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"Carolyn's Corner" Federation Talk



with

**Carolyn
Lovelace**

**GFWC of MO
President**

GREETINGS FROM CAROLYN'S CORNER

A BUSY TIME: I know all of our Club Presidents have been busy writing those end of the year reports. A bit of work? Yes, but rewarding to reflect on the year and remember our club's achievements. As this issue of the Missouri Clubwoman goes to press, the state chairmen are busy finishing their reports for the GFWC Chairmen.

Our state Financial Task Force is finalizing their findings from polling the clubs in each district. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has spent time working on the items we will vote on during the convention in May. The state and district Sophomore Pilgrimage Chairmen have been busy preparing for that special event which will be held April 12, 2011 in Jefferson City. Our Missouri Clubwoman Chairman has been working hard to gather and print the information, which

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CONVENTION NOTIFICATION - GFWC of MISSOURI, INC.

116th Annual Workshop Convention

MAY 2-4, 2011

Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri

415 W McCarty Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Phone - 573-635-1234

Room reservations must be made on or before **April 1, 2011** to receive the negotiated group rate of \$81 (plus tax) for a double room. Identify yourself as a GFWC of Missouri Convention participant.

GFWC of Missouri, Inc. Convention registration deadline is **April 8, 2011** and is \$10.00.

Registrations after April 8th will be \$20.00

There will be no refunds after April 18, 2011. Registration form on page 11.

Topics presented during the convention will include the following:

Elder Abuse

Taking Care of You: Body-Mind-Spirit

Stay Strong Stay Healthy

PRISM (Promoting Respect in Schools in Missouri)/Bullying

Presentations by State Community Service Program Chairmen

First Place Awards given to Clubs for the Community Service Programs

Voting on Constitution and Bylaw Changes including a possible dues increase

A more detailed agenda will be provided in two weeks when Call is sent to GFWC of Missouri Board members and club presidents by surface mail.

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will go into the magazine. A big thank you to all of you who have contributed articles for this issue. I have been working on the Workshop Convention which will be held May 2-4, 2011 in Jefferson City, Missouri. As you can see, the women of GFWC of Missouri, Inc. have been a very busy and productive group. MY HAT IS OFF TO EACH OF YOU! JOB WELL DONE!

REPORTS: Several of you have shared your club's reports with me. I must say I have been so impressed with the programs and projects in which all of you have participated. You make us all proud. We will plan to have time at the May convention for clubs to share their wonderful ideas.

WEBSITE/CLUBWOMAN: Do not forget to send articles and pictures of your club's activities to our webmaster, Mike LeGay (webmaster@gfwcmo.org) so he can put them on our website. Also, do not forget to check the gfwcmo.org website from time to time to keep informed about what is going on in our state organization. We love to see the pictures the clubs send. You can find them on gfwcmo.org under, Local Club Events on the left hand side of the Home Page. Did you check out your district's Fall District Convention pictures on our website? If you did not, please do so. Your pictures and articles may also be sent to our *Missouri Clubwoman* Chairman, Karla Kincaid at mogfwcnews@wildblue.net. She will feature them in the next state newsletter.

SOPHOMORE PILGRIMAGE:

I do hope each club will sponsor a high school sophomore to the Sophomore Pilgrimage. What an educational experience for our young people around the state of Missouri. It is an experience they will remember the rest of their lives.

INSURANCE: If you are in need of insurance coverage, go to

gfwc.org to find information about the GFWC discount buying and insurance benefits platform. Life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance, long-term care insurance, dental, accident and Medicare insurance are among the many types of insurances that are available. The insurance is provided through Insure Easy Life. There are free unlimited telephone consultations with their product specialists.

SHARING THE GFWC OF MISSOURI, INC.

CLUBWOMAN MAGAZINE:

I hope each club will have a report on the GFWC of Missouri, Inc. *Clubwoman* or *The Letter* at each of their club meetings. The magazine carries articles and information that is important to club members. You share the GFWC Clubwoman so please plan of doing the same with the Missouri Clubwoman. Remember, you receive extra points on the Honor Roll for doing this.

CONVENTION: I hope to see you in May for the Workshop Convention. There will be information about health and stress relief, as well as programs concerning our special projects Elder Abuse and Bullying.

We have fun activities planned for the banquets each evening. On the first evening there will be a "**Fifties Night**" so wear something related to the 1950's. Roll up those jeans, get out your bobby socks, throw on a sweater, and come join the fun. There will be car racing - not the Jimmy Dean kind but boxcar racing - Boy Scout style. The Districts will compete against each other.

On the last evening, we will have an old-fashioned "**Hoedown**". Turn those jeans into a western outfit; wear your cowboy boots and hat - if you have them. If not, wrap a scarf around your neck and join us for line dancing. You don't like to dance? Well, sit and cheer us on.

