



GFWC-MN PRESIDENT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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★ Message From Our GFWC-MN President, Pat Mumm. . .

WOW! The 2017 GFWC of Minnesota State Convention is over! I want to thank the East Central District Board Members and Clubs for hosting the event and all their hard work making the convention such a success. They did a terrific job!! I hope all of you who attended had a good time. It was great to see all of you and get to know you a little better. I didn't get a chance to visit with each of you, but somehow with trying to keep everything moving and organized..... the time just flew by!

Friday afternoon, Linda Blue, our 2016 GFWC L.E.A.D.S. Graduate started us out with a Leadership Workshop where we got lots of information and our questions answered by the Q & A Panel. After our Friday evening dinner, the Board of Directors met to conduct business and then we had a lot of fun at the Pajama Party. If you have never been to one of our pajama parties you are missing out on a really good time! Our GFWC International Guest Marian St. Clair (1st V.P.) won the 'best pajamas contest' clad in hot pink and Lilah Crowe led us in another one of her great 'get ta know ya' exercises.

On Saturday morning, as the convention opened with all the 'warm welcomes', we got an extra bonus with Bloomington Councilman Jon Oleson, who we discovered was also an author. Upon our urging, he talked a little about his book, *"What Legacy Are We Giving Our Kids?"* and after our many requests, he brought in some copies for us to buy. Two dollars from the sale of each book is donated to nonprofit programs that help children. So, I guess it was a win-win for us, for children, and for Jon! Marian St. Clair conducted an excellent workshop on fundraising. There were a lot of positive comments on how helpful she was and how well her information fit for any size club in any part of the state.

Our Saturday after-lunch speaker was Michele Garnett McKenzie, Deputy Director & Director of Advocacy for the *"The Advocates for Human Rights"* Organization. She presented us with a lot of information on the horrendous topic of human trafficking in all its forms throughout the U.S. and on the very real problem we have right here in our beautiful state of Minnesota. Next was our award presentations. I want to thank all the program chairs and all those ladies who stayed within their requested time limit. It allowed lots of time to spend with our visitors from *"Canine Companions"*. The speakers brought three of their dogs along and they told us all about the fantastic work they are doing. (The people told us about their work, not the dogs!).

Kay James got the crowd all fired up for the Kentucky Derby Party! It is tradition that we gathered in the hotel's bar & restaurant for a libation, our rousing rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home" and the race's post time. We bet on the horses and all the money is given to our state's L.E.A.D.S. Candidate to help with her expenses getting to the GFWC International Convention. In past years, just like at Churchill Downs, some of our women have worn festive hats for the occasion, what do you say. . .should we bring back that tradition??

Saturday night everyone was all dressed up for the banquet honoring fourteen 'Empowering Women'. These very special ladies were chosen by their club members to be recognized for all their outstanding leadership, support, and dedication. They are truly an inspiration to GFWC, their clubs, and their communities. In 2019, I would like to encourage EVERY club in MN to honor one of their outstanding members.

Sunday morning we met for breakfast and were delighted by our Guest Speaker, Kim Kane's "Sparkle On" presentation. She highlighted changes women experience when aging and to take a humorous look at things long known about, but sometimes uncomfortable to talk about (hello chin hair! Where did I park my car?). Important questions were posed to us such as *"Have I lived the length of my life as well as the width?"* I think we all left feeling empowered and saying *"I Got this!"*. Southeast District President, Barb Dietl invited us to the 2018 state convention in New Ulm on April 20th - 22nd. Lets all be there!!



Mark Your Calendar!

August 11 & 12, 2017
GFWC-MN Fall Council
Little Falls, MN

September 21 - 24, 2017
GFWC Mississippi Valley
Regional Convention
Moravia, Iowa

April 20 - 22, 2018
GFWC-MN State Convention
New Ulm, MN

June 23 - 26, 2018
GFWC International Convention
St. Louis, MO

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The deadline for the next newsletter is
OCTOBER 24, 2017



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TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
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The Edina Federated Women's Club GFWC: Paying it Forward

We are each an equal member of our society and our community. Our purpose is to offer a helping hand, compassion and mercy, and to do unto others as we hope they would do unto us. Today, the Edina Federated Women's Club asks you to believe in this statement and join them in paying it forward.

