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Sophomore Pilgrimage
April 9
Jefferson City

GFWC MO State Convention
April 25-28
Double Tree Hilton

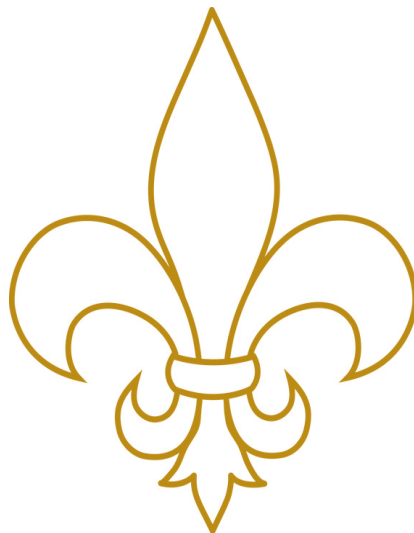
GFWC International Convention
June 29-July 1
Hilton Chicago

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Greetings from your GFWC Missouri President:

How fast time has raced during the last two years!!! My administration is gradually winding down. My Executive Committee was the best. It has been a pleasure to serve as your GFWC MO President. I had the opportunity to travel to many locations across our great Missouri that I might never have seen. The Mississippi River is so different in the northern part of the state compared to where I live in the southeast corner. Our clubs are so diversified. Each of your clubs have projects that benefit the needs of your local communities as well as those of the GFWC affiliates.

As you will find out as you read this newsletter, there are several changes being proposed at the state convention in Springfield. These changes will help financially as well as realigning clubs to areas that are closer to their clubs. Hopefully, these changes will help us have a larger attendance at district meetings.

I encourage each of you to try to attend the Spring Convention at the Double Tree Hilton in Springfield. You will find the call to convention at the end of the newsletter. A copy will also be sent to the club presidents next week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We will be celebrating on Saturday night of the convention by installing the 2024-2026 Administration. Sandie Neal will be our incoming president.

We need as many GFWC MO ladies to attend the GFWC International Convention in Chicago. Our own, Dr. Susan Gettys, is running for GFWC International Treasurer. We need your support!!!!

In closing, I want to thank each of you for the support you gave me during the past two years. Your friendship means the world to me. Also, the support that you gave my Wagons of Hope Campaign for St. Jude was so moving.

Let's continue to strive to improve local communities and affiliate projects with our support.

Amy Boone
GFWC MO State President



Membership – You Were on a Roll

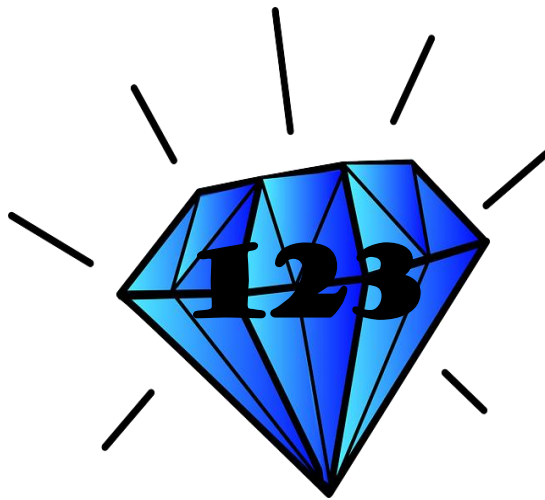
Congratulations to all our clubs who have successfully recruited new members these past two years. I have received so many forms and am always excited to see new members. Also, congratulations to all the clubs who retained their members. Retaining is sometimes just as hard as getting new ones, so way to go.

As my tenure as Membership Chairman is coming to an end, I thank you all for keeping me busy recording all the new members. As of today, we have 123 new members. Truly something to cheer about. Out of the 55 clubs we have in Missouri, 31 clubs reported new members, that is awesome.

Thank you, ladies, for a job well done and I hope the next two years under my administration bring another 123 new members. Whether the members are new or old, let them know their worth in the General Federation of Women's Club.

Keep on recruiting.

