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STARGAZING



with
GFWC of MO
President
Patricia Zachary

MVR Conference is just a memory – but what great memories they are. In the last newsletter, you were reminded that you were host to the Mississippi Valley Region Conference. And did you ever come through. Of the 124 in attendance, 54 were GFWC of Missouri members. Thank you.

THANK YOU

To ALL GFWC of Missouri Clubwomen who attended the MVR Conference and pitched in to help.

A Special THANK YOU to Shirley Guevel for going "above and beyond" as Registrar.

Leadership in Missouri

As I make my last trip as GFWC of Missouri President to the district conventions around the state, my thoughts are on the future leadership of GFWC of Missouri. GFWC of Missouri has many members with leadership qualities. The State Federation needs some of you to come forward and run for election to positions on the **GFWC of Missouri Executive Committee**.

With the exception of the positions of President (the elected President-Elect steps up to the position of President) and Parliamentarian (appointed by the incoming President), all the positions are open for nominations each even numbered year. Any of you could run for election to the position of President-Elect, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer. Only members of per capita clubs are eligible to hold office, and no more than two elective officers can be from the same district. Your name must be filed with the Committee on Elections no later than 8 weeks before the election. The election in 2010 will be held on May 20, 2010, so your name must be filed before March 25, 2010.

The procedure to be followed is:

1. Ask your Club and/or District for endorsement of you as a candidate.
2. Your Club and/or District must vote on, and pass, a motion for endorsement of you as candidate for the position you seek.
3. Your Club and/or District must send a letter stating endorsement of you, specifying the position sought, verifying your eligibility, and a letter from you consenting to serve in the position if elected, to the Chairman of the Elections Committee.

Kathy Hartig, Chairman
GFWC of MO Elections Committee
13418 Greenwood Court
Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

4. Then you, the candidate, must send a short biographical sketch, and a picture, to the Editor of the Missouri Clubwoman before the publication deadline. That deadline will be March 25, 2010.

Karla Kincaid, Editor
Missouri Clubwoman
10396 SE State Rt. E
Braymer, MO 64624

5. You must also notify:

Carolyn Lovelace, President-Elect
GFWC of MO, Inc.
Box 425
Lathrop, MO 64465

She can then include you in the Planning Meeting for the 2010-2012 term of office.

That meeting is held in February or March, so the sooner you let her know, the better.

6. If elected, you will be installed May 21, 2010, at the President's Banquet.

Do consider serving GFWC of Missouri as an elected officer on the Executive Committee. The positions are working positions, and do require commitment and dedication today, and in the future. While not always possible, we have stronger officers if one can advance each term into the next office in line and have several years experience in office before becoming President. Each step forward leads to more knowledge and understanding of the members and clubs in our State Federation, and responsibilities to the Region and National organizations. You can help us grow, change, and adapt - you can make a difference in GFWC of Missouri.

Five positions on the **Missouri Girls Town Board of Directors** will also open for nominations.

1. You will need to ask your Club and/or District for endorsement.

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2. Your Club or District would send their letter of endorsement stating you are a member of a per capita Club of GFWC of Missouri, that they endorse your candidacy, specifying the position you are nominated for (member of Missouri Girls Town Board of Directors), and your letter consenting to serve if elected, to the Chairman of the Elections Committee, Kathy Hartig (information given above), before March 25, 2010.

3. You must then send a short biographical sketch, and a picture, to Karla Kincaid (information given above), before March 25, 2010.

4. You will not be asked to attend the GFWC of Missouri Planning Meeting for the 2010-2012 term of office.

5. Beginning in July of the year elected you would attend the Missouri Girls Town Board Meeting the third Wednesday of July, September, November, January, March and May.

"Read to Reach a Star"

Don't forget to read this publication closely and watch for the hidden ★ star! The first three members who notify Editor Karla Kincaid, by email (mogfwcnews@wildblue.net) or by telephone (660-645-2455), of the location of the star will receive free registration at our State Convention. Karla is going to delay email and website publication until the surface mail is delivered so everyone has an even chance.

Pat Zachary

What a Difference A Year Makes

Carolyn Lovelace, President-Elect

One may certainly paraphrase the old song, "What a Difference a Day Makes" by saying, "What a Difference a Year Makes" to describe GFWC of Missouri, Inc. during the past club year. For several years we had a greater loss in membership than we would have

liked. In 2008, the tide was turned. Yes, our clubs worked hard to increase their membership and to stop the rate of attrition we had been experiencing. Well, it paid off and we ended the club year with more members than we had the previous year. What a successful club year we had! Why was it successful? It's because so many of you worked to recruit new members, organize new clubs and to retain membership. You mailed those ACT in OCT cards to let me know of your recruiting progress. In turn, I was able to write a glowing report that described the hard work our membership had been doing during the 2008 Club Year. GUESS WHAT! That paid off also. When we traveled to Cleveland for the International Convention, President Pat Zachary received, for the state of Missouri, the **2008 Best Membership Program Award for our Category**. HOORAY FOR US! We would never have received this award without your efforts and your reporting.

This coming year, I want you to continue recruiting and to continue reporting. We also need to work hard to retain the wonderful members we have in our organization. Plan Member Appreciation times to let your fellow club members know you appreciate them. Don't forget to report to your state chairman about your progress in all areas. Maybe we can, once again, win the Membership Award and more next year.

Chairmen Needed for 2010-2012 Term

As we travel to the District Conventions this fall, I will be asking if you would be interested in chairing a committee for the 2010-2012 term. We will need several capable club members to chair these important committees. I do hope you will consider doing so. If you are interested but will not be attending the District Convention, please contact me at: P.O. Box 425, Lathrop, MO 64465; phone - 816-528-3429 or by email - csl@grm.net. Don't be bashful!

Remember GFWC of Missouri, Inc. needs YOU!

GFWC Reporting

Lisa Cook, Vice-President

One of the tasks we are asked to do as a GFWC club, is to report our activities, programs, projects, and volunteers hours just to name a few things. You might ask yourself, "WHY, WHY, WHY do I have to do this task?" Well, it is not mandatory for you to report, a small fraction of our clubs do not report. So, WHY should you report:

1. Reporting is an excellent way to keep records on your clubs activities; a sort of club history. It creates documentation to help your club learn, change, and move in new directions.

2. Reporting helps the GFWC keep current with the kinds of things that clubs and clubwomen are interested in.

3. Reporting allows the GFWC to find potential funders for grants. Companies like to see what the collective achievements are as an organization.

4. The most important reason to me is that it rewards your club and club members for their hard work. If one of your club members works diligently on a program or project, then that program or project wins an award, it is a 'pat on the back' for your club volunteer that gave so many hours to your cause. Sometimes as volunteers, it is good to be rewarded for a job well done.

How do you report? There are forms located in the GFWC of Missouri Yearbook for the current administration. In the yearbook, the names and faces of the state chairman to report your programs/projects to are listed in the front. In the back, there are forms to report your Missouri Girls Town contributions, your dues, your Scholarship Activity, Special funds, and MO Day activity. The Honor

Roll for 2009 is also located in the back of the GFWC of Missouri Yearbook. This year's honor roll report will be sent to: Lisa Cook, 209 Co. Rd. 203, Fayette, MO 65248 instead of Jan Brown as it is listed on the form.

Reporting is important. If you have any questions, please ask. We would love to assist you. Make it a fun activity for your club, not something that is dreaded during the month of January. Get together and do a cookie exchange and fill out those report forms. What else is there to do in January anyway??

Special Notice from Lisa Cook, Vice-President

Club Presidents: Please send the names of members who passed away during this administration to include in the Memorial Service at the May, 2010 Convention in Jefferson City. I need the name, club, district and a short description of your lost member. My address is above. My email address is: cookli@health.missouri.edu

Membership Dues in Brief

Shirley Guevel, Treasurer

It's that time again . . .

time to pay dues.

Use the form on page 13 of your Club President's State Yearbook.



Please get your dues in before December 31. It means money in your district treasury when you do. And get extra points on Honor Roll when they are paid before November 1! And it really helps me make my deadlines!

Special note about RAP . . . this is the Reading Awards Program at MO Girls Town and should be on the Special Funds Report form, page 14, and not on the Dues report page 13.

This program depends on your club donations for certificates and small prizes awarded to the girls. List your RAP donation on a separate line as a Special Fund; send the form with the donation to your district treasurer and she, in turn, will send me one check from all clubs in your district.

Got a Question? I Have an Answer!

Dottie Getz, Parliamentarian

People often have questions about protocol and parliamentary procedure. With that in mind, I recently started a forum of sorts on GFWC of Missouri website's Message Board -- see "Got a Protocol or Parliamentary Procedure Question?" under General GFWC of Missouri on the Board Index. To kick off the forum, I will ask and answer some basic questions here and now!

Q. What are bylaws?

A. Bylaws are an organization's basic rules -- those that relate principally to the organization itself and its function rather than to parliamentary procedure that the organization follows. For example, bylaws normally will provide for the office of president but will rarely specify how the president is to be addressed.

Q. Our club has a constitution too -- what is its role?

A. Formerly, it was common practice to divide an organization's basic rules into two documents -- the constitution and the bylaws with the rules for amendments to the constitution being stricter than those for the bylaws. While separate documents are not incorrect, current practice is to combine all the rules into a single document referred to as the "bylaws." Often separate documents are found in older organizations that have had little reason to change their existing rules. Note that when both a

constitution and bylaws exist, the constitution takes precedence.

Q. And then there are standing rules -- what are they?

A. Standing rules, attached to bylaws, are administrative in nature and do not involve parliamentary procedure. They are basically the policies of the organization and often simply document common practice. Standing rules are normally not adopted when an organization is established but are individually adopted over time if and when the need arises. They can be adopted or suspended without previous notice by a simple majority at any meeting. However, a 2/3 vote is required to either amend or rescind them. And, of course standing rules may not conflict with anything in the bylaws. An example of a standing rule might be a rule giving a past president's pin to the president when her term of office is over.

I am looking forward to your questions! Bring them on!

Updates from State Chairmen

COMMUNICATIONS and PUBLIC RELATIONS

Linda Fisher, Public Relations Chairman

As was announced last year, we are inviting your Club to bring a scrapbook to the 2010 State Convention. Do you have a particular scrapbook from years past of which you are really proud and would like to share with members from around the state? Perhaps you had a special project or activity that you want to publicize? Or you have a 2009 scrapbook that is beautifully done?

The scrapbooks are to be brought and picked up by club members attending the convention. Special tables will be provided for the scrapbooks.

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For all the members attending the convention, make sure to allow time to enjoy the scrapbooks on display as this should be a nice addition to our meeting.

If you need further information, please contact Linda Fischer at 660-826-9066 or email at imatraveln94@yahoo.com.

GFWC CREATIVE ARTS CONTESTS

Jane Smith, Creative Arts Chairman

Urge your club to sponsor a youth writing contest. See your principal, or work with an individual teacher. Contact them NOW because the deadline is February 15, 2010.

And YOU should enter our GFWC Writing or Photography Contests!

Deadlines are:

Writing Contest entries are to be sent to Jane Smith, 1818 Daily Road, Bethany, MO 64424 by February 15, 2010.

Bring **Photography** entries to the 2010 State Spring Convention in Jefferson City by 10 am on Thursday, May 20, 2010.

Important Notice: There is a new requirement for all contests. Each writing and photography contest entrant must sign a waiver.

The waiver is posted on the Missouri GFWC website at www.gfwcmo.org or contact Jane Smith. Also, the state officers will be bringing copies to the fall district meetings.

Please print off or pick up copies of the waiver that must be signed for publication rights *with each entry*. If your club is sponsoring a youth writing contest, the waiver must be signed by the child's parents.

Jane Smith, Creative Arts Chairman, may be contacted at the address above or at 660-425-4671 or at msmean@grundyec.net.



"This One's for the Girls"

Shirley Napoli

Missouri Girls Town Chairman

That was the theme of this year's Missouri Girls Town Open House, and what an Open House it was. Girls Town was not only celebrating their **50th Year Anniversary** of the first girl coming through the doors of Girls Town at Mountain Grove, MO, but Girls Town was also celebrating their **25th Year Anniversary** of Girls Town being on the McClain campus. "So much to celebrate" said Kathy Becker.

At the Open House there were displays of art work painted by the girls. The girls made gourds into painted bird houses and had them up for sale. Also made by the girls were the table decorations. The tables were decorated with flower pots filled with flower-shaped Rice Krispy treats. The tables had laminated place mats. Each place mat had a different message. Some of the messages the girls used were: "Love," "Respect," "Change—thanks for the opportunity" and the one that drew my attention was, "I used to hate school, now I'm on my way to College." And to top it all off, the girls from McClain House sang two beautiful songs: "Seasons of Love" and "This One's For the Girls". What a performance it was. Needless to say the girls worked very hard to show us what they are all about. And to quote Kathy Becker, "It's never boring here at Girls Town. It's all about the girls"

Mr. E.G. Pierce, Executive Director of Missouri Girls Town from 1976-

1987 spoke and related some of Girls Town's early history. From Mountain Grove to Kingdom City/Fulton was a giant step for Girls Town, but that leap has benefited so many Missouri girls thanks to so many who gave from the heart to make this possible.

Legacy of Love recipients, live auction of beautiful quilts, as well as silent auction items were all part of the program. But let me not forget to mention the wonderful and delicious buffet lunch prepared by Vickie Tigh and James Rudolph. **What a feast!**

What an Open House!

Missouri Girls Town Reading Awards Program

Hallie Yundt Silver, Chairman

Some of you do not remember learning to read. Some of us struggled to learn. Regardless of when we mastered the art of reading, we also learned to love books. We formed the habit of reading, which is an activity for our entire lives. Parents begin by reading to babies. Some parents even read to babies before they are born. We learn to read, and by 3rd grade, are expected to read to learn. Reading, or at least use of libraries, falls off in our twenties, but we pick it up again in our thirties and forties. Large print entices us to continue reading even with low vision challenges. Audio books are wonderful for all stages of our reading lives. They help children who are struggling to read. They read to us while we drive or do housework. And, when blindness makes reading impossible, audio books continue to provide the story.

Missouri Girls Town's RAP with GFWC (Reading Awards Program) instills life-long enthusiasm.

Loosely based on the objectives of GFWC/ESO, RAP provides each student with a growing interest in her



continued education through reading. Girls are encouraged to read and submit book reports to their teachers through a series of awards. Pledges become Members after reading four books. After reading five additional books, girls receive their Star Certificate. Torch-level readers have read a total of fourteen books. After reading twenty books, girls earn their Century-level award. Since the autumn of 2007, when RAP began, sixty-three teens have read a total of 705 books.

We celebrate their success two or three times annually with a pizza party. Different GFWC of Missouri clubs donate incentive prizes that appeal to teens, such as: art supplies, blank journal and fancy pen sets, note cards and postage stamps, make-up (no aerosols, please), hand and body lotions, African American hair products, jewelry, craft kits, paperback books, fashion magazines, fun socks, etc. The next Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th. If you care to join us, please contact Hallie Yundt Silver at (hallieys@hannibal.lib.mo.us) to reserve some pizza. Cost is \$5.00.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

*Beverly Shelton, Leadership
Chairman*

Another **Missouri Leadership Seminar** is history. The GOOD NEWS: We had more outstanding sophomores (Ambassadors)! The BAD NEWS: We are short on funding! We appreciate those clubs that supported a sophomore from their high school(s) and hope more of you can help out this year.

In September, GFWC Nu-Era Study Club's Ambassador from Truman High School reported to the club. He was skeptical when he first went to Warrensburg for the Seminar but left totally dedicated and is actively working on volunteer hours so he can return next year as a Junior Facilitator (JUFA). Please consider helping or sponsoring a student from your high school(s). They are

our future leaders. Total cost per student is \$200. Be sure to report your outstanding leadership program or project (including MLS) to Beverly by February 1, 2010.

Check the June, 2009 *The Letter* for a great report on the **LEADS Program** this year. Your GFWC Manual has a page on LEADS and explains how to obtain the application form from Headquarters or contact Beverly. The deadline for submitting the application form to represent Missouri in Omaha is February 1, 2010 and must be sent to the GFWC of Missouri Leadership Chairman, Beverly Shelton, 4424 Huntington Way, Independence, MO 64055. If you have questions, please call Beverly at 816-373-0573.

Phoebe Jane Ess Loan Fund

Linda Russell-Whitworth, Chairman

Over 100 years ago, a college loan fund emerged from the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs to enable women to continue their education. After visiting the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs, Phoebe Jane Ess learned of such a fund and initiated efforts for one in our state. This was in 1909 when most women lacked the opportunity to gain a college education.

One hundred years later we still have Missouri women so appreciative of the great empowerment to attend college via the Phoebe Jane Ess Loan Fund. When your local GFWC club sponsors a women for a PJE Loan, you encourage further education by making it more accessible and easing the financial burden of a college degree. There were five new loans recipients this past year.

There are responsibilities that attend the PJE Loan Fund. Each club who has PJE Loan Fund recipients; whether they are still in college or repaying their loans; must report by February 1 of each year on the Report Form found on page 9 of the

2008—2010 GFWC of Missouri, Inc. Yearbook.

The Phoebe Jane Ess Loan Fund is a revolving loan fund, so as loans are repaid, more money becomes available to loan additional deserving applicants. This past fiscal year, over \$11,000 was repaid.

Let's keep this 100 year old loan fund alive for generations to come! Find good applicants, keep in touch with your loan recipients and make sure they understand the importance of repaying their PJE interest free loan.

For additional information and applications, please contact Linda Russell-Whitworth, 5009 Glencairn Drive, Columbia, MO 65203, email: lruessell777@gmail.com, phone: 573-449-0016.

Prescription Drugs for Less

*Sue Dance, Public Policy and
Advocacy Chairman*

I want to share with you the following information. Perhaps you don't need it, but there may be others you know who would benefit. With the high costs of drugs we need to help those whose income and resources limit them in getting their medications.....Sue Dance

This is a Medicare program where you pay no more than \$2.40 for each generic drug and \$6 for each brand name drug.



If you qualify, this program helps pay your prescription copayments plus your other drug costs like monthly premiums and annual deductibles. Individuals who make less than \$16,245 and married couples who make less than \$21,855 may qualify to have lower Medicare prescription drug premiums, copayments, and deductibles. To qualify, these individuals' resources (Prescription Drugs continued, page 6)

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must also be limited to \$12,510 or \$25,010 for married couples. Resources include things like bank accounts, stocks and bonds, but not your house or car.

Applying for this program is free. Apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the *Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs*. All information provided in the application is confidential. To learn more about Medicare prescription drug plans and when you can join, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048) or visit www.medicare.gov on the web. *This information was prepared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.*

News from Our Districts

First District Convention in Chillicothe

GFWC Chillicothe Culture Club and GFWC Chillicothe XIX Club hosted the First District Convention on September 19th at the First Baptist Church. First District President, Lynn Noyes, presided at the meeting. Fifty-one members and four guests were present, including GFWC of MO President, Pat Zachary; GFWC of MO Vice-President, Lisa Cook; Missouri Girls Town Executive Director, Kathy Becker and Second District President, Sue Harris. First District member and GFWC of MO President-Elect, Carolyn Lovelace, was also in attendance.

The State officers presented morning workshops focusing on membership on the local, state and national level, PRISM and reporting.

Kathy Becker presented the afternoon session. She commented on her observations concerning bullying (PRISM project), the

Strategic Plan at Missouri Girls Town and invited everyone to Open House on October 3rd.

Clubs donated school supplies and cash for Missouri Girls Town. Girls Town also benefitted from \$1 grab bag gifts and a raffle.

Second District Convention "Libraries . . . Then and Now"

The theme for the Second District Convention on September 25th at the Platte City United Methodist Church was "Libraries. . . Then and Now." Our District President, Sue Harris, chose this theme since GFWC started 75% of the libraries in the United States. In addition to the state officers who presented a very informative update on GFWC matters, our keynote speaker was **Crosby Kemper III**, Director of the Kansas City Public Library. His topic was "Libraries . . .



From Books to Bytes." In his speech, he described how libraries have transformed over the past 20 years. Attendees brought used books which were sold for a dollar each. The leftover books will be donated to the MGT Thrift Store. In addition to a 50/50 raffle, we sold cookie dough and "Grounds for Change" coffee which is a GFWC-approved fundraiser.

California Hosts Fifth District Convention

GFWC California Women's Club hosted Fifth District's Convention on September 26th at the First Baptist Church with District President, Ann Kutscher, presiding. Thirty-two members representing all ten clubs in the District were in attendance. State GFWC President Patricia Zachary and State GFWC President-Elect Carolyn Lovelace shared their insights with the membership.

Carole Barbour, GFWC California Women's Club President, presented a program on "How Our Lives are Like Buttons."

As a side note, Carole Barbour won a trip to New York as a finalist in the Libby's Table-gating Recipe Contest. She had previously entered the winning recipe, "Rob's Favorite Casserole," at a Texas NASCAR event. Congratulations, Carole!

News from Our Clubs

Books . . . Books . . . Books

describes the August 4th **GFWC Achieving By Reading Club** meeting in Lee's Summit.

1) Pop-up Books: Speaker Mary Kuehn displayed books from her 140-book collection of pop-up books and also shared experiences of teaching children and adults with dyslexia. Thank you to June Kisker, GFWC Missouri Second District Treasurer, for recommending this wonderful speaker.

2) Children's Books: The 16 members and 4 guests who attended brought 89 children's books to donate to the StoryLink Program. For this project, the club coordinated with the Blue Ridge United Methodist Church (Thank you, Gay Tarr, for giving us this idea). Church women later took the 89 books donated by the club to the women's penitentiary in Chillicothe to begin the StoryLink Program there. Women inmates on good behavior for the past three months will have the opportunity to read a book on tape to their children. The book, the tape, and a tape recorder will then be mailed to the child. Not only does this promote literacy, but it also improves the relationship between mother and child.

3) Adult Books: Members of the club also brought 79 adult women's books which they donated to Veronica's Voice to help start a library for this organization. This

project was in conjunction with the Blue River Church of Christ. Two club members are members of this church.

Also at this meeting three members volunteered to be on the committee and the club voted to offer the GFWC Youth Writing Contest this fall for the 4th, 5th and 6th Graders at the Lee Tolbert Community Academy, a Kansas City Magnet School.

Even though this club is less than a year old, they are moving full speed ahead as they focus on improving the literacy of both children and adults. For questions, please call Kathy Palermo, President, at 816-373-6821.



Debbie Peerson, Marcella Holliday, Kathy Palermo and Bonnie Balmer of the GFWC Achieving By Reading Club pose with part of the 168 adult and children's books that club members brought to their August 4th meeting. The books were donated to the StoryLink Program and to Veronica's Voice.

GFWC Dianas Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary



Virginia Holt at GFWC Dianas Club Anniversary Tea.

The Jefferson City GFWC Dianas Club members celebrated their

50th anniversary with a formal tea in March, 2009. All former members, state and district officers and current members were invited. Many ladies attended the tea and enjoyed the fellowship. Bernice Lilley, a longtime member, gave an interesting "look back" at the highlights of the last 50 years of the club's history.



GFWC Dianas Club President, Joan Solomon (facing camera), and guests enjoy 50th Anniversary celebration.

"Iron Jawed Angels"

The GFWC Tuesday Club of Columbia, in collaboration with the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters, sponsored a celebration of the 90th anniversary of women's right to vote by offering a free showing of the documentary, "Iron Jawed Angels" on July 19, 2009. "Iron Jawed Angels" is the haunting story about women's suffrage and what women endured to gain their right to vote. It is a wonderful reminder that voting was not always a right for all adult citizens. For almost the first century and a half after our country's founding only men had the right to vote. Congress passed the 19th Amendment in 1919 and it was ratified in 1920 giving women their right to vote. Following the showing, member of the three sponsoring organizations conducted informal discussions.

"Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed."

... more news from GFWC Tuesday Club of Columbia

Last January the GFWC Tuesday Club of Columbia launched a new student club on the campus of Missouri Girls Town for Jr. and Senior High age girls. GFWC Callaway Juniette Club was selected for the club name with the logo "We Are Stars." Fourteen charter members were installed last school year with 11 new and returning members attending the September meeting this school year. Two advisors from the sponsoring Columbia GFWC Tuesday Club attend the monthly meetings and guide the girls in leadership training, group decision-making process, and active volunteer participation service in the community. Some of the Juniette's projects were Valentines for Veterans, decorating and planting flowerpots for seniors in residential care, and developing keepsake books for graduating Missouri Girls Town Seniors.

In the future, the GFWC Tuesday Club plans to support the Callaway Juniette Club by organizing talks and demonstrations addressing the Juniette's special interests, assisting art projects and providing career information opportunities.

Another of GFWC Tuesday Club's projects was to make a donation to The Central Missouri Honor Flight Program which is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans. The Honor Flight program transports mid-Missouri veterans to Washington, DC to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their sacrifices. Top priority is given to senior veterans - WWII survivors and the terminally ill. More than 1,000 WWII veterans die each day - 20 in Missouri. Honor Flight does whatever it takes to fulfill the dreams of our veterans and help them travel at no cost. A contribution of \$300 sponsors one veteran on a flight; our club was proud to sponsor two veterans for an Honor Flight.

50-Year GFWC Member, Elaine Smith, Honored



Elaine Smith, a member of the **GFWC Art & Literature Club of Parkville**, was honored as a 50-year club member on

September 15, 2009. A bouquet of roses was presented to her along with the GFWC 50 Year pin. Through the years, Elaine served in several offices and was the Club President, 1968-1970. She really enjoyed her time being a Department Chairman as she loved working on the programs.

She was involved in club when the Arts & Crafts shows began in the Park Hill School District and the Parkville Fine Arts District, as well as, helped to research and prepare slides of the history of Platte County.

Elaine moved from the Parkville area to southern Kansas City a few years ago to be closer to her family. She states "I really hated to leave Platte County. I have met a lot of people through GFWC and especially the Art & Literature Club. It has been a real learning experience through the years. Some of my best friends were members and if they weren't I got them to join."

What's in Your 2009-2010 Yearbook?

The question, "What's in your 2009-2010 Yearbook?" went out to clubs statewide. We wanted to know those special programs and projects in your yearbook this year. Who knows, maybe we'll use your great ideas another year.

The **GFWC Chillicothe Culture Club** will be having a program "Dollars and Sense" presented by Mr. Ed Douglas, Certified Financial Planner. Mr. Douglas has written

the books "Making a Million with only \$2000: Every Young Person Can Do It" and "The Money Marathon." Mr. Douglas is a leader in financial literacy education and his "Marathon" book has the topics of Increasing Income, Lowering Expenses, Savings, Investing, Eliminating Debt, Protection, and Making Money Work for You. Due to the current condition of the economy, this will be a very informative program.

Also, the **GFWC Chillicothe Culture Club** will have a program, "In Your Easter Bonnet" presented by three club members. This will be the history of women's hats. All club members will wear a hat to this meeting. It should be very interesting to see all the styles and reminisce about when hats and gloves were proper dress for women.

Marshall's **GFWC Coterie Club** is having, as suggested in the *Clubwoman*, a box lunch - a "Lunch & Learn." The guest speaker from University Extension is speaking on "Laugh Your Way to Success."

In October the topic and video is Shingles. One member's husband is going through this so she has first hand experience to talk on the subject.

In November, **GFWC Coterie Club** always has a Thank Offering for Missouri Girls Town. "We light a candle and tell what we are thankful for and put in our offering." Also, one member makes cloth bags the club members fill with toys, books, pencils, etc. and then donate to a delinquent children's program, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

GFWC Art and Literature Club of Parkville sent in nine months of great programs. One was a power point presentation entitled, "A Day in the Life at MGT" given by Shirley Napoli, GFWC of MO Missouri Girls Town Chairman.

In March, Lee Burgess, Retired Entomologist from the Missouri Department of Conservation, will speak on "Bugs - Good Ones and Bad Ones."

Thanks for the response of these three clubs. Be sure to send your club news for publication or put it on the website, www.gfwcmo.org.

More News

Travel and Win Winner!



Congratulations to Jean Marney, GFWC Silver Leaf Benefit Club, State Constitution and Bylaws Chairman and Missouri Girls Town Board Member, for the winning photograph by traveling the furthest distance from Jefferson City with an edition of the *Missouri Clubwoman*. Jean, pictured here with her granddaughter traveled 990 miles. Thanks, Jean for thinking of the *Missouri Clubwoman* while on such a great vacation. Jean has her choice of registration and meal at the next Seventh District Convention or registration at the GFWC of Missouri Convention in Jefferson City in May.

You could be the next "Travel and Win" winner. Send your name, address or email, phone number, club name and your picture with the *Missouri Clubwoman* and picture location to Editor Karla Kincaid. The picture taken the furthest distance from Jefferson City will appear in the next *Missouri Clubwoman* and you win!

"Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle."

**Donna Calvin
to be Installed as
MVR Vice-President
in Omaha**



Donna Calvin, a lady of distinction, in her Kentucky Derby hat at the Mississippi Valley Region Banquet to Celebrate GFWC Successes.

During the GFWC Mississippi Valley Region 36th Conference in Springfield, the Election Committee presented the following slate of officers for the 2010-2012 MVR administration: President, Jean Hennings - Nebraska; Vice - President, Donna Calvin - Missouri and Secretary/Treasurer, Sandra Phillips - Iowa. The slate was accepted. The officers will be installed during the Mississippi Valley Region Banquet at the International Convention in Omaha, June 11-15, 2010. Members of GFWC of Missouri wish Donna all the best in her new position.

**GFWC's Boatsie Boxes to
Afghanistan**

Prior to the 2009 International Convention in Cleveland, GFWC of Ohio President, Rose Logston, asked each state to contribute items to the Boatsie Boxes project. This program was started in 2004 by Gail "Boatsie" Van Vranken when her son, Patrick, was stationed in Baghdad. The boxes not only contain items soldiers need, it has also been a great way to show support from home for thousands of young men and women. Missouri sent a dozen bottles each of Tylenol, Advil and Benadryl plus the GFWC Tuesday Study Club of Braymer sent \$75. The items were packed by the

Ohio Federation and presented to "Boatsie" at the convention's patriotic breakfast.



Pictured above is one of our soldiers in Afghanistan receiving his "gifts" in a stocking (Comcast donated 1000 Christmas Stockings for a "Christmas in July.") On the right is CMSGT DAVE NIEHAUS who sent the following note to all the state presidents in appreciation.

"I am deployed in Southwest Asia and just received another shipment from Boatsie's Boxes. I do not think I can adequately express how much it means to me and all the young men and woman I serve with to know you are supporting us. The gifts you send are amazing and really help lift the spirits of everyone.

I can say without hesitation, you can be very proud of the work your Airmen are doing out here day in and day out. In my unit, I have so many Airmen that have deployed multiple times and yet their attitudes and motivation are unsurpassed.

Knowing great Americans like you are supporting them is a key reason for their amazing performance. Thank you for all you do!"

Dave

At the present time, 20,000 stockings are being prepared for soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. They will be shipped the week before Thanksgiving for Operation Christmas Stocking. *If your club would like to participate in this effort, go to www.boatsie.com for complete details.

**Nancy Ellen Addleman
Celebration of Life**



March 9, 1939 ~ September 5, 2009

GFWC of Missouri lost a good friend and member upon the passing of Nancy Addleman. Nancy was Past President of GFWC of MO (2000-2002), a member of the Missouri Girls Town Board of Directors since 2005, served as a national GFWC committee member and was a driving force for GFWC in Missouri. Family, friends and GFWC members celebrated Nancy's life on September 10, 2009 at Adams Funeral Home in Ozark, Missouri. Those speaking at the celebration included Rose M. Ditto, GFWC President; Jan Anderton, friend and fellow GFWC member and Ann Kutscher, President of Missouri Girls Town Board.

Memorials in Nancy's honor may be sent to Missouri Girls Town, PO Box 59. Kingdom City, MO 65262



Dear GFWC of Missouri Clubwomen:



My sincere thanks to all of you for the cards, hugs and kind words I received following the passing of my mother, Bonnie Collier, on September 6th. I feel blessed belonging to such a wonderful organization. I would also like to thank Jeanette Adams and all the GFWC of MO Clubwomen who helped with MVR in my place.

With my love,

Lisa Cook

Vice-President
GFWC of Missouri, Inc.

Scholarship Recipients

GFWC of MO is pleased to announce the 2009 Scholarship Recipients.



The Ezell/Addleman Forestry Scholarship at the University of MO was awarded to **Chelsea Jeffries** of Winigan, MO.

Chelsea is a sophomore with a dual major of Forestry and Fisheries and Wildlife. She worked this past summer in Winigan for the MO Department of Conservation. She is a member of the Forestry Club, Wildlife Society, School of Natural Resources Student Council (vice-president) and is a Natural Resources Student Ambassador. When she graduates, she will be the first in her family to do so.



The Gepford/Walker Special Education Scholarship at the University of MO was awarded to **Marissa Johnson** of St. Peters, MO.

Marissa is a senior majoring in Cross Categorical Special Education. At age 21, she has had numerous work and volunteer experiences that involve tutoring and creating learning experiences for children.



The McDonough Law Scholarship at the University of MO was awarded to

Jessica Adams of Ava, MO. She is in her second year of law school having also completed her undergraduate studies at the University of MO. Jessica served in organizations such as Sigma Alpha Iota Professional Women's Music Fraternity (a saxophone member of the Marching Mizzou all four years) and Kappa Delta Sorority. During

her time as an undergraduate, Jessica participated in philanthropic work to raise funds for organizations such as Prevent Child Abuse America and Mid Missouri Mental Health. She made the Dean's List after her first semester in Law School. Jessica competes in law competitions and placed as a finalist for 1L Moot Court. Her service continues by assisting at the Central Missouri Food Bank and in organizations such as the Board of Advocates.

The Johnson/Calvin Mental Health Nursing Scholarship



at the University of MO-Columbia was awarded to **Fatten (pronounced "Fatty") Fatty Elkomy**. Fatten is in the

Accelerated Nursing Program. She went through med school before she lost her husband in 1995. While raising a family of four by herself, she wasn't able to travel the country for a medical residency program. She studied computer programming which led to a dual Masters degree in Health Administration and Health Informatics, followed by three years of research experience. She graduated from the Accelerated Nursing program in July and plans to continue her schooling for a PhD degree. Her goal is to work in actual patient care.

The Helen Steinkuhle Memorial American Indian Scholarship



was awarded to **Michaela A. Niyaochigah Maracle**, a member of the Mohawk Nation and a 2009 graduate of Hillcrest High School in Springfield, MO. Her activities included Cross Country and Track,

Chamber Choir, National Honor Society, the A+ Program and children and youth ministries at her church. She maintained a 3.5 GPA and at graduation was awarded the

President's Award for Educational Achievement and Seal of Excellence in Social Studies. Michaela is attending the Ozarks Technical Community College as the first step towards a career in Physical Therapy.



The Bartley/Dance/Nevatt Music Scholarship at the University of MO was awarded to **Katie Smith** of

Old Monroe, MO. Katie is an undergraduate music major, specializing in piano and music history. She is unabashedly passionate about helping children and young adults reach their potential as pianists and musicians. She hopes to one day run a private piano studio.



The Shelton/Snavely Music Therapy Scholarship at the University of MO, Kansas City was awarded to **Jordan Fort** of

Ulysses, Kansas. To date, Jordan has completed four music therapy fieldwork experiences in the community. She is a member of Gamma Alpha Lambda - Christian Girls Society and the Association of Music Therapy Students. Not only is Jordan a wonderful student, but she gives of her time to volunteer at several programs for those in need in the local Kansas City community including the KC Baptist Temple and Rachel House Pregnancy Crisis Center. She has two more semesters followed by an internship to complete her Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Therapy.



The Cooper/Tarr Art Scholarship was awarded to **Kelly K. Walker** of Kansas City. Kelly is a painting major

with studies in sculpture. As a single mother of four, Kelly took a leap of faith three years ago and became a student at the Kansas City Art Institute. To date, Kelly has had only two to three weeks of painting instruction but will be holding her first solo painting show. She gives credit to the faculty and staff of K.C.A.I., her close friends and other local artists. Kelly's volunteer work includes the Women in Need KcMo as Arts Coordinator and member of the Board of Directors.



GFWC of Missouri Calendar

2009

October 15 Missouri Day

November 1 Dues sent by this date will get extra Honor Roll points

November 17 MO Girls Town RAP Awards Luncheon

December 31 Deadline for Dues

2010

February 1 2009 Honor Roll Report Due to Lisa Cook, Vice-President

2009 Club Program and Project Reports Due to MO Chairmen

Deadline for LEADS application

February 15 Deadline for Writing Contest

March 1 Deadline: New Club President Notification Form, send to Carol Shoener, Corresponding Secretary

March 25 Filing deadline for GFWC of MO Officer and Missouri Girls Town Board Member

April 13 Sophomore Pilgrimage

May 20, 21, 22 GFWC of MO State Convention in Jefferson City at the Capitol Plaza Hotel

May 20 10 am Deadline for Photography Contest Entries at State Convention

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT
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Changes in Yearbook

Page 11: Kathy Hartig, State Home Life Chairman and Page 44: Ninth District First Vice-President – address: 13418 Greenwood Court, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670 – email: ghartig@dextermo.net

Page 18: Sue Harris, Music Chairman and Page 29: Second District President – address change: 422 South Johnson Drive, Apt. 2, Odessa, MO 64076 – phone: 816-263-2017

Page 20: Sue Nevatt, Photographer and Page 39: Shenandoah Club – address change: 133 Birchtree Circle, St. Robert, MO 65584 – phone: 573-336-4900

Page 35: Gerri Ziegler, President of GFWC Lorna Kemper Club and Parliamentarian, email: gerbob1@charter.net

Page 38: Janice Wilhoit, GFWC Fidelis Club President - address: 5629 S. Timber Court, Springfield, MO 65804

Page 39: Susan Gettys, Shenandoah Club, address change: 133 Birchtree Circle, St. Robert, MO 65584 – phone: 573-336-4900

Page 45: Melissa Sharp, Gideon President, address – 3740 W Street Highway 162, Gideon, MO 63848

Evelyn Ezell, Past State President, address change – 10788 130th Street, McFall, MO 64657-8207

“The Way We Were” 2009 MVR in Springfield



“All together now – ‘CHEESE’”



“Watching the Kentucky Derby?”



“Donna Calvin’s baby picture tales”



“How many GF members does it take to turn on a microphone?”



“Our Leaders”



“GFWC Volunteers: friends enjoying one another and the work they do.”

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GFWC of Missouri Mission Statement:

To be the pre-eminent women's organization providing support to local, state, national and global communities through volunteerism.

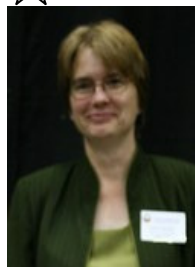


Congratulations Beverly Shelton for being named Missouri's Jennie Medal of Honor Winner at the MVR Conference.
 The "Jennie"

recipients are chosen for having shown outstanding commitment to their Club, Community and Family. Beverly has not only been an active member of the GFWC Nu-Era Study Club for 46 years, she also founded and has been president for 37 years of the GFWC Beverly Shelton Girls Town Club. GFWC of MO President and State Committee Chairman for the HOBY and Missouri Leadership Seminar for 21 years are a small sampling of her involvement in GFWC.

Beverly's volunteer work is more extensive than we have space to print. Best wishes to you, Beverly, in the national awards. You are a winner in our book.

☆ **IN THE STARLIGHT** ☆



Kathy Becker, Executive Director of Missouri Girls Town, is no stranger to the members of GFWC of MO. She will tell you

she is the mother of three sons and the "mother to over 50 girls." Kathy recently remarked that when an executive decision needs to be made she has learned not to think with her heart or with what would seem the most logical answer but to ask one question. "What is best for the girls?"

Now, we have even more to celebrate, our Executive Director is one of us. Kathy has joined the GFWC Tuesday Club in Columbia. Welcome to GFWC, Kathy.



Meet **Mike LeGay**, a real star in the *STARLIGHT*. Mike is the **webmaster** for the **GFWC of Missouri website**,

www.gfwcmo.org, named "the best

existing website in GFWC Membership Category 3" at the International Convention.

Originally from Gettysburg, PA, he moved to St. Louis in 1983 and shortly thereafter married his wife, Kathy (a GFWC West County Women's Club member). They have a son and a daughter, both in college in the St. Louis area.

He has been with Medicine Shoppe International for about 24 years as a Franchise Business Consultant.

One of Mike's many hobbies is web designing from which we have benefitted greatly. Thanks, Mike, for making us look so good online.