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# Stitching Together a Stronger Community

The following article featured our own President Janet Ryan in GFWC's News and Notes.

*GFWC Missouri President Janet Ryan aims to celebrate American traditions and aid farming communities through the creation of barn quilts.*

*The tradition of barn quilts in America began when immigrants from the Rhine region of Germany arrived in the U.S. 300 years ago. Having fled religious persecution in Germany, Amish, Lutheran, and Mennonite settlers began painting small patterns on the ends of barns as a way to honor their heritage. In the early 2000s, an enterprising Ohio resident resurrected the tradition as a means of drawing tourists to small towns. Farmers placed 8 feet by 8 feet squares depicting a single quilt block on the exteriors of their barns or houses.*

*Organizers of the Ohio project mapped together all of the barn quilts and created a quilt trail for tourists to follow. When other communities heard of the Ohio trails' success, they began replicating the project across the Midwest. President Ryan sees barn quilts as a way to draw tourists to farms, bring diverse*

*segments of society together, educate the public on local products, and add art to communities in a single stroke. GFWC Missouri clubwomen cannot accomplish this endeavor alone. They plan to work with scouts, government officials, craftsmen, farmers, and business leaders. President Ryan is building the required coalition by giving presentations and appearing on local television programs to promote the project.*

*Missouri clubwomen will also be aided by author and barn quilt expert Suzi Paron. Ms. Paron will speak at an April 2018 meeting and hold a class on how to construct a barn quilt square. If you wish to follow the example of our GFWC Missouri clubwomen and construct*

*from GFWC News and Notes*

*a barn quilt of your own, free tutorials are available online through wiki-How.*

*We are certain that President Ryan will achieve her goal of "boosting the local economy, improving communities, and preserving American history" as more and more barn quilts are added to the Missouri landscape.*

If you do not receive GFWC's News and Notes online, contact [GFWC@GFWC.org](mailto:GFWC@GFWC.org). Email and tell them you would like to receive the News and Notes.

Archived copies may be found at [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org), click on News and Publications, then News and Notes.



## RAP FALL LUNCHEON

Another successful RAP luncheon was held at MGT on Wednesday, November 30. In spite of the chilly weather the atmosphere inside was warm and pleasant. The event started with a brief introduction about the RAP program by RAP Coordinator Becky Malcolm of GFWC Girlfriends of Lake Ozark. After a yummy lunch of pizza, salad and cookies the girls got to the main attraction, that amazing table full of small gifts donated by the women of GFWC of Missouri. The nineteen girls who participated in the Reading Awards Program were delighted with the Wal-Mart Gift Cards (for those reading 20 or more books) and the gifts. Most of the girls came forward afterwards to say "thank you" and to share a few hugs. And of course, the terrific MGT staff was helpful and supportive as usual.

Right now the inventory for RAP is completely depleted of the following popular items: small denomination Wal-Mart gift cards (\$5-20); eye liner, shower gel, body lotion, and calendars. (The girls really love scented shower gel and hand/body lotions.) Of course, small stuffed animals, hair accessories and bracelets are also popular. If you would like to make a contribution, please bring it to your Spring District meeting or to the GFWC State Convention in May. The next RAP luncheon is tentatively planned for May 17, 2017. Your support of this important GFWC project is needed and appreciated!

## Scholarships Depend on Generous Donations

GFWC of Missouri has seven scholarship funds that depend on generous donations from clubs, members, and friends. Our current fund balances are:

\$ 67 Art Scholarship \*  
 \$303 Forestry Scholarship  
 \$672 Mental Health Nursing Scholarship  
 \$286 Music Scholarship  
 \$455 Music Therapy Scholarship  
 \$200 Native American Indian Scholarship  
 \$373 Special Education Scholarship

\*A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to a student at the Kansas City Art Institute in May 2016.

Clubs donate annually to these scholarships through the District Treasurers. To award \$1,000 scholarships, the funds would benefit with the generosity of individuals mailing checks to GFWC

MO Treasurer Donna Calvin: 5318 West 141st Terrace, Leawood, KS 66224-1157.

Donna has been receiving donations for the Mental Health Nursing Scholarship from her daughters in lieu of trinkets for her birthday and Mother's Day. Donna's father entered a care center for dementia in 2014, and the family gained a strong appreciation for the compassion and patience shown by the nurses there.

Do you have an appreciation for an occupation represented by one of our scholarships? If so, please consider this in your annual giving. Checks made out to the "GFWC MO Fund for Charity & Education" are tax-deductible, and your generosity will benefit a deserving student. Be sure to write the name of the scholarship on the check memo line.



Becky Malcom and RAP donations at MGT

## Happy 100th Anniversary to the National Park Service

By Kathy Palermo, GFWC MO Conservation

As State Conservation Chairman, I received this article on the National Park Service from Angela Cutrera, GFWC Conservation Chairman and I wanted to share excerpts with you. Angela wrote: GFWC's commitment to conservation has been evident throughout its history as clubwomen around the country have focused on the preservation of our natural resources. This dedication is the perfect complement to the National Park Service which works to care for natural and historical treasures.

GFWC President Mary Belle King Sherman, who served as Conservation Chairman from 1914-1920, was instrumental in the formation of six national parks, representing GFWC at the dedication of Rocky Mountain Park near her home and advocating for the GFWC resolution supporting the National Park Service Bill. On August 25, 1916, the National Park Service was officially created when President Woodrow Wilson signed the National Park Service Organic Act.

To celebrate the 2016 Centennial, the National Park Service invites visitors to discover these historic parks located across the country.

More than 400 national parks cover over 84 million acres, and there is at least one in every state. These parks are known by numerous names and are big, scenic areas. There are national lakeshores, seashores, and rivers. National

monuments are large and small and national memorials honor a person or event. National battlefields commemorate a military action and national historic sites preserve the country's history. National preserves are scientific landscapes and wildlife resources.

Caring for national parks takes a lot of work from each of its employees as well as the assistance of volunteers. Jobs for volunteers include working in the visitor center, grounds maintenance, photography, helping with research, or leading hikes.

Consider ways that you and your club members can volunteer and promote the National Park Service:

- Research the national parks and plan a visit to explore a park in your area.
- Plan a year-long study at your club meetings to educate your members about the National Park Service, its history, and the many parks, monuments, and historic sites throughout the country.
- Contact your local park and see if they need volunteers. Ask if they offer programs for kids.
- Volunteer to help or start a program of your own such as a nature walk or a craft class using recyclable materials.
- Inquire about adopting a trail or a section of the park. Assist with maintenance, planting of trees, flowers or plants, or cleaning up litter.
- Choose to stay at a national park

when traveling.

- Inquire about programs they can offer your group. Topics could include conservation, preservation, recycling, natural resources, plants and animals, or the history and culture of the area.

- Support the parks with monetary donations or by becoming a member of the National Parks Conservation Association.

I hope you enjoyed Angela's article and now my question for you is:

What are the national parks in Missouri?

According to Google, here is the answer:

1. George Washington Carver National Monument
2. Wilson's Creek National Battlefield
3. Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site
4. Mark Twain National Forest
5. Ozark National Scenic Riverways (made up of Current and Jack Fork Rivers)
6. Burr Oak Woods Nature Center
7. Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (Gateway Arch)
8. Busiek State Forest and Wildlife Area (also a national forest)
9. Harry S Truman National Historic Site (Truman's home)

It's not too late to celebrate the 2016 Centennial of the National Park Service. Discover America's parks, have fun, and become a steward of these natural and historical treasures to ensure their existence for the next 100 years!

Hello GFWC of MO Leadership,  
I am pleased to serve as GFWC of Missouri Home Life Chair for the 2016-2018 administration. As the GFWC of Missouri bees start buzzing for the year, I am looking forward to hearing about your programs and projects promoting Home Life. The broad scope of this category lends itself to endless possibilities.

Need ideas? The international website [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) has amazing suggestions spanning all levels of resource availability. I have attached the Home Life section from the 2016-2018 GFWC Club Manual. You may download the attachment or use this link:

<http://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/2016-18-CSP-Home-Life.pdf?0a0236>

Regardless of the membership size or budget allocation of your club, you will find inspiration from this list.

Once again, GFWC will partner with Canine Companions for Independence and Easter Seals. Whether you choose to work with an official GFWC partner, select another suggestion from the attached extensive list, or employ your own creativity to tailor your project to the specific needs of your community, please share! Your club might win an award plus other clubs across Missouri will receive inspiration from your work. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Busy bees volunteering together,

Sharon Anderson  
jpskjan@aol.com  
573-893-7180

## ***Whoops! Please don't throw it away—Bring it to Springfield!***

*Scenario #1: You're wrapping presents and you run out of tape. Instead of throwing away your tape dispenser or core, please bring it to our May 10-13, 2017 GFWC MO Convention at the Ramada & Oasis Convention Center in Springfield. We'll recycle it through 3-M.*

*Scenario #2: After your Christmas party, you are cleaning up the kitchen. What about all those soda cans? Instead of just recycling them, pull off the tabs first and tuck away the tabs to bring to Springfield for the Ronald McDonald House.*

*Scenario #3: Your New Year's Resolution is to clean house. Instead of throwing away that old or broken jewelry, set it aside to bring to Springfield for recycling through Monarch Jewelry which benefits sex trafficking victims. What about those old, metal keys you find when cleaning out your drawers? Instead of tossing them, bring them to Springfield for recycling at the Ronald McDonald House.*

*Thanks for helping Mother Earth both during and after the holidays....Kathy Palermo, GFWC MO Conservation Chairman*



## ***Did you know...?***

All club presidents are entitled to receive a copy of the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine free of charge. However, rosters are not updated until each state sends in their dues report in February with all of their current clubs and club presidents. Mailing lists at GFWC Headquarters are updated at this time with complimentary copies being sent to the club presidents. If you are a new club president and wish to start receiving your complimentary issue now, all you have to do is send an email to [jsimpson@gfwc.org](mailto:jsimpson@gfwc.org) with the information that you are a new club president. Include your club information and Jennifer will update the mailing list upon receiving your information. Jennifer is the Membership Services Coordinator and said she is more than happy to update your information so you can begin receiving your magazine ASAP. We want our Club Presidents to stay informed!

# ***GFWC of Missouri Hosts a Successful Mississippi Valley Region Conference***

by Karla Kinkade  
MVR Chair

September 25, 2016 marked the closing of the Mississippi Valley Region Conference held in Excelsior Springs at the Elms Hotel and Spa.

We have our memories:

Of Miss Ruby and her Wacky Murder Mystery Employees – ask someone about the Chick-Magnet shorts

A Day of Service at Harvesters and at Giving the Basics – some absorbed so much soap on their skin, they still don't need soap to bathe.

Lunch and Tour at the Bingham-Waggoner Estate – some want to take up residency

A tour of Independence – where the west began and Judy Wertz donned her pioneer dress

A Trunk Show by Jenny Doan at the Missouri Star Quilt Company – now you know anyone can make a quilt???

Painting a Barn Quilt – Janet and Leslie have artistic talents

The Entertainment: President Harry S Truman had stories like Bess agreed to marry him after his third proposal if her mother could live with them---Hummm!

And, Singer Dan Quisenberry sang everything from show tunes to Ray Stevens' The Day the Squirrel Went Berserk. What a voice!

The Food: Triple Chocolate Cake, Caramel Apple Pie, Carrot Cake and some other foods to accompany the desserts like hot rolls!

Visit with friends: When GF

members gather from seven states, there's a lot to talk about and great fun just being together.

Oh, yes! We did have reports from the national chairmen that live in our region. We are proud to be represented so well on the national level.

A Special Thanks goes out to the work of so many Missouri Club Members who worked together toward a successful Conference. Everyone did an outstanding job. Thank You to:

The fifty (50) GFWC of Missouri members who attended the Conference and represented us so well.

LaDonne Snavelly, MVR President  
Janet Ryan, GFWC of Missouri President

Donna Calvin, Registration Chairman and Conference Advisor  
Kathy Palermo, MVR Musician  
Gay Tarr, Past MVR President, response to mayor's welcome and Collect for Clubwomen leader  
Bonnie Jansen, 2016 LEADS graduate and speaker

GFWC of Missouri Second District – Registration Committee

GFWC Lathrop Study Club – Provided refreshments for Hospitality Room for Boosters, Chairmen: Lori Snodgrass and Carolyn Lovelace  
GFWC of Missouri members across the state who purchased fundraiser items to fund the Conference

14 Table Hostesses at Missouri State Banquet

Table Grace by Carolyn Lovelace,

Janice Carter (2016 MVR Jennie June Recipient), Jean Marney and Tamara Miller

Jim Snavelly and Tony Cook – drivers to Booster activities

The Chairman and their committees who made the Conference special with their own unique talents.

Leslie Prothero – Fundraising  
Claudia Powell- Table Decorations

Pat Mertens – Publisher  
Judy Wertz and Kathy Palermo – Independence Tour Guides

Bob and Judy Gustafson – Assistants on Independence Tour

Fran Cousins – Hamilton Tour Guide --- Janet Ryan and Pat Mertens, drivers

Angela Salmon – Audio Visual Chairman

Connie Tiehen and Trish Shelton – Runners and Silent Auction Chairmen

Jean Marney – Ticket Chairman

Lisa Cook – International Outreach Chairman and assistant to Kate Fields (State Basket Booth) and to Claudia Powell (Decorations)

Susan Gettys – Hostess to International President, Sheila Shea and assistant to Jean Marney (tickets)

Connie Burress – Transportation for International President, Sheila Shea

Tamara Miller – Transportation and Hostess to International President - Elect Marry Ellen Brock

Kathy Wright – Hostess to MVR President, LaDonne Snavelly

# CHECKLIST: CORRECTIONS TO 2016-2018 GFWC MO YEARBOOK

Page # Task

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1 Underline 1966-1968; spelling Kirkwood; Mrs. Kathy Palermo

3 Calendar MGT Open House dates TBA

7 Executive Officers - Donna Calvin, Leawood, KS; Bonnie Tillman - bluemoon\_night93@yahoo.com

8 Lisa Cook - 65248

10 Cary Chambers - caryjchambers@gmail.com;

Carol Shoener - 660-484-3045; Susan Gettys - susan.gettys@att.net

12 Juniorette Chairman Deborah Gorman -660-234-5291, baptizeacat@gmail.com

14 Linda Fischer - Anderson School Road

18 Shenandoah Club - Susan Gettys - susan.gettys@att.net

16 Tamara Miller - tamara\_miller@sbcglobal.net

19 remove second Lake Ozark- 636 9th District - Kennett Coleen Pu - coleen.pu@gmail.com

A-1, B-1 Linda Fischer - Anderson School Road

A-18, B-18 Linda Fischer - Anderson School Road

36 9th District - Van Buren Sherilyn Clark -skclark@centurytel.net

36 9th District - Fredericktown - Friday Club Doris Firebaugh - dmfirebaugh@gmail.com

35 9th District - Cape Girardeau Scope Club - new president Gloria Hassemer, 808 Kimbelwood Drive, Jackson, MO 63775 573-204-9004 Cell: 661-706-9474 gjhassemer@gmail.com

36 9th District - Gideon Cathy Hilfiker, PO Box 54, Gideon, MO 63848, 573-270-0867, chilfiger@neafc.org

31 6th District - change Cosmopolitan Club of Ozark from Junior Club designation to general club status

36 9th District -add Elaine Wilthong as co-president of the Puxico Thursday Culture Club, ewilth@sbcglobal.net

A-1, B-1 Honor Roll Reports - send to Judy Gustafson, Vice President GFWC of MO, Inc.; 13658 Lakewood Drive, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

29 Jefferson City - disbanded GFWC Capital City Woman's Club

27 Eolia - disbanded GFWC Aeolian Club

25 Hannibal - disbanded GFWC Woman's Club of Hannibal

24 Liberty - disbanded GFWC Fortnightly Study Club

31 Rolla - disbanded GFWC Rolla Junior Club

8 GFWC Home Life Chairman - change to Tammie McCoy, 177 West Oxford Street, Pontotoc, MS 38863, 662-790-4134, mcco3938@bellsouth.net

8 GFWC Education Chairman -change to Chris Sienkielewski, 186 Oak Manor Parkway, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, 908-561-8075, Cell-732-662-8286, CAS1231@verizon.net

8 GFWC Home Life Chairman - change Sharon Anderson to CATHY SZWARGULSKI, 13642 Lakewood Drive, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670, 636-346-6664, ccski@1791.com

36 Van Buren - add skclark@centurytel.net email for Sherilyn Clark

26 Columbia GFWC Tuesday Club of Columbia - change club president to Joan Beard, 154 W. Green Meadows Road, Columbia, MO 65203, 573-442-5809 Cell:573-268-0892, joanbeard2016@gmail.com

32 Nevada GFWC Thalias Club - change phone number to 471-684-7107


34 GFWC Hope Club - change phone number to 314-413-3315

35 Cape Girardeau GFWC Scope Club - change address to 2059 Providence, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, phone number to 661-706-9474

35 GFWC Caruthersville Semo Club - change phone number to 573-333-4456

36 Gideon GFWC Woman's Community Club of Gideon - change address to PO Box 571, change email to jashilfiker@sbcglobal.net

36 Puxico GFWC Thursday Culture Club - change club president to Elaine Wilthong, PO Box 404, Puxico, MO 63960, 573-222-6197 Cell: 573-576-6445, ewilth@sbcglobal.net



**Official Call to the 122nd Annual Convention of GFWC of Missouri, Inc.**  
**Oasis Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65803**  
**Reservations: 1-417-866-5253 or 1-888-532-4338 or www.ramadaoasis.com**  
**And insert booking ID code: 1115450**  
**May 10-13, 2017**

## 2017 GFWC Missouri Spring Convention

**Sunday, April 12th Room Reservation Deadline:** To receive the group rate of \$89.00 for poolside queen, accessible queen or courtyard king . You must identify yourself as a General Federation of Women's Clubs member. Rate applies to up to four per room. If you need a handicapped room or one close to the elevator, please state that when you make your reservation. If you want a written confirmation, you must request it. After April 12th, our block of rooms will be released to the general public so please make your reservation ASAP. Reservations after April 12th will be accepted at the group rate based on availability. For reservations without a credit card, a deposit equal to room rate and tax for first night are required.

### Thursday, April 30th Registration Deadline

#### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one:

GFWC of MO Board Member - District Officer - Club President - Club Member - Booster - Guest  
 Voting delegates, please check one: Voting as a State Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ Voting delegate for my club \_\_\_\_\_

Article IV, Sec. 2,a: Each club should determine their voting delegates. Two delegates from each active club of 20 members or less; 1 additional delegate for each additional 10 members or major part thereof.

This is my first GFWC Conference/Convention	Yes ___	No ___
I am a 50+ year member of GFWC	Yes ___	No ___
I plan to attend the 7:00 pm Wednesday night social	Yes ___	No ___
I plan to attend the LEADS Workshop (6:00-7:30pm Wed & 7:00-8:30am Thur.)	Yes ___	No ___
Registration Fee for every person who attends	\$10.00	_____
I want to take the Wednesday tour of the Fantastic Caverns from 1:50 to 4:00pm (20 required for this price, \$25.31 if fewer than 20 sign up)	\$ 17.50	_____
Thursday, May 11th ESO Luncheon Grilled Hawaiian Chicken	\$ 19.95	_____
Thursday, May 11th Banquet Bistro Beef Medallions	\$ 29.95	_____
Friday, May 12th Breakfast Buffet	\$ 19.95	_____
Friday, May 12th Luncheon Smoked Turkey Croissant	\$ 18.95	_____
Friday, May 12th Banquet Maple & Copper Run Whiskey Glazed Salmon	\$ 32.95	_____
Saturday, May 13th Breakfast	\$ 15.95	_____
Optional Convention Sponsor ( <i>Please mark level of sponsorship below</i> )	\$ _____	_____
** Meal prices include tip Total Payment:	\$ _____	_____



**Optional Convention Sponsor:** To help defray convention expenses, you may choose to pay the additional amount marked below to be a convention sponsor. If registration is received by April 30th deadline, your name will be printed in the program. If you wish, please mark one below and add that amount to the total payment above.

**MASON BEE \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ HONEY BEE \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ QUEEN BEE \$50 \_\_\_\_\_**

**See mailing instructions on next page.**



## 2017 GFWC of Missouri State Convention

**Thursday, April 30 Deadline** Please make check payable to GFWC of Missouri, Inc. and mail with this registration form to Donna Calvin, GFWC of MO Treasurer, 5318 W. 141st Terrace, Leawood, KS 66224 by Thursday, April 30th. Donna's email is [DonnaCalvin20@aol.com](mailto:DonnaCalvin20@aol.com); her phone# is 913-766-5223.

### Tentative Agenda

#### Wednesday, May 10th (Casual Dress)

1:50 pm

Meet in lobby to Tour Fantastic Caverns, discovered in the late 1800s and explored early on by twelve women. The adventurous group will carpool the 15 minute trip to our destination where we will ride comfortably through the cave on a guided tour reasonably priced at \$17.50 (provided 20 of us sign up for the tour — otherwise, \$25.31 each). The group will return to the hotel at 4:00 pm.

4:00 - 7:00 pm -

Executive Committee Meeting

6:00 pm -

Reception with snacks and small table activities while you visit

7:00 - 9:00 pm -

Social and Registration

7:30 - 9:30 pm -

LEADS Workshop

#### Thursday, May 11th (Business Dress during day; Country Western wear)

7:30 - 9:45 am -

LEADS Workshop

8:00 - 11:00 am -

Registration

8:00 - 10:00 am -

Browse Exhibits, Shop, Check in Photos and Yearbooks

9:30 am -

GFWC Shenandoah Club meeting with Dr. Susan Gettys

10:00 am -

GFWC of MO Board Meeting

11:00 am -

Opening Ceremonies of the 122nd annual GFWC of Missouri Convention

12:00 -

ESO Luncheon (for all attendees) - Speaker-Regina Greer Cooper, Exe. Dir. Springfield-Greene County Library

Awards presented by Carolyn Wyatt

1:00 - 5:00 pm -

Presentation of Awards - Judy Gustafson

Memorials by Judy Gustafson

Proposed bylaw changes by Dottie Getz

District Presidents' Reports

Invitation to MVR Conference

Talk, Read, Play dramatization

Dreaming Zebra

6:30 pm -

Dinner and Entertainment - Tammy Brandell-Carter and Tonya Wainscott

#### Friday, May 12th (Daytime Business Dress; evening after-five wear)

7:15 - 8:45

Breakfast Buffet

9:15 am -

General Assembly Resumes

Speaker from Missouri Leadership Seminar (MLS)

Awards presentation - Judy Gustafson

District Presidents' Reports

Speaker - Don Maxey from Black Rooster Creative Barn Quilt Squares

Shop at Don's display, browse other displays

12:00 - Luncheon -

Speaker- W.T. Johnson - Grandparents Program

1:15 pm -

General Session Resumes

Missouri Girls Town Updates

MGT Award Presentation - Judy Gustafson

Award Presentation - Judy Gustafson

Speaker - W.T. Johnson - The Underground Railroad and Quilts

Introduction of LEADS candidate - Carol Shoener

Report of LEADS Workshop; Certificates

5:00 pm -

GFWC Show Me State Presidents Club Meeting

6:30 pm -

Dinner & Entertainment - Alex Burden - A Magical Evening

#### Saturday, May 13th (Dress is Casual)

7:15 am -

Breakfast Buffet

9:30 am -

Photography Awards - Sue Koch

10:00 am -

Writing Awards - Leslie Prothero

10:30 am -

Other Business

District Presidents' Reports

Awards Presentation - Judy Gustafson

Announcements

Club Collect

Adjournment of Convention



#### Items to Bring to the Convention:

Please consider bringing with you - Empty tape dispensers, pull tabs, Best Choice labels, old jewelry

Items for the Dollar Table

Books for ESO Table

Items for MGT - Shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, New or gently used: Crayons, colored pencils, packages of notebook paper, packages of typing paper

# Membership – “It’s the Real Deal!”

## GFWC MO 2016-18 T-Shirts Order Form



### T-Shirt Prices

**Small-X-Large \$16**  
**XXL-Up \$18**



Mark Size, Color, Number
Yellow _____
Lavender _____
Green _____
Mark Size, Number
Small _____
Medium _____
Large _____
XL _____
XXL _____
Other _____

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

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Order Amount included:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include this form with your registration. Orders for colors and sizes will be placed prior to the convention for those order forms received. You may also bring this form with you to the convention. Extra shirts will be available at the convention in limited sizes and colors.

Congratulations to all of our clubs who have successfully recruited new members for the 2016-17 club year! Many of you have sent me the forms with your new club members listed. If you haven't sent them, it's not too late. I'm in the process of updating our recruitment records so I can hand out the Membership Star Awards at our GFWC MO Spring Convention in Springfield this coming May. Members who recruit 5-9 new members receive a White Star, those recruiting 10-14 new members receive a blue star, 15-19 members a silver star and 25-29 members a gold star. Those who continue to recruit new members then start receiving colored circles to be worn behind the star pins. What a great way to recognize the efforts of our "Star" recruiters!! The theme for the next two years is "It's the Real Deal" with each season's recruitment theme relating to card games.

- Summer – Go Fish for Members      June, July & August due September 1
- Fall – Bridge the Gap                      September, October & November due December 1
- Winter – Game of Hearts                  December, January & February due March 1
- Spring – 52 Pick Up – A Membership      March, April & May due June 1

If you need a copy of the New Member Form you can find it on the GFWC of Missouri webpage or email me at [susan.getts@att.net](mailto:susan.getts@att.net). There is one form to use to report new members to me and another to send to GFWC Headquarters in DC. Keep recruiting your new members – let's see how many we can have by our spring convention!

Susan Gettys  
GFWC MO Membership Chair



*These are the smiling faces of GFWC Achieving by Reading Club members after packing hygiene products for shelters, churches, and schools at the Giving the Basics warehouse in the caves in Kansas City, Missouri.*

## Hear Ye! Year Ye! Looking for Freebies for the 2018 GFWC Convention

As you know, the seven states in MVR (Mississippi Valley Region) will be hosting the 2018 GFWC International Convention in St. Louis. Kathy Palermo is the Welcome Table Chairman and needs your help in finding items to give away at the Welcome Table. It would be great to get at least 100 of any item but any amount will be fine. If we run out of one item, we'll replace it with another item as they did at the Welcome Table at the 2016 GFWC Convention in Baltimore.

**What kind of items?** We are looking for items such as post-it notes, breakfast bars, candy, pens, key chains, small notepads, and bottled water, anything that someone at a convention might find helpful during their stay in St. Louis.

**Who should I contact if I have items to donate:** Please contact Kathy if you have something to donate. Her contact information is [kathypalermo@hotmail.com](mailto:kathypalermo@hotmail.com), 816-510-2620 (cell), 816-373-6821 (home). If they want to mail the items, Kathy's address is 4112 NE Courtney Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64064.

**Possible sources for donations:** Do you know a business that might be willing to donate 100 or more of an item? If you work outside the home, perhaps ask your employer if they would donate something. If you know someone who owns their own business, see if they have items to donate. This is great publicity for any business and shows their support for volunteerism and community service.

Thank you in advance from the 2018 GFWC Convention attendees!

## *GFWC MO Sixth District Fall Convention 2016 Report*

GFWC of MO Sixth District members met in Cabool on October 8, 2016. Approximately 20 members representing 6 clubs from across the district gathered at the Cabool Senior Center for a day of fun and information. We were entertained by our morning speaker, Mr. Brad Ellsworth and his son who spoke to us about their connection in history with the Continental Congress. It was a trip back through American History to the early years and was both entertaining and informative. GFWC MO President Janet Ryan and GFWC MO Recording Secre-

tary were in attendance along with GFWC MO President-Elect Susan Gettys. Our state officers shared new information for the upcoming administration. We passed out many awards to our 6th District Clubs from the GFWC MO Spring



Convention, voted on bylaw changes, and passed out applications for our 6th District Scholarship. Last spring, we began participating in our own Terra Cycle Brigade project to collect Oral Care Products (toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, etc.) and Personal Care and Beauty Products (hair care packaging, skin care packaging, and cosmetic packaging). Members were asked to collect over the summer and bring items to our fall district convention. I am happy to report that we boxed up three large boxes of recyclables to ship to Terra Cycle and keep these items out of the landfills!