Sandie Neal
GFWC President Elect



GFWC MO PRESIDENT
SANDIE NEAL



Hi, my name is Sandie Neal, and I am hoping to be your 2024-2026 GFWC Missouri State President. I have been a part of the General Federation of Women's Club since 2016 and belong to the Woman's Club of Lexington. I admit when I first went into this club, it was to have an afternoon out, meet new people, and hang with my bestie. Just hanging out did not last long as I was recruited to be the Recording Secretary for the Club and from there things got serious. Thanks to two amazing ladies, Shirley Guevel and Kathy Palermo, I was asked to be the Corresponding Secretary for the District. I was very hesitant but took it on anyway and I haven't stopped since. I have held the title of Recording Secretary for my Club, Corresponding, Recording, and President for the 2nd District, and Recording Secretary and President-Elect at the State level. I feel I am qualified to lead the State and hope that I can leave it just a little better than I received it.

I was very inspired at one of our State Meetings at the Oasis in Springfield when Dr. Susan Gettys was President that I wanted to do more, be more, and find out more about GFWC. I went and asked Judy Gustafson if I could be a part of her Executive Committee and I am grateful she said yes. Without taking that initial scary step, I would not be where I am today. I love that story because anyone could be where I am today.

On a personal note, I have lived in Missouri for 13 years to be with the love of my life, Mike. I have a 31-year-old son named Brandon who has made me a Nonna to my 4-year-old granddaughter Oaklee. We also have a 15-year-old Brice who keeps us busy and on our toes with football, basketball, baseball, choir, and learning how to drive. In my spare time, which is very minimal, I like to go fishing and just spend time with my family. I am on the local Little League board and run the concession stands and I help our local photographer with school pictures in the fall and spring. Women's Club keeps me very busy as well, but time management is key.

I am looking forward to leading Missouri for the next two years and working with each one of you.

GFWC MO PRESIDENT ELECT
TAMI WHITE



My name is Tami White and I am the GFWC MO Vice President for the 22-24 Administration. I joined the GFWC Mina Sauk Club in Ironton, Missouri in 2008 and still remain a member. I am currently the Club President. I am also the President elect for 9th District.

I live in Bonne Terre, MO and have been married to Rich White for 13 years in October. We have 3 kids between us, Nick, Emily and Bekah and a 6-year-old granddaughter named Lily with a grandson to appear this summer. We also have 3 dogs, 2 cats, chickens and ducks.

I served in the Army for 7 years as a personnel clerk then a military police person. I was stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado then Nelligen, Germany. I got out, finished college then joined the Army Reserve. I finished my 20 years as a Military Police person at Jefferson Barracks, MO. I also worked for Missouri Department of Corrections for 26 years, retiring in 2019. I then began working for Ashland University in the same correctional institution, helping incarcerated men get their college degrees. I retired completely in June 2023.

I love to travel, go to National Parks, read and garden. I am currently planning my retirement trip to Greece. I have learned a lot as Vice President and would like to continue to serve the women of Missouri GFWC so I am running for President Elect.

GFWC MO VICE PRESIDENT
SHARI HICKEY



My name is Shari Hickey. I live in Farmington with my husband of 35 years, Brandon. I have two grown children. Colin is 32 and will be marrying the love of his life, Brylee, this autumn. They have blessed me with two grandchildren. Makenzie is 12 and she picked my son to be her "Bonus Dad". Maverick is 7.5 months old. My daughter Alyssa is 27. She is a Physician's Assistant at Kidz Biz Pediatrics. She is a fabulous mom to my five-year old grandson, Easton. My sweet dog, Bella, keeps me hopping.

In 2022, I retired from a 35-year career in education. For 31 years, I served as a substitute teacher for grades K-6. From 2017-2022, I served as the coach for the FMS Jr. Knightline Dance Team.

After my retirement, my best friend and I embarked on a new career endeavor. We are creating floral designs from wood flowers. Lily Bit Designs has taken off. We are presently moving to a larger business space in The Factory in Farmington.

I have been a member of GFWC since 1991. I served as Treasurer and President of the now disbanded GFWC Federated Club of Farmington. After joining the GFWC Monday Club of Farmington, I have served as recording secretary and will be the Vice President for the 2024-2026 administration. I served as District President for the terms of 2008-2010 and 2022-2024.

