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## "Carolyn's Corner" Federation Talk



with  
**Carolyn  
Lovelace**  
**GFWC of MO  
President**

Fall has been a busy and rewarding time for your state officers. The District Fall Conventions started on September 17, 2011 and concluded on November 5, 2011. Lisa Cook and I have been privileged to attend all of them. The other state officers have attended when schedules permitted. How great to see and visit with our members around the state. I have always said that visiting the District Conventions is the best part of my job!



Missouri's delegation to MVR: Front Row - Shirley Guevel, Ruby Burns, Carolyn Lovelace, Donna Calvin, LaDonne Snavely and Kathy Palermo.  
Back Row - Debbie Bastian, Sue Foley, Donna Bartley, Ann Kutscher, Gay Tarr, Carol Shoener, Karla Kincaid and Lisa Cook. Not pictured: Terry and Tamara Miller.

On October 6, 2011, fifteen GFWC of Missouri members traveled to Nebraska City, Nebraska for the Mississippi Valley Region Conference (MVR). Our International President, Carlene Garner, and International President-elect, Mary Ellen Laister, attended and brought the latest news from GFWC. We always have a great time during the MVR Conferences. (See Debbie Bastian's article, which is included in this edition of the Clubwoman).



GFWC of Missouri Officers: President Elect Lisa Cook, President Carolyn Lovelace and Recording Secretary Debbie Bastian holding the Silver Membership Tray awarded at the Mississippi Valley Region Conference.

This year Missouri won the Silver Membership Tray. Of the seven states in MVR, Missouri had the largest increase in membership. WAY TO GO MISSOURI. This is the second year in a row we have won the Membership Tray. Please plan to join us next year when MVR will be held in Wichita, Kansas. Our own Donna Calvin will be MVR President during the next administration. Let us all plan to go and support Donna!



Joplin teacher, Mrs. Jackson, with GFWC of MO delegation: President Carolyn Lovelace, Parliamentarian Jean Marney, President Elect Lisa Cook and GFWC Carthage Women's Service League President Carolyn Wyatt.

On September 22, 2011, Lisa Cook, Jean Marney, Carolyn Wyatt and I traveled to Joplin, Missouri to visit our adopted classroom and the teacher, Raye Frerer. After touring the destruction of Joplin, we went to Raye's classroom where we were able to see the technology Raye had been able to purchase with the GFWC of MO monetary donations.



Joplin teacher Raye Frerer with students

In the picture, you will see the iPads with their special programs (apps) that aid the special education students. What a moving experience for us to witness first hand the learning that was taking place.

(President's Letter continued)

In August, I was fortunate to attend the GFWC Board Meeting in Seattle. I was happy to represent Missouri along with the presidents from the other 49 states and additional GFWC Board Members. During this meeting, President Carlene Garner conducted sessions entitled "Courageous Conversations". Attendees were divided into groups to discuss concerns facing GFWC. Not only were problems and concerns discussed but also ways of dealing with these issues. Then individuals or groups were appointed to work on solutions for these issues. I left feeling as though we had really accomplished something and that the issues would be addressed. I expect great "things" from GFWC.



Not all was work and no play. One day we toured Seattle and visited the famous Pike Fish Market. Yes, fish were flying through the air. I managed to duck the flying fish but was encouraged to hold one of the large fish. Thank goodness, I did not have to catch it. How blessed I was to work with and make new friends of the wonderful GFWC members from around the country.

Mark your calendars for our state convention, which will be held in Jefferson City May 3-5, 2012. See you then!!!!

Yours in GFWC,

*Carolyn*

## GFWC MEMBERSHIP



*Lisa Cook*

**GFWC of MO**

**President**

**Elect**

For those of you that read the August addition of *The Letter*, in my article I spoke about the membership tea my club was preparing to hold in August. I am pleased to announce that 4 new members paid their dues at our meeting in September. I will report this to GFWC on the Seasonal Recruitment Campaign Form immediately as we are very excited to have 4 new members joining our wonderful club and great GFWC organization. We did a lot of bragging on our club at the tea, and the cookies were delicious.