Don't forget, the 1st Place winners

for the Community Service programs will be awarded during the convention.

COME JOIN THE FUN in Jefferson City May 2 - 4, 2011.

Yours in Federation,

Carolyn Lovelace

"Read to Win"

Remember to find the symbol "ag^p", for President Lovelace's theme: "Building & Celebrating with Attitude, Gratitude and Fortitude." The first two members to find the symbol in this issue and contact *Missouri Clubwoman* Chairman Karla Kincaid at 660-645-2455 or at mogfwcnews@wildblue.net will receive free registration to the Summer Convention, May 2-4, in Jefferson City and recognition in the next *Letter*. Start Reading!

FINANCIAL TASK FORCE UPDATE



Lisa Cook

**GFWC of MO
President
Elect**

Nine members of GFWC of Missouri recently concluded a survey by districts regarding the financial situation for GFWC of Missouri. As with all organizations, we are struggling to make ends meet and asked for your advice and suggestions. Your input is important to us as we march forward to a greater Missouri.

We have now surveyed our Board of Directors and our general club members in hopes of making decisions that the majority of GFWC of Missouri clubwoman will support. Some of those ideas will now go to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee; then eventually to the general club members for approval at the state convention in

May 2011. The Executive Committee will be busy in the next few months discussing the results of the survey and its impact on our organization.

Our financial challenges have come about because of several factors including low interest rates on our investments; rising costs; and the new expense of the liability insurance for our organization. We cannot hold conventions without liability insurance and it covers us all at Sophomore Pilgrimage.

Thanks to all the members of the financial task force who gathered information for us. We will use this information to make sound financial decisions for our organization. The final results will be available at the May Convention.

Help! Calling All Treasurers!



Dottie Getz

**GFWC of MO
Treasurer**

Having just completed a "grace period" for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations that have not been submitting annual tax returns, the IRS has signaled that it is beginning to pay more attention to all charitable organizations. For those of you who may not be familiar with this type of tax-exemption, a 501(c)(3) tax-exemption allows donors to deduct contributions on their income taxes.

In addition, banking regulation changes are requiring even small non-profit charitable organizations to obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN) in order to open a checking account. Although in a different format, this number is basically the organization's Social Security Number (SSN) and identifies the organization to the IRS. In the past, banks have accepted member social security

numbers on district/club accounts, but that is changing. However, existing accounts using member social security numbers will probably not be affected by the change until the account earns reportable interest.

With these changes in mind, I have been researching how districts/clubs may obtain tax-exempt status and avoid future problems -- for example, not being responsible for taxes if district/club checking accounts start paying interest again. Don't we wish!!!! In my research, I have found that organizations with gross receipts less than \$5,000 should be able to obtain a tax-exemption, possibly but not necessarily a 501(c)(3) tax-exemption, with little effort and at no cost. GFWC of Missouri, Inc. itself has a 501(c)(4) Social Welfare Organization tax-exemption. Unfortunately, it is not a group exemption that covers the state's districts and clubs.

I had hoped to publish a procedure that districts/clubs with less than \$5,000 in gross receipts could use to obtain a tax-exemption in this issue of the *Missouri Clubwoman* but decided that it really needs to be tested before being widely circulated. If your district/club is interested in being my "guinea pig", let me know!!!! Or, if you are simply interested in the subject and want to see what I have put together so far, please do not hesitate to email me at mainepower@aol.com or call me at 636-398-5474. I also respond to snail mail sent to P. O. Box 1284, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357-1284!

I plan to make a presentation on tax-exemptions at this spring's annual convention. In the meantime, I would like to know where the state's districts/clubs stand with regard to tax-exemption. Therefore, I am asking all club/district treasurers to forward answers to the following questions to me as soon as possible -- via any of the methods given above for contacting me. You do not even

have to repeat the question in your response -- simply the question number and the answer. And, if you do not know the answer, just say so. However, be sure to include your district/club name!

- 1) Does your district/club have a tax-exemption granted by the IRS? If no, skip to Question 4. If yes, answer Questions 2 and 3 to finish!
- 2) What type of exemption is it (e.g., 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), etc.)?
- 3) Do you file annual Form 990's?
- 4) Does your club have an Employer Identification Number (EIN)?
- 5) Is the Taxpayer's Identification Number (TIN) on your district/club bank accounts an EIN or a SSN? Note that the format of an EIN is xx-xxxxxxx while that of a SSN is xxx-xxx-xxxx. If you are not sure, please call the bank and ask what the TIN on your district/club account is.
- 6) Are your district/club's average annual gross receipts over the past three year less than \$5,000? Note that gross receipts include dues, all fundraising receipts and any other income.

Thanks in advance for all your help!

State Chairmen Updates:

JENNIE AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE



Edana Huse

**GFWC of MO
Chairman**

The GFWC Jennie Award nominations are due again. Last year, the Missouri nominee took first in the Mississippi Valley Region! Let's do it again!

The first thing that must be completed is the nominee form.

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(Jennie Award, continued)

This would include a narrative of no more than 500 words, double spaced, in twelve-point font, and one inch margins on all four sides. Next, photo's, press clippings, letters of endorsement and other materials need to be included with the form.

The Nominees from two years ago could be resubmitted.

You may find the form and further information at the gfwc.org website. Go to the Member Center at the top of the Home Page, click on Awards and then scroll down to the bottom of the page where you will see Jennie Award. At the bottom of this section, click on Awards, Contests and Grants. You will find the Jennie information on pages 18 - 21. The Jennie Award Nomination Form may be found on pages 49-50.

If you have any questions, please email or call me -- Edana Huse, 636-230-6680, whuse@prodigy.net.

LEADERSHIP IN MISSOURI



Beverly Shelton

**GFWC of MO
Chairman**

The 2011 Missouri Leadership Seminar (MLS) is just around the corner! It is scheduled for June 3, 4 & 5 at University of Central Missouri (UCM). Have you checked with your school's counselor to see if a sophomore has been selected?

To date I have received very few checks so I have very little to "Celebrate!" Please send your checks as soon as possible as we have quite a sizable amount of money to raise to support the Seminar (the cost is actually \$300 per student). Remember to send your checks to me so I am sure to know about your contribution and give your club a certificate. It takes "Fortitude" to keep a positive "Attitude" and if your club cannot

support a sophomore, try contacting another service club in your area to help in "Building" potential leadership by sending a sophomore to this outstanding Seminar. A simple request to the Kiwanis Club of Independence last year secured funding for a third school's sophomore and with at great deal of "Gratitude" I witnessed her excellent report to that Club last summer.

Please keep those checks coming and be sure that your school has a student registered to attend the Leadership Seminar! For further information, please write or call me at 4424 S Huntington Way, Independence, MO 64055 or 816-373-0572.

GROWING MEMBERS



Lisa Cook

**GFWC of MO
Membership
Chairman**

Spring is just around the corner, can you believe it? The snow and ice have melted, leaving us with the hope of beautiful flowers, warm sunshine, and the excitement of getting to see each other in May at our state convention. Doesn't it seem like we don't see each other often enough?

We have just finished GFWC's Seasonal Recruitment campaign of "Flurry of New Members". Thank goodness, we can all say! With the ice storms and blizzards this winter, I am guessing that not many of our clubs were actually able to recruit many new members. A few new members may have blown in with the storms.

In March, April, and May we are challenged to be GROWING MEMBERS. The report for growing members is due to GFWC on the Seasonal Recruitment Form on June 1st. If you would like, please recruit new members before the May

Convention, then bring the form to me at the state convention and I will mail them in all together to GFWC. Even if you only recruit one new member, please let us know about her.

If your club reports 3 or more new members to GFWC, the name of your club will appear in the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. In the January/February issue of the GFWC Clubwoman, I counted 8 of our clubs that reported to GFWC 3 or more new members during the Raking In New Members Fall Campaign. Congratulations to all those clubs!! They include: Chillicothe Culture Club; Generation III from El Dorado Springs; Golden Study in Fayette; Silver Leaf Benefit in Cassville; Ste. Genevieve Woman's Club; Tuesday Club of Columbia; Tuesday Study Club of Braymer; and the Woman's Club of Lexington.

March is National Craft Month; Read Across America Month; Youth Art Month; and Women's History Month. April brings us Red Cross Month, Cancer Control Month; National Alcohol Awareness; National Child Abuse; National Poetry; National Trauma; and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Of course, we celebrate Federation Day on April 24th. You might consider using some of these themes to sponsor an event in your community that would attract possible GFWC club members. This spring, many communities are also sponsoring the March of Dimes Walkathons in Missouri. March of Dimes is one of our international partners. Get your club busy walking in a Walkathon in your area! Check out their website to find a walk in your area.

Remember the number one recruiting tip: ASK SOMEONE! It's that simple. According to the records, 40 of our GFWC of Missouri clubs gained at least one new member. How awesome. There is still much work to do. Spring brings a renewal, a hope for things beautiful. Get out there and

cultivate your club garden and grow some new members!

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Naomi White

**GFWC of MO
Chairman**

There is still time to take that perfect picture for any of the three categories judged in the GFWC photography contest.

Each club may submit one picture in the "A Year in Pictures" Calendar Contest category. These entries must be to GFWC Headquarters by May 1, 2011 for judging.

"The World in Pictures" category with Scenic, Natural History and Feature divisions as well as the "Volunteers in Action" category will be judged at the State Convention in Jefferson City. Photographs should be entered in the St. Joseph Room by 10 am on Tuesday, May 2, 2011.

Be sure you sign a waiver for each photograph you submit. The waiver may be downloaded from the photography page on the GFWC of MO website: gfwc.org.

To view all the rules for submitting photographs, go to the national website: gfwc.org; click on "Club Manual" at the bottom of the Home Page; then click on "GFWC Awards, Contests and Club Grants." All photography rules are on pages 25-31.

*Make reservations now
to attend the*

**GFWC of Missouri
116th Workshop Convention**

See you there!

SIGNATURE PROJECT: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention



Shirley Guevel

**GFWC of MO
Chairman**

I received some very good reports on programs/projects in this area. One thing I noticed was that most of the program/project reports were for projects of donating money and/or in-kind donations to shelter facilities. This is wonderful. Please keep doing this. However, I would really like to see more programs of reaching out and making people in their communities aware of the problem of domestic violence and what they can do to help prevent it happening. The PRISM project is a good example of this. Children who bully other children often grow into adults who abuse others. And the problem of Elder abuse seems to be getting worse.

Scholarship - GFWC is launching a scholarship for "ag^p" survivors of domestic violence or intimate partner abuse. To learn more about this scholarship and the Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention program go to gfwc.org. 1. On the Home Page, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 2010-2012 Club Manual. 2. When the next page comes up, scroll to Community Service Programs and Special Projects and click Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. 3. Next, click on "Learn more about Domestic Violence Awareness and Programs."

Club Projects/Programs/Partners - When you go to the Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention section listed above, you will find information outlining what other clubs across the United States have done in this area. You will also find a listing of GFWC Partners and Resource information which you

will find valuable as you plan your own club programs and projects.

2011 SOPHOMORE PILGRIMAGE



Sally Graham

**GFWC of MO
Chairman**

We are very excited to be planning the 77th Annual Sophomore Pilgrimage, which will be on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

Registration for this year's pilgrimage will be from 8:30-8:45 a.m. in the Capitol rotunda on the first floor. Tours will be handled as they were last year, with all students and adults being assigned to a numbered group and each group having an itinerary to follow for their tours. They will be assigned specific times to be at the Capitol, Governor's Mansion and Supreme Court. These itineraries will be attached to the registration packets given to the students and adults at the registration tables when they register. We hope this will help to keep our tour groups from waiting outside, especially during bad weather.

Please remember to wear comfortable shoes and bring umbrellas if rain is in the forecast. * A note to club pilgrimage chairmen: Please inform your sophomore of the district in which your club is located and that the dress code for the day is business casual.

The luncheon is again at the First Methodist Church, 201 Monroe, one block east of the parking garage and three blocks east of the Capitol. Cost of the lunch (and registration) is \$10.00 again this year. Tour groups should arrive at the church from their tours at approximately 12:15 p.m. and will go through a line to receive their meals, as has been (2011 Sophomore Pilgrimage, cont'd, Page 6)

(2011 Sophomore Pilgrimage, continued) done in previous years. Our elected statewide officials have been invited to speak on the duties of their positions during the luncheon.

The legislature should begin their afternoon session at 2:00 p.m. on Pilgrimage day, so after the luncheon students may want to check in at the offices of their respective senator and/or representative or visit the Senate gallery.

The success of the Pilgrimage has always depended upon the hard work of the district chairs and clubwomen throughout the state who bring the students to Jefferson City. We appreciate their dedication and enthusiasm. I also want to take this opportunity to salute those members of GFWC Dianas Club who chair the following committees and are responsible for making the day go smoothly: Registration - Bernice Lilley (and husband Roy), Decorations - Ginny Persinger, Publicity - Ann Maxwell, Coke Break - June Landrum, Luncheon - Joan Solomon, Program - Donna Evert. District Packets- Jan Sonnenberg, Sophomore Packets - Anne Vogel. The leadership of these ladies has proven to be invaluable and our pilgrimage would not be what it is without them.

Our GFWC of Missouri officers will again be handling registration and are anxious to greet students and clubwomen as they pick up their registration packets and gather for their tours. They will also welcome students at the church before the luncheon begins.

I look forward to this 77th Sophomore Pilgrimage and hope to see you on April 12!

CHANGES IN YEARBOOK

Page 10: State Conservation Chairman Tracie Snodgrass; Page 38: Seventh District First Vice President and GFWC Silver Leaf Benefit Club, Cassville, President

Tracie Snodgrass: 7561 State Hwy VV, Verona, MO 65769; Phone: 417-876-4639 - email: mtnmaid@hughes.net

Page 14: State Legislation and Public Policy Chairman Sue Dance email: sdance@att.net

Page 34: GFWC Coterie Club, Marshall, President Virginia Kays' street address is 913 Fair Lane Ave.

Page 37: GFWC Genesis Club, Bolivar, President Jennifer Carr's email: jennfocarr@hotmail.com

Page 37: The president of GFWC Rolla Junior Club is Karen Richards, P.O. Box 1992, Rolla, MO 65402 rollajuniorclub@yahoo.com

Page 39: GFWC Generation III president's address change: Shelly Barger, 4035 E. Highway U, El Dorado Springs, MO 64744

Page 42: Ninth District Treasurer Tami White, 420 S. Washington, Farmington, MO 63640; Cell Phone: 573-701-5812; email: tamiwhite63640@sbcglobal.net

Page 42: GFWC Caruthersville SEMO Club President Frances McCoin's street address is 2805 Playground Rd.

Former State President Betty Dance's email: jerrydance@webtv.net

Former State President Barbara Popp's new address: 2560 Terrace Park Place, Jackson, MO 63755 - email: john.barbpopp@att.net

Gerri Ziegler's new address: 1411 14th Street, Palatka, FL 32177, Phone: 386-312-6270, email: gerbob2@att.net

Past State President, Evelyn Ezell is in the Bethany Care Nursing Home. Correspondence may be sent to her daughter, Joyce Stephens, 801 W Canaday, Albany, MO 64402-1106

GFWC of Missouri Calendar

March 1 - New Club President and Treasurer Notification due to Corresponding Secretary, Tammy Curtis

March and April - Feinstein Challenge Months for Missouri Girls Town

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

April 12 - Sophomore Pilgrimage

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

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

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

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MISSOURI CLUBWOMAN August 1, 2001

Please send articles to President Carolyn Lovelace for editing. They will be forwarded to the Missouri Clubwoman Chairman, Karla Kincaid, for publication.

Issue to be distributed by August 12



"The Library Computer Center and Dedication were all wonderful. Nancy loved each of you and Missouri Girls Town. On behalf of the Addleman Family, Thank you." Duane

Missouri Girls Town Clients Win Community Service Award

Kathy Becker
Executive Director

The Kingdom of Callaway Chamber of Commerce presented the girls of Missouri Girls Town with the Allen Conner Youth Service Award at its Annual Dinner on January 28, 2011. This annual award recognizes a Youth Organization that has provided community service to Callaway County.

The girls of Missouri Girls Town have been volunteering for several years and it is important that the girls become members of the community --- members that understand the importance of giving back and volunteerism.

By doing so the girls from Girls Town have learned that it feels good to give. In the past year, the girls residing at Missouri Girls Town have put in countless volunteer hours. The girls have:

- made fleece blankets for the Turning Point Violence Shelter in Warrenton
- provided countless volunteer hours to the Missouri Food Bank
- assisted Serve with their Toys for Tots program
- helped out with our area soup kitchen
- worked at the Girls Town's Thrift Store: Yours, Mine, and Ours, that provides free clothes to area foster families; and
- planted flowers at various spots throughout the Fulton area.

In the upcoming year, Missouri Girls Town hopes to continue its efforts within the community and hopes to be involved with several community service projects. Missouri Girls Town staff members and volunteers from the Columbia Tuesday Club

also assisted in these volunteer efforts.

ATTENTION GFWC CLUBS and MEMBERS

Time to Take Action and Join the Feinstein Challenge

The GFWC of Missouri 2011 Missouri Girls Town project is to ask each of our Clubs, and members, to participate in the Feinstein Foundation 14th Annual \$1 Million Giveaway to fight hunger. For the 14th consecutive year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among hunger fighting agencies nationwide using it to help them raise funds this March and April.

We need to simply inform potential donors that the more donations made to Missouri Girls Town - from March 1st to April 30th - the more of the Feinstein challenge money Missouri Girls Town will get. Only donation or pledges received from March 1st to April 30, **from use of the Feinstein challenge**, should be counted. These donations can include cash, checks and food items (valued at \$1 per item or pound) or pledges, as long as they were obtained **only from use of the Feinstein challenge**.

Each Club President has received a letter and a form to use to report donations made by their Club or their members to Pat Zachary. Pat will then report the total amount donated to Missouri Girls Town as a result of our participation in the Feinstein Foundation challenge to Mr. Alan Feinstein. Pat will also accept reports sent by email to przachary@gmail.com, or by phone to 417-886-1420. Please get your information to Pat by April 15 so she can total all the donations and make her report to Mr. Feinstein on time.

"Tie Tighter the Ties That Tie us to Missouri Girls Town"



Pat Zachary
GFWC of MO
Chairman

GFWC of Missouri members have done some great projects for, and with, Missouri Girls Town lately. The Tuesday Club from Columbia has had great success with the Juniette Club on campus. One of their major events was the campus carnival and picnic in August - the carnival consisted of "House Teams" in competition at games of skill - like drop the clothes pins in a bottle, bean bag toss, relay of blowing up a balloon and running to a chair to sit on the balloon and pop it! Great team building was an unexpected result of all the great fun. The Juniette Club has some wonderful projects planned. The staff chef made many, many cookies the girls then decorated for each house - those that were left from sampling! They have a "pennies for change" project with a goal of \$100 to go to the soup kitchen for food; valentines for a nursing home in Fulton, a second annual career fair in March - the staff is outstanding in cooperation with this project.

The RAP program has led to other major successes for the clients as they learn to read and to write book reports. It is inspiring to attend a RAP party and see the pride the girls exhibit in themselves and their fellow students, and to listen to them compare authors and the books they've read. The popularity of RAP led to a special reading area in the school library - approved by the School District and developed under the supervision of the teacher/librarian and the Missouri Girls Town staff. The librarian assigned students to work with GFWC Club volunteers from 4

(Missouri Girls Town Ties, continued) different districts. The librarian and the girls were so excited as they got the furniture moved into more efficient locations, books were re-shelved, and surfaces cleaned. The club members who volunteered hours of labor helped Elise complete an assigned project during an especially busy time for the Missouri Girls Town staff. During those same two days, needed repairs were made to furniture and one volunteer helped Elise deliver supplies and other materials to the houses and buildings.

One of our Sixth District Club members belongs to another club called "The Peacemakers" in Thayer. Even though the "Peacemakers" are not a GFWC Club, they made a quilt for each of the Missouri Girls Town clients and delivered them before Christmas. The lady who delivered the quilts was given a tour of the campus and took back a glowing report.

Now we're involved in the GFWC of Missouri 2011 project for Missouri Girls Town - the Feinstein Foundation \$1 million dollar Feed the Hungry project. Kathy and I have received the paperwork from Feinstein, and our Clubs and Districts are again marshalling all their member's energy and experience and getting ready for the big drive in March and April. We're encouraging donations of money and pledges to try to prevent food delivery and storage issues. We are especially excited about the prospect of members and Clubs pledging a monthly amount to Missouri Girls Town for food during the coming year. **Be sure to send your club and personal participation report to Pat Zachary.**

Once our members realize a specific need at Missouri Girls Town, they do their best to help. If the members are informed of a particular need, they will fill it. For instance, many Clubs and individuals adopted a girl for Christmas with a \$100 donation. Sixth District delivered a generously filled Christmas stocking for each

client. The Woman's Club of Oakwood, in Hannibal, made a teddy bear for each girl from donated fur coats! West County Women's Club hosted a Tennis Tournament and made \$6,100 for Girls Town. You knock my socks off!

I received a total of 74 reports! Three Districts had 100% of their clubs reporting! All certificates have been made and will be sent to those districts having Spring Conventions in time for their convention. The others will be delivered by an Executive Committee officer at the District Fall Conventions. There will be a Missouri Girls Town exhibit at the GFWC of Missouri Convention - and the trophy for the Outstanding Club Project for Missouri Girls Town will be given at Convention.

"Angels AmongUs"

Three clubs from across the state have been selected as "Angels" in the GFWC of MO organization. They each have a "common thread" - they see the needs in their communities and then "go for it."

GFWC Crescite Club

Each Year Brings a New Challenge for Members

GFWC Thayer Crescite was organized in 1901, Federated in 1909 and admitted to General Federation in 1913. They currently have 17 members and are a vital part of their community. Thayer Crescite was responsible for starting the Thayer Public Library in the late 20's and early 30's. The first library was in a home and was later moved to the Opera House. In 1936 Crescite formed a Junior Crescite Club and then the two clubs merged in 1951. In 1960's they started the Fall Festival that still exists today. Although it has been turned over to the Chamber of Commerce, the Club retained the Queen's Contest and a candy booth for their annual fundraisers that support their community service projects. Each year they select a project and members bring items to donate to

the project. In 2007-2008 they brought socks, games; puzzle books, etc. for military men and women in Iraq. In 2008-2009, they brought items that were needed at the local Christos House Shelter for victims of Domestic Violence. In 2009-2010 they brought food items for the local food pantry and Senior Center. This year they are collecting eye glasses for the local optometrist's mission trip. In 2010 they realized that the schools were the hub of community activities, and saw a need for a defibrillator. They purchased one for the high school with monies from club fundraisers, and then decided if they had one in the High School, they should also have one in the Elementary. They pulled the community together with donations and a second defibrillator was purchased for Elementary. Thayer Crescite is always quick to support other community organizations and projects and the local library as well as Missouri Girls Town and Sophomore Pilgrimage. Hats off to GFWC Thayer Crescite



GFWC Silver Leaf Benefit Club

Club Delivers "Smiles" in Many Different Ways

The 23 members and 5 associate members of the GFWC Silver Leaf Benefit Club of Cassville recently made "smile dolls" to be given to the local child advocacy department to use as the staff checks on children in their homes.

For the last few years, the club has put smiles on the faces of the residents of Missouri Girls Town with tickets from Silver Dollar City, thanks to one of their members who works there. Each year at Christmas, members fill stockings for Missouri Girls Town with lotions, make-up, jewelry and other things girl's like. Other projects for Missouri Girls Town include Penny-A-Day and some Nickel-A-Day; school supplies, personal care items and welcome basket donations; plus

this year food and cash are being donated for the Feinsein Challenge.

Children at the Barry County Youth Camp (for underprivileged children) have reason to smile because of the help they receive from club members.

During the first week in October, the Ways and Means project is a Salad and Casserole Luncheon to help fund their many projects. Other projects include donations to the local library; planting wildflowers along the Green Way Trail and this year, a flower bed at the city park for community beautification; send three students to the Sophomore Pilgrimage and are in the process of establishing a Club Archives.

The volunteer members in GFWC Silver Leaf Benefit Club have reason to smile



themselves for all the good they do for others. Congratulations, ladies!

GFWC Tuesday Study Club

Members Talents and Community Needs Lead to Volunteer Projects

GFWC Tuesday Study Club of Braymer has 38 members with a wide variety of talents. There are former teachers, sewers, quilters, cooks, business women, crafters, readers, musicians and untiring volunteers. What makes this group special and “angels” in their own right, is they have used their talents in a variety of projects to serve the Braymer Community and Missouri Girls Town.

A member or group of members may introduce a project and if it is successful, it becomes a project for many years to come. For example, in 1991, then club President Thelma Davis, a retired teacher, had an idea

to start a monthly program with the fourth grade. She recruited one member to assist her that year with programs all about Missouri. That monthly program, during the school year, has continued to this day with different club members participating each month with a wide variety of programs ranging from members portraying people from Missouri history, to short humorous plays like “The Caring and Feeding of a Dragon” (Maxine Watkins finally retired her dragon costume), to a President’s Day program where students are shown a replica of an object that has something to do with an unusual fact about each of our national presidents (for example, a replica of a bathtub because President Taft got stuck in the White House bathtub and a new one was installed four times larger than a regular tub).

Other projects were started as a possible long-term project and that possibility became a reality. This will be the 16th year the club has organized and hosted a Student Honor Night where junior high and high school teachers present awards to their students who have achieved academic excellence. The special evening ends with the National Honor Society’s induction ceremony and, of course, refreshments.

This year marks the 8th year the club has made and distributed “Read to Me” packets to parents of newborns through the Parents as Teachers program and a local church’s “baby welcome” baskets. Each kit contains an embroidered “Read to Me” bib, a cardboard book and a brochure explaining the importance of parents reading to their children.

In the past two years, the club has supported the new Women’s Shelter in Cameron. Efforts have included “Change for the Shelter” at each meeting, a garage sale, a raffle and many “in-kind” gifts from members and those in the community who have rallied to help the club in its effort.

In 1995, the club held its first Christmas Tour of Homes. This project has been supported by numerous people in the community and club members who have opened the doors of their homes to kick off the Christmas season on the first Saturday in December. Proceeds from the Tour help fund community projects and contributions to Missouri Girls Town.

Other local projects include staffing the elementary school Book Fair, a January birthday party for the nursing home, purchasing shirts for the Special Olympics team, purchasing caps, gloves and underwear for the county Christmas drive, taking non-perishable food to the Outreach Center after each meeting, sending a student to the Sophomore Pilgrimage and the Missouri Leadership Seminar, sponsoring a Fair Queen candidate plus donations to CARE, Halloween in the Park, the Easter Egg Hunt and Project Prom.



The community of Braymer is fortunate to have such talented, caring and untiring volunteers as the GFWC Tuesday Study Club. They are “angels” among those they serve.

More News from Our Clubs

GFWC Studere Club of Wellsville Helps Operation Smile

The GFWC Studere Club of Wellsville sent 10 fleece blankets to Operation Smile in October. The officers purchased fleece fabric; and then at a regular meeting, the members clipped the edges about ½ inch apart and tied a knot in each stand. It was a fun project and the array of colors and designs made us smile.

GFWC Chillicothe XIX Club Donates Books



Members of the GFWC Chillicothe XIX Club recently donated two books to the Livingston County Library's Children Department. The club tries to make a book donation at least once every year. Pictured are Club President Irene Goss, Library Director Robin Westphal and Club Vice President Helen Evans.

GFWC Coterie Club of Marshall Sews and Fills Bags for CASA



GFWC Coterie Club has a member that can sew most anything. She collects material from rummage sales and makes the bags you see in this photo. Everyone brings crayons, pencils, story books and more to fill them. We then distribute them to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for their use.

A Note from Gerri Ziegler

Just wanted all of you to know that I have sold my house in Clinton, MO and am going to live in Palatka, Florida near family. This was a very hard decision for me to make after having lived in my present home for 26 years. I will always remember my federated family and how much I enjoyed being part of this family. Know that I will always remember you. I've already been asked to join a GFWC Club in Palatka as soon as I get moved. Blessings and love to all of you.

Gerri Ziegler

GFWC Ste. Genevieve Woman's Club Promotes Local Conservation and Education Programs

GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve commemorated their 62nd Birthday Celebration on January 17th with a focus on conservation and education.



Lisa Palmer (pictured above) of the Mississippi River Hills Association spoke on the benefits of locally produced products, and protecting our resources. "When you buy locally, that dollar spent can circulate around the community for another five to seven dollar's worth." The store owner purchases other items or pays employees with that dollar. They also spend money in the community, and the profits go to work here.

JoAnn Schremp, board member of the Reading Express Program, thanked the Woman's Club for their donation towards this important volunteer-based pre-school reading program. Reading Express has been active in Ste. Genevieve County for the past ten years and participates in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program sponsored by the Dollywood Foundation. Children up to age five may receive one book a month free simply by registering. The goal is to instill knowledge, open young minds, and promote a lifelong love of books.



Ste. Genevieve Woman's Club Celebrates 62 Years with Membership Service Awards. Front Row L to R: Janet Abts 60 yrs., Kathy Hartig 10 yrs., Gayle Langan 5 yrs., Jo Moore, 5 yrs., Kathy Waltz 15 yrs. Top Row: Margery Vosburgh 10 yrs., Margie Kern 15 yrs., Eloise Tlapek 60 yrs., Martha Lou Fallert 20 yrs., Annabelle Myers 25 yrs., Mary Ann Otto 25 years, Carol Fallert 20 yrs. Not in photo: Virginia Caputo and Dolores Garner 62 years

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Send to: Dottie Getz
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Name: _____ Title: _____
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Address: _____

Club: _____ District: _____ Phone: # _____

Each event is open to all who register

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| Registration Fee by April 8, 2011 | \$10.00 | _____ |
| Registration Fee <u>after</u> April 8, 2011 | \$20.00 | _____ |
| Mixer (Sunday evening 7:00 p.m. - no charge) | \$0.00 | _____ |
| Luncheon (Monday May 2, 2011) | \$15.20 | _____ |
| Fifties Banquet (Monday, May 2, 2011) | \$23.10 | _____ |
| ESO Breakfast (Tuesday, May 3, 2011) | \$14.65 | _____ |
| MGT Luncheon (Tuesday, May 3, 2011) | \$15.70 | _____ |
| Hoedown Banquet (Tuesday, May 3, 2011) | \$24.10 | _____ |
| Breakfast (Wednesday, May 4, 2011) | \$14.65 | _____ |
| | TOTAL | _____ |

There will be a \$1 Found Treasure Table again this year at the State Workshop Convention in May.

Bring your "treasurers" to sell for \$1 and be prepared to take home your "found treasures."

What kind of treasurers are we selling?

Whatever you bring whether it be jewelry, scarves, lotions, craft items – any treasure you can part with. All proceeds are for GFWC of MO.

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION
 CONFERENCE**

President Jean Hennings, Mississippi Valley Region, sends a reminder of the upcoming Conference.
 Mark your calendar!

When: October 7 - 9, 2011

Where: Nebraska City, Nebraska

Details: Since the meeting is being held at the Arbor Day Foundation area, Conservation will be stressed. There will be a tour of J. Sterling Morton's Home and other Arbor Day sites. Friday will be Nebraska State Night, with workshops and meetings on Saturday. The final business session will be on Sunday morning. GFWC International President, Carlene Garner and GFWC President Elect, Mary Ellen Laister will be in attendance. Mark you calendars and make plans now to attend. Details and the Call will be available at the GFWC Convention in Milwaukee and online later in the summer at www.GFWC@GFWC.org.