I am looking forward to serving on the 2024-2026 administration.

GFWC MO RECORDING SECRETARY
CINDY MCEVOY



I have been nominated to run for the office of GFWC of Missouri Recording Secretary. This will be yet another experience on the State level, after a term as vice-president a few years back. I've also had the absolute pleasure of serving as GFWC Mo District 5 President, a position in which I was privileged to meet even more of our wonderful and interesting members!

It was nearly 20 years ago when a neighbor asked me to join the local GFWC Club. After several years, I eventually began to realize the rich and unique history of this international club plus the many facets of how our community's life is positively affected by the club. The rest is history!

I grew up in Liberty, MO and raised my own six children in South Kansas City, while working for the U. S. Postal Service as a letter carrier. For 20 years, it was a job I absolutely loved. My youngest was only nine when she and I moved to Appleton City where I enjoyed seven years as the local newspaper reporter/photographer as well as a lot of subbing and working as a teacher's aide. I was fortunate to meet the love of my life in this town in 2005 and together we now enjoy our 10 grandchildren with a new one expected in June!!

Reading occupies the little time I have left after grandchildren; and there's a roomful of crafts, quilting and sewing that awaits a spare moment ...basically all the projects put on hold over so many years of raising children, mostly as a single parent! A recumbent tricycle gives me a fun chance to exercise and I'm the kind to play Christmas music all year round. I've moved into the phase of voluntary downsizing; "Swedish death-cleaning" I've heard it called - and I'm loving it - though I'm not getting there very fast!

I'm looking forward to the challenge of the office of GFWC of Missouri Recording Secretary, and I am ready to learn even more; to chronicle and record our board's actions; to meet and work with club members across the state and to continue the great tradition of GFWC service begun so many years ago. For me, it's once again, a chance to pay it forward in honor of all those who have helped me along the way!

GFWC MO TREASURER
DR. SUSAN GETTYS



Susan has demonstrated her leadership skills in a variety of ways at the club, district, state, and national level. Susan is currently serving as President of the GFWC Sorosis Club of Springfield, GFWC Sixth District Sophomore Pilgrimage Chairman, GFWC Missouri Parliamentary Advisor, and GFWC Leadership Chairman at the national level. Susan has a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis. Her career included 17 years of teaching experience and 17 years of administrative experience, culminating at Waynesville R-6 Schools as Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services. She also spent many years in the West Plains R-7 School District. Susan is a strong supporter of Canine Companions and is currently raising her fourth puppy, Auckland. Her hobbies include photography, traveling, reading, and knitting.

GFWC MO CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
DEANNA FRITSCHÉ



My husband and I have been married for 31 years. We have two children, a daughter and a son. Both our kids are married to their wonderful spouses. Our daughter has given us two beautiful grandchildren. I enjoy traveling, art, and spending time with my family.

In 2011, I became a licensed cosmetologist. In 2014, I graduated from esthetics school with a Cidesco esthetician license which allows me to practice internationally. I opened my own spa and salon in 2020. In 2019, I started The Skin Cancer Prevention Project. This project allows me to provide free sunscreen to my community with appropriately placed dispensers around town.

I love spending time building memories with my family. I have been to 45 out of 50 states. My goal is to visit the last five in the next four years. Internationally, I have visited five countries.



GFWC MO PRESIDENT'S PROJECT SUPPORTING ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

GFWC MO Wagon of Hope Campaign is moving forward rapidly. We have raised our goal to \$10,000. At the present time, we have had donations in the amount of **\$10,297.00**. I want to thank clubs or members who have donated. Our donations help families through this difficult time. To reach this page, follow the directions below. If you prefer to pay by check, make checks PAYABLE to St. Jude and mail to Amy Boone, Box 85, Braggadocio, MO 63826. If you have questions, please contact me.

