since WW II, written in calligraphy. We call them the Great Books because the closed books have solid ¼ inch thick black walnut covers and the pages in these books are 26 inches by 22 inches. They are great in size and also great historical pieces of art.

At the 2011 State convention Shirley reported on the quote for purchasing one museum quality case to keep the Great Books in which the Board of Directors approved the funds at their 2011 Winter Board Meeting so we could order one case for \$5,250. The Mohican State Forest Manager, Tim Humphrey, who spoke at the State Convention, connected us to a foundation that wanted to do something in the forest for the shrine. NiSource Charitable Foundation which is associated with Columbia Gas sent me a lengthy grant application. Many documents had to be gathered including OFWC’s annual budget, IRS status, project summary, and project evaluation qualitatively and quantitatively, and also what the community impact would be. They needed a list of our volunteer OFWC Board of Directors and a quote from Gaylord Brothers of Syracuse, New York for two cases as they insinuated they may be able to cover that cost. Actually last year during convention the staff here at the Doubletree faxed the last document to the foundation in Texas for me. And before the close of the business day in Texas, we got a phone call that they approved the \$10,600 grant. Two cases were ordered at no cost to the Ohio Federation. The first case was delivered in July and the second one was in place last year just before the Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage in September. The Great Books each got a new home where they can both be displayed in the open position beneath a clear 20 inch tall vitrine dome.

Our next project which is well underway was to order additional pages for the Great Books from Dayton Legal Blank. Mr. Humphrey took one of the books directly to the company and they took photographs and measurements to create replicas of the pages. We have reviewed and rejected the first proof yesterday and waiting for the second proof. These pages are recognized as the National Standard for Permanent Records. They are 100% cotton with an alkaline chemistry and meet the Library of Congress standards for archival standards. The minimum number we had to order was 150 sheets and we hope and pray that we will not need them all. Also ordered were 150 Mylar sheet protectors with both being drilled to our specifications to fit the books.

The final cost for these materials is \$3022.50 that was approved by the Board at their January meeting. Because the cost for the cabinets was covered by the grant we were able to proceed with this purchase. We have many projects in the future so please keep the Memorial Shrine in your budgets for years to come.

The Board of Trustees for the Shrine: Shirley Mitchell, Chairman, Carol Buch from Canton; Mary Lou Butterworth from Marion, OFWC President Bachman of Bowling Green and Stephanie Rouse from Mingo Junction.

We were contacted this week by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services with one Army and three Army National Guard casualties to add to the list that were killed in the most recent suicide bombing and they are all from the Columbus area. One year ago Shirley reported the list contained 232 names and including these additions the number is now 257. Since March of 2003, 257 of our Service Members from the State of Ohio gave the supreme sacrifice in Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Stephanie does have a copy of all the names and hometowns if anyone is interested.) **A special invitation is extended to all to attend the annual Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage. It will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> with the ceremony beginning at 2pm. It is a wonderfully inspiring event that everyone should attend.**

The Rolling Thunder group presents an emotional program with a MIA wall and the local American Legion Auxiliary always treats us with coffee and goodies.

The Woman’s Club of Steubenville has reserved a bus that is leaving the Eastern Gateway Community College this year so everyone from the Steubenville area can relax and enjoy the day with a lunch at the Historic Millersburg hotel on the way.



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## 2012 GFWC/Ohio Federation Convention

**CLUBWOMAN ESSAY WINNER—Pearl (Kathy) Mills, The Women's Club of Steubenville**

### “LEADING THE WAY”

Leadership requires a passion to achieve your goals. A leader without passion isn't a leader, they are a nine to five employee. A true leader works beyond the time necessary to resolve the problem, no matter how much time it takes. Passion drives you to inspire others through your own passion and enthusiasm. Above all, you have got to believe in what you are doing. Cling to the philosophy when you have a new way or idea “if you can conceive it, you can achieve it” in whatever you want to do. Very few leaders become great and effective leaders without first being a follower.

