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April 26 - April 28, 2013



Columbus/Worthington
Columbus, Ohio

***"Unity in Diversity - Our Many Choices,
Our Many Voices"***

Corky Nosek, Presiding Officer
2012-2014 GFWC Ohio President

Special Guests

Rebecca Weber, GFWC Junior Director (right) will be the keynote speaker on Friday.



Kristen Rost, Head of Ohio Children's Trust Fund (left) will be the Saturday luncheon speaker.

STATE LEGISLATION DAYS 2013

- **Lake Erie District**
March 23 - Lyndhurst (Hillcrest WC)
- **Northeast District**
April 6 - Warren (Warren Jr. WL)
- **Northwest District**
March 22 - Wapakoneta (NWD)
- **Southwest District**
March 23 - Sharonville (SW Ohio Valley WC)
- **Southeast District**
March 23 - Wintersville (Wintersville WC)

2013 GFWC OHIO CONVENTION ~ APRIL 26-28, 2013**Registration, Meal Reservation, and Credentials****This form must be filled in and mailed, postmarked by April 10, 2013.**

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

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April 15, 2013
 No refunds will be issued until after
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 Make checks payable to GFWC OFWC
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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

See page 24
 For Hotel Reservation Form
Mail hotel reservations di-
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Registration, Meal Reservation, and Credentials Form

NAME _____ DISTRICT _____

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 NAME OF
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Check one: ☐ GENERAL ☐ JUNIOR ☐ JUNIORETTE ☐ CITY/COUNTY FEDERATION ☐ DIRECT MEMBER**VOTING STATUS** - Check one: DELEGATE ☐ DELEGATE-AT-LARGE ☐ NON-VOTING MEMBER ☐

(Please read the article on Page 4 to determine your voting status)

If you're a Delegate or Delegate-at-Large, list office or chairmanship. _____

REGISTRATION FEE

Fee for All Three Days \$40.00 \$ _____

Fee for One Day Only \$20.00 \$ _____

• If one day, check which day:

Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

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MEALS

Friday Banquet \$30.00 \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon \$20.00 \$ _____

Saturday Banquet \$30.00 \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION/MEALS FEES \$ _____Do you require a special meal? ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Other (specify) _____

Specify Allergy _____

Are you a first-time Convention attendee? _____

25-year member? _____ 50-year member? _____

Workshop details are inside this issue.
TO HELP US PLAN FOR WORKSHOPS,
 check the workshops you plan to attend:

SATURDAY**11 a.m.**

_____ Club Highlights
 _____ Permaculture Gardening
 _____ "Who Will Fill Your Shoes?"

4 p.m.

_____ PR/Communication Panel
 _____ GFWC Ohio Scholarships
 _____ OFWC President's Chat Room
 for Current and Incoming Club
 Presidents

DONATIONS, DONATIONS..... Needed!!!

We are so happy to be working with the Ohio Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America and bringing the abuse to the attention of our communities with pinwheel gardens. The Saturday Luncheon speaker, Kristen Rost, obtained the pinwheels for us that Ohio members spread all over the state in 2012. Her agency, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, awarded \$4,230,274 in 2011 to organizations and agencies dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect. We would like to shower her at the luncheon, with donations needed for children. Please bring SLEEP BAGS for infants, \$10 GIFT CARDS from Walmart, Target and Meijer and CASH. April is the month for Pinwheel Gardens, so plant them and sell them. Collect a dollar for every meal you ate out, or donate for every child you know that didn't go to bed cold or hungry. Clubs may send donations with members or your District President, but we would rather see you.



SATURDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Kristen Rost's interest in children and family issues has brought her to head the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF), which is the state's sole public funding source dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect. It is through her assistance that the GFWC Ohio clubs were able to obtain the silver and blue pinwheels which were placed in Pinwheel Gardens all over the state and helped raise funds to support this program.

As the Program Manager at OCTF she implemented the Child Abuse and Neglect programming at the county level. Ms. Rost worked at the Children's Hunger Alliance which is a non-profit organization committed to ending Childhood Hunger in Ohio. Kristen is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati where she received her Master of Arts degree in American History and she completed her undergraduate work at Miami University where she received Bachelor of Arts degrees in History and Political Science.



JUNIOR FUN NIGHT



BLACK & WHITE BUNCO NIGHT

What exactly is Bunco, you ask...

Bunco is a social dice game, traditionally played with an unlimited amount of players who are divided into tables with 4 players at each table.

- *Each game of Bunco is played in two to four sets.*
- *A player at the table rings a bell to signal the beginning and end of each round.*
- *During the game, players at each table take turns rolling three dice to try and earn points. All tables play simultaneously.*
- *During each round, players attempt to roll the same number as the number of the round (for example, rolling three 3's in round 3 would earn the player points).*
- *For every number rolled that matches the round number, one point is awarded to that player.*

- *A player keeps rolling until they score no points. The scorekeeper then records the score they earned onto the table tally as the temporary team score. Then the dice are passed to the player on the left.*
- *When the table has earned 21 points, the round is over. The sound or a bell signals that the round has ended.*
- *At the end of every round, players change partners and/or tables.*
- *At the end of a game, there may be multiple "winners". Examples are, the player with the most Bunco's, wins, losses, etc., may earn prizes for their success!*

It's common practice to turn the game into a party, with snacks and beverages!

Join Us!!!!



The Holiday Inn Convention hotel reservations must be mailed to receive the discounted rate. Please note the deadline of April 4, 2013. Rooms with a King size bed or two beds are available for \$74 plus tax by using the reservation form.



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2013 OFWC CONVENTION

Can I Vote?

Am I a Delegate Or Delegate-at-Large?

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

DELEGATES

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

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

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

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

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

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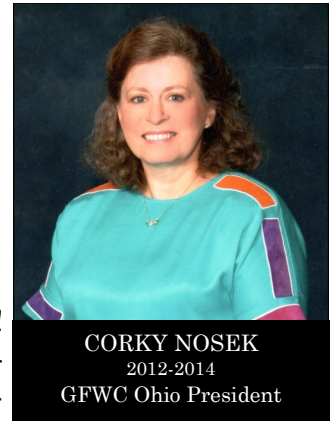
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Message from the President

“DISTRICT LEGISLATION DAYS AND GFWC OHIO CONVENTION ARE NEXT ON OUR CALENDARS”



CORKY NOSEK
2012-2014
GFWC Ohio President

Dear GFWC Ohio Club Members,

Plans are well underway for the next events on the GFWC Ohio Calendar! District Legislation Days are being planned and promise to be exciting, informative, rewarding and lots of fun! Northwest District will meet on March 22 in Wapakoneta. March 23 is the date chosen by Lake Erie District to meet in Lyndhurst with Hillcrest as hostesses. Also meeting on March 23 is Southeast District at St. Florian's in Wintersville and Southwest District will be meeting at the Doubletree/Sharonville, with Southwest Ohio Valley Women's Club hostessing. Northeast District will meet on April 6 and the Warren Junior Women's League will hostess that meeting.

District awards will be presented at all of the meetings, so please plan to attend and join with other District club members as you applaud every club's successes! We'll also share some helpful tips about coming to Convention for first-time and returning attendees!