LITTLE RED WAGONS OF HOPE

1. Load: <http://events.stjude.org/WagonsofHope>
2. Select: Donation Amount
3. Select: Form of Payment: Choices will be credit card or PayPal.
4. Fill-in Appropriate Information
5. Select: Donation

REMEMBER THE DATE

JUNE 28-JULY 1
CHICAGO HILTON





As you may already know, Missouri Girls Town has been working diligently over the last year to increase our capacity. This comes during a time where high school graduation rates in the State of Missouri continue to drop, and we find more youth in need of our therapeutic services. As a QRTP (Qualified Residential Treatment Provider) for the State of Missouri, we have achieved Trauma Informed certification and are now utilizing the Trauma Informed modality TBRI© (Trust Based Relational Intervention) to build trust-based relationships with the youth we serve so we can more quickly and effectively get to know our clients on an interpersonal level so we can help them address their trauma in a productive and healing way.

In January 2024, we saw record-breaking low temperatures which caused a pipe to burst and with the melt, eventually flood our higher-level house. All the while, we were beginning to increase our campus census from 22 youth residents to 25 with the eventual goal of caring for 34 youth clients. The same week that we began moving clients according to their level of care into our McClain-Williams House, a pipe burst and flooded Hope House.

Thankfully, we had not yet admitted new residents which allowed us to essentially reshuffle clients to keep them housed safely on our campus. We know that each placement is an additional trauma for the youth we serve and were very fortunate to be able to keep them in this placement and care team. Over a month later, we have now made the necessary repairs to Hope House and are ready to increase capacity. This included repairing the pipe and replacing drywall, ceiling, flooring, and mold mitigation with a \$200,000 price tag. Our insurance enabled us to move quickly to make the necessary repairs but left us with an unexpected deductible payment. Now, we appeal to our founders at GFWC to help keep us on track for this growth which comes with increased food and housing costs as well as staffing for the around-the-clock care for the youth we serve. In a time where there simply aren't enough placements for females in the state of Missouri, we humbly ask for you and your clubs to come together so we can meet this dire need for Missouri's youth. With your help, we can stay on track with our current growth plan to offer our exceptional therapeutic treatment to at least 12 additional children by the end of April.

You can help us reach this goal by making plans to attend our Patron's Breakfast event to take place on Wednesday April 24th from 7am-8:30am at 4747 Elk Park Drive in Columbia, Missouri. We're excited for our supporters to hear from our keynote speaker Syreta Tosen who shares her story of resilience and humanity. This breakfast event is free to attend, however, we encourage you to open up your hearts to youth in need, by making a suggested donation of \$100 at this fundraising event so we can maintain our trajectory of growth to meet the complex needs of today's youth in foster care. We continue to offer 50% Missouri State Tax Credits through our Youth Opportunities Program project to enable donors to maximize their donation while minimizing their out-of-pocket cost.

Deanna Barger
MPA Director of Development
Missouri Girls Town Foundation Inc.

I just wanted to let you know that we held the Reading Awards Program today at Missouri Girls Town. 15 out of 16 girls read at least 2 books and 6 girls read between 20 and 54 books. We ask the girls to turn in a brief "book report" to their counselors to validate their numbers. We awarded 65 prizes and \$155 in Walmart gift cards. This compares to the event in May when we awarded 41 prizes and \$50 in Walmart gift cards and 13 girls read between 2 and 45 books with only 2 girls reading more than 20 books.

The girls have been loving the following items and I would encourage the donation of these items or else

- Walmart gift cards in increments of \$5 and \$10
- decorative boxes to store some special personal things
- Books for teenagers - Teen romance, historical fiction with some romance - no violence, if possible
- playing cards
- stuffed animals
- markers
- theatre size boxes of candy (donate closer to the next event) so it doesn't get too old)

Beu Borgeson
RAP Chairman



COMMUNICATION – A YEAR-ROUND COMMITMENT

If your club is like ours, it does not have the regular monthly club meetings during the summer. Just because the club meetings go on hiatus doesn't mean communication should do so as well.

Maintaining contact with members throughout the summer can involve a variety of strategies. There could be fundraisers which provide public relations possibilities as well as interaction among participating members. And just because others are on break does not mean that those in need take a break, too. The various agencies we serve still need our help. Participating in these volunteer activities give you a chance to display a GFWC sign and/or wear your GFWC t-shirt to further promote the focus of service to others that GFWC exemplifies.

All work and no play might not show others what a great club you have. Summer presents a great opportunity to have more time to interact with others. Your club could have social activities, opening opportunities for members to become better acquainted on a personal level. Social activities could include a picnic where members' spouses and children/grandchildren could attend as well. Or members could meet for coffee, theater performances, or some other fun activity. This would be a great opportunity to invite potential members to join you in some of these social events as you "advertise" what a great club you are and all that your club stands for. Have a letter of invitations ready to hand out listing the various programs you have for the year to further communicate the varied interests and activities represented by your club.

Committees could meet and plan for the upcoming club year so that all committee members are involved in the planning and ready to go when club meetings resume in September.

The president and/or corresponding secretary could send out periodic messages with updates on members in need, fundraisers, social activities, committee meetings/reports, and more.

And, how about planning a social, a luncheon, before your first meeting in September – not only for fun but to distribute your new yearbook, pass out t-shirts ordered, etc.

All these possibilities and more help to keep not only your members connected and involved throughout the summer but also provide opportunities to reach out to others to help grow your membership.

Marilyn Stone & Barb Phillips
GFWC of Missouri Communication & Public Relations Co-Chairmen

Who Is Going to the GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago?

The convention begins on Friday, June 28, with LEADS training during the day and the Illinois State Banquet in the evening. Saturday, June 29, the Opening Ceremony & Business Session kicks off with the State Presidents and Presidents-Elect (or other designated leaders) carrying the flags from each state. What an impressive beginning to the convention! On Sunday, the election for the 2024-2026 GFWC Executive Committee will take place throughout the day as the business sessions continue. Monday's highlights include the Installation, Banquet, and Reception. The convention concludes after the festivities on Monday evening. Throughout the days on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday will be business sessions, resolutions, workshops, and other activities.

Workshops are typically presented by the following chairmen/committees: Membership, Leadership, Fundraising & Development, Communications/Public Relations, Signature Program, & Juniors' Special Program. One morning will be the ESO breakfast with a featured author, and regional luncheons will also be held. (We are the Mississippi Valley Region.) Awards are given throughout the convention, and it's always exciting to hear "Missouri" for an award. State photos are taken one night with everyone from the state sitting with the GFWC International President and Director of Junior Clubs. There is often a service project for members and an Affiliates Luncheon to hear from many of our Affiliate Organizations. It's an action-packed few days where you will learn a lot and have the opportunity to network with members from other states. You don't want to miss all these opportunities.

Will you be attending as a voting delegate? Each club is allowed 2 voting delegates per club. If your club has more than 20 members, you get an additional delegate for each additional 10 members or major fraction thereof. Here are some examples:

8 members=2 delegates, 16 members=2 delegates, up to 25 members=2 delegates,

26-35 members=3 delegates, 36-45 members=4 delegates, 46-55 members=5 delegates, etc.

In addition, State Chairmen corresponding to the 5 GFWC Community Service Programs (Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Education & Libraries, Environment, & Health & Wellness), GFWC Signature Program, GFWC Juniors' Special Program (Advocates for Children), Communication/Public Relations, Fundraising & Development, Leadership, Legislation/Public Policy, Membership, and WHRC may all register as chairman of these areas and don't have to count as a club delegate.

When you fill out your convention registration form, list your role as Club Delegate, Education & Libraries Chairman, Leadership Chairman, etc.

Let's rock the house with delegates from Missouri!!

Dear GFWC of Missouri Club Presidents:

It is time to begin putting together the details for the necrology ceremony held during the State Convention. To make this a beautiful tribute, we need your help. First, please provide names and titles of anyone from your GFWC Club past or present that you have lost over the past two years (2022-2024). These women will be honored during the ceremony.

Second, please provide any personal information (years as a GFWC member, offices held, honors received, etc.) for the persons you submit.

Please return this form to me prior to April 1, 2024.

Thank you for your help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Tami White, Vice President, GFWC of Missouri, Inc.

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NECROLOGY CEREMONY INFORMATION

GFWC

Club _____

GFWC Club

President _____

Phone: _____

email _____

Names of those to be honored during the Necrology Ceremony:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Personal information about each honored member: (continue on back of form)



**Official Call to 2024 130th Annual Convention of GFWC of Missouri, Inc.
 Double Tree Hilton, 2431 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65803
 1-417-831-3131; Group Number GFW (Ask for Reservation Manager)
 April 25, 2024 – April 28, 2024**

March 29 Room Reservation Deadline: To receive the negotiated group rate of \$147.52 (This rate includes taxes and one breakfast voucher per room. (Additional vouchers can be purchased for \$12.95.) for Room with 2 Queen Beds or Room with 1 King Bed. Please identify yourself as a General Federation of Women’s Club member after asking to be transferred to the Reservation Manager. Our Group Code is GFW. **After March 29, our block of rooms will be released to the general public so please make your reservations ASAP.**

April 10th Convention Registration Deadline: This registration form can also be found on our website at www.gfwcmo.org.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Email _____
 Title _____ Club _____ District _____

Under title, please write GFWC of MO Board Member, district officer, club president, club member, booster or guest. **One form per attendee.**

Voting Delegates—Please check one: Voting as a State Board Member _____ Voting delegate for my club _____

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

This is my first GFWC MO Conference/Convention.	Yes _____	No _____
I am a 50+ year member of GFWC.	Yes _____	No _____
I plan to attend the free 6-8 Social on Thursday, April 25.	Yes _____	No _____
I plan to attend the free 8:30-9:30 a.m. LEADS Workshop, April 26-27.	Yes _____	No _____
Registration Fee for all members (No fee for guests.)	\$25	_____
Friday, April 26 (Continental Breakfast)		
Friday, April 26 ESO Luncheon		
Chicken Salad, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, and Cookies	\$23	_____
Friday, April 26 Banquet		
Steak Diane, Garden Salad,		
Chef’s Choice of Vegetable and Dessert	\$38	_____
Saturday, April 27 (Continental Breakfast)		
Saturday, April 27 Luncheon		
Bistro Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, and Cookies	\$23	_____
Saturday, April 27 Banquet		
(Lemon Broiled Cod with Crunchy Herb Topping		
and Spinach Artichoke Pasta with Grilled Chicken)	\$37	_____
Sunday, April 28 (Continental Breakfast)		
*Convention Sponsor (Optional):		_____
Total payment:	\$	_____

List dietary restrictions (gluten-free, vegetarian, diabetic): _____

***OPTIONAL CONVENTION SPONSOR:** To help defray convention expenses, you may choose to pay the additional amount marked below to be a convention sponsor. If registration is received by April 15th deadline, your name will be printed in the program. If you wish, please mark one below and add that amount to the total payment above.

Mardi Gras Beads--\$10_____ Mardi Gras Float--\$25_____ Mardi Gras Queen--\$50_____

April 10th Deadline: Please make check payable to GFWC of Missouri, Inc. and mail with this registration form to Donna Calvin, GFWC of MO Treasurer, 5318 W. 141st Terrace, Leawood, KS 66224 by Tuesday, April 10th. Donna's email is DonnaCalvin20@aol.com; her phone is 913-766-5223.

**Free LEADS Workshop, April 26 and 27: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
THIS WORKSHOP IS OPEN TO ANY MEMBER.**

What Should I Bring to Convention? Ideas from which to choose:

- Aluminum pull tabs and old keys for the Ronald McDonald House
- Jewelry - necklaces, rings, bracelets, broken, missing earring, for Monarch Jewelry (Crisis International)
- Books for the ESO Book Sale
- Items for RAP (Look on Page 13)
- Items for Silent Auction – Districts please bring a basket or item. Member items are welcome.

GFWC: A Magically Sweet Convention

Tentative Agenda

(Business Casual for Daytime Sessions and Sunday Dressy for Banquets)

Thursday, April 25:

1:00-6:00 p.m. GFWC of MO Executive Committee Meeting –Rathdangan III
6:00-8:00 p.m. Snack Social/Registration

Friday, April 26:

7:00-10:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:30-9:30 a.m. Registration – Lobby outside of Glendalough III
LEADS Workshop-- Glendalough III
Enter photos in Photography Contest
Browse Displays & Fundraising Tables
9:45 a.m. GFWC of Missouri Board of Directors Meeting-- Glendalough III
Introductions, Minutes, Treasurer's Report
10:30 a.m. Opening of the 130th Annual Convention of GFWC of Missouri -- Glendalough III
Noon ESO Luncheon– Speaker, Guest Author—Rathdangan II
Awards – ESO – Lisa Cook; Writing – Tami White