When graduating from nursing school, I thought it would easy to become an effective leader. In my first position as a nurse, I learned very quickly that you need to be a follower. The first head nurse was named Mrs. Gillas. She was a true leader; under her direction the nursing unit ran like clockwork with very few problems. If a patient was unhappy because his food was cold, she would resolve the problem. She was so smooth, in the end, she could tell the patient to go to hell and he would look forward to the trip. I was re-assigned to another floor in the hospital and it was in total chaos. All I can say is organized confusion. The head nurse was more concerned about how soon she could leave, no matter what the problem was at that moment to be resolved, she left the floor and went home. She did this even when the patient was unhappy. Subsequently, his anger was directed towards the nurses the entire time of his hospitalization. Finally, she was reassigned to a section working as a staff nurse.

After two years of being a follower, I accepted the head nurse position of the third floor. Using all of the skills that Mrs. Gillas taught me about leadership and providing quality care to our patients, I worked to ensure that the nurses enjoyed their work environment. Our team received a certificate of excellence for our nursing unit from the hospital administration. After four years in the head nurse position, I went to part time to pursue a college degree in Health Care Administration and become a licensed nursing home administrator.

Twelve years later, I met up with Mrs. Gillas again. We were at a seminar acquiring our Continuing Education units required to renew our nursing license. We sat talking during our lunch break and chatted about the many years ago when we first met and how the nursing profession has evolved. She looked at me and smiled. She said “I am so proud of the leader you have become in your pursuit of excellence in the health care field. I knew you had leadership qualities within you when you were a new graduate nurse”. She went on to say that we all have the potential to become a great leader; you need passion, commitment and dedication to achieve your goal. Many fail to become effective leaders; they refuse to follow first. Thank you, Mrs. Gillas, for techniques of leadership skills I learned from you by following and observing your style of leadership. I don't think anyone can become a leader instantly. It takes time, patience and the desire to learn. You must be open to suggestions on how to improve and be willing to accept advice.

I followed some great leaders and some very poor leaders over the years. The last poor leader I worked with is what motivated me to go into business. The decision to start my own home health agency at the age of 49 is still a mystery to me, I now refer to it as baptism by fire.

I mortgaged our home and used our life savings to start Heritage Home Care, Inc. When I started, we had two employees. It took five years to become profitable. I paid off the loan on the house, returned and replenished our savings account and now have 135 employees. The agency now serves over 200 patients and we are celebrating our 20th year anniversary. The success of any project requires a leader that sets examples for others. You have to work along side your employees when needed and be willing to do the same task that you ask of them. One of the great rewards is encouraging other women to develop their leadership skills. I mentored three women to successfully open their own home health care agencies. The triumphs have been possible because a leader uses all tools available to help others succeed! Passion, commitment, integrity, tenacity to stay on task, setting examples and sharing knowledge are important tools for leadership. After all, if a leader implements those worthwhile virtues to others, the human spirit can overcome any obstacle that stands in the way of success!

### **REPORTING ~ New & Improved!**

By Linda A. Ross GFWC/Ohio, First Vice President/Dean of Community Service Programs

Please make every effort to attend your District's upcoming Fall Conference. I will be presenting the New & Improved reporting pages and highlighting the new features of reporting.

GFWC is implementing several major changes that will affect clubs and state reports throughout the GFWC Membership. These changes will also be reviewed at all five District Fall Conference Meetings this fall. Be sure to check the schedule of Fall Conference dates that can be found elsewhere in this publication.





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**7th GRADE STUDENT ESSAY WINNER—Samantha Neral, Masury Brookfield**

### “READING OPENS A WHOLE NEW WORLD”

Have you ever been to Paris, London or even Jupiter? You can go to those places and more without leaving your room. Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere! It is a way to escape from your inner fears and relax, to get away from all the things going on around you; the possibilities are endless.

Your sister's music is too loud, mom and dad are arguing again and you have nowhere to go. Grab a book off the shelf and start a new adventure! Where do you want to go today? Read about aliens; maybe you will discover a whole new galaxy! How about Paris? Pick up the newest romance series or a biography about a French artist. When you read, the possibilities are endless.

When you open a book you can just smell the fresh scent of endless opportunities. Maybe on a rainy day you will learn how to fly or you meet the President. You never know what could happen when you pick up a book!

Nothing to do, nowhere to go? It is the perfect time to sit back and open a book! Where are you going to go on your next adventure?

### STATE FEDERATION INFORMATION DAY HELD JULY 21, 2012



### CONVENTION CORNER

*Convention news, evaluation comments and information just for you!*

- Registration was painless – very easy!
- This was my first convention but not my last!
- President's Coffee – What a joyous time of sweet sharing and getting to know each other. We were deeply bonded by the end, as well as inspired (loved the tea cup).
- Member Author Workshop- resources within our organization is unlimited! Once a member attends, she goes back to her club and reports. The members get excited and attend next year.
- Vendors were excellent, reasonably priced, nice variety and need to stay open longer in the evening.
- Speaker Mary Ellen Laister – So personable, exciting and inspires us all to get busy. She will make a great GFWC President.
- Have two qualified judges for the photo contest and change deadline for entries.
- I had a great time. I thank all those workers who set up everything and the decorations were outstanding. We will miss Book-woman and the Enforcer.

Thanks to the Members for their comments and suggestions. Did you report on the activities as well as the awards at your clubs? See you April 26-28, 2013.

*Lisa Hedrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Convention Chairman*

## SIGNATURE PROJECTS

### **GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS and PREVENTION—**

**Lisa Waitkus [lmwaitkus@yahoo.com]**

The goal of the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention is to increase awareness and prevention of the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse in communities across the nation. The GFWC Signature Project speaks with one voice against abuse of intimate partner abuse, child abuse, teen dating violence, bullying, human trafficking and elder abuse.

Ohio's goal is for 1000 club women to sign a pledge to take a stand against domestic violence. Cards were distributed to take back to the clubs for signatures. Envelopes to mail the collected, signed cards back were also available for District Presidents. There are many ideas for our clubs to spread the word and increase awareness that were presented at Ohio's Information Day. Ohio's craft idea to increase awareness is to make a simple bracelet to distribute or sell for \$1 or \$2. All proceeds to be given to the club's local shelter or to the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship. The bracelet can be a hands on project. When selling or distributing the bracelets they can be attached to a card with teen dating violence quick facts. Contact Lisa Waitkus for instructions on making bracelets if you did not receive the instructions at State Information Day. We are also still participating in the Pinwheels for Prevention.

There are three types of Community Service projects for the Signature Project. **Step Away From Abuse** Projects include donations with an attached message of support and encouragement. **Step Up The Comfort** Projects include many items to put together for the comfort of those in the shelters, and would be distributed to the local shelters. They include many creative projects like the purse project, or birthday bags, pajama parties, first night kits, anger kits, and more. **Step Up To The Future** Projects include work with organizations or local shelters to help make a difference by aiding survivors on the road to recovery and into the working world.

GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship is a \$1000.00 scholarship that is awarded annually in June to up to eight domestic violence survivors to help them pursue their education and career dreams. Your State Co-Chairmen for the GFWC Signature Project are Evelyn Bachman and Lisa Waitkus.

### **Junior Special Project Advocates for Children—Renee Maiorca [reneemaiorca@rocketmail.com]**

The goal for our Junior Special Project, Advocates for Children, will be to educate, advocate and engage others to become active advocates for children.

There are so many challenges facing children these days they need our help now more than ever. Children with disabilities and their families face challenges every day. We can help by volunteering at local schools and camp programs that provide opportunities for children with disabilities to participate in activities they normally would be excluded from. By getting involved with Special Olympics in your area; helping out at their fund-raising events or supporting a special athlete. Getting involved with "Friends Who Care", a program designed to help children understand what it means to be a young person with a disability or by sponsoring dances, holiday parties or craft programs for young persons with special needs.

Healthy Lifestyles are important for everyone, especially children. Provide programs for families on how to eat healthy and the importance of regular exercise. Team up with your local athletic associations, schools or parks to help get children more involved in physical activities. Help teach children healthy habits for life with the support of your local hospital or doctor's office.

Many children are in the Foster Care system and we can help by supporting foster parents in achieving safety, permanence, and well being for the children in their care. Provide backpacks for children in the Foster Care system for their first day in a new school; help to recruit new foster families and help educate your community on the importance of good foster care. Throw an adoption party for the children who are lucky enough to be adopted by a loving family.

Our GFWC Partnerships for Advocates for Children are Emergency Medical Services for Children and Inmed Partnerships for Children. Please support these partnerships.

### **THE BLUE BOOK OF DISTINGUISHED WOMEN—Barbara Whitaker [gfwcglr@sbcglobal.net]**

The Blue Book of Distinguished Women was established in 1964 to honor those women in Ohio who have made significant contributions to their clubs, communities and state. A name to be recorded in the book may be sponsored by an individual or by a club along with a ten dollar (\$10.00) donation. One name may be recorded more than one time, provided a donation of ten dollars (\$10.00) is submitted each time. Each person submitted will also receive a certification of inclusion in the book. The monies collected are used to assist in the administration of the State Federation.

### **EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERSHIP—Katie Liekoski [Quiltkatie@sbcglobal.net]**

From GFWC: GFWC is currently working towards formalizing a partnership with the American Library Association. As we are still in the negotiation process, final details are not available at this time. Please refer to the online version of the *GFWC Club Manual* as well as *News & Notes* and *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine* for future, updated information.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS

### ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE—Jean Anne Chaney [jachaney461@aol.com]

Art is essential to the quality of life! It is designed to inspire clubwomen to engage the creative ambiance within their lives. It can include programs and projects that include music, dance, drama, theatre and other arts-related areas, both traditional and innovative.

We have a new contest for all who have music on your mind. There are two categories which are Visual excluding photography and Audio (sound). Under the Visual category, create a WORKING musical instrument out of whatever items you choose. For the Audio category, create a PLAYABLE CD or cassette tape of an original musical composition of your creation (no more than two minutes in length).

These need to be taken to the 2013 or 2014 Conventions and handed in one hour prior to the Opening Session (Friday) in the Arts area. If you aren't going to attend have another club woman take the item which needs to have a signed release form with it (found in the OFWC Directory).

Attention all PHOTOGRAPHERS: there are a number of new rules for the contests for the next two years. These are all sent from GFWC. You will find a copy of all of these rules in the Directory. Note that there are rules that apply to all photos and there are additional rules for each category. Several but not all of the changes are: each submission MUST be an 8" x 10" print. Electronic submissions will NOT BE CONSIDERED. Each submission must be on a rigid 8" x 10" mount board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8". DO NOT submit photos with mats or frames, nor hangers on the back. Clubwomen enjoy the ARTS!

### ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERSHIP—Esther White [esther1316@sbcglobal.net]

The **AMERICAN MURAL PROJECT 2012-2014** is the Partnership project.

Our clubs are encouraged to promote this largest collaboration piece of indoor artwork in the world, celebrating American ingenuity, productivity and commitment to work. We can do that by : **Faces Make Places: Celebrating Workers in Our Communities**—honoring people in your community who have special skills or contributions by providing a venue for the community to join in the honor, plus spreading the mission of the American Mural Project. Clubs can host an **Art Project Honoring Important People in Your Community** – children and adults can create portraits conveying their work; provide a space to display the art; assemble portraits to form a collaborative art piece that celebrates the people in the community; host an event to celebrate the artists; and raise funds to benefit the American Mural Project.

### CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM—Stephanie Rouse [mingorouse@comcast.net]

Our natural resources are among our most precious treasures. Conservation Community Service Program encourages members to gain an appreciation for our environment through preservation, maintenance and restoration of our natural resources and stimulate citizen action to address these concerns. Our natural resources include but are not limited to, water, trees, plants, air, land and wildlife.

#### Goal: To preserve our natural resources

☐ Learn about natural resources such as water, oil, gas and coal ☐ Promote preservation through programs in local schools ☐ Encourage use of geothermal and solar energy and wind power ☐ Participate in Ohio River Sweep the 3rd Saturday in June [www.orsanco.org](http://www.orsanco.org) ☐ Go to American Rivers website to find other river clean-ups for Miami River and Lake Erie and others [www.americanrivers.org](http://www.americanrivers.org) ☐ Invite local experts to speak at club meetings ☐ Write letters to the editor and press releases about important conservation issues in your local area ☐ Preserve Ohio Wetlands and natural habitats to protect area

Community Service Projects, formerly known as Collaborations, are programs and projects members initiate and participate in to serve their communities—they do not include GFWC partners. This section is where the clubs will report all programs and projects that are specifically related to Conservation Community Service Program that can involve other members of the community, other organizations, or the individual club members.



### Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimage at the Memorial Shrine

Sunday, September 30, 2012 @ 2:00 pm

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



## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS

### CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERSHIP—Linda Rogaliner [angelwings44095@yahoo.com]

GFWC partners are the organizations listed with whom GFWC has established a formal relationship and mutual understanding. Our partners offer unique and customized services: materials, speakers, kits and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs. They are aware of our clubs' specific needs, our organizational structure, and have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with GFWC and will assist in monitoring the donations generated by GFWC members.

#### Goal: Practice the 3 R's: Reduce – Reuse – Recycle

☐ Participate in pull tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses or other charities & report pounds collected ☐ Advocate for improved recycling and conservation programs ☐ Use reusable tote bags for shopping and fill your own personal water bottle to reduce waste ☐ Recycle clothing by donating to charities ☐ Organize a collection for unwanted electronics such as computers, printers and televisions ☐ Donate cell phones to Domestic Violence Shelters & other charities ☐ Collect eye glasses for your local Lion's Club ☐ Donate books and magazines to local nursing homes & doctor's waiting rooms ☐ Implement energy conservation practices in your home, workplace and your community.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS—Barbara Whitaker [gfwcglr@sbcglobal.net]

To gain and retain members, make your club known in the community and keep abreast of the latest news, communications and public relations are vital. Use COMMUNICATIONS tools to connect with members and the community. There are numerous tools at your disposal. By using a variety of them you can reach all. By BRANDING your club as a part of GFWC/Ohio and GFWC, you become a part of the collective identity that conveys that image of friendship and volunteerism. PUBLIC RELATIONS is a strategic communications program, a mutually beneficial relationship between the organization and the public. Public Relations is in everything you do, from your appearance, to the response to incoming communications from the media, to the content of your publications. The GFWC Media Book Contest is now the MEDIA CAMPAIGN CONTEST. The Media Campaign Contest recognizes significant public relations accomplishments through the use of social media, video, and/or other new media efforts, in addition to the more traditional communication methods. The NEWSLETTER CONTEST encourages clubs to establish a strong newsletter program aimed at increasing awareness about ongoing projects, programs, events, and issues that affect GFWC members and communities. The WEBSITE CONTEST aims to challenge clubs to employ their websites as membership tools with organized and updated content that presents a professional and credible source of information. Appointing an active communications and public relations team is a necessity, not an option. Being your community's best kept secret does not bring you new members or funds with which to do your volunteer work.

### HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERSHIP—Pat McElroy [pamcelroy@gmail.com]

As Home Life Community Service Partnership State Chairman, I would like to encourage you to have a Home Life Moment at each club meeting. Home Life projects can educate you as an individual as well as the whole community through education and events to raise money. For this 2012-2014 administration, our Partnerships are Canine Companions for Independence ([www.cci.org](http://www.cci.org)), National Osteoporosis Foundation ([www.nof.org](http://www.nof.org)), Easter Seals ([www.EasterSeals.com](http://www.EasterSeals.com)), and Inside Knowledge – Information about Gynecologic Cancer ([www.cdc.gov/cancer/knowledge](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/knowledge)). Each of their websites give many opportunities for you and your club – from raising puppies, hosting a “Pearls of Strength” event, helping with the “Walk With Me” event, or “Getting to Know the Facts” about cancer. I encourage you, as a program chairperson and as a club member, to check out the websites. I guarantee you will learn something that will better your life, something to share with others or ideas for events for your community. If you need more information, please contact me at [pamcelroy@gmail.com](mailto:pamcelroy@gmail.com) or 614-266-1510. Remember ONE meeting can change ONE member's life through education and promotion of our partnership organizations in Home Life.

### HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM---Mary Witkowski [mwitkowski@zoominternet.net]

Home Life impacts the well-being of individuals, families and communities by offering information and volunteer opportunities. Programs focus on financial security/independence, healthy lifestyle, disease prevention/treatment, hunger, homelessness and the needs of the elderly and disabled.

Goals for Home Life programs are the following:

Educating For A Healthy Future-- Programs to meet these goals can include participation in health fair/information day, sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive, dissemination of information regarding gynecological cancers and low cost screenings available in the community.

Caring for the Underserved, Elderly, and Disabled—Food/paper goods collections for food pantries and shelters, toiletry showers for women's shelters, game nights for nursing home or group home residents, and sponsoring a holiday for a needy family in the community are ways to improve the quality of life for the populations for those person with unmet needs in our

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### HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (continued from page 12)

communities.

Promoting Financial Independence and Security—Sponsoring a mini financial seminar for the community, sponsoring an investment club using faux money for middle school students, offering a workshop for high school and college students addressing financing higher education, building credit and use of credit and credit scores are programs which will assist community members in understanding how to achieve financial goals.

Home Life is the sponsor of the Clubwoman Essay contest for 2012-2014. The topic of the essay is “Change is Within Me”. Deadline for the essay contest is February 1, 2013. The essay contest is open to *ALL* GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs per capita members. Please refer to the Clubwoman Essay Contest information in the Ohio Federation Directory for instructions/eligibility to participate in the contest.

### EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)—Karen Matthews [ksmatthews45714@yahoo.com]

Alpha Delta Chapter of GFWC/ESO is a structured reading program designed to provide clubwomen with encouragement and direction to assist in self-fulfillment and personal growth. It is a non-social educational sorority open to any per capita member of GFWC/Ohio. Dues are \$3.00 per administration. Enrollment forms can be found in *The Directory* and on the GFWC/Ohio website. **LEARN** through several forms of communication such as books, audio and video materials, continuing education classes, college courses, spiritual study courses, computer-generated courses, educational television and on-line study (distance learning). The only limitation is that the material be of some educational value and not solely for entertainment. Novels are acceptable if they demonstrate research by the author into geography, a profession or skill, social behavior or culture.

**REPORT** on the completed materials to the Reading Chairman via postal mail or email using the report found on the GFWC/Ohio website, in *The Directory* or on an index card – as long as it contains the pertinent information. **MEMBER** level is obtained after reading 16 books, 4 in each of 4 Community Service Programs. Membership is achieved at the individual’s own pace, using materials of interest to achieve self-improvement and life-long learning. **ESO Reading Groups** may be formed within a club and can be a membership recruitment and retention tool.

### EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM—Barbara Savarin [jsavarin@aol.com]

The objective of the GFWC/OFWC Education Community Service Program is to improve literacy and education awareness in communities at home and around the state.

Clubwomen are encouraged to support educational opportunities for all ages in their communities; promote and support ESO, in addition to supporting libraries.

Program ideas are endless. Following are some program and project ideas to consider. Hold a “How to Use the Library” program for local students; promote OFWC/GFWC scholarships, host events in conjunction with your local libraries, recruit adult tutors, start a book club, donate books, apply for the GFWC Focus on Literacy Grant or hold a fund-raiser to benefit the GFWC Disaster Relief-Library Replenishment Fund.

To find other program and project ideas consider the following websites; Reach Out and Read, Reading Rockets, United through Reading, The Dictionary Project and the National Institute for Literacy.

Refer to the OFWC and GFWC club manuals for more comprehensive information and ideas.

### LEADERSHIP “CONNECTING THE DOTS”—Harriett Groh & Nina Lowery [Harriett.Groh@emerson.com] [twinleggs6831@sbcglobal.net]

*Good leaders are made not born. If you have the desire and willpower, you can become an effective leader. Good leaders develop through a never ending process of self-study, education, training and experience.*

The 2012-2014 State Leadership Team theme is “Connecting the DOTS”. How many have seen the movie/cartoon “101 Dalmatians”? As you know the puppies have spots or dots on their bodies. The number 101 is actually pushing one’s limit. Doing extra if necessary. If you think that an idea is working, one should not be contented, rather take a leap. for the impossible.” The number 1 added to 100 is what we call the S-T-R-E-T-C-H. This administration clubs are asked to “stretch” in terms of leadership. Highlights of the four action plans are:

#### **Be Smart**

Nominate an outstanding club leader for the JENNIE Award and submit a candidate for the LEADS Program.

#### **Be Creative**

Watch a Disney movie as a club activity and discuss the leadership lesson from the movie.

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### **LEADERSHIP “CONNECTING THE DOTS”** *(continued from page 13)*

#### **Be Organized**

Invite a professional organizer to a club meeting to discuss organizational skills and provide tips on how to become better organized.

#### **Be Resourceful**

Prepare for the future by sponsoring youth to attend leadership seminars/workshops such as Buckeye Girls State, HOBY-Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar, FCCLA - Family Career & Community Leaders of America.

The State Leadership Team challenges all clubs and club members to “think outside the box” to “Connect the Leadership Dots”. Please refer to GFWC/Ohio Federation Directory for full details of the Leadership Action Plans.

### **PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM—Margaret Resar [mmresar@yahoo.com]**

My objective is to connect members with effective projects and activities relating to civic engagement. In the area of Citizenship I would like everyone to increase patriotism and pride in our heritage, (fly your flags, help someone study for their Citizenship test); preserve historic sites, monuments and homes (help with fundraisers, cleaning, etc); participate in the legislative process (help with Candidates nights, discuss the issues and vote, observe National Day of Remembrance and Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 pm on Memorial Day each year and encourage qualified women to seek elected or appointed offices).

In the area of Veterans Affairs, conduct programs and projects to recognize and honor veterans, provide resources to support military families (volunteer at community veteran facilities, assist and advocate for severely wounded, ill, or injured soldiers, promote the hiring of returning veterans etc.); invite returning service men and women to speak at your meetings; send care packages to the troops (Boatsie's Boxes or other similar organizations).

In the area of Emergency Preparedness, work with law enforcement and first responders to increase public awareness; provide in-kind and financial assistance to disaster victims; sponsor First Aid and CPR classes. (Build a kit for disaster preparedness, educate communities on the need for emergency provisions, etc.)

In the area of Safety, provide programs, tools and training on home, auto and Internet safety (home fire drills, safe storage of combustibles, special safety concerns for children and older adults, change batteries in smoke detectors when the time changes); get involved with National Night Out Events.

### **LEGISLATION, PUBLIC POLICY and RESOLUTIONS—Penny Speyer [Alpen511@sbcglobal.net]**

An Advocate is a person who speaks, pleads or writes in support of a cause, idea or policy. A GFWC Clubwoman is a person dedicating her time and talents to pursue an issue.

Mixing these two powerful persons, an advocacy in action is formed. More than 100 years of GFWC advocacy has garnered such results as child labor laws, women's suffrage, pure food and drug statutes, rights for people with disabilities and domestic violence programs. Now it is time for us to find new causes that need our attention.

Advocating is a way that clubwomen can make themselves seen and heard in their communities and at state or national levels. Resolutions can be used to advocate for or against an issue. Concerns can be made known by contacting your elected officials and knowing how the legislative process works. Club members can be informed about legislative issues thru a Legislative Committee. Clubs can present programs about pertinent issues which affect women and children. The names and addresses of local, state, and national elected officials can be made available for club members.

The GFWC Resolutions and the OFWC Resolutions are the foundation of our public policy initiatives and determine our position on legislative issues and subsequent action. They reflect the Federation's consensus on issues of national and international importance. All clubwomen are encouraged to become familiar with the resolutions and use them to advocate for change at local, state, and national levels.

As a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization, GFWC may advocate for or against special issues, but by law cannot endorse or oppose candidates. Members can support candidates as individuals, but not on behalf of GFWC.



*Passing.....*

**Thomas A. (Mitch) Mitchell**- Husband of the late Shirley A. Mitchell of Steubenville, passed away April 17, 2012. Shirley passed away July 25, 2012. (see front page)





**GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE**  
**OCTOBER 12-13, 2012**  
**CHICAGO MARRIOTT OAK BROOK HILLS RESORT**  
3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, Illinois  
(630) 850-5555

**HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION**

TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR RESERVATIONS: 1-800-228-9290

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** September 20, 2012  
Room Rate may not be available after this date.

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Nights \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Persons in Room \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Name: GFWC Illinois**

Group Rate: \$114.00 plus applicable taxes (Approximately 24%)

Type of Room Requested King \_\_\_\_\_ Two Bed \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card to Guarantee Room:**

Type of Card: \_\_\_\_\_ (MC, Visa, Etc)

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature authorizing use of card \_\_\_\_\_



**October 12-13, 2012 Bus Transportation Information**

*During the summer OFWC Junior Board Meeting, there was some interest in getting pricing on bus transportation that we could provide OFWC members to the Great Lakes Region cNference to be held October 12 & 13 at the Oak Brook Hills Marriott in Oak Brook, Illinois.*

*We are still working out details but here is the information that we have to date:*

*We have reserved an Anderson Motor Coach that would be providing door to door service for our members. What a great way to be able to attend the Great Lakes Region Conference and the cost is very affordable to all.*

*The bus will be leaving October 11, 2012 (time yet to be determined) and returning October 14, 2012. We would be stopping for lunch (not included in the cost of the trip) and continue onto Oakbrook, Illinois.*

*To anyone that would be interested, upon check in to our hotel, we will be taking our Anderson Motor Coach into Downtown Chicago for an evening of fun. Our drop-off would be at the Navy Pier and we would have time to experience some great Chicago shopping and cuisine (at your expense) and return back to the Oak Brook Hills Marriott.*

*The Motor Coach will be departing Oak Brook, Illinois early morning on Sunday, October 14 and returning to your drop-off points. Drop points are yet to be determined ; we are trying to accommodate everyone with a central location for our members in the southern portion of the state.*

*Cost based on 30 people would be \$140.00      Cost based on 40 people would be \$125.00*

*Please contact me at [Linda.Crish@Raymondjames.com](mailto:Linda.Crish@Raymondjames.com) or 330-727-9321 with any questions. As more details are available, I will notify those that have expressed interest. Payment would be due on September 15, 2012.*

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City/District/District/Region Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Banquet – Great Lakes Opening Ceremony \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Luncheon \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet – Illinois State Night \$56.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Tour\* See details below \$48.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Mini Mart Space \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**(For States, Clubs, and Member Fundraising)**

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

If you are arriving Thursday evening before 7:00 p.m. and would like to be included in a dinner reservation please check here \_\_\_\_\_ Will you require transportation? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any dietary restrictions; please provide acceptable substitutes \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Field Trip to the Chicago Botanic Garden**

We will board a bus at the hotel and travel to the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, IL. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Garden! Today, 2.5 million plants, 25 display gardens, and four natural areas thrive here. There is no more beautiful, fascinating place for photography than the Chicago Botanic Garden. Whatever the season, whatever the time or type of day, the Garden is a paradise for photographers and plant lovers.

The planned tour is called the Grand Tram Tour. The Grand Tram Tour is a narrated tram tour around the perimeter of the Garden providing an overview of all areas in the Garden.

This will be followed by a boxed lunch (sandwich and salad). There will also be opportunities to wander a bit in the garden and visit the Garden's Gift Shop which will be filled with garden-inspired books, gardening tools, gloves, hats, and outdoor decor items. There is something to delight garden enthusiasts of all ages.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 23, 2012 (No Refunds will be issued after October 5, 2012)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC Illinois

SEND REGISTRATION TO: Karen Meyer, Registration Chairman  
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