The Edina Federated Women's Club was established on November 6, 1969, at 12:45 p.m. at the home of Betty Nichols of Edina. The founders were a group of strong and eager women who hoped to create friendships and strengthen their community through monetary support and volunteerism. By 1976 the club had reached 125 members who followed the motto: *"Founded on Friendship & Strengthened by Service."* It was written by the 1976 club president, Heather Randall. This motto became the cement that held the club together then, and is still the cement that holds it together today. Each woman who joins believes in the ideal that women who work together towards a common goal will join each other on a path of friendship and will give their community a greater life by sharing their own blood, sweat and tears.

The "Feds" as many know them, have participated in rummage sales, drug abuse programs, style shows, furnishing the ABC House, "Friendship Security" for senior citizens, puppet shows, and more over the past 48 years. Beyond event participation, the club hosts major community fundraisers. In 1971 the club launched their first large-scale fundraiser with assistance from all 54 of their members that year including then president Lynne Billings. The Santa House project became the major fundraising event hosted by the "Feds," known widely as an annual community staple that would carry on for decades; later ending in 2000.

For years, the women of the club transformed the clubhouse at Braemar Golf Course into a winter wonderland complete with Santa's home and town. The space featured a holiday boutique that hosted local crafters and their merchandise, a candy store, and a children's general store. Children and parents were awed by Mrs. Santa's kitchen and two 12' trees—one of which was covered in teddy bears for the kids. Jill Atkins, President, recalls three generations of her family who attended the event each year. Her two children eagerly looked forward to Santa House with excitement towards visiting with Santa and coming home with a wrapped gift. In 1985 the event was recognized when the Edina Federated Women's Club received the President's Citation Award for Private Sector Initiatives.

Rosie Gubrud, believes that as the times change, traditions must change with them. She says, *"time marches on and the memory and impact of Santa House lives on. As children grow up, traditions will change to keep up with the members, their families, and current trends. New traditions and fresh ideas are welcomed with open arms by all members, and that's what keeps us alive!"* A member since 1972, Rosie participated in the club's efforts at the annual GFWC International Convention, held that year in downtown Minneapolis with the purpose to build community and create friendships.

Fast forward to the years of 2000 – 2015, the "Feds" took on many challenges while serving their community, a recurring challenge being the changing trends in the community and the increasing number of roles that women take on. A solution to the changing trends was to celebrate today's world and remain open to fresh

ideas. In 2000, the club launched an upscale gala fundraiser that they dubbed "Feds Fest". The fests were held at the Interlachen Country Club and later in the Westin Hotel at the Galleria. Throughout the years, 13 events were held with themes ranging from Cabaret to Mardi Gras and included silent auctions, live auctions, dinner, and entertainment.

To date, the club's fundraising from annual festivities, etc. has totaled almost one million dollars! Their contributions have benefited Best Friends Boy Scouts of America, Camp Challenger, Children's Home Society, Cornerstone, Courage Center, Edina Battered Women's Support, Edina Crisis Center, Edina Historical Society, Edina Parks, Edina Police K9, Edina Teen Challenge, Girl Scouts of America, Hopkins Project (Sojourner Shelter), Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Minnesota Zoological Society, Operation Smile, Potter's House, (St. Joseph's) Home for Children, and many more totaling more than 160 through the years. In Edina specifically, a major contribution by the "Feds" includes the construction of a handicapped accessible park within Cornelia Park. The club donated \$10,000. The park was opened in July 1995 and features a plaque that reads, *"Cornelia Park Handicapped Playground; To enable them to enjoy as vigorous a body as human skills can give them. We, the Edina Federated Women's Club GFWC, donate this playground to all handicapped children."*

Since 1975, the club's total membership has consistently remained in the nineties with 92 members today. These 92 women choose to remain active members of the club and represent those who have been in their place before them because they choose to continuously pay it forward. As the saying goes, a small cost for a rich reward. When asked what the club has given back to its members, current club president, Jill Atkins, answered, "It's the cohesiveness of the group of women and their ability to have such compassion and support for each other especially during hard times that's really special." Barbara Waterston adds, "These women taught me how to set an elegant table for a gourmet dinner, they taught me that as we go through life we have an amazing support system, and we get to embrace change in our community and evolve together."