It is very important that after your club does recruit new members, you make them feel welcome. Assign a mentor or buddy to them that are knowledgeable about GFWC and your clubs activities. Or in conjunction with a club meeting, hold a brief 15 minute orientation to give facts about the club and to let them ask questions. Find a small way to get them involved so that they feel useful to the club. If a new member attends meeting after meeting, with no input or activity, they might lose interest and decide not to rejoin. After all, they joined a volunteer service organization!

Please report new members to GFWC on the Seasonal Recruitment form. If you cannot find it on the GFWC website, please let me know and I will get one to you. Also, please let me know when you get a new member. I need the information about the member AND who recruited them for your club. Awards are given at the state level for membership recruitment.

At MVR, Missouri was honored to be the only state in Mississippi Valley Region that increased membership

last year. WAY TO GO! We were so proud to be recognized.

We have set a goal to try to form a new GFWC of MO Club between now and May 2012. Got any ideas on a community that would really benefit from a GFWC club? A juniorette club in your own town would also be a wonderful addition. There are materials available on how to start a general club or a juniorette club. Please contact me for more information.

I hope that your club has a great fall recruiting season. Show off, be proud, and recruit a member or two. Wear your GFWC apparel and pin everywhere, not just to a club activity. There may be someone at the grocery store that will ask, "What is GFWC". Wouldn't it be fun to tell them! Happy recruiting. Rake in those new members.

## ELECTION REMINDER

From Lisa Cook

If you wish to run for Missouri Girls Town Board member, or are running for GFWC of Missouri State Officer, please don't forget to get an endorsement from your club and/or district. That endorsement must be sent to Pat Mertens by December 15, 2011. Pat is serving as the chairman of the Committee on Elections for GFWC of Missouri. You also need to write a letter to Pat stating that you would serve if elected. This must be completed and sent to Pat by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Your picture and brief bio must be sent for publication in *the Missouri Clubwoman* newsletter to Karla Kincaid by January 1, 2012.

Contact information:

Pat Mertens, Chairman  
Committee on Elections  
1421 Lake Drive  
Ironton, MO 63650

Karla Kincaid  
10396 SE State Route E  
Braymer, MO 64624  
mogfwcnews@wildblue.net

## Reward Yourself with MVR



**Debbie Bastian**

**GFWC of MO  
Recording  
Secretary**

I was told to go to GFWC International Convention to make new friends and learn a lot. I found this to be true. I was told to go to Mississippi Valley "agf" Region Conference (MVR) to learn, see old friends and have a lot of fun. Thank you so much Carolyn Lovelace. Your words were right on the money.

My first impression when walking into the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City was serenity. The Lied Lodge just had that vibe for me. My second impression was that of going to a reunion that I really wanted to go to. Women gathered into groups and getting caught up. There was lots of laughing, talking and hugs. The Lied Lodge truly inspired lots of visiting. Women who met for the first time felt as if they knew each other for years.

I have to admit I did not really have a lot of interest in the state of Nebraska. I am now a true convert to the beauty of the state of Nebraska. The trees were visible from every window of the Lied Lodge and they were spectacular. The town had a small town feel and the people of Nebraska City were warm and inviting. I can't wait to share all this with my family. This could be a perfect gathering spot for us for a future Thanksgiving.

The workshops and meetings were very interesting and I learned a lot. I looked around at the women and we were all nodding our heads and laughing when GFWC dos and don'ts were presented. Our International Officers, Carlene Garner and Mary Ellen Laister inspired us with their gratitude for our hard work. I feel a deep gratitude to them for their hard work. One of my favorite

things is to hear State Presidents Reports. I love to hear what things the different states in our region have been up to. It is safe to say we have been a very busy region.

Rose Ditto and the President Elect of Kansas, Jeannie, invited everyone to the next MVR in Wichita, Kansas. It sounds great and I can't wait.

## REPORTING CAN BE FUN!



**Carol Shoener**

**GFWC of MO  
Vice President**

Yes, reporting can be fun! Really? Yes!

**Club Presidents**, you can make reporting fun by inviting a few club members for a "Lunch and Let's Write!" Prepare a simple lunch, gather your report writing supplies and make it a time of remembering (about all the terrific programs and projects your club has had this past year). Ask each member to write one or two of your reports, and they have their fellow club members right there to help refresh memories. Some club presidents write their reports (or have another member do this) immediately following the club meeting. You can still have a get-together to fill out the Honor Roll report and to 'fine tune' the reports.

Remember, your club did many terrific projects/programs during the year, so write that report, fill out the form and maybe you will receive an award for your club.

**Community Service Chairmen**, you have the pleasure of reading all the interesting reports you receive in your particular area. It is your decision whether you want to do the judging yourself, or have some else do the judging. After you have chosen your first, second and third place winners, please forward to me the winners, along with a copy of

those winning reports and your summary report on your department. Also, please send your winning report to your National counterpart. When summarizing all the great reports you are sure to receive, do not be bashful in your summarization. The reports that won national recognition in previous years elaborated on their state's activities in that chairman's specific area.

One of the important points **to everyone** is REMEMBER YOUR DEADLINES! Last year we extended some of the deadlines (at the state level) due to the inclement weather. However, this year we do not plan on extending deadlines. Kindly remember, it is unfair to the clubs that send in their community service reports and their honor roll reports on time to reward without penalty those reports that are filed past the deadlines.

One note **to incoming presidents for 2012-2014 or 2012-2013**. As our reporting year runs from January 1 to December 31, please consult with the present club president to insure that someone is taking notes and/or writing reports on any programs your club has when the year 2012 begins.

Lastly, everyone is a winner, just for being a GFWC Clubwoman and all the wonderful volunteer work you do!

## ATTENTION: CLUB PRESIDENTS AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

*From Carol Shoener*

As GFWC of Missouri Vice President, it is my honor to plan a memorial service for any GFWC of Missouri clubwoman that has passed away since our Spring State of MO GFWC convention in 2010. Would all club presidents please send any names and two or three sentences about the late clubwoman to your district president? Then each district president can kindly send the information to me, hopefully by

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April 1, 2012. I will do my best to honor these clubwomen at the memorial service during the Spring State of MO GFWC convention.

### State Chairmen Updates:

## CREATIVE ARTS CONTESTS

GFWC women are women of talent. Each one of you should consider entering our Creative Arts contests: **Writing and Photography.**

Below are basic rules and deadlines for both contests. More information and complete rules can be found on the GFWC website. To find rules on the web site enter [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) and click on Member Center at the top, then click on Awards, Contests, and Grants. When that comes up, click on Awards, Contest, and Grants in second paragraph. When the section appears, scroll down until you find Photography Contest or Writing Contest.

### Photography Contest Basic Rules and Deadline

There are three opportunities to participate in the GFWC Photography Contest. Categories are:

**1) The World in Pictures** which has three sub-categories of *Feature*, *Natural History*, and *Scenic*.

**2) GFWC Volunteers in Action.** The Photography Contest at state level for these two categories is held at the Spring Missouri Meeting. This year the photography deadline will be Thursday, May 3, by 10 a.m. at the GFWC of Missouri Convention in Jefferson City.

**3) A Year in Pictures** requires horizontal, unmatted, color, 8x10 photos, one per club, to be submitted to GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. by May 1, 2012.

All photography entries must be from dues paying members of active GFWC clubs and photos should be taken during the contest year. Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with this info: Contest

name, Photographer's name, e-mail address, mailing address, phone number, name and state of sponsoring club, a brief caption giving location and other notes about the photo, and the photo's title.

Photos may be taken with film or digital cameras; prints must be submitted. Electronic submissions will not be considered, nor will damaged photos be judged. Date stamps should not appear on photographs. Member must be an amateur photographer, having earned no more than \$500 annually from photo work. All photos must be matted and can be either black/white or color, measuring (including matting) at least 10x12 but no more than 14x16 inches. No frames or glass allowed. Same image may be submitted to multiple photo contests, but separate photos must be entered into each contest. Waivers should accompany each photo.

### Writing Contest Basic Rules and Deadline

GFWC members who wish to enter the contest must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club and amateur authors with their work never having been published. Authors can have received no more than \$500 from writings in the past year. Authors may enter in either Short Story Contest or Poetry Contest or both. Waivers should accompany each submission. (see web site)

All writing entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only of 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides. The following must be typed on the top right hand corner of EACH page: Author's name, e-mail address, mailing address, and phone number, name of author's GFWC club and State Federation, Short Story or Poetry category, and the title of the work. Short stories may not exceed 2,000 words. Poetry can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.

We also hope your club is sponsoring a **Youth Writing Contest**. Rules are basically the same as for members except besides the category of Poetry or Short Story, they should add a numbered category for grade level: Category 1--Grades K, 1, 2; Category 2--Grades 3, 4, 5; Category 3--Grades 6, 7, 8; Category 4--Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

**The deadline for all writings is postmarked by March 1, 2012.** Entries should be mailed to Jane Smith, State GFWC Writing Contest Chairman, 1818 Daily Road, Bethany, MO 64424.

### SIGNATURE PROJECT: Domestic Violence Awareness

**Shirley  
Guevel**

**GFWC of MO  
Chairman**



**Let's have a party...**How about a different approach to our Signature Project on Domestic Violence? GFWC has partnered with Prevent Child Abuse-America to help increase awareness of child abuse (another aspect of domestic violence). They have two ways to raise funds: House Parties is one of them. Host any kind of party...game night, girls night out, fall picnic, football watching...invite guests, tell them about Prevent Child abuse and ask for donations of a specific amount. Missouri's counterpart in this is: Missouri Kids First. Two websites give you all the information you need to participate in a project: [www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org) and [www.missourikidsfirst.org](http://www.missourikidsfirst.org). There are suggestions for parties, invitations, etc., and there are fact sheets about child abuse to download and use in your project. If you don't have access to the websites, call me or send me a note and I will send some information to

you. This could be great fun and help spread the word about child abuse.

The other idea is Pinwheels for Prevention. On April 13, 2011, hundreds of blue & silver pinwheels were "planted" on the grounds of the Capital Building in Jefferson City with appropriate signage, etc. You can buy the pinwheels for \$1.00 each and have them included in the 2012 display or you can have your own "Pinwheel Garden". However, to have your own, you must buy the official pinwheels and fill out a form promising to conform to all the regulations imposed by Prevent Child Abuse-America.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING



**Beverly Shelton**

**GFWC of MO  
Chairman**

GFWC of Missouri will once again be supporting leaders for the future through the Missouri Leadership Seminar, MLS, held June 8-10, 2012 at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg.

The Missouri Leadership Seminar is an unforgettable weekend experience that immerses one sophomore from all participating high schools in an environment that brings out the leader inside. Student ambassadors are exposed to panels of professional speakers on many of today's most pressing issues, are encouraged to express their unique opinions in a supportive environment, and learn to lead through team building activities. The MLS experience is free of charge to those ambassador's selected to attend.

How can your club get involved? All the information concerning MLS will come to your high school counselor by email in January. Check to see that the information was received and encourage your school to send a

sophomore participant. MLS is free to the student but the actual cost of \$200 per student is covered by GFWC clubs and other community civic organizations. What a great project for all the civic clubs in your community to sponsor! Your student's report of his experience would make an excellent club program. For more information on this program, go to [www.moleadership.com](http://www.moleadership.com).

GFWC of MO also supports the leadership training of our own members through the LEADS program. This is a one-day program at the international convention in North Carolina for one GFWC member from each state. For complete information, go online to [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) and click on the Club Manual. The deadline for submitting the LEADS application form to represent Missouri is February 1, 2012. Send all applications and your club reports on leadership programs and projects to GFWC of Missouri Leadership Chairman, Beverley Shelton, 4424 Huntington Way, Independence, MO 64055

## GFWC of MO Calendar

**November 15** - 12 noon - Reading Awards Program (RAP) at Missouri Girls Town - Contact Hallie Yundt-Silver if you plan to attend

**November 16** - 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 \$20/member are due to Treasurer Dottie Getz with reporting page 13 from state yearbook

**January 18** - 8:30 AM - Missouri Girls Town Board of Directors Meeting

**February 1** - Report forms due - including Honor Roll, Phoebe Jane Ess Recipient Report, Missouri Day Report, Scholarship Activity Report, Missouri Activities Reports, Missouri Girls Town Awards and Outstanding Project Report (all in state yearbook) and Program and Project Report Form and Narratives to State Service Chairmen.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT  
MISSOURI CLUBWOMAN  
March 1, 2012**

*Please send articles to President  
Carolyn Lovelace for editing.*

## Changes in Yearbook

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

Page 6: GFWC of MO Recording Secretary and Page 29: Third District Missouri Girls Town Chairman Debbie Bastian's new email is: [bastianj@socket.net](mailto:bastianj@socket.net).

Page 9: Missouri Girls Town Director and Page 42: Ninth District Missouri Girls Town Chairman Alice Goehman's new email is: [goehmanalice@yahoo.com](mailto:goehmanalice@yahoo.com).

Page 9: Missouri Girls Town Director and Page 40: Eighth District First VP and Missouri Girls Town Chairman Joyce Raskin's new email: [jbraskin@aol.com](mailto:jbraskin@aol.com).

Page 14: GFWC of MO Legislation and Public Policy Chairman Sue Dance's new email: [suedance1924@gmail.com](mailto:suedance1924@gmail.com)

Page 28: Raytown GFWC Heart of America Girls Town Club's new president: Mary E. Ahlbrandt, 1611 W. O'Brien Road, Apt. 409, Lee's Summit, MO 64081 - Phone: 816-246-0013. Her email contact is Gay Tarr at [mtarr48@aol.com](mailto:mtarr48@aol.com).

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Page 37: The new president of GFWC Ozark Cosmopolitan Club is Peg McLerran, 3925 Smallin Road, Ozark, MO 65721 – Phone: 417-581-6881 Email: [wmclerran1@msn.com](mailto:wmclerran1@msn.com)

Page 37: The vice-president and acting president for West Plains GFWC Women's Library Club 1 is Diana Pace, 5665 State Route 17, West Plains, MO –

Phone: 417-277-5252 – Email: [mppace@pvbroadband.com](mailto:mppace@pvbroadband.com)

Page 37: The new president of Rolla Junior Club is Kacie Wassilak – Email: rollajuniorclub@yahoo.com

### State Jennie Award Nominees Named at Mississippi Valley

GFWC of Missouri, Inc. congratulates Karla Kincaid for having been chosen as Missouri's Jennie Award nominee. The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly. The award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. Karla's name was submitted to the Mississippi Valley Region (MVR) who in turn will choose two names to submit to GFWC. GFWC will then choose one person from each Region as the winner of the Jennie Award.



Karla (standing on right), along with the nominees from the other states in the Mississippi Valley Region, was recognized during the Mississippi Valley Region Conference in Nebraska City, Nebraska in October 2011. Pictured with Karla are nominees Sandra Phillips, Iowa and Rose Ditto, Kansas.

Good luck, Karla! We are proud of you!

## Angels Among Us

How many angels can you fit on the head of a pin?

No one can answer that question.

However, one can answer the question as to how many angels are in GFWC of Missouri. Just look around and you will find an angel working everywhere for her state, her club and her community.



### Sue Dance,

our GFWC State Legislation Chairman, and who serves on the Silver Hair Legislation Board for the State of Missouri, is one of these angels. She is committed to her job, and endeavors to inform club members about on-going legislation both at the Federal and State level through GFWC clubs' Legislation Chairmen, and our State President. She knows how important it is to keep club members informed of upcoming laws that can and may affect us, our families and our community.

We salute you Sue Dance for all your hard work.



### Jane Smith

When we think of GFWC members who go the extra mile,

Jane Smith, past First District President and current GFWC of Missouri Writing Contest Chairman, comes to mind.

Those who attended the last state convention know how varied her talents can be. She entertained us with her piano playing and singing during the Hoedown Banquet. She was a lifesaver for more than one event at the convention. When extra tables needed to be set for lunch, she stepped in to play and sing a song she had written using President Carolyn's theme of Attitude, Gratitude, and Fortitude. Jane also volunteered to coordinate the Photography Contest when the chairman became ill. She did all of this with great patience and grace.

Jane, a retired school principal and teacher, currently serves as the president for the GFWC Twentieth Century Club in Bethany, MO. She is a wonderful community volunteer who is appreciated and valued as a GFWC of Missouri member. Yes, we can definitely say she is an *Angel Among Us*.

### "Read to Win"

Remember to find the symbol "agf" for President Lovelace's theme: "Building & Celebrating with Attitude, Gratitude and Fortitude." The first member to find the symbol in this issue and contact *Missouri Clubwoman* Chairman Karla Kincaid at 660-645-2455 or at [mogfwcnews@wildblue.net](mailto:mogfwcnews@wildblue.net) will receive free registration to the Summer Convention, May 3-5, 2012, in Jefferson City and recognition in the next *Missouri Clubwoman*.

## News from Our Clubs

### GFWC Callaway Juniorette Club

ANOTHER BANNER YEAR - 2010

In usual form, the January 2010 meeting of the GFWC Callaway Juniorette Club at Missouri Girls Town opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Thought for the Day. Members eagerly volunteered for leadership roles for the meeting as well as the projects underway.

Four Junioresettes and two or three advisors planned the menu, prepared, and served a meal each month for four months at the Fulton Soup Kitchen. This was such a popular activity that it continues as a campus activity to this day.

For Career Day Junioresettes surveyed every girl on campus. The four careers with the most interest were presented at the Career Day. Those with tangential interests were supplied with material about those careers. Posters, snacks and signs were prepared for the event. The popularity of Career Day will call for another in 2011.

Juniorettes planned a graduation party which included the playing of Pomp and Circumstance for the five graduating seniors who were escorted into the dining hall for a pizza supper. Congratulations galore, gifts and dancing gave the seniors a good send-off. The graduates all went on to further educational endeavors.

Summer brought more volunteerism with a Red Cross Blood Drive - 75 gave blood. Junioresettes helped with calling donors, registration, snacks and cheering donors.

Then to the "fun stuff" like a movie on Bullying and a CARNIVAL! A variety of games of skill were the attraction for the House Teams. Big banners with team names adorned the gym and prizes were accumulated. A picnic supper on the patio completed the fun, compliments of the staff with Randy the grill master. An unintended benefit was team-building within each house.

Attendance at Juniorette meetings averaged between 16-19 residents. Girls who had been members previously volunteered to take leadership roles and serve as activities presenters. Projects and programs decided upon by the girls included: continuing a recycling project already started by one of the residents, making fleece blankets and collecting toys for a shelter in Warrenton and for Serve in Fulton for Christmas, a "Pennies for Change" project collecting enough change from the girls along with donations from Staff (\$60) to buy food for a meal at the Soup Kitchen., decorating Christmas cards for residents in a nursing home and decorating Christmas cookies for everyone on campus plus hosting a Sing Along for Christmas.

Thanks go to GFWC Tuesday Club of Columbia for hosting the meetings, the GFWC Sorosis Club of Springfield for paying the girls' dues and to liaisons Suzanne, Randy, and the Staff; all of whom are such a great support system for the Club and the girls!

### Lewistown GFWC We Moderns Club Spearheads Town Signs



GFWC We Moderns Club, Lewistown, realized a dream come true on August 11, 2011 when the Classic Sign Company installed "Welcome to Lewistown" signs on Highway 6 at the east and west ends of town.

Several years ago the club started thinking how nice it would be to have welcome signs to welcome visitors to town. The club sponsored a contest for the Highland High School art students to design a sign with the prize of a \$50 savings bond being awarded to the winner. Recently local businesses were contacted by club members and it was reported in the club news in the local newspaper that the club was trying to raise funds for their project. The City of Lewistown was also contacted and helped the club with the expense for the signs. Thanks to all the cooperation, the project is a success.

### First Miss GFWC Scarecrow in GFWC History?



Lexington's Annual "Apples, Art & Antiques Festival" included a Scarecrow competition for the first time this year. **GFWC Woman's Club of Lexington's** entry was titled "Miss GFWC-Lexington." She was attired in a formal gown, complete with crown, jewels, flowers, and of course, the sash with her title. She won 3rd place in the contest and is probably the first Miss GFWC Scarecrow in the history of GFWC!

## GFWC Mexico Women's Club

### Members Honored for Community Service



The GFWC Mexico Women's Club was awarded the annual Civic Award by the Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce. This was the first time the club had been recognized in the club's 62 year history. Several of the club's 24 members attended the dinner and accepted the recognition. The club not only thanked the chamber for the honor, but community members were also thanked. It is through the community's support that the GFWC Mexico Women's Club is able to give back to both local charities and Missouri Girls Town. In fact, with the support of the community; through the club's flower sales at both Christmas and in the spring and the Holiday Home's tour, GFWC Mexico Women's Club was able to give back \$6,000 to local agencies at its May luncheon. They continue to do their best to sponsor projects both monetarily and through volunteering. Congratulations, ladies for helping so many efforts with your hard work.

### GFWC Thalias Club Celebrates 50 Years

By Janet Guthrie

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Thalias, Missouri Federated Women's Club was celebrated Saturday, May 7, 2011, at the Nevada Country Club. Thalias was organized on May 5, 1961 by a group of GFWC Dianas Club members.

Current and former members in attendance were greeted by the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Kori Bower, Megan Smith, Katherine Young and Janet Guthrie. Guests enjoyed a buffet brunch on tables decorated with red carnations, the club's flower. Music for the morning event was provided by Rebecca Mannel, harpist. Sally Thorpe, President of Thalias, welcomed everyone and presented current charter members Shirley Guthrie and Katherine Young with fifty-year pins from the GFWC of Missouri. Sally also recognized Jeanie Fischer and Velma Wescoat, the two other Charter members who were in attendance. She then announced that this year's Thalias' Scholarship to a Nevada High School Senior would be presented in honor

of Nola Hartzfeld, who passed away in 2010 and was a charter fifty-year member of Thalias.

Janet Guthrie then presented a "Toast to Thalias" congratulating all of the current and former members. A 50-year anniversary cake was served and those attending gathered for a group picture.



Seated: Sally Thorpe, Shirley Meyer, Mary Alice Shannon, Jeanie Fischer, Shirley Guthrie, Katherine Young, Velma Wescoat, Zenial Hertzberg, Beverlee Redding and Megan Smith

Second Row: Nora Quitno, Sarah Swearingen, Kori Bower, Karen Davis, Donna Darnold, Patsy McCullough, Marsha Forkner, Annette Quitno, Janice Runyan, Mary Love, Jane, Sue Quitno, Sherry Sadler, Jan Thompson, LaMae Bryant, Charlene Flynn, Denise Nelson and Karen Hertzberg

Third Row: Angie Landoll, Jennifer Shannon, Paula Netherton, Janet Guthrie and Virginia Marquardt

The celebration concluded with reminiscing, looking at scrapbooks, and visiting with dear friends.

GFWC Thalias is a service club that has worked on many fund raising projects including fashion shows, tasting tours and garage sales. Proceeds have been donated back to this community for scholarships, Sophomore Pilgrimage, Girls Town, After-Prom, nursing home favors, and countless other charitable causes over the past fifty years.

### GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve Awards \$4,150 in Scholarships



Front Row:  
Katie  
Langeneckert,  
Allyson Suiter,  
Emily Roth and  
Amanda Grass

Back Row:  
Abbey Gray,  
Rebecca  
Hermann, Cory  
Kertz and  
Brandon  
Mueller

Each spring the GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve awards several scholarships, some for higher level education, and some for educational experiences and opportunities. The past year's winners were announced at the May 16th meeting and attended by eight of the students receiving awards (pictured above).

The Ste. Genevieve High School and Valle High principals congratulated the students and thanked the GFWC Woman's Club for the significant opportunities provided.

The winners of the Helen Smith \$500 Scholarship were Abbey Gray (SGH) and Katy Langeneckert (VH). The winners of the Young Woman's \$1000 Scholarship were Rebecca Hermann (SGH) and Allyson Suiter (VH).

Sophomore Pilgrimage winners were Brandon Mueller (SGH) and Joe Moulton (VH). The Missouri Leadership Seminar 2010 winners were Amanda Grass (SGH) and Cory Kertz (VH). This year's winners are Rachael Palmer (SGH) and Nicholas Klein (VH). Winners of the Music Camp Scholarship at Jefferson College are Tyler Rogers (SGM) and Emily Roth (VE).

Woman's Club President, Judy Gustafson said "We are so proud of being able to help so many gifted students in our community".

### GFWC Art & Literature Club of Parkville Sets New Club Record!

Members of the GFWC Art & Literature Club of Parkville donated 472 pairs of socks to the Park Hill Student Clothing Center. This has been a Club project since 2007 when 156 pairs were donated.



Pictured are Community Improvement Contest Chairman Karole Jacobsen, Barbara Weians, Club President Jan Maughmer, Jeanette Hoy, and Clothing Center Coordinator Debbie Jensen.

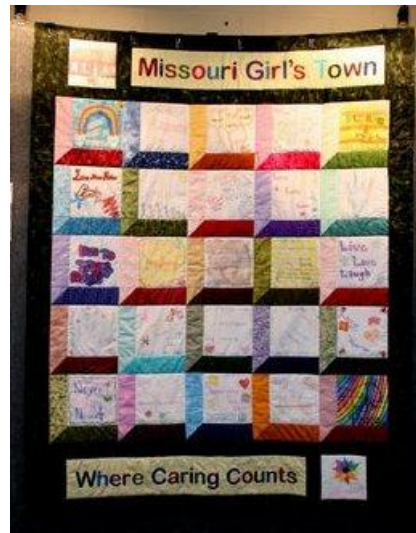
### Missouri Girls Town Open House

The Missouri Girls Town staff and residents hosted Open House on October 1, 2011.



It was a beautiful day with the grounds manicured and filled with lovely fall flowers. A perfect day for a tour of the campus.

GFWC members and other supporters from across the state gathered in Scallorns Recreational Center to visit and to purchase chances on donated baskets.



The Center was decorated with quilts. Each square on this quilt was made by a resident at Missouri Girls Town. Another quilt on display was a Missouri Girls Town Memory Quilt donated by Vic Walker which was quilted by his nieces, Marilyn Francis and Cheryl Carpenter.

The girls who were hostesses wore shirts bearing the day's theme: "The Future is So Bright . . . We Gotta Wear Shades."

The theme was carried over to the brightly decorated tables and the delicious buffet!



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

**Missouri Girls Town Open House continued**



The residents from McClain House entertained with a dance while donning their hats and "shades,"

The Legacy of Love recognized supporters of Missouri Girls Town who had reached new levels of giving. A special thanks went out to all those who support the efforts of Missouri Girls Town throughout the year with their time, goods-in-kind and financial support.



Kathy Becker, Missouri Girls Town Director and emcee for the day, announced Connie Houchins as Missouri Girls Town's 'Employee of the Year.' Congratulations, Connie!

Jan Anderton, GFWC's 'Auctioneer Extraordinaire,' added to the festive spirit with a quilt auction.

Thanks to all those who made and donated the lovely quilts for the auction. *It was a good day!*