Speaking of Convention, Lisa Hedrick, Convention Chairman, and the Board have planned a special weekend that promises to be lots of fun! We have terrific speakers, wonderful workshops, great vendors and special lunch and dinner activities that will be fun for all! The theme for the 115th GFWC Ohio Convention is "Unity In Diversity...Our Many Choices, Our Many Voices". This past Summer I was able to make *my choice* of the sustainable change for my "Do One Thing" commitment. I have chosen to be as environmentally aware as I can. That includes working at, and with, our local Farmer's cooperative and purchasing locally grown/produced food as much as possible. Actually, that part of my commitment found me! I happened to read an article in our local paper....and within two hours I had signed up to join the Farmers' Co-Op and had volunteered to help out with the weekly distributions next year! I am also committing to reduce my carbon footprint on this planet. As you know, I have instituted a pilot program to meet with clubs via Skype, Facetime, and conference calling so that I can, when it is workable, meet with a club virtually, save fuel and reduce my own carbon footprint. My first successful attempt at this was with the Wintersville Women's Club in January. It was definitely awesome.... and everyone agreed that we were all Pioneer Women!

Being environmentally aware has also been the inspiration for the Saturday Night Banquet at Convention. The theme is "Everything Old Is New Again" (a musical nod to our Junior Director) and I am asking that you not purchase anything new for the evening. Please look in your closets, your drawers, your hope chests and cedar chests and find that "something special outfit" or accessory that you have lovingly kept over the years. If you have something "vintage", that's great, but you also might decide to wear a special outfit that you particularly like from even the very recent past. Just, please, don't buy anything new....'cause "*Everything old IS new again*"!

Here are some FYI tips for your Convention planning:

- Wear something purple, a purple accessory or ribbon for the Pinwheel Luncheon on Saturday in support of child abuse prevention and for domestic violence awareness and prevention, too.
- Bring some \$\$ for the Vintage Item Auction on Saturday night as well as for shopping in the vendors area.
- We will be collecting donations of small denomination gift cards and infant sacks at the Pinwheel Luncheon.

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From Your Junior Director

*It's the fire in my eyes
And the flash of my teeth
The swing in my waist
And the joy in my feet.
I'm a woman Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman
That's me.—*

Maya Angelou



Dear Phenomenal Junior Clubwomen and Juniorette's,

The GFWC Ohio Juniors are “Phenomenally, Phenomenal women, **THAT’S YOU!** As I write this note to all of you, I am sure you are breathing a collective sigh of relief. Your reports should be just about finished, and Junior Club Presidents will be running to the Post Office to mail the fruits of their labors the (**Club Report**) to their respective District Presidents, Corky Nosek, Linda Crish, Linda Ross and your District Junior Director’s. I can hardly wait to read everything that the Ohio Juniors have done for the 2012 reporting year. Each and every one of you is so vitally important to your communities and the Ohio Federation; your volunteering spirit is contagious. I am so proud of all of you!

We have planned a fun-filled convention, Becky Weber GFWC Director of Junior Clubs will be our Keynote Speaker and also our special guest for the entire convention. If you are a club that sponsors a Juniorette club, encourage them to come to convention. Registration is discounted for the girl’s. Remember, they are our future. I would like to invite everyone to the Junior Banquet and Jr. Fun Night. The theme for the GFWC Ohio Junior Banquet is “Fascinatin’ Rhythm” and the Jr. Fun Night theme is “Black and White Bunco Night”. Sounds of music will fill the room and the Symphony of One Voice will be shared with the Ohio Federation. Members from all over the state have contributed to club projects and reports; come and share your successes. Don’t forget to wear a “Fascinator” hat or a decorative hair accessory. Continuing on after the banquet will be the Jr. Fun Night; don’t worry, if you have never played Bunco. Bunco is a social dice game that is fun, quick and easy to learn and let’s not forget **PRIZES, with multiple winners** at the end of the evening.

Now, if that hasn’t piqued your curiosity...don’t forget the workshops, reporting rewards and the lifelong friendships that are rekindled every year just by attending. Please join us at the 115th GFWC Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs Convention. We can’t do it without you!

Keep A Song In Your Heart,
Linda



Advocates For Children

To all the club members who are attending the 115th OFWC Convention, we will collect new infant and toddler items (diapers, baby wipes, Onesies, clothing, pajamas, etc.) at the Convention. There will be a container visibly marked for your generous donations. All items will be divided up within districts and donated to a Family Shelter.



*Passing.....*Our sympathies and condolences go out to our friends during this difficult time.

Mildred M. Olesh - Mother of Susan Rebhan of Warren passed away on January 25, 2013.

Message from the President (continued from page 5)

- Current and incoming Club Presidents, please remember to join me in the President's "Chat Room" for refreshments and discussion at 4:00 on Saturday afternoon.
- Sunday is wear GFWC, GFWC Ohio or Club logo day.

We have some great functions and also lots of surprises planned for you at Convention.....so I'd love to see you all there. As the old refrain from "The Golden Girls" song goes:

"And if you throw a party
Invited everyone you knew
The biggest gift would be from me
And the card attached would say
Thank you for being a friend!"

In Federation Friendship,

Corky



**GFWC JUNIOR DIRECTOR
JOINS OHIO MEMBERS**

Rebecca Weber, GFWC Junior Director, Keynote Speaker on Friday, has dedicated her life to volunteering. A member of GFWC since 1988 she has served on GFWC Illinois Junior and General Boards for several administrations. She has also served as GFWC Citizenship Chairman for 2006-08 and 2008-10 and the GFWC Strategic Planning Committee as the Director-elect of Junior Clubs.

Becky's Federation efforts have blended her family life with helping her community. She serves on the Board of Directors for the local homeless/domestic violence shelter; volunteers at the High School in the special education department and is a CASA volunteer.

Becky has been married to Mike for 33 years and they have four children and two grandchildren. Because of the love and support of Mike and her kids, Becky has been able to devote her time and energy to enhance the lives of others through volunteer service, living each day trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist.

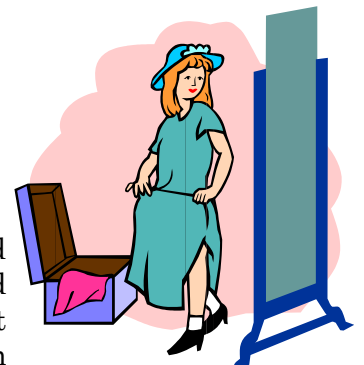
GFWC Ohio Convention's Saturday Night Banquet –

"Everything Old is New Again"

By Linda Ross

Have you ever felt a sense of dread because you thought you had to go out and purchase a new outfit for the Saturday Night Banquet? Do you have old things hanging in your closet that you haven't worn in years but just can't bring yourself to part with them? I'm sure you do – I know I do! Well, Madam President Corky wants you to dust off those vintage clothes ladies and get ready to strut your stuff. That's right, no worries about purchasing a new outfit because *Everything Old is New Again* for the Saturday Night Banquet. If you don't happen to have "vintage" clothes, pick one of your current favorite outfits from your closet (with the exception of blue jeans, please). How about that 'hippie' stage you went through in the 60's or that 70's look you loved so much? Can't wait to see everyone in their 'NEW' duds.

There's more fun in store when we have our first annual *Vintage Item Auction!* The members of the GFWC Ohio Board of Directors will be supplying vintage items for auction. Bring plenty of \$\$ with you because you will see things you just can't do without.





GFWC Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs will be celebrating its 90th anniversary on Saturday, May 18, 2013, exactly 90 years after the first formal meeting and installation of officers was held on May 18, 1923.

"*Women Through Time...90 Years of Community Service*" will be the theme for the celebration. The current sixteen member clubs and past presidents will be highlighted during the luncheon to be held at Di-Lucia's Banquet Center in Warren.

All GFWC Ohio clubwomen are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Terri Crabbs, president, for detailed information at 330-637-3845 or tcrabbs@aol.com, or visit our Facebook page at GFWC Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs.

Pictured (l-r seated) Susan Smith, Recording Secretary & NED Membership Chair; Stephanie Furano, NED President; Terri Crabbs, President. (l-r standing) Sandy Mahaffey, Corresponding Secretary & NED International Chair; Dorie Harris, 1st Vice President; Edwina Wolcott, 2nd Vice President & NED Junior Special Projects Chair; and Margaret Petrosky, Treasurer.

THREE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The GFWC Madeira Woman's Club will be offering scholarships this year for both high school seniors and adults who wish to further their education. All applicants must be residents of Madeira to qualify.

Adult applicants must have either a GED or a high school diploma to qualify.

One adult and two high school seniors will be chosen to receive the \$2000 scholarships.

MEGAN MARINO HONORED

The GFWC Ohio Warren Jr. Women's League Arts Community Service Program Committee recognized Megan Marino as the 2012 "Faces Make Places" Recipient. This special award celebrates workers in the community who have outstanding skills and special contributions to the workplace.

The Members of the Masury Brookfield Women's Club

take time to pose for a photograph during their Club Christmas Party. Members and guests brought canned goods/non perishable items that were donated to our local food pantry. A wonderful evening was had by all.



Photograph (L to R): President Dawn Burns, Rene' Martin, Mary Schmidt, Myrdis Ledbetter, Joanne Sydlowski, Carrie Davis, Ruth Hawkins and Sis Hook.

GFWC Woman's Club of Mingo Junction holds Christmas Party



The GFWC Woman's Club of Mingo members held their Christmas party. Members were asked to share their favorite club Christmas party memories. Entertainment was provided by Ryan Johnson, who performed selections on the acoustic guitar and tenor saxophone. All the club members participated in the 12 days of Christmas. Sharon Cole-Isner, President, won the main door prize drawing, presenting it to Betty Ralston, an honorary life member and she

also presented all members with a gift. Poinsettia door prizes were won by Ralston, Patty Nelms, Diana Taylor, Roetta Lewis and Bernie Carpico. Clara Sue Milewsky won the candy jar game. Stephanie Rouse gave a reading on "Silent Night." The party closed with the members singing "Silent Night" and holding lit candles.

Pictured above are the club's board members (front l to r): Janet Petrella, Stephanie Rouse, Shelly Bateman. Back row (l to r): Cheri Carpico, Joanne Gorney, Sharon Cole-Isner, Clara Sue Milewsky and Bernie Carpico. Not pictured is Mary Jane Tiberio.

History Was Made, January 17, 2013 at GFWC Wintersville Woman's Club Meeting!

Barb Thermes, President, Marjean Sizemore, Southeast District President and member of Winterville's club, and 2012-2014 GFWC Ohio President Corky Nosek (via "Skype"), welcomed everyone as they entered the meeting room. Not only was Corky part of the receiving line (Marjean held the laptop), at one point she was a member of the audience and she was the main speaker of the meeting... all by the use of the modern technology of "Skype" on a laptop with a camera and overhead projector.

The GFWC Wintersville Woman's Club is the first in the State, according to President Nosek, to try this pilot program; and may be the only one in the country to have the State President "visit" via the technology of "Skype". "Skype" is a way to video chat using your computer. More than fifty-five members and guests enjoyed being part of this first.



GFWC Ohio State President Corky Nosek stated that she had five points to share with us. Her theme for her term, she pointed out, is "Just Do One Thing!" It is a challenge to change one thing in your life that would make a sustained difference in the environment, the community or for one's personal benefit.

The second point of her "visit" was to discuss the need to reduce our carbon footprint.

Her third point concerned the GFWC quarterly membership recruitment emphasis. She stated that at the Great Lakes Region Conference she announced a new GFWC Ohio Membership initiative called, "So, GFWC Ohio Members, Who's Going to Fill Your Shoes?" It encourages clubs to consider starting new Junioresette, Collegiate, Junior or General clubs in their area.

Her fourth item was the announcement that the Gold Star Mother's organization headed by Dorothy Locker has asked the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs to take over the planning of the annual Gold Star Mother's Pilgrimage. Corky said that other organizations have already offered their help. With the approval of the GFWC Ohio Board, she proposed that the Jefferson County clubs work together to coordinate the Gold Star Mother's Pilgrimage program. Kathy Mills, president of the Woman's Club of Steubenville and President Sharon Cole-Isner from the GFWC Woman's Club of Mingo Junction will take this information back to their clubs for further input. Marjean Sizemore, Southeast District President, will contact the other clubs in Jefferson County to inform them of this project.

Lastly, Corky reminded our Club that reports were due February 1st.

Isn't technology WONDERFUL!!!! What a fantastic way to share time with someone far away! We hope other clubs will take advantage of this technology via "Skype".

WHAT IS A FASCINATOR HAT?

A fascinator is extravagant headwear. It can be a headband, comb or tiny hat embellished with feathers, beads, flowers, etc. Fascinators are a way to replace a hat at formal occasions such as weddings. The fascinator style of headgear has been largely made popular by British women such as Kate Middleton (now Duchess of Cambridge) and even the Queen.



CHAGRIN VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB SPRING BENEFIT 2013

By Kathy Cooney

Spring is on the way. The Spring Benefit Committee is busy planning their annual "Fun and Games Party". Mark your calendars for Monday, April 15, 2013. The event is scheduled to take place at Hamlet Village in the Atrium from 11:00 am—3:00 pm. Reservations are \$15.00 and include a light lunch. Games of any type are in order...card games, board games, etc. You and your invited guests decide what you want to play and bring the necessary implements with you.

The Silent Auction is back by popular demand. Donate some wonderful treasures to any member of the Spring Benefit Committee.

Start making plans now with family and friends to attend this fun filled event.

DON'T WAIT!! ACT NOW!!

MAIL your hotel reservations by April 4th to receive the discounted rate and MAIL your registration/meals form by April 10.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM



Members of the GFWC Ohio Warren Juniores Volunteer Organization adopted 25 children through the Northeast Ohio Adoption Services "Angel Tree Program" this year for Christmas. They went shopping to bring their child's "Wish List" to life with several items being donated. What a difference these gifts made in the life of many local children living and transitioning in foster care and waiting to be adopted on Christmas morning. The girls also toured Northeast Ohio Adoption Services to see how the agency places waiting children with families and enjoyed visiting Santa's Workshop.

Standing in Photo From Left to Right Back Row - Cheryl Tarantino, Director of Marketing Northeast Ohio Adoption Services; Alexis Watson, Maddie Rhoads, Katie Lamar, Jan Elliott, and Julie Vugrinovich

Kneeling in Photo From Left to Right - Dana Dellimuti, Megan Paskey, Alexis Seitz, Juniores President, and Jordyn Ting

Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back.

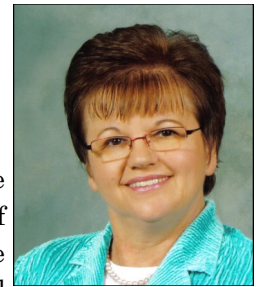
Harvey MacKay

2013 GFWC Int'l Convention Registration



Convention registration is now open! With GFWC's quick, secure and user-friendly online registration system, getting signed up for Convention has never been easier. Online registrants receive exclusive access to the 2013 GFWC Annual Convention Celebrity Stay raffle, and the option to pre-order your tickets to the Gold Coast Raffle at discounted prices. In addition, registering online is the best way to secure your spot at meals, special events, and tours with limited seating. Register by May 15 to qualify for the early bird registration. Go to www.GFWC.org/Convention for more information.

CHAIRMAN OF THE MEMORIAL FOREST & SHRINE TRUSTEES



Congratulations to Stephanie Rouse who was confirmed as Chairman of the Memorial Forest and Shrine Trustees by the GFWC Ohio Board of Directors at the Winter Board meeting. Stephanie begins her fourth year as a Shrine Trustee. In 2011 she was instrumental in obtaining a \$16,000 grant for the purchase of the archival cabinets in which the "Great Books" are stored. She has been Acting Chairman since the passing of Trustee Chairman Shirley Mitchell in July, 2012. Thanks for your dedication and hard work Stephanie!

HILLCREST WOMEN'S CLUB/GFWC

donated over 300 hats, scarves, gloves from the Craft/Gift Auction. These were made up into sets: two thirds of the items were delivered to the Domestic Violence Center of Cleveland and one third of the items went to Family Promise.

- A shower for the DVC will be held at our March General Meeting.
- Twenty-five cards and snowflakes were made and delivered to our Meals On Wheels clients.
- Thirty-two Blue Bears were delivered to area police departments.
- The Comfort Pillows have all been delivered to St. Vincent Charity Hosp. and University Hospitals.
- A Ronald McDonald House Meal is planned for April 21, 2013. Since no food items prepared at home are being accepted, club is looking into the purchase of ready made food.

Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimage at the Memorial Shrine Sunday, September 29, 2013



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

2013 GFWC OHIO CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 25, 2013

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

Friday, April 26, 2013 Pre-Convention Activities

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

VISIT THE VENDORS

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 115TH CONVENTION OF THE GFWC OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS "UNITY IN DIVERSITY- OUR MANY CHOICES, OUR MANY VOICES"

1:15 p.m. Musical interlude
 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. **BUSINESS SESSION**
CALL TO ORDER
 Presiding-Corky Nosek, 2012-2014 GFWC Ohio President
 Inspiration
 Presentation of the Colors – Introduced by Scarlett Ebenhack, GFWC Ohio Convention Assistant
 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
 Singing of the National Anthem
 Appointment of Tellers
 Welcome to the 115th Annual Convention – Carolyn Adams, Southwest District President
 Response – Stephanie Furano, NED District President
 Host District Chairmen Introductions - Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President and Sue Coppley, SWD General Arrangements Chairman
 Pre-registration Report - Harriett Groh, SWD Pre-registration Chairman
 Convention Rules- Julie Vugrinovich, GFWC Ohio Secretary
 Convention Program- Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President
 Presentation and Introduction of those at the Head Table, District Officers, Aides and Tellers - Corky Nosek, GFWC Ohio President
 Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

KEYNOTE ADDRESS – "RALLY UP THE TROOPS"

BECKY WEBER, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

2:45 P.M.

BREAK

Approval of the 2012 GFWC Ohio Convention Minutes – Julie Vugrinovich, GFWC Ohio Secretary
 Endowment Fund Report- Norma Adams, GFWC Ohio Treasurer
 The Buckeye Magazine Report- Sharon Cole-Isner, Editor
 Website Report – Wendy Sturick, Website Administrator
 Directory Editor – Stephanie Furano
 Facebook Report – Katie Liekoski
 Loyal Jonquils Report – Linda Nolf, Chairman
 Strategic Long Range Plan Report- Patrice Booze, LRP Chairman
 Memorial Forest Shrine Report- Stephanie Rouse, Memorial Forest Shrine Trustee Chr.
Commercial Break – Dorothy Sideropolis, GFWC Ohio Fundraising Chairman, Pam Vines, Junior Fundraising Chairman and our Vendors
 Bylaws and/or Resolutions- Nancy Lombardo, GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman,

Penny Speyer, GFWC Ohio Resolutions Chairman
Leadership Platform Presentation – Harriett Groh, State Leadership Chairman,
Nina Lowery, Junior Leadership Chairman and “Company”
Recognition of GFWC Ohio LEADS Graduates
Announcement of the 2013 GFWC Ohio LEADS Candidate - Corky Nosek, GFWC Ohio President and 2012 LEADS Graduate Lisa Waitkus
Presentation of 3 Outstanding Club Programs/Projects
Workshop Introductions – Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio Dean of Community Service Programs
Announcements- Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

5:00 p.m.

RECESS

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

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Registration Opens
5:00 - 5:15 p.m. State Chairmen Meeting
5:15 p.m. GFWC Ohio Scholarship Trustees Meeting
6:15 p.m. Reception with Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. Vendors close for the day
7:05 p.m. Musical interlude
7:00 p.m. Processional Participants assemble
7:20 p.m. Processional
7:30 p.m.

GFWC OHIO JUNIOR BANQUET – “FASCINATING RHYTHM”

PLEASE WEAR A “FASCINATOR” HAT OR A DECORATIVE HAIR ACCESSORY

Presiding- Linda Crish, 2012 -2014 GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs
Recognition of First Time Attendees
Opening Thought and Inspiration
GFWC Ohio Junior Awards Presentation
GFWC Ohio Juniette Awards
Closing Thoughts

JUNIOR FUN NIGHT- “BLACK AND WHITE BUNCO NIGHT”

Hosted by the GFWC Ohio Juniors – Everyone invited

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013

Breakfast on your own

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration Open
Hospitality Room Open
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Exhibits and Vendors Open
8:15 – 8:45 a.m. First Time Attendees, 25 and 50 year members, City County Federation members and Direct members are invited to a Coffee/tea Reception with GFWC Ohio President Corky Nosek and GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs, Linda Crish
9:00 - 10:50 A.M. **BUSINESS SESSION**
9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Musical interlude
9:15 – 10:45 a.m. Presiding – Corky Nosek, GFWC Ohio President
Registration Report- Mary Lou Shields, SWD Registration Chairman
Inspiration
Recognition of First Time Attendees, 25 & 50 Year Members, City County Federation Members
Recognition of 2013 Club Anniversaries
Great Lakes Region Nomination, Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio GLR Nominating Committee
Club Awards – Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Community Service Programs, and Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Community Service Programs
Introduction of morning workshops and presenters – Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Community Service Programs

11:00a.m. – Noon	Announcements- Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President
11:00 – 11:45 A.M.	Vendors & Exhibit Rooms open
	WORKSHOPS
	1. Club Highlights
	2. Permaculture Gardening
	3. Membership – Who Will Fill Your Shoes?
11:45- NOON	BREAK
Noon	Musical interlude
12:15 P.M.	THE PINWHEEL LUNCHEON - “BLOWIN’ IN THE WIND”
	<i>WEAR PURPLE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION</i>
	BRING DONATIONS OF SLEEP SACKS FOR INFANTS, \$10 GIFT CARDS FROM TARGET, WALMART, MEIJER OR CASH
	Inspiration
	Introductions – Corky Nosek, GFWC Ohio President
	LUNCH
	Introduction of Speaker by Lisa Waitkus, GFWC Signature Project Co- Chairman
	Guest Speaker – Kristen Rost, Executive Director Ohio Children's Trust Fund
	Announcements- Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President
2:15- 2:30 P.M.	BREAK
2:30 p.m.	RECONVENE
	Scholarship Winners Announced, Sharon Pervo, Scholarship Committee Chairman
	Bylaws/Resolutions- Nancy Lombardo; GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman, Penny Speyer, Resolutions Chairman
	ESO Awards
	Art Awards, Jeannie Chaney & Esther White, Art Chairmen
	Commercial Break- Dorothy Sideropolis, GFWC Ohio Fundraising; Pam Vines, Junior Fund raising Chairmen
	Introduction of afternoon workshops - Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio First Vice President /Dean of Community Service Programs
	Announcements - Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President
3:45 P.M.	RECESS
	VISIT VENDORS & EXHIBIT ROOMS
4:00 – 4:45 P.M.	WORKSHOPS
	1. Communications & Public Relations Panel Discussion
	2. GFWC Ohio Scholarships – How and Why?
	3. “THE PRESIDENT’S CHAT ROOM” Current and incoming Club Presidents meet with GFWC Ohio President Corky Nosek
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Registration open if needed
5:00 p.m.	ESO members and prospective members to meet
	LAST CHANCE TO VISIT EXHIBITS AND VENDORS
6:00 p.m.	Exhibits, Displays and Vendors CLOSE
	All Art exhibits should be picked up immediately following the Banquet
6:15 p.m.	Reception with Cash Bar
7:00 p.m.	Musical interlude
7:00 p.m.	Processional participants assemble
7:15 p.m.	Processional
	BANQUET- “EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN”
	<i>Wear something vintage or “shop your closet”we are “re-using” our clothes this evening! Please don’t wear anything newly purchased.</i>
	Welcome –Corky Nosek, GFWC Ohio President
	Inspiration
	~DINNER~

Vintage Items Auction

Craft Auction Winners

Raffle Winners announced

Closing Thoughts – Corky Nosek, GFWC Ohio President

Announcements- Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013

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

9:15 a.m. Musical interlude

9:30 A.M.

BUSINESS SESSION

PLEASE WEAR GFWC, GFWC OHIO OR CLUB APPAREL

“The Wind Beneath My Wings”

In Honor of our Ohio Gold Star Mothers and Families

Presiding- Corky Nosek, GFWC Ohio President

Inspiration – Harriett Groh, “The Wind Beneath My Wings”

Introduction of Guest Speaker - Stephanie Rouse, Chairman Memorial Forest Shrine Trustees

Guest Speaker, Angela Brittain, Northeast Ohio Army Survivor Outreach Services

Final report of the Credentials Committee – Mary Lou Shields, SWD Registration

Chairman

Craft Auction Report

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Introductions

Past Presidents Awards

Top Twenty Honor Roll Clubs

Ruth Miller Memorial Bowl

Jessie June Magee Junior Achievement Cup

Jessie June Magee Achievement Cup

Recognition of Past GFWC Ohio Jennie Award Recipients

INVITATION to the 2014 GFWC Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs Annual

Convention – Stephanie Furano NED President, and Debbie Shattuck, NED Director of Junior Clubs

April 25-27, 2014, Holiday Inn, Columbus/Worthington

Announcements – Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio 2nd Vice President

Parting Words – Becky Weber, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Closing Thoughts-Corky Nosek, GFWC Ohio President

Junior Pledge

Club Collect

Taps – Becky Weber, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Adjournment – Corky Nosek , GFWC Ohio President joined by Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

POST CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Immediately following adjournment:

1:30 p.m. GFWC Ohio Executive Committee Meeting

2:30 p.m. GFWC Ohio Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 29, 2013

GFWC Ohio Board of Directors Meeting

Please remember your pictures and stories are always welcome. We enjoy reading what each others clubs are doing successfully. Sharing this information allows others to borrow your ideas and helps them to succeed in their area.

Thank you all on jobs well done.

Workshops Planned for 2013 GFWC Ohio Convention

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

I am excited to tell you that there are seven very interesting and informative workshops planned for 2013 GFWC Ohio's Convention in April, 2013.

On Friday afternoon, April 26th, there will be a Leadership Platform Workshop titled "Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to Leadership we go". This interesting and fun-filled workshop will be presented by our State Leadership Chairman Harriett Groh and our Junior State Leadership Chairman Nina Lowery. You won't want to miss this one.

On Saturday morning, April 27th, we are presenting three workshops titled:

Club Highlights which will be presented by actual Club Members who will be sharing their most outstanding club programs and projects. This was a big hit last year and the evaluations told us we should do this one again!

Permaculture Gardening will be presented by Mr. Tom Gibson. This Conservation Workshop will go through step by step (with slides etc.) and show us how we can create a permaculture garden where the garden eventually becomes the compost. This is not only a "green" way to garden but also works very well in a small space. If you are interested in gardening of any kind, this workshop is for you.

Membership "Who Will Fill Your Shoes?" will be presented by State Membership Chairman Rose Logston, State Junior Membership Chairman Mary Lou Jarrett and Juniorette Chairman Debbie Weaver. With the recruiting issues that all of our clubs seem to be facing, this workshop will give insight on ways to recruit and retain our members. Please plan to attend this workshop and help with our State Membership Campaign.

On Saturday afternoon, April 27th, we are presenting three workshops titled:

Communications & Public Relations Panel Discussion will be led by Barbara Whitaker, State Communications & P.R. Chairman; Theresa Lyden, Junior Communications & P.R. State Chairman; Stephanie Furano, GFWC Ohio's Directory Editor and Sharon Cole-Isner, *The Buckeye Magazine* Editor. This will be an audience participatory workshop so bring all of your great ideas to share on Communications and Public Relations!

GFWC Ohio Scholarships – How & Why? This will be presented by our GFWC Ohio State Scholarship Chairman, Sharon Pervo. This workshop will be invaluable to clubwomen who may want to apply for the Clubwoman Scholarship, club members who want to encourage high school students to apply and for the knowledge of the "How" to apply so that we won't have to disqualify students for not filling out the applications properly.

The President's Chat Room will be open to all current and incoming Club Presidents. This is a chance for Club Presidents to meet and greet with President Corky Nosek. President Corky will be sharing information that will be helpful not only for the club presidents who will be in attendance but for their fellow club members.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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by **May 13, 2013**. Thank you.



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CLARIFICATION: In the Winter 2012-2013 edition of *The Buckeye Magazine*, the script for the flag-folding ceremony, printed on page 8, is no longer used by the U. S. Air Force Academy. The current script used by the U.S. Air Force Academy was adopted in 2006 and can be found on-line at: www.ushistory.org/betsy/more/affold.htm

Strategic (Long Range) Plan (pages 16-19)

The Long Range Plan is a working document that guides and strengthens the activities of our organization. The Long Range Plan Committee has reviewed the current Plan and has retained its foundation and intent and is proposing a format change and amendments. With the approval of the GFWC Ohio Board of Directors, the Committee recommends the following Plan by substitution be presented to the assembly at the Annual Convention.

Chairman, Patrice Booze, Linda Ross, Norma Adams, Linda Crish, Kathy Combs and Jo Holder

VISION STATEMENT:

To be recognized as the premier statewide volunteer organization that provides structure and support for the members in pursuit of community service.

MISSION STATEMENT

The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs enriches the lives of members by providing organized social and entertaining activities, cultivating lasting friendships, opportunities for developing leadership skills, participating in continued learning and building stronger communities through volunteer service.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Long Range Planning Committee is responsible for strategic planning for our state organization.

The committee is composed of GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs members as defined by Article XII of the bylaws: the First Vice President/President elect serving as Vice Chairman, Director of Junior Clubs, Treasurer and three members at large, one being a past State President. The chairman of this committee is appointed by the State President.

A strategic plan is a working document that guides and strengthens the activities of an organization. Goals and the strategies designed to achieve them will enable the organization to plan effectively for the future.

This Strategic Plan identifies major issues facing the Ohio State Federation: membership, leadership, communication, public relations and finances. The Plan outlines short and long-term goals that the committee deems most important at this point in time. It is organized with clear goals, a specific action plan for achieving each goal and timelines for charting the progress.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

- It is the responsibility of every member of GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs to support and promote the goals as stated in the Strategic Plan.
- The Executive Committee oversees the implementation of the Strategic Plan.
- The Long Range Planning Committee reviews and may refine the Plan annually.
- The Board of Directors actively promotes and participates in the implementation of the Strategic Plan.
- State, District and Club Officers disseminate information relevant to the achievement of the goals set forth in the Plan.
- State, District and Club Chairmen and the committee members actively work to achieve the goals relevant to their program area.
- Club members learn about and participate in activities that further the goals of the Plan. These activities include attendance at meetings and workshops and reading and utilizing available district, state and national materials.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership issues shall be the topic of at least one GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Convention and/or statewide meeting each year. Workshops, presentations or seminars will be developed by State, Junior and Juniorette Membership Chairmen, with the assistance of the Second Vice President while utilizing GFWC materials and innovative ideas from chairmen and/or clubs.

Club Retention

Goal Retain the current per capita clubs through the 2012-2014 Administration

Responsibility: State President, State Director of Junior Clubs, State, Junior and Juniorette Membership Chairmen and Second Vice President serving as the Dean of the Membership Committee and liaison to the Board of Directors.

Action Plan:

- President and Director of Junior Clubs, with the assistance of the Treasurer, will refine and utilize a membership database to track retention.
- President and the Director of Junior Clubs will visit and/or communicate at least once a year with all club presidents to promote retention.
- Second Vice President, with the assistance of the State, Junior and Juniorette Membership Chairmen, will develop a communication plan and utilize the membership database to direct materials and information to and from the club level as the critical link in connecting clubs to GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.

- The Membership Committee will work closely, communicate and/or meet, with district and club counterparts at least quarterly as a first line of defense in monitoring stability of clubs.
- The Membership Committee will be proactive and inform the Second Vice President when there are signs or concerns of a club in distress. The Membership Committee, working with the Second Vice President, shall offer a plan of action in dealing with that club and keep a record of all communication and actions during that time.
- The Second Vice President and Membership Chairman will assign a member of the committee to work with the club and follow-up at least quarterly.
- If it is not possible to save the club, then the Membership Committee and the Second Vice President will work with at least five Federation minded members from said club to continue as a Federated club.

Member Retention

Goal Retain the current members through the 2012-2014 Administration

Responsibility: State President, State Director of Junior Clubs, State, Junior and Juniorette Membership Chairmen and Second Vice President serving as the Dean of the Membership Committee and liaison to the Board of Directors.

Action Plan:

- Emphasize benefit of the "Federation network" by increasing exchange of success stories through GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs *Buckeye Magazine*, website and district and state meetings.
- Promote attendance at district, state, region and international meetings through recognition or rewards.
- Promote member recognition and rewards at all levels of Federation.
- Encourage district chairmen to secure exhibit space at every district conference and state chairmen at the State Convention where GFWC and GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs materials, resources and benefits of membership can be promoted.

Member Recruitment

Goal Recruit 125 new members per year through the 2014-2016 Administration

Responsibility: State, Junior, Juniorette, District and Club Membership Chairmen and Second Vice President serving as the Dean of the Membership Committee and liaison to the Board of Directors.

Action Plan:

- The State Membership Committee, with the assistance of the Second Vice President, will develop a comprehensive packet of GFWC and GFWC Ohio developed membership recruitment materials. The recruitment packet will be shared with every club electronically. This packet will be in addition to the materials contained in the GFWC Ohio Directory.
- The State Membership Committee will work closely, communicate and/or meet, with district and club counterparts on a quarterly basis to ensure the use of the recruitment packet and to offer encouragement and support.
- The State Membership Committee will write an article for each edition of the *Buckeye Magazine* featuring recruiting tips and spotlighting the successes of individual clubs.
- Clubs who show an increase in membership will be recognized at the Annual State Convention.
- The State Membership Committee will promote the GFWC themed recruitment campaign and Star Recruitment Awards.

Club Building

Goal Federate at least two new clubs per administration

Responsibility: State, Junior, Juniorette, District and Club Membership Chairmen, District Presidents and Junior Directors, and Second Vice President serving as the Dean of the Membership Committee and liaison to the Board of Directors.

Action Plan:

- Investigate starting a club-building task force.
- Encourage the use of the GFWC Club Building materials.
- Encourage each District to start a new General, Junior, Juniorette or Collegiate club.
- Encourage District Officers and clubs to work together to mentor the new club(s).

LEADERSHIP

Goal Continue to develop and share leadership materials through the 2012-2014 Administration

Responsibility: State and Junior Leadership Chairmen and First Vice President, (President-Elect after September 1st odd years) serving as the Dean of the Community Service Programs and liaison to the Board of Directors.

Action Plan:

- Make GFWC and Ohio leadership materials available through the website, speakers, and state or district workshops.
- State and Junior Leadership Chairmen will write an article for each edition of the *Buckeye Magazine* on various aspects of leadership (i.e., conflict resolution, relationship building, procedure books, etc.).
- The State and Junior Chairmen will communicate at least quarterly with each district leadership chairman who will directly correspond with each club in the district and provide opportunities for discussion of leadership issues.

Goal Develop Ohio Leadership Training Programs before the 2014-2016 Administration

Responsibility: Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Junior Board, with the assistance of the State, Junior, District and Club Leadership Chairmen.

State and District Level for newly elected officers

Action Plan:

- Review financial needs to conduct an orientation for the District Presidents and Junior Directors pre-Convention in the even numbered years.
- Make finances available to support the most advantageous use of time and materials for the training.
- Develop a curriculum that utilizes the talents of current state and district officers, GFWC visiting officer and Ohio's GFWC LEADS graduates.
- Distribute updated District Officer Manuals to newly elected officers as soon as possible after election.
- Encourage current officers to meet and/or communicate with the newly elected officers as soon as possible after election to review duties and responsibilities.
- Encourage current District Presidents to provide guidance to the newly elected District Presidents on the importance of appointing informed and qualified chairmen.

District Level for newly appointed chairmen

Action Plan:

- Encourage current District President and chairmen to meet and/or communicate with the newly elected District President and her newly appointed chairmen as soon as possible to review duties and responsibilities of the chairmen.
- Encourage current chairmen to write a report for the newly appointed chairmen.

Club Level for newly elected officers and appointed chairmen

Action Plan:

- Develop and present a workshop for the Annual State Convention explaining duties and responsibilities that can be duplicated at the District level for clubs unable to attend State Convention.
- Encourage State and District counterparts to communicate at least quarterly, not just when problems arise.

Goal Develop and utilize a Mentors Program comprised of seasoned and qualified members to assist clubs, chairmen and officers, before the end of the 2014-2016 Administration

Responsibility: Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Junior Board, with the assistance of past Ohio GFWC LEADS graduates, State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs.

Action Plan:

- Define the Mentors qualification's, responsibilities, duties, terms and how and to whom they will report.
- Develop an application and process.
- Develop an initial training program and then recruit Mentors.
- Publicize the program and explain the benefits of using this program.
- Develop a continuing education program for the Mentors once the program is viable.

COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

COMMUNICATION

Goal Communicate regularly with all members of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs before the 2014-2016 Administration

Responsibility: Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Public Relations/Media/Publications Committee and the Secretary serving as the Dean of the Public Relations/Media/Publications Committee and Liaison to the Board of Directors.

Action Plan:

- President and the Director of Junior Clubs, with the assistance of the Treasurer, will refine and utilize a membership database.
- Issue *The Buckeye Magazine* in printed and electronic form four times per year to all members.
- Investigate and utilize, in the Federation's best interest, multiple media formats including but not limited to; webinars, Podcasts, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, Pinterest, Linked-in, Google plus, Skype, virtual meetings and/or blogs.
- Develop and use a database of at least one member in **every** club to be the electronic liaison.
- Increase the contact with members by designing an electronic Ohio communiqué that will share news between issues of *The Buckeye Magazine*. Utilize the clubs' electronic liaisons and the electronic database used for *The Buckeye Magazine*.
- Ensure the state's website administrator is updating the website as needed and that it is being utilized to the Federation's best interest.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Goal: Create a public awareness of GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs as a premier statewide volunteer organization that provides structure and support of the members in pursuit of community service before the end of the 2014-2016 Administration.

Responsibility: Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Public Relations/Media/Publications Committee and the Secretary serving as the Dean of the Public Relations/Media/Publications Committee and Liaison to the Board of Directors.

Action Plan:

- Investigate costs to develop a multi-media public relations campaign including, but not limited to, ads in statewide magazines, state of the art website, portable informational displays and printed brochures.
- Make finances available by adding a line item to the annual budget to support multi-media public relations campaign.
- Exhibit at other state and national organizations' local and/or state meetings, events or conventions.
- Invite/include representatives from other state and national organizations in GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs' activities, meetings, events and/or Conventions.
- Encourage all the clubs to have websites and link those websites with both the GFWC and the GFWC Ohio websites.
- Continue to educate members on the benefit of a common name with "GFWC" in every club name and consistent visual image of the proper and constant use the of the GFWC logo for stronger brand identity.
- Educate club members on the advantages of subscribing to the free GFWC News and Notes, visiting the GFWC website and checking the GFWC Facebook page.
- Encourage clubs to use the Community Service Program areas for innovative projects in their communities to introduce and stimulate interest for the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.
- Encourage clubs to order and display GFWC road signs, wear emblematic apparel and utilize brochures, websites and other electronic media.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Goal: Maintain a level of financial stability utilizing non dues generated revenue to ensure that current member benefits and the needs of the Federation are met through the 2014-2016 Administration.

Responsibility: Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Junior Board, State Fundraising Chairman, Loyal Jonquil Chairman, the State Fundraising Committee and District Chairman, with the Treasurer acting as the liaison to the Board of Directors.

Action Plan:

- Continue to sell vendor space at the Annual State Convention and investigate expanding the practice of using vendors to raise funds for the Federation at District meetings.
- Utilize the talents and services of the Fundraising Chairmen, Committee members and the Treasurer to investigate innovative ways to cut costs and raise non dues generated revenue including but not limited to:
 - The use of ads in *The Buckeye Magazine* and Directory.
 - Sponsors for events, workshops, or statewide meetings.
 - Grants and other innovative revenue sources.

First adopted at GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Federation of Women's Clubs Annual Convention April 22, 2006
Reviewed and Revised Annual Convention April 13-15, 2012



SHOP Till You Drop



Twenty five repeat and new vendors have been invited to participate in the 115th annual convention meeting. Extra shopping time and different vendors have been added at your request. Cards, books, purses and gifts for volunteers will be a new vendor. Jewelry and Pampered Chef will return, and new this year is Dove Chocolate Discoveries with that favorite taste available in dips, mixes and drinks. A few new vendors invited are embellished scarves, painted glass, spices, watches and beaded bracelets, tastefully simple, handmade crafts, as well as Uncle Al, bamboo products, soaps, Scentsy, Thirty one, Tupperware, lavender sachets, cheese trays and Miche Bags. Get your shopping hats on and make a list of your favorite vendors to visit. Check out the ads in the Buckeye of the early confirmed vendors.

RESOLUTIONS

The following report was presented to the OFWC Board of Directors by the Resolution Committee in January. There were 12 Resolutions that were required to be reviewed.

8 Resolutions were found to need no action:

1-97 Communications
2-97 Conservation
2-01 Elder Care
3-01 Fire Prevention and Safety
5-01 Violence By and Against Children
1-05 Medical Malpractice Insurance
2-09 Harassment, Intimidating, Hazing, and Bullying
3-04 Gynecologic Cancer

No new Resolutions were submitted by November 15, 2012

The following are the Resolutions that need to be revised and the proposed amendments. Items to be deleted are lined-through and the proposed changes are in bold print.

Resolution 1-01 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CARDIO-VASCULAR DISEASES/STROKE RESEARCH (Reviewed 2005, 2009)

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association (AHA) reports that cardiovascular diseases and strokes are the number one and number ~~three~~ **four** leading causes of death, respectively, in this country ; and

WHEREAS, The AHA reports cardiovascular diseases disable and / or kill more Americans annually than the next seven leading causes of death combined; and

WHEREAS, The AHA reports indicate that few young research scientists are considering careers in cardiovascular research, primarily because less money is available for heart and stroke research compared to other disease areas; and

WHEREAS, Our health is a precious resource and can be best improved by the advances made available through aggressive research efforts; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Club urges its members and member clubs to support legislation for continued increased federal funding for the National Institutes of Health budget for the purpose of Cardiovascular Diseases/Stroke Research.

RATIONALE: New data published by AHA

Resolution 4-01 IDENTITY THEFT

(Reviewed 2005, 2009)

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission reports Identity Theft, the stealing of someone's personal identification for the purpose of setting up fraudulent accounts, is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Identity Theft is perpetrated through the stealing of personal Information through credit cards, driver's licenses, ATM cards, social security numbers, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Government and business increasingly rely on numbers to identify citizens, and technology simplifies the dissemination of personal information; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to educate themselves and their communities to the crime of Identity Theft, its serious ramifications, and the importance and the methods of protecting identities; and

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its clubs and members to contact credit reporting bureaus and connected government agencies, urging them to establish a simplified victim fraud alert process requiring one call and the filing of one form; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges law enforcement and Ohio courts to charge and punish identity thieves with the highest sentence possible. ~~and further urges the passage of legislation making the submitting of a credit application under false pretenses a felony.~~

RATIONALE: Because the State of Ohio passed a law making Identity Theft a felony of the fifth degree

Resolution 1-09 PROTECTION OF OUR OCEANS

WHEREAS, Oceans cover more than 2/3 of the Earth's surface, play a critical role in the global water and carbon cycles and in regulating climate, sustain a large part of the Earth's biodiversity, provide an important source of food and other natural products, act as a frontier for scientific exploration, are critical to national and economic security and provide a vital means of transportation; and

WHEREAS; The oceans are susceptible to change as direct and indirect results of human activities, and such changes can significantly impact the ability of the oceans to provide the benefits to the Earth which affect global climate patterns, ecosystem productivity and health, biodiversity, environmental quality, availability of energy, vulnerability to natural hazards and transportation safety and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Human pressure on ocean resources is drastically increasing due to chemical, nutrient and biological pollution, over fishing and use of destructive fishing practices, habitat damage and ocean acidification; and

WHEREAS, While there is a plethora of laws, government agencies and programs dealing with ocean resources activities they are poorly coordinated and do not constitute a unified and comprehensive public policy towards the oceans and it is the continuing mission of the Federal Government to create foster and maintain conditions, incentives and programs that will further ensure the sustainable and effective conservation, management and protection of the oceans in order to fulfill the responsibility of each generation as trustee in protecting such resources and ensuring that such resources will be available to meet the needs of future generations; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs supports effective water conservation and management efforts at the local, state and federal levels, the development of a National Ocean Policy that unifies and coordinates ocean

preservation efforts, specifically the National Ocean Policy and Leadership Act of 2008 (S. 3314) and H.R. 21; and further **RESOLVED, that in 2010 the National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, Coasts and Great Lakes was established and created a National Ocean Council (NOC) to address conservation, economic activity, user conflict, and sustainable use of the ocean, our coasts and the Great Lakes; and further**

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to practice and advocate water conservation and support the Ocean and Great Lakes Conservation Trust Fund by encouraging the use of a special postage stamp to afford ~~the~~ a convenient way to support efforts to protect, maintain and restore marine ecosystems.

RATIONALE: To bring it up to date, Housekeeping remove "the"

Resolution 3-09 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

WHEREAS, Violence against women does not discriminate and in any form is a crime, still each year more than one million (1,000,000,000) women become victims; and

WHEREAS, Violence against women is rooted in multiple causes and takes many forms, including physical, sexual and psychological. It effects all countries, social groups, ethnicities, religions and socioeconomic classes and is a global health, economic development and human rights problem of epidemic proportions; and

WHEREAS, The national center for victims of crime encourages communities, organizations, government agencies and individuals to focus attention on this serious and deadly crime; and

WHEREAS, According to the United Nations Secretary General's report entitled "Ending Violence Against Women," ~~102 member states have no specific laws on domestic violence that~~ **15 to 76 percent of women experience physical or sexual violence, therefore in 2009 a platform was launched "Say No-United to End Violence Against Women" to showcase advocacy efforts around the world and engage people of all walks of life both online (www.saynotoviolence.org) and on the ground, therefore**

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs encourage its member clubs and members to educate themselves and their communities about the crimes of violence and its serious escalation in our society; and further

RESOLVED, To encourage our lawmakers to develop stronger laws and penalties for the perpetrators of these crimes, to establish legislation and develop support and funding to the victims of violent crimes.

RATIONALE: To include an update from the United Nations Secretary-General

Report presented by the Legislation Public Policy and Resolution Committee

Penny Speyer, Chairman
Linda Hamilton, Anita Zupich

RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Amendments to GFWC/OFWC Bylaws

Page 71 Article VI – Districts

Section 1

Redistricting changes, if any, shall be announced at the following Annual Meeting (Convention) and become effective *with* the administration following their adoption.

HOUSEKEEPING

Page 71 Article VI – Districts

Section 3 District Meetings

Each District shall hold an *Information Day following the State Information Day*; a Conference in the Fall and a Legislation Day in the Spring.

Rationale: To include the District Information Day in the listing of required meetings.

Page 72 Article VI – Districts

Section 3 – District Meetings

2nd Sentence:

- d. In case there is but one candidate for the office, the election may be by voice, *a plurality vote shall elect*. They shall be installed.....

Rationale: consistency with Page 76, Section 12.

Page 74 Article IX - Community Service Programs – Special Committees – Trustees – Historian

Section 7— Memorial Forest Trustees

- a. The Memorial Forest Fund shall be administered by a Board of Trustees consisting of the President of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, *the* Conservation Chairman and *four (4)* additional members, one of whom shall have served as a Trustee in the immediate past administration. These *four (4)* trustees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve during the term of the administration.

Rationale: Increase the number on the committee from 3 to 4 to expand the size of the committee in the event of the loss of a member. Changing "a" to "the" is **Housekeeping**.

Page 76 Article XI – Scholarships

Section 1 – Scholarships A-1

Add: A high school senior is not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Rationale: To clarify exactly who is eligible to apply for the Clubwoman Scholarship.

Section A-2:

Add: *and who will attend an accredited Ohio college, university or technical school.*

Rationale: For consistency with other scholarships.

Page 78 Article XV – Amendments

Last line of paragraph – Change to read as new last sentence:

Without such notice, the bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting (Convention) by a unanimous vote of the eligible membership present.

Rationale: To designate who can vote.

NOTE The committee, in consultation with the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Club's president, is recommending that we do not change the bylaws to delete the slash mark "/" between GFWC and OFWC as this would entail making changes to our articles of incorporation as well as to other legal documents.

Bylaws Committee
Nancy L. Lombardo, Chairman
Betty Jo Mooney
Beverly Rufener

It is recommended that you bring your Directory or at the very least, the section of the Bylaws from the Directory so that you may refer to them.

STOP AND SHOP THE VENDORS' FAIR

These are just a few of the vendors this year.



Carrie Beth Carver

BRING YOUR SHOPPING LIST AND I WILL
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VIEW THE PRODUCT LINE AND EASY RECIPES:

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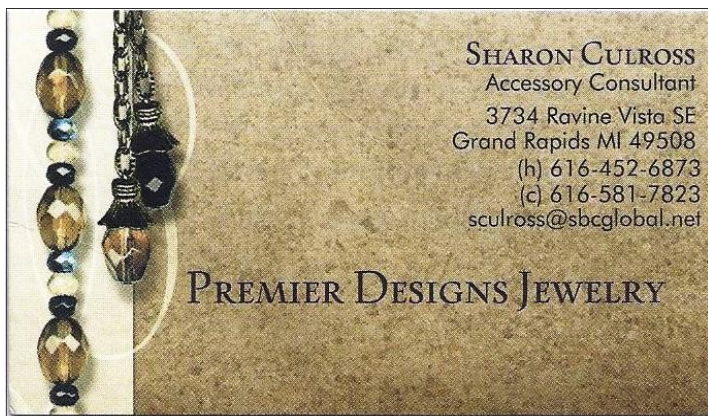
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Convention Corner

Convention news, evaluation comments, and important information

- Thanks for keeping on the time schedule and giving generous breaks.
- Club Presidents are invited to the "Chat Room" with GFWC Ohio President.
- Need a Convention protocol workshop (Check your invite to District Legislation Day for more information).
- The Club Highlight Workshop is returning!
- Do away with formal wear at dinners (Saturday night is "wear something vintage" or a favorite special outfit from your closet).
- Twenty five (25) vendors have been invited to participate!
- Mary Davis was a delightful speaker. Her memories added so much to the history.
- Send a member to join in the fun and report important information back to the club. Encourage clubs to subsidize member's registration.
- Keep vendors open later (Vendors will stay open during the reception on Friday evening for your shopping pleasure)
- *New* – Past LEADS Breakfast meeting
- Photography entries are due by 1:00pm on Friday, April 26th (**NO Late Entries**)

April 25-27, 2014, 116th Annual Convention. Put it on your calendar NOW!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR EVALUATION COMMENTS AT
THE 2012 CONVENTION – WE ARE LISTENING!**

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

(Include with your Convention registration)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

In case of Emergency Notify: NAME _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____ Cell _____

Medicines Currently Taking: _____

List any Health Problems for Doctor: _____

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

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Your Legal Signature _____

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

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April 26-28, 2013

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APRIL 4, 2013**

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Due by April 10, 2013
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No phone call reservations with Group Code

Group: GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs

Group code: OFW

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Rate: \$74 per night plus tax

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Check-in: 4:00pm Check-out: 11:00am

Please reserve:

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