As women and as community members, the most important thing to remember is that we must not lose our ability to bond, lift each other up, and better our community. The "Feds" are reminders to the Edina community that there are always others around us who believe in the power of friendship and the power of community service. In order to continue growth and prosperity locally in Edina, The Edina Federated Women's Club GFWC offers women of any age the ability to step into a warm, embracing environment where they can give back to the community while creating new opportunities for themselves. Today, the club offers a daytime meeting and a nighttime meeting to accommodate each member of the group, especially those who manage many roles throughout the day and don't have as much time to donate to an organization as women did when the club first began. At each meeting there is a new featured program with exciting speakers who offer valuable insight and their "nuggets of wisdom." The club offers women of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to build friendships with others who share similar goals and hopes for their local community. If you're interested in joining the movement and are ready to pay it forward with the "Feds," visit www.edinafeds.org for membership and meeting information.

★ **GFWC West Suburban Women's Club had lots to celebrate at their May General Meeting and Buffet Lunch!**

The Program Committee planned a fabulous party! At the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Plymouth their tables were decorated with lots of colorful balloons and roses. There was a gourmet cake beautifully decorated with red roses honoring the club's 60th Anniversary (1957-2017) and the 100th birthday of club member Harriet Lonergan. Harriet has been an active member since 1991 and she was deeply touched by the club's lively rendition of 'Happy Birthday'. Everyone enjoyed the program which was Charter Members Dorothy Bruer and Gloria Johnson (pictured right) reminiscing about the club's great history. There was lots of laughing and cheering at their many stories. Then five of the Past Presidents took the stage and shared their most fond memories and successes of their presidency. Last but not least, the committee had a quiz contest. Members had to match up a 'fun fact' with a member's name and whoever got the most right answers won a prize. Who knew? . . . that they have a member that is related to Knute Rockne; or crossed the Atlantic on the Queen Mary; or lived in the Aleutian Islands; or climbed Machu Picchu; or that her childhood dentist was Rudy Perpich; or she got a letter from J. Edgar Hoover; and the list goes on and on!! There were scrapbooks to peruse and an exhibit of club story boards.



The party closed with Membership Committee Member, Betty Stensrud installing a new club member Irene Pieper. Betty was so happy to welcome her to the club, and presented her with a red rose. Also, club member Joan Haldeman was presented with her silver 25-Yr. GFWC Membership pin and a red rose. Currently, out of GFWC-WSWC's 79 members they have six 50-Yr Gold Club Members and twenty-four 25-Yr Silver Club Members!!



Co-President, Marilyn Berdahl & Harriet Lonergan



Joan Haldeman



Irene Pieper, Betty Stensrud, & Co-President, Lois Tlusty

★ **GFWC Potpourri Glenwood end their year in June with a lunch and tours. . .**

The club ladies enjoyed their tours of Sinclair Lewis' Boyhood Home (built in 1889) and the historic Palmer House Hotel & Restaurant in Sauk Centre. Pictured right are Dee Hanson and Joanne Switzer at the Sinclair Lewis home. Pictured left are Linda Larson, Mary Beth Fox, Yvonne Anderson, Virgene Baumguardt, Patty Boyson and Sylvia Gunderson at the Lewis home. The history brought back many memories. The tour guides informed the group that during a renovation of the home, the same wallpaper could be purchased and re-hung because the company was still in business!

Lunch at the Palmer House Hotel (built in 1901) & Restaurant followed the Lewis home tour. The hotel owner shared stories with the club ladies about the hotel, her ownership, and the ghosts that reside there. The tours peaked the ladies interests in Sinclair Lewis' books and the real possibility of seeing a ghost if they come back for another visit to the hotel! If you are afraid of ghosts, do not check in to room 17!!



★ **Would you like your photo featured as the banner of the GFWC of MN website?**

If you'd like to submit a photo, keep these things in mind: ✓ Photos should be a Minnesota scene or related to your club members. ✓ Photo must be submitted in full resolution (at least 2000 pixels wide). ✓ Photo can be .jpg, .tif, .bmp or .png ✓ The photo should be a good candidate for a panoramic scene. Certain details will be lost in vertical (portrait) compositions. ✓ You will be credited for your photo. ✓ Submit photos to the 'webmaster' on the gfwc of mn.org Home Page.



