



THE LETTER

Winter

General Federation of Women's Clubs of Missouri, Inc.

November, 2010

"Carolyn's Corner" ***Federation Talk***



with

Carolyn Lovelace

***GFWC of MO
President***

Fall greetings from Carolyn's Corner!

I hope you have been enjoying this beautiful fall weather as much as I have. Lisa Cook, GFWC of Mo President-elect, and I have been able to enjoy Missouri's beautiful fall scenery as we have traveled to all nine of our state's districts to attend their Fall Conventions. We were fortunate to have Debbie Bastian, GFWC of MO Recording Secretary, join us for some of the conventions.



District Conventions

This afternoon I find myself reflecting on the Fall District Conventions. I feel so lucky to have been able to travel our state and visit with so many of our GFWC of Missouri members. I learn so much as I travel and listen to our members as they tell us about the programs and projects their clubs have undertaken. I am always inspired by the time I return home. I do hope all of you will share your endeavors with us by sending articles and pictures to our GFWC of Missouri *Clubwoman* Chairman, Karla Kincaid, or our webmaster, Mike LeGay. We want to know what you are doing - and doesn't it make our publications more interesting? You can send articles and pictures to Karla at mogfwcnews@wildblue.net and Mike at webmaster@gfwcmo.org. DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE "gfwcmo.org". YOU WILL SEE PICTURES OF YOUR DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

Summer Conference

We had a wonderful Summer Conference at The Resort at Port Arrowhead, Lake Ozark, Mo. The conference was held the first part of August. I have a big THANK YOU to our state chairmen who did a fantastic job with their presentations and displays. Members have told me how great it was to see the chairmen from the various departments and hear from them about the new programs. My appreciation, also, goes to the guest speakers for their insights and ideas on effective ways to work with children and schools on the issue of "bullying."



Pictured at left with President Carolyn are Vic and Debbie Davis and Brian Hickey who spoke on Innovative Programs for Youth. Their presentations included Alternatives to Retribution (working in the court system), Positive Youth Connections and Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads working in the schools), respectively.

I hope that clubs received ideas they were able to take back and use in their communities. Women's health issues were discussed and stress-relieving techniques presented. The convention ended with a Reiki Master teacher leading us in stress relieving exercises. I hope that everyone left the convention relaxed and ready to begin a new year in GFWC.

Officers Visiting GFWC of Missouri Clubs

State Officers pictured at Port Arrowhead, Lake of the Ozarks:
Jean Marney,
Tammy Curtis,
Lisa Cook,
President Carolyn Lovelace,
Carol Shoener and
Debbie Bastian.



We would like to have at least one state officer or district officer visit each of our clubs some time during this administration. Please feel free to call on us to let us know of a time we may visit your club meeting. You can find our phone numbers and e-mail addresses in the state yearbook. We hope to be hearing from you.

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Sharing Information By Way of E-mails

Periodically I intend to share information about bullying, women's health issues, and other information with you by way of e-mails. If you are a club president or a state chair, please see that I have your e-mail address. If you do not have internet access, please ask someone in your club if they would receive e-mails for you.

I send my best wishes to you for a successful club year in GFWC of Missouri! Keep *Building and Celebrating with Attitude, Gratitude, and Fortitude for we are GFWC WOMEN!*

Love in GFWC,

Carolyn Lovelace

RECRUITING BY SEASONS



Lisa Cook

**GFWC of Missouri
President Elect**

Membership matters. Remember the ACT in OCT campaign from GFWC? For years, GFWC has asked us to recruit new members in October. They supplied us with nifty slogans like "Four More Would be Great in October 08!"

GFWC is making many changes and has launched a new Seasonal Recruiting Campaign. The new slogan is: Three New Members is a GREAT Reason to Recruit this Season. Doesn't this make sense for us to recruit new GFWC members all year long?

Here's how it works ladies. The fall recruiting period is September, October, and November. We are to "Rake in New Members". GFWC wants you to report your fall recruitment members in December. This winter, we are to get a "Flurry of Members". The winter recruitment period runs December, January, and February. We are to report in March our winter recruits. This spring we are to "Grow Members" and the summer theme is "Warm-Up with Members". After every season, we are to report our new members to GFWC. The form is very simple. The form is on the website (gfwc.org) or you can call or email me to send you a copy of the form. I would be happy to do so. I love the idea of reporting by season, that way, it doesn't take as much time or effort. The new members are fresh in your mind.

GFWC is encouraging us to get 3 new members every season, but please report your new members even if you only get one.

Besides reporting your new members to GFWC, please let me know by email, phone, or letter. I would like to welcome your new member(s) to GFWC of Missouri with a letter. I need the name, address of the new member and who recruited her to your club.

With the new seasonal campaign for recruiting members, you will be able to recruit members when your club is doing the most fun project or program, not just in October. If you have an outstanding speaker coming to a meeting, invite women in your community that would be interested in the topic.

Ladies, the number one recruiting tip is: ASK SOMEONE! There is someone out there that would love to give back to their community and support Missouri Girls Town.

Our communities need us now more than ever. Our schools are struggling with discipline and bullying issues; our towns are struggling financially. There is so much work for us all to do and I know there are women in your communities that would like to help!

Happy recruiting; have fun! Start raking in those members.

FINANCIAL REMINDERS, NEWS AND NOTES



Dottie Getz

**GFWC of Missouri
Treasurer**

Club Treasurers: Per capita dues of \$17.00 per member are due now and are delinquent after December 31. To pay dues and make contributions to the various administrative funds, complete page 13 of the annual reporting pages for 2010 (i.e., the reporting pages following the blue page in the state yearbook) and send with a check payable to GFWC of Missouri, Inc. to Dottie Getz at the address given on the form. Remember that dues paid on time are a District fundraiser! Thirty-five cents is returned to the District for each member whose dues are paid by year-end!

Club Treasurers: Donations to the Fund for Charity and Education are due December 31. To make donations, complete page 14 of the annual reporting pages for 2010 and send with a check payable to your District to your District Treasurer -- addresses for the District Treasurers may be found in the District listings of the state yearbook.

District Treasurers: Donations to the Fund for Charity and Education from the clubs in your District are due to the State Treasurer by January 31. Complete the summary sheet sent you for your district and send with a check payable to GFWC of Missouri, Inc. to Dottie Getz, P. O. Box 1284, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357.

Audit: After a delay due to a "lost" scholarship check, GFWC of Missouri, Inc.'s books for the 2009-2010 club year were audited and found to be in order.

Financial Task Force: Each District has a representative on the task force organized to study GFWC of Missouri's financial situation and to make suggestions on how to avoid future budget deficits. They need member input! This is your opportunity to contact them with your ideas, suggestions, concerns, etc.! For the name of your representative and more information on the Task Force, read Lisa Cook's article below.

iGive.com: As the holiday season approaches, remember that you can raise money for GFWC of Missouri while shopping online. Just go to www.iGive.com and register! For complete instructions check out page 13.

Non-Profit/Tax-Exempt Status: GFWC of Missouri, Inc. is a non-profit corporation with a 501 (c) (4) tax-exemption. Unfortunately, clubs within GFWC of Missouri are not under the "umbrella" of the state organization's tax exemption -- just as GFWC of Missouri is not under the "umbrella" of the international organization's tax exemption. Each GFWC of Missouri club is responsible for obtaining its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and applying for exemption from state sales tax and federal income tax. As not all clubs will want to go through the effort or pay the cost of applying for these tax exemptions, Dottie Getz is currently investigating what reporting is required of non-profit organizations that are not tax-exempt. More in the next issue of the *Missouri Clubwoman!*

FINANCIAL TASK FORCE NEWS

Lisa Cook, GFWC of MO President Elect

If you attended the Summer Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks in August, you will recall that GFWC of Missouri has come to a point where we need to take a hard look at how we do business. We are struggling to make ends meet, as are many other organizations like ours. There are several reasons for our financial challenges, including low interest rates on our investments; rising costs; and the new expense of liability insurance. The budget that was approved at the Summer Conference estimates that our checking account balance will have approximately \$21 in May 2011.

During the Summer Conference, the Board of Directors of GFWC of Missouri was given a questionnaire to fill out regarding finances. We asked for ideas about fundraising; paying mileage; increasing Convention registrations; increasing dues; and travel of state officers to district

conventions both years of their term. The responses were very helpful and some great ideas were suggested.

Our GFWC of MO President Carolyn Lovelace has appointed a financial task force. One GFWC of Missouri club member from every district was selected to be on the task force. Every task force member is to speak to clubs in her district and make a report that will be given to the GFWC of Missouri Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will look at the responses and suggestions from each of the nine districts. It is important that the Executive Committee receives input from all the club members in our state. A successful transition through these challenging economic times requires the input and attention from all of our members.

The task force members are:

- 1st District: Karla Kincaid
- 2nd District: Kathy Palermo
- 3rd District: Linda Verdier
- 4th District: Linda Russell-Whitworth
- 5th District: Lisa Cook
- 6th District: Pat Zachary
- 7th District: Janice Carter
- 8th District: Dottie Getz
- 9th District: Kathy Hartig

The representative from your district will be contacting your club for your ideas and suggestions. The task force members are to report to the GFWC of Missouri Executive Committee by February 1, 2011.

Thank you for your ideas and suggestions as we all work together to make GFWC of Missouri a financially sound organization.

CLUB REPORTS DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2011



Carol Shoener

***GFWC of Missouri
Vice President***

The arrival of fall reminds us of the ever changing seasons, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs is changing too, just enough to keep things interesting. Community Service Programs and Projects will be reported under *Collaboration* projects OR *Partnership* projects.

To be reported under the Partnership area, the GFWC Club will have to partner with one of GFWC's approved Partnership Organizations, as listed in the Club Manual or on the GFWC.org website. All other projects/programs will be reported under the Collaboration area.

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Probably 95% of all reporting will be under the Collaboration area.

Another change is clubs can now report In Kind Donations. In Kind Donations would be any donation that is not cash/check, such as food stuff, clothing and home furnishings. To improve your chances of winning an award, enclose a narrative describing what your club did. Remember to meet all deadlines to have your club considered for an award! Most important – make reporting fun. Some hot chocolate and homemade cookies, a couple of club members and reporting can be an afternoon of accomplishment, reminiscing and good old fashioned fun!

GFWC – GOOD FRIENDS WHO CAN (REPORT)!

Club Presidents, please get the names of your members that did not receive membership cards/pins; forward to your district president; district presidents please forward the names to me, and I will, in turn, forward the list to national. Thanks, Carol.

Additional comments on reporting from President Carolyn

When the State Officers attended the Fall District Convention, the club presidents were give a sheet which listed the GFWC Partners. I called these "Your Cheat Sheets." In the event you have lost yours, we are including a list in this issue of *The Letter* on page 13. This list should make your reporting easier. If your program or project is NOT undertaken with one of the organization listed under GFWC Partnership Organizations (the partners listed on page 13), then you will report under Collaboration.

Do not confuse the organizations listed under the *Resource and Additional Information* section of each Community Service Program area in the Club Manual as partners. They are not. They are simply resources and information which you might use in preparing for your program or project.

If you have any questions about the reporting, please call Carol Shoener, GFWC of MO Vice President, or me.

Happy Reporting,

Carolyn

**Check out our website,
www.gfwc.org
to view pictures highlighting the
Fall District Conventions**

Updates from State Chairmen:

GFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Naomi White

GFWC of MO Chairman

Now is the time for all good GFWC members to plan for that best photo of the year. Could you take a picture of the family pet so that everyone could see what a beautiful specimen it is? Or perhaps the flower garden had enough rain to make the blossoms the biggest and best they have ever been. You could share with us the time you had seen a funnel cloud and ran into the house to get a camera before it came close enough for you to take cover. Ideas for you to think about!

All the photography categories, sizes, mounting and identification specifications can be found online at www.gfwc.org in the Club Manual under 2010-2012 Awards, Contests and Grants (pages 25-31). If you plan to enter the "Year in Pictures" Calendar Contest, the entries must be to national headquarters by May 1, 2011. The "Volunteers in Action" and the "World in Pictures" entries will be judged at the GFWC of Missouri Workshop Convention in Jefferson City, May 2-4, 2011.

I have read that planning for the future is important for you future. You never know – You might become noticed, even famous. Try it, you'll like it. Take a picture and plan on winning at our State Workshop Convention. I hope you are a winner! (more than one person can win).

I'll keep in touch with you to see if you are making plans for fame.

GFWC WRITING CONTEST



Jane Smith

GFWC of MO Chairman

Encourage your club to sponsor a 2010 Youth Writing Contest. It will be a fun educational project for your club and is an excellent means of encouraging young writers.

Tell about the writing contest project in your local paper and get some good publicity for GFWC.

Contact your elementary, middle, or high school principal, or work with an individual teacher. Talk to them NOW with a definite plan of procedure. Give the teacher a copy of the writing rules which are online at gfwc.org in the Club Manual under 2010-2012 Awards, Contests and Grants (pages 37-41). Consider awarding small prizes for the top three writers. Have a reception for entrants or winners and their parents. Make it a great experience for all involved.

And YOU should enter our GFWC MEMBER Writing Contest. All women have a story to tell. Write yours down and send it to Jane Smith by March 1, 2011. Rules are in the Club Manual online for Short Story entries and for Poetry entries.

Call or e-mail Jane Smith if you have any questions about either writing contest.

660-425-4671
msmean@grundyec.net

THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AWARD -Formerly the Community Improvement Contest-



LaDonne Snavelly

GFWC of MO Chairman

The Community Improvement Program Award is the oldest of GFWC's continually running contests; it is also our most-loved contest. The best club entries from each state are judged at the end of each two-year administration at GFWC Headquarters.

The top five state entries, the best Juniorette entry, and the best International entry receive substantial monetary prizes and are announced at the GFWC International Convention biennially.

If your club is planning to enter the Community Improvement Program Award you must remember that this is a 2 year project starting March 1, 2010 ending February 28, 2012. Your Club's entry must be sent to me – postmarked by March 10, 2012.

Information regarding this Program is not available in the Club Manual that you received – you must go to the GFWC

Website, www.gfwc.org. Click on the 2010 – 2012 Club Manual; then click on Awards, Contests and Grants. The rules are on page 13, Calendar and Tips to win are on page 14. The Community Improvement Program Awards information is found on pages 11 – 17, the form is found on pages 47 & 48 (make several copies, as work sheet and final copy). It will then be judged, both by me and my committee and the winners will be submitted to GFWC for final judging.

I HAVE FOUND THAT IF YOU FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE REPORT FORM, HAVE PICTURES AND THE DOCUMENTATION THAT ARE ASK FOR – YOU WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF BEING ONE OF THE WINNERS.

Winners of this area receive cash (this is listed on the website pages 9-10) just before the information on Community Improvement Program description mentioned below. Tell about EVERYTHING that you have done, however, please be concise.

I know this all sounds very complicated – however – it really is not – If you start early on your reports and get them all mailed BEFORE the March 10, 2012 – your stress level will not be as high as if you leave it until the last minute.

I don't know EVERYTHING about this program– however, I will do my best to explain – OR – get the information you need. However, I think that you will find most of your questions answered on those 7 pages under the Community Improvement Program (Contest) online.

You can call me at (H) 573-756-5290 – OR – (Cell) 573-760-4416.

PHOEBE JANE ESS LOAN FUND



Linda Russell-Whitworth

GFWC of MO Chairman

Each of the GFWC of Missouri District Presidents has received information about our great program, Phoebe Jane Ess Loan Fund. Has your club thought about sponsoring a student for the Phoebe Jane Ess Loan? The one time loan is in the amount of \$2500 and is interest free! Does your club know a female, high school graduate who has a creditable record of scholarship, is planning to attend a Missouri college, university, technical or vocational school and is in need of financial assistance?

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Applications for the Phoebe Jane Ess Loan are available to sponsoring clubs and there is money to loan.

Your club should act now and sponsor a student. For further information, contact the Phoebe Jane Ess Loan Fund Chairman: Linda Russell-Whitworth, 5009 Glencairn Drive, Columbia, MO 65203, You can call 573-449-0016 or email her at lruessell777@gmail.com.

LEADERSHIP IN MISSOURI



Beverly Shelton
GFWC of MO Chairman

It is with deep "Gratitude" that I "Celebrate" those clubs that have faithfully supported the Missouri Leadership Seminar (MLS) for years (or joined the ranks more recently) that I encourage ALL clubs to support future seminars to build a positive "Attitude" through our Leadership Seminars. It has certainly involved "Fortitude" and courage by the staff to tackle the painful job of getting the financial support for these recent seminars. It actually costs \$300 to fund each student.

I would like to quote from a letter that the Chairman, Michelle Zink, received from a 2008 "Ambassador" that returned as a Junior Facilitator (JUFA): "I love being around people who work their butts off all year round in hopes that they can reach out and empower at least one young mind . . . I have never even heard of any other place that can take 150 strangers and create a family in one weekend. Our society needs more of everything the MLS offers and encourages." That's "Building" a basis for leadership.

Look outside your club for support! The Independence Kiwanis Club supported a student this year and she gave an Outstanding Program at a summer club meeting - I'm sure the Club will support another student this year.

Be sure to contact your school counselor to see if a student has been selected - they don't always receive the information from MLS. PLEASE send checks to me at 4424 Huntington Way, Independence, MO 64055. Call me if you have questions regarding MLS - 816-373-0573.

Remember the LEADS program. If you are interested in applying and would like more information, go to www.gfwc.org and click on the 2010-2012 GFWC Club Manual. Then go to the LEADERSHIP ADVANCEMENT

GUIDE; scroll down to Chapter 8 (pages 39-42) titled, "GFWC LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR (LEADS)" section. To obtain the LEADS Application Form and the Participant Profile Cover Sheet, look under the RESOURCES section (pages 50-51).

ESO BOOKS PUTTING WORDS TOGETHER IN DIFFERENT WAYS



Kathy Hartig
**GFWC of MO
Chairman**

Have you ever thought about how a limited language can result in countless books? I am eternally amazed at how authors can put words together in a way that can touch me so profoundly. It seems to be the same words in every book, just put together in different ways. There was a recent comic in *Parade Magazine* that showed an editor talking to a writer. She said, "We love your book but could you rearrange the words in a completely different way?" It seems that's just what makes books. Yet, look how moving a book can be. It can make you laugh, bring a tear, stir up emotions and even make you angry. A good book is truly a miracle!

All you ESO members who haven't been very active lately, I want to hear from you! I'm so excited about having this position! I love reading your reports and really enjoy getting to know the ESO members through our emails and conversations. Don't hesitate to call me if you have questions or need some help.

Remember this is not rocket science - ESO is fun! Take a tip from one of our newest ESO members, Jan Anderton. She has been reading for a long time and she wrote a 3x5 card with the name of the book, the author and a brief description - really, just a short paragraph is all that's needed. Once she got signed up, all she had to do was categorize each card and start sending them in to me. She sent batches of 4 at a time in her chosen categories until she reached her first hundred. Since then, she is on a record setting pace to reach lofty levels. You must come to the State meeting next spring to see just how far she gets!!

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MISSOURI GIRLS TOWN NEWS

FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE

and

GFWC of MO Clubs in joint effort to fill pantry at Missouri Girls Town

The Feinstein Foundation has donated \$1,000,000 each year for 13 years to over 3000 participating agencies in their mission to combat hunger nationwide. GFWC of Missouri and Missouri Girls Town have joined hands to work together to gather food, cash and pledges to fill the gap of approximately \$40,000 between what the USDA reimburses Missouri Girls Town for food and the actual cost to feed the residents each day. Please encourage your fellow club members to participate in our efforts to fill the food pantry at Missouri Girls Town. Cash (check) donations are just as desirable as food donations, and easier to deliver (via US mail). The food donations, cash donations, and pledges, must be delivered to Kathy Becker, Executive Director, Missouri Girls Town, in March and April of 2011. Reports of your donations and any publicity you received emphasizing the Feinstein Challenge must be sent to Pat Zachary, Missouri Girls Town Chairman, 1920 E. Ridgewood Drive, Springfield, MO. 65804, by April 15, 2011. Contact your district Missouri Girls Town Chairman or Pat Zachary for the Feinstein Report Form. Our final report must be sent to the Feinstein Foundation on May 1, 2011.



MISSOURI GIRLS TOWN OPEN HOUSE



Pat Zachary
GFWC of MO Chairman

October 2, 2010, was bright, sunny, breezy and cool - a perfect day for a fall Open House at Missouri Girls Town. Guests numbering 250, largest group ever at Open House, gathered for the noon luncheon and program featuring music by the girls. Everyone was there to support Missouri Girls Town and the girls it serves. The auction of donated quilts was very successful. Missouri Girls Town

clients modeled aprons they had made from donated fabrics which were then auctioned. The Legacy of Love announcements were followed by the dedication of the reading corner in the school house library and a newly planted Autumn Blaze Maple as a memorial to Nancy Addleman.



The Reading Corner in the school library was dedicated during Open House at Missouri Girls Town in memory of Nancy Addleman.

District 6 delivered 44 filled and running over Christmas stockings during Open House, so Santa can be ready! Let me know about your donations to Missouri Girls Town by sending your report pages 15, 16 and 17 from the GFWC of Missouri 2010-2012 Yearbook by February 1, 2011. I'll have a display board of the District winners of the Outstanding Project entries at the GFWC of Missouri Convention in May 2011. The Statewide Outstanding Project winner will be announced at the Convention.

Let us

***TIE TIGHTER THE TIES THAT TIE US TO
MISSOURI GIRLS TOWN***

A MESSAGE FROM KATHY BECKER MISSOURI GIRLS TOWN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am continually asked about how girls become clients of Missouri Girls Town. Client referrals are accepted from the Missouri Department of Social Services: Children's Division, Adoption Subsidy, Department of Mental Health, Missouri State Juvenile Offices, Department of Youth Services, private placement and other state contracted service agencies. The majority of our clients have suffered some kind of child abuse or neglect. In addition, in most cases Missouri Girls Town is not the clients first, second or third placement within a residential treatment facility.

The number of children being abused continues to rise. The highest type of child abuse is through neglect or medical neglect. When it comes to sexual abuse girls are three times more likely to be a victim of abuse than boys.

One statistic concerning abuse that seems to be misunderstood the most is the type of families our clients usually come from. Approximately 2/3 of all child abuse victims are white. We have received clients from every county in the state. We have clients with strong rural backgrounds and we have clients that come from the St.

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Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, and Columbia area. Simply put, child abuse is not a race issue and it is not issue that just happens in urban areas.

The only factor that has shown to affect the number of children that are neglected or abused is poverty level. Just recently, I took a trip to Fort Scott, Kansas and it seemed like every 30 miles there was a farm auction in process. We often hear about plant closures and businesses going out of business but we rarely hear about farmers getting out of the business. In addition, the number of students that are approved to receive free and reduced school lunches has increase by over 15% in the last two years. The increase in students participating in the free and reduced lunch program are increasing in both the small rural schools, like the one my children attend, as well as the big urban schools like those found in St. Louis. What I am trying to say is both rural and urban communities are experiencing an increase in poverty.

So in summary, the need for the services Missouri Girls Town provides unfortunately will always exist. Additional support from private individuals, foundations, and business are as important as ever. When supporting Missouri Girls Town you are supporting a client from the state of Missouri. Quite possibly you are assisting a girl from a family in your community or county.

Calling all Musicians:

If anyone is interested in participating in a small ensemble at the GFWC of Missouri Workshop Convention, May 2-4, 2011, please let me know. We could perform 2-3 numbers. I have a wide variety of instruments available if you need one (early to practice on); just let me know what you need. Also, tell me what you play and what songs you like; I can transpose for your instrument. The theme will be a "Hoedown". You can contact me at:

tdidsbury@yahoo.com or by phone 816-929-5472.

Thank you.

Sue Harris, GFWC of MO Music Chairman

Regional, District and Club News:

THANK YOU

Thanks to the GFWC of Missouri for selecting me for the Jennie Award which eventually led to my receiving the 2010 medal for Mississippi Valley Region at the GFWC Convention. It is one of the nicest honors that I have ever received and I very humbly accepted it! I must give credit to Kathy Palermo, Nu-Era Study Club President, for nominating me and doing a super job of getting all of the information assembled and putting it all together

laboriously in a beautiful outlay. This made all of the hours spent volunteering all worthwhile! THANKS!

Beverly Shelton

MISSOURI DELEGATION ATTENDS MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION CONFERENCE



Iowa State Night Banquet at the Mississippi Valley Region Conference in Cedar Rapids, October 8-10th brought the Missouri GFWC delegation out in their finest Denim and Pioneer dress. Pictured above are (front row) Lisa Cook, President Elect; Carolyn Lovelace, President; Carol Shoener, Vice-President; (back row) Donna Bartley, Past State President; Gay Tarr, Past State and Past MVR President; Karla Kincaid, Missouri Clubwoman Editor, LaDonne Snavelly, Past State President and Donna Calvin Past State President and present MVR Vice President.

The pre-conference tour was to Kalona, the quilt capital of Iowa. The tour included the town museum, an Amish country store, a Mennonite woodworking factory and lunch in a Mennonite home plus touring the lovely town and countryside. The Service Project was books for organizations dealing with troubled youth and teens. One of the organizations helped by the books has been reestablishing itself since the flood in 2008.

Carlene Garner, GFWC International President and Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC President Elect spoke at the Conference and held workshops. Workshops included the new Community Service Program, Speaking as a Leader, Entrepreneurship, Reporting, Communications and more. Programs ranged from "The Fascination Never Ends" about Laura Ingalls Wilder to "Current Trends in the Detection and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease."

Everyone agreed we had a great time with GFWC friends as we learned more ways to be effective club members. Plans are underway for the next MVR Conference in

Nebraska City, Nebraska, October 7-9, 2011 at the Lied Lodge Conference Center. The Nebraska ladies are excited to have us to the home of J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day, to enjoy GFWC fellowship and education.

SECOND DISTRICT MEMBERS VOLUNTEER AT ELMWOOD CEMETERY



On October 23rd, four clubs in 2nd District worked together to clean up Elmwood Cemetery. Founded in 1872, Elmwood is the oldest cemetery in Kansas City with many of Kansas City founders buried there. With their clippers, rakes, and saws in hand, 20 members and spouses spent the morning sprucing up the cemetery. The GFWC members volunteering were from the GFWC Patrician Club, GFWC Kansas City Athenaeum, GFWC Nu-Era Study Club, and GFWC Achieving by Reading Club. Pictured are Sharon Carlyle (left) and Kathy Palermo (right). Photo by Gail Jones.

GFWC Rolla Saturday Club Celebrates 113th Birthday



Photo taken by Rolla Daily News

The GFWC Rolla Saturday Club members celebrated the 113th Birthday of the club on October 25, 2010 by hosting a *BirthDay Celebration and Guest Day Tea*. Fifteen members and guests gathered at the Kensington Clubhouse in Rolla for the festivities. The GFWC Rolla Saturday Club is recognized as the oldest woman's club in Rolla.

Sixth District President, Tammy Curtis, was the guest speaker for the afternoon. Tammy presented a very informative program about the history of GFWC.

We wish the GFWC Rolla Saturday Club another 113 years of affiliation with GFWC.

Congratulations GFWC Rolla Saturday Club for 113 years of Community Service 1897-2010

Congratulations to all GFWC Clubs Celebrating Special Anniversaries:

Date represents year club was established,
not necessarily year club was Federated

50 Years, 1961-2011

Past Presidents Club, At-Large
GFWC Thalias Club, Nevada
GFWC Crestwood Women's Club

55 Years, 1956-2011

GFWC Capital City Women's Club, Jefferson City
GFWC Cuba Tri-C Club

60 Years, 1951-2011

GFWC Bolivar Twenty Club

70 Years, 1941-2011

GFWC Questers Club, Grandview

75 Years, 1936-2011

GFWC Monday Club, Hamilton

80 Years, 1931-2011

GFWC Grandview Study Club

100 Years, 1911-2011

GFWC Farmington Fortnightly

105 Years, 1906-2011

GFWC Tuesday Study Club, Braymer

110 Years, 1901-2011

GFWC Crescite Club, Thayer

GFWC Sorosis Club of Springfield A Club on the Move

GFWC Sorosis Club of Springfield has been an integral part of community service in Springfield since founded by Mrs. A. H. Toomer in December of 1896. In that spirit, the Club recently initiated a new project with the Narcotics Division of the Springfield Police Department to combat the major drug problems in this area. Sorosis sponsors a Sophomore from each of the 7 Public High Schools in Springfield to the Sophomore Pilgrimage each year, sponsors one Sophomore for the Missouri Leadership Seminar in Warrensburg, provides comfort kits to the Springfield Victim Center several times a year, donates to the Springfield/Greene County Domestic Violence Center, and
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leads in recycling projects. One of our new projects this year is to participate in the GFWC American Mural Project by collecting unused, non working, watches. The Springfield/Greene County History Museum eagerly accepted Soros Club scrapbooks and records when the Clubhouse was sold as most of Springfield's history was documented within those records.

The Club annually donates \$300 to the GFWC of Missouri Forestry Scholarship, the Music Scholarship and the Native American Scholarship, in honor of the three Soros Club members who became GFWC of Missouri Presidents; and to the 6th District Scholarship.

We have several ESO readers within the Club, and two of them helped with the establishment of the Reading Awards Program at Missouri Girls Town. Soros pays the GFWC and GFWC of Missouri dues for the members of the Juniette Club at Missouri Girls Town. We joined many others in donating to the Memorial for Nancy Addleman at Missouri Girls Town, and helped in redecorating the reading nook at the school library in her honor.

Soros of Springfield has welcomed three new members in 2010 - from 3 different sources. GFWC truly gets into your blood! One of those new members is a transfer from another state, and drives an hour each way to attend our meetings as she is so determined to continue as a member of GFWC. She is our Project Manager for the American Mural Project. Another is a second generation member; daughter of a Past President of another 6th District Club. The third new member is a good friend of the second generation member. Both these members are nurses and both are giving a program this club year on a current public health issue.



We participate fully in 6th District activities and projects - recently providing 10 stuffed Christmas stockings for the girls at Missouri Girls Town as a part of the 6th District Fall Missouri Girls Town project.

GFWC Ste. Genevieve Woman's Club Focus on Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

In support of the GFWC International signature project on Domestic Violence, the GFWC Ste. Genevieve Woman's Club focused their October program on raising awareness of possible abuses in their community and how they can help victims.

More than 45 members and guests watched the first edition of the "Mean Girls" skit, depicting a student being bullied by a gang. The purpose of the skit was to remind members to be on the lookout for bullying behavior and intervene when possible.



Following the skit, Club President, Judy Gustafson (far left), facilitated a panel discussion with questions from the audience. Panelist included Winnis Sifford, Regional Family Crisis Center in Perryville; Carla Crocker, SEMO Family Violence Council in Bonne Terre and Tim Inman, Prosecuting Attorney for

Ste. Genevieve County. The panel discussed the issue of domestic violence and what services are provided to help those being victimized.

The Ste. Genevieve Woman's Club members filled 35 large shopping bags donated by St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Louis with hundreds of needed items for the two shelters that serve Ste. Genevieve County. The club also donated funds to help support each shelter.

Treasure Found in Ste. Genevieve

In 1959, the GFWC Ste. Genevieve Woman's Club published a cookbook entitled *Recipes of Old Ste. Genevieve*. The book was so popular it went through nine reprints with the last reprint in 2004. Club President Judy Gustafson explains, "Even with the reprint six years ago, I think everyone thought the books were somewhat scarce. Then we found a real treasure. There were hundreds of copies that had been stored and forgotten. We are so pleased to have found them so we can make them available."

The cookbook was published when women were moving more into the workforce and technology was making its way into the kitchen. Whether you are interested in cookbooks to just read or one who loves to try great recipes, this is the book for you and for those on your Christmas list. Cost is \$8 for the book and \$2 for postage. To order, call Judy at 573-483-3883 or send her a check payable to GFWC Ste. Genevieve Woman's Club, 13658 Lakewood Drive, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670.

More News:

"READ TO WIN' WINNERS

Linda Russell-Whitworth from 4th District and Linda Fischer from 5th District were awarded free registration to the 2010 Summer Conference at Port Arrowhead Resort, Lake of the Ozarks in August. They were the first to find the letters "agf" in the last edition of the *Missouri Clubwoman*. The symbol stands for attitude, gratitude and

fortitude as in President Carolyn's theme: **"Building and Celebrating with Attitude, Gratitude and Fortitude."** Be one of the first two members to find the symbol in the next edition of the *Missouri Clubwoman* and you too can win registration to the 2011 Summer Convention in Jefferson City.

GFWC of Missouri Calendar

November 16 - 12 Noon - RAP (Reading Awards Program) at Missouri Girls Town - Contact Hallie Yundt-Silver at 573-221-0222 or hallieys@hannibal.lib.mo.us if you plan to attend.

November 17 - 8:30 AM - Missouri Girls Town Board of Directors Meeting

December 31 - Donations to Special Fund for Charity and Education are due to district treasurer with reporting page 14 from state yearbook

December 31 - Membership dues of \$17/member are due to Treasurer Dottie Getz with reporting page 13 from state yearbook.

January 19 - 8:30 AM - Missouri Girls Town Board of Directors Meeting

February 1 - State and National Reports are due

March and April - Feinstein Challenge for Missouri Girls Town - send money (check), food or pledges for food

March 16 - 8:30 AM - Missouri Girls Town Board of Directors Meeting

April 12 - Sophomore Pilgrimage to Jefferson City

April 15 - All Feinstein Report Forms are due to Pat Zachary, Missouri Girls Town Chairman

May 1 - Photography for "Year in Pictures" Calendar Contest are due at National Headquarters

MAY 2,3,4 - GFWC of MO 116th State Convention
Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

CHANGES IN YEARBOOK

Please make the following changes in your state yearbook to make sure all correspondence arrives at the correct address.

Page 7: State Treasurer Dottie Getz's zip code is 63357-1284 and her email is: MainePower@aol.com.

Page 9 Missouri Girls Town Board member, Page 21 Hostess Committee member and Page 25 First District Missouri Girls Town Chairman Donna Carter has new address: Lakeview Park, 1393 Bowles Avenue - Apt. 317, Fenton, MO 63026 --- 636-326-6756 --- dcwheels@att.net.

Page 9 Missouri Girls Town Board member and Page 25 Photography Contest Chairman Naomi White's email: neoma6@centurytel.net.

Page 15 Women's History Chairman and Page 38 Seventh District Parliamentarian Louise Shultz's email: schultz.l@hotmail.com (use letter l, not number 1)

Page 17 and Page 32: Juniorette Advisor Neoma Hammond's address is on Johnson Cemetery Road.

Page 19: Registration Chairman Sue Foley's email is: folly_cb@msn.com.

Page 19: Phoebe Jane Ess Loan Chairman Linda Russell Whitworth's phone number is: 573-449-0016

Page 22: Under Statewide At-Large Clubs, GFWC Show Me State misspelled

Page 25: First Vice President of First District is Marjorie Thompson, 1927 Lakeview Terrace, Chillicothe, MO 64601 - 660-240-0339

Page 25: First District Corresponding Secretary Karla Kincaid's email: mogfwcnews@wildblue.net.

Page 25: First District Co-Chairman for Missouri Girls Town with Donna Carter is Norma Shearer, 10152 LIV 239, Chillicothe, MO 64601 - 660-646-1846 - normalsh@cmuonline.net.

Page 26: GFWC Chillicothe Culture Club President, Mary Underwood has new email: mkunderwood@yahoo.com. The email in the yearbook is that of the president-elect's,

Page 26: Plattsburg GFWC Modern Study Club President is Avanel Dedman.

Page 26: Shenandoah Member, Debbie Heavner's phone number is 816-632-3874.

Page 28: GFWC Platte City Study Club President is Jo-Ann Elton

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT MISSOURI CLUBWOMAN

February 21, 2011

Articles are to be sent to

President Carolyn Lovelace for editing.

They will then be forwarded to the Missouri Clubwoman Chairman, Karla Kincaid, for publication.

Issue to be distributed by March 5

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Page 29: Third District President Louise Wilson's zip code is 63469

Page 29: Third District's newly appointed Corresponding Secretary: Zona Burkhead, 120 Terrace Lane, Hannibal, MO 63401 --- 573-221-8411

Page 29: GFWC Woman's Club of Oakwood President Betty Scott's address is 56 Gemini Drive.

Page 31: Fourth District President Elect is Kittie Blankenship, Vice President is Katinell "Kati" Traynor, 216 N. 10th Street, Louisiana, MO 63353 and Jan Anderton is Corresponding Secretary.

Page 33: Fifth District Parliamentarian Gerri Ziegler's email is gerbob1@charter.net. (the #1 after gerbob)

Page 35: Sixth District First Vice President, Caryl Ann Zachary has resigned

Page 36: Bolivar GFWC Twenty Club President Marilyn Hendrickson's email is marilynkh@windstream.net.

Page 36: GFWC Marshfield Club President Polly Greer has resigned. Kathy Price will be contact person for club at 7757 State Hwy W, Elkland, MO 65644 --- 417-859-5970

Page 36: Ozark GFWC Utopia Club President Mae Branagh's email is dbranagh@centurytel.net.

Page 36 Thayer GFWC Crescite Club President Anna Bohrisch's email is bohrisch@centurytel.net.

Page 38: Seventh District Theme is "Volunteering-People Helping People."

Page 40: Eighth District Theme is "Back to Basics."

Page 41: A new book club in Eighth District is GFWC Thursday Literary Guild (10), President - Marla Simons, 14832 Brookhaven Place, Chesterfield, MO 63017 - email: marlasimons@sbcglobal.net.

Page 42: Ninth District Parliamentarian Sheri Hickey's email is: mrshickster@yahoo.com.

On the blue and salmon colored club reporting pages, the Sophomore Pilgrimage Chairman is Cheryl Ingraham, 8775 SE 240th Street, Lathrop, MO 64465.

- CLUB PRESIDENTS -

**Contact President Carolyn Lovelace
if you have not received your
GFWC Club Manual**

**THE WAY WE WERE
AT SUMMER CONFERENCE**

... at the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks, Port Arrowhead Resort ...



... we came prepared to learn with good programs and good speakers ...



... we had our "mean girls" (a.k.a. Lynn Noyes, Traci Snodgrass and Carolyn Wyatt) picking on the nice girl, Betty Ball --- all in an effort to stress today's social crisis of bullying ...



... and we had our fun at the Southern Garden Party --- Sue Foley is congratulated with the winning bonnet.

GFWC Community Service Program and Special Projects Partners

As of October 12, 2010

See Reporting Article on Page 3 for Explanation

SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Prevent Child Abuse America

JUNIOR'S SPECIAL PROJECT: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Emergency Medical Services for Children

Girls on the Run International

National Foster Parent Association

Special Olympics

ARTS

American Mural Project

VSA Arts

CONSERVATION

Keep America Beautiful

The Humane Society of the United States

EDUCATION

American Library Association

Mentoring USA

Reading Rockets/WETA Public Television

HOME LIFE

Alzheimer's Association

Canine Companions for Independence

Easter Seals

Habitat for Humanity International

March of Dimes Birth Foundation

National Heart Lung and Blood Institute

National Osteoporosis Foundation

Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

CARE

Heifer International

INMED Partnerships for Children

Operation Smile

Plan USA

UNICEF

United Nations Association of the United States of
America

PUBLIC ISSUES

Coalition Against Bigger Trucks

National Disaster Search Dog Foundation

National Safety Council

Safe Kids USA

Sew Much Comfort

Women in Military Service for America Memorial
Foundation

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To date, GFWC of Missouri members and friends of members who have participated in iGive through shopping online have enabled merchants to give over \$600 to our Federation.

GFWC of Missouri, Inc.

THE LETTER

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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.*

"Angels Amongst Us"



Sue Nevatt, from St. Robert in 6th District, has to be one of the most active Shenandoah members (since 2004) in Missouri. All those who attend the State Conventions will attest to how tirelessly and

willingly Sue has taken on her position as State Photographer since 2008. She goes above and beyond her job description and always with a smile on her face. Sue has also expanded her job to take pictures at Mississippi Valley Region Conferences and GFWC Conventions when she accompanies her mother, GFWC of MO Past President Fern Nevatt, as well. She has been invaluable in keeping a pictorial record for GFWC of Missouri. Sue has a BA in Music from Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield; a Master in Music Education from Wichita State University and has taught music at West Plains for a total for 38 years, including substitute teaching since retirement.

Thanks for making us look good, Sue!



Lynn Noyes, from GFWC Lathrop Study Club in First District, is a great supporter of GFWC and a wonderful volunteer. As the past ESO Chairman, she traveled to the Fall District Conventions to

promote and share her enthusiasm for ESO. New ESO members could get a running start on reading by receiving a book from Lynn's traveling library she carried in her car trunk. She also helped create RAP (Reading Awards Program) at Missouri Girls Town. Lynn has served as Club President (2004-2006), District President (2008-2010) and is currently District Parliamentarian and Special Assistant to the State President. Lynn's volunteering also includes her church, the Garden Club and past president of The Kansas City Symphony Guild. Lynn attended Northwest Missouri State University and worked for many years for doctors in the Florida and Kansas City area. Later, she assisted her husband in the veterinary business.

Your enthusiasm is contagious. Thanks, Lynn!