1:30 p.m. General Session Resumes-- Glendalough III
Awards Presentations, District President Reports
Suellen Brazil; GFWC President Elect Guest Speaker
Breakout Session District Business
District Reports

5:00 p.m. GFWC Show Me State Presidents Club

6:15 p.m. State Officers Line Up for Processional Outside

6:30 p.m. A Magical Night with GFWC Banquet—Rathdangan II

Saturday, April 27:

7:00-10:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00-9:30 a.m. Registration Continues in Lobby -- Glendalough III
LEADS Workshop-- Glendalough III
Browse displays & Fundraising Tables

9:30 a.m. General Session Resumes -- Glendalough III
Awards Presentations, District President Reports
Missouri Girls Town Update and Awards: Deanna Barger and Bonnie Tillman
Elections

Noon Luncheon--Rathdangan

1:15 p.m. General Session Resumes-- Glendalough III
Photography Awards – DeAnna Fritsche
Introduction of 2024 LEADS Candidate – Joan Beard
Award Presentations, District President Reports

6:15 p.m. Past State Presidents/Current Executive Committee Line up for Processional outside
Rathdangan II

6:30 p.m. GFWC.... Sweet as Candy Banquet—Rathdangan II

Sunday, April 28

7:00-10:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Introduction of the 2024-2026 Administration

EXCURSIONS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25

History Museum on the Square, 154 Park Central Square

Open 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; \$16 adult, \$13 senior

This museum has a lot about Route 66 as Springfield was where the term “Route 66” originated.

Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr.

Open 12:00 noon – 8:00 pm, Free

Wide variety of exhibits. Museum will be closing later this year for several years for huge renovation.

History Tour of Pythian Castle, 1451 E. Pythian

Tour at 2:00 pm, \$12.50, Need to schedule ahead of time to ensure room on tour.

Very interesting tour of the different ways the castle has been used throughout history.

Springfield Botanical Garden, 2400 S. Scenic Avenue

Open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Free

Wide variety of flowers blooming, great place for a walk when it’s pretty outside.

Mizumoto Japanese Stoll Garden, 2400 S. Scenic Avenue, adjacent to Springfield Botanical Center

Open 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, \$5 adult

Japanese-style gardens patterned after Springfield’s sister city Iseaski, Japan.

Another great place for a walk on a pretty day.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION AT THE 2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION

ARTICLE X: DISTRICTS

CURRENT

Section 1. NAME. The GFWC of Missouri, Inc. shall be divided into nine (9) geographic areas to be called Districts, composed of the following groups of counties:

FIRST DISTRICT: Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Harrison, Holt, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, Worth.

SECOND DISTRICT: Cass, Clay, Carroll, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte, Ray.

THIRD DISTRICT: Adair, Chariton, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Linn, Macon, Marion, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Sullivan.

FOURTH DISTRICT: Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Lincoln, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Warren.

FIFTH DISTRICT: Bates, Benton, Camden, Cole, Cooper, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage, Pettis, Saline, St. Clair.

SIXTH DISTRICT: Christian, Crawford, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Green, Howell, Laclede, Oregon, Ozark, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Shannon, Texas, Webster, Wright.

SEVENTH DISTRICT: Barry, Barton, Cedar, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Stone, Taney, Vernon.

EIGHTH DISTRICT: Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis City.

NINTH DISTRICT: Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Iron, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Washington, Wayne.

Amend by striking "nine (9)" and inserting "four (4)" in the first sentence, as well as deleting the current districts structure and inserting the proposed districts structure.

AMENDED WOULD READ

Section 1. NAME. The GFWC of Missouri, Inc. shall be divided into four (4) geographic areas to be called Districts, composed of the following groups of counties:

NORTHEAST DISTRICT: Adair, Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Chariton, Clark, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Moniteau, Montgomery, Osage, Pettis, Pike, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Sullivan, Warren.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT: Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Holt, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, Platte, Ray, Worth.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT: Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Crawford, Dunklin, Franklin, Gasconade, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard, St. Charles, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis, St. Louis City, Washington, Wayne.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT: Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Green, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Maries, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Oregon, Ozark, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Shannon, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster, Wright.

Rationale: To restructure GFWC of Missouri, Inc. into four districts.

ARTICLE IV: CONVENTIONS

CURRENT

Section 5. QUORUM. The quorum for the Convention shall be voting delegates representing 20 percent of Clubs in Active membership and from at least four Districts.

Amend the sentence by deleting “four” and inserting “three (3)”.

AMENDED WOULD READ

Section 5. QUORUM. The quorum for the Convention shall be voting delegates representing 20 percent of Clubs in Active membership and from at least **three (3)** Districts.

Rationale: To allow for a reasonable quorum with the restructuring into four districts.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

CURRENT

Section 2. ELIGIBILITY. Only members with a current minimum of two years Active Club participation shall be eligible to hold office. A qualified candidate must have proven leadership experience endorsed by her Club and District. No more than two elective Officers may be from the same District.

Amend the last sentence by deleting “two” and inserting “three (3)” before “elective Officers”.

AMENDED WOULD READ

Section 2. ELIGIBILITY. Only members with a current minimum of two years Active Club participation shall be eligible to hold office. A qualified candidate must have proven leadership experience endorsed by her Club and District. No more than **three (3)** elective Officers may be from the same District.

Rationale: To adjust for restructuring into four districts.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

CURRENT

Sec. 3. TERM. The term of office shall be two years, and Officers must maintain Active Club membership. Officers shall serve from the adjournment of the Convention in which they are elected to the adjournment of the Convention in which their successors are elected. No Officer shall serve more than one term in the same office, with the exception of the Treasurer, and no member may hold two offices at the same time. Any Officer who has served more than one year shall be considered to have served a term. The outgoing President, President-elect and Director of Junior Clubs (when elected) shall be the official representatives to the General Federation.

Amend the last sentence of Section 3 by adding “Annual Convention held that year” after “General Federation”.

AMENDED WOULD READ

Sec. 3. TERM. The term of office shall be two years, and Officers must maintain Active Club membership. Officers shall serve from the adjournment of the Convention in which they are elected to the adjournment of the Convention in which their successors are elected. No Officer shall serve more than one term in the same office, with the exception of the Treasurer, and no member may hold two offices at the same time. Any Officer who has served more than one year shall be considered to have served a term. The outgoing President, President-elect and Director of Junior Clubs (when elected) shall be the official representatives to the General Federation [Annual Convention held that year](#).

Rationale: To clarify.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS
Section 5(a) – President’s Duties

CURRENT

6. To appoint a State Publisher who shall prepare the GFWC of Missouri, Inc. yearbook for publication and prepare other publications assigned by this Office.

[Amend by striking the entire Subsection 6 and renumbering the subsequent Subsections in Section 5\(a\).](#)

Rationale: To update since a State Publisher is no longer appointed.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS
Section 5(a) – President’s Duties

CURRENT

9. To serve as a member of the Board of Missouri Girls Town Foundation, Inc.

[Amend Subsection 9 by striking “a” and inserting “an ex-officio” before “member”.](#)

AMENDED WOULD READ

8. To serve as [an ex-officio](#) member of the Board of Missouri Girls Town Foundation, Inc.

Rationale: To clarify.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS
Section 5(b) – President-elect’s Duties

CURRENT

2. To be Chairman of Extension.

Amend by striking “Extension” and inserting “Membership”.

AMENDED WOULD READ

2. To be Chairman of Membership.

Rationale: To align with current practice.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS
Section 5(e) – Corresponding Secretary’s Duties

CURRENT

1. To assist the State Publisher in gathering information for the GFWC of Missouri, Inc. yearbook under supervision of the President.

Amend by striking “To assist the State Publisher in gathering” and inserting “To gather” before “information”.
Amend further by inserting “and prepare the yearbook for printing” after “President.”

AMENDED WOULD READ

1. To gather information for the GFWC of Missouri, Inc. yearbook under the supervision of the President, and prepare the yearbook for printing.

Rationale: To align with current practice.