★ GFWC Starbuck Study Club are definitely on the right track when they took part in the community's, "Thursday Night on the Town", held at the historic Starbuck Railroad Depot. This is a gathering that happens every Thursday from June thru August as part of the Starbuck Farmers Market. Every week a community organization or

church host the event serving a light supper with the goal of bringing folks together and getting acquainted. Starbucks feels that these evenings helps keep the community connected. Knowing each other brings caring for each other that improves their friendly community. Pictured right are club members Mary Lehtola, Heather Beukhof, Gwen Meir, Lois Brecht and Deb Kuusisto. Pictured left are club members socializing in the R.R.'s baggage room.

★ GFWC West Suburban Women's Club members had a blast attending ResourceWest's April fundraiser in Hopkins, MN!



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(Front Row L. to R.) Karla Mayhew, Jean Dunn (Back Row L. to R.) Jan Bunting, Marilyn Berdahl, Lois Tlusty, Jamie Mc Reynolds, Irene Pieper

ResourceWest is a non-profit organization that serves low-income families and individuals living in the twin cities west metro communities. From crisis, to action, to hope: through collaborative programs and connections to resources their services stabilize families and ultimately help build healthier communities one neighbor at a time. For many years, GFWC-WSWC members have enjoyed volunteering during their "Back to School Drive" distributing much needed school supplies and their "Christmas Toy Chest Drive".



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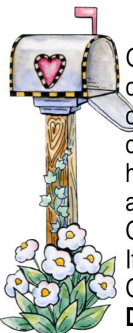


Jeannene M. (DeCorsey) Zimmel age 72 of Bloomington passed away May 17, 2017 after a short illness. She is survived by her husband Leonard, son Steven (Jennifer), daughter Sarah (Daniel) and 4 grandchildren. Jeanene joined the GFWC Bloomington Federated Woman's Club in 2015 and quickly became an active member and was happy to pitch in doing many things from nut sales to working the registration table at

conventions and meetings. She was the club's current 1st Vice President and as one of her duties she arranged the club's programs for the 2016-17 year. The club women enjoyed her excellent programs and are glad that they had a chance to know her. She will be missed.



★ The GFWC Starbuck Study Club loves a parade! . . . The club participates in the Starbuck's "Heritage Days Celebration" every year by entering a float in the parade. This year it was fun to have our GFWC State President, Pat Mumm, riding along. Driving is the Club Vice President, Mona Gregersen and another passenger was Club President, Mary Lehtola.



★ Check Your Mailbox for GFWC's "Membership Quarterly"!

GFWC has created a new publication, Membership Quarterly. Each club president will receive a copy in the coming weeks. The theme of the first issue is the "Benefits of Belonging". The publication outlines many of the valuable reasons to be a part of GFWC and how to find additional information about perks and programs. We ask that club presidents share their copy of the Membership Quarterly during upcoming club meetings.

If club presidents do not receive a copy of the Membership Quarterly, they may email **Membership Services and Programs Director Melanie Gisler** at mgisler@gfwc.org.



★ **GFWC-MN President, Pat Mumm shares her experiences at the convention.** . . The convention was a success for me, but I think I can say without any hesitation, that I will not be going back to southern California real soon, probably never! Why you ask? The temperature was 122 degrees the day we arrived and it never dropped below 118 all week!! Also, we had a geologist speak to us about the shifting of the earth's plates. We were sitting right on top of the San Andreas Fault and he's telling us that the fault's plates will shift and a greater part of California will plunge into the ocean! But that's not the worst part, there will be a humungous tsunami that will follow! No one knows when this earthquake will happen but they do know that it is going to happen. At that moment, I was ready to checkout and head back to Minnesota!! But, on a more positive note, there was a hypnotist that had all of us cracking up.

😊 I always enjoy the Opening Ceremony's Procession. It is so impressive with the music and all the colorful flags from GFWC International, the Regions, and all 50 State.

😊 The convention is always a good time to learn about the "GFWC Partnerships". GFWC is proud to partner with a number of dynamic and impactful organizations. Together, we can work to improve our communities and better our world. They each had an exhibit booth plus there was time set aside for them to speak before the convention body. The GFWC Partners offer unique and customized services, including: materials, speakers, kits, and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs. I would like to encourage our clubs to go to the GFWC website to view the videos, learn about our partner's missions, and support their work.

😊 One of the main businesses of the convention are the resolutions. They are complicated to write and it is tedious to navigate them through the GFWC process, but that is how GFWC can change the lives of people and the world. Change can't happen if we don't get involved, create resolutions, and submit them for adoption. You know the old saying "If you are not part of the solution you must be part of the problem". I prefer to be part of the solution, how about you? Lets work together to fix whatever needs fixing! I am proud to report that our GFWC-MN resolution was passed! Want more details? See page 7 of this newsletter for Pat Stevermer's report on our resolution and its history.

😊 GFWC-MN brought home three awards! Two were submitted by Judy Loewe (Starbucks Study Club GFWC). . . Judy's entry in the Calendar Photo Contest, and a Starbucks's student, Elizabeth Dimrock's entry in the Poetry Writing Contest Grades 3-5. The third was (GFWC Morris Golden Star Juniorettes) Morgan Mithun's LEADS Graduate Certificate. A big congratulations goes out to Judy, Elizabeth and Morgan!!

😊 Another really fun part of the convention was MVR's invitation to the 2018 International Convention in St. Louis, MO. When Karen Kaler started the music, from all across the convention floor the Minnesota delegates along with all of the other Mississippi Valley Region's state delegates marched up to the stage to the tune of "When the Saints Come Marching In" while twirling our umbrellas! It was a sight to see! MVR President, LaDonne Snively invited everyone to the next convention and showed a brief video hi-lighting the historic convention hotel. I would also like to invite every Minnesota club woman to attend the convention in St. Louis, it will be a wonderful time!



Pictured is the USO "Thanks for the Memories" Assembly Line that included a luncheon. Ladies were sent to the assembly tables to put items such as deodorant, soap, toothpaste, brush, etc. into a GFWC USO labeled bag. These bags are given to soldiers coming back from duty. 880 bags were boxed and given to the USO Representative, Martha Curwen who also spoke about just how important our volunteerism is to the USO.



Here are the convention's Minnesota Attendees! (L to R.) Pat Mumm, Jean Walker, Pat Stevermer, Morgan Mithun, Judy Loewe, Kay James, and (not pictured) Karen Kaler. Along with Morgan, our 2017 LEADS Graduate, everyone pictured is a LEADS Graduate!



★ **Here's an update on the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention in St. Louis, MO from Committee Chair, Karen Kaler**

We had a very successful fundraising table at the 2017 GFWC Convention in Palm Desert, CA. In four days we made more than \$4000.00!! We sold convention pins, patron pins, quilt raffle tickets, tote bags, umbrellas, crayon caddies, greeting cards, felted ornaments, and chances to win a one-night stay and one banquet ticket in St. Louis. Thank you so much to Kay James, who coordinated the volunteers that worked at the table those four days. And a thank you to the GFWC Cosmopolitan Club that made the quilt, crayon caddies, greeting cards and ornaments.

The next meeting of the convention committees will be at the September MVR Convention in Iowa. As soon as I get a completed agenda from the Regional President, I will let you know when that meeting will be scheduled.

A note to all clubs, please continue to look for items to sell at our St. Louis 'Welcome Table'. We are in need of lots of items. Anything from chips, pens, post it notes, granola bars, etc. Just let me know what you are able to donate or if you have a great idea and I will pass the information on to the Welcome Table Chair. **Thanks, Karen Kaler, karenkaler0505@gmail.com**



★ **Pat Stevermer reports on our GFWC-MN Resolution getting adopted in Palm Desert!**

It all started in 2014 when Carole Johnson, GFWC-MN Public Issues Chair, challenged our club members to read "*The Round House*" a novel written by Louise Erdrich. The story takes place on a MN Ojibwe reservation and tells the story of the injustice to native women who are abused and how justice is not served on the reservation. Many clubs took up the challenge and included "The Round House" as a book review during their 2014-2015 club year.

At 2014 Fall Workshop in Little Falls, it was suggested we have a speaker on the issue at the next GFWC-MN State Convention. The suggestion was wholeheartedly embraced by everyone, so, the Northeast District invited Jurisdiction Judge, Korey Wahwassuck from Itasca County to share her extensive knowledge about the Native American women's heritage and how they have been and still are being abused. Also, a committee was formed to create a resolution that they titled "Jurisdictional Perpetrator Loophole".

Moving forward, at the 2015 GFWC of Minnesota State Convention in Duluth, Judge Wahwassuck spoke to the membership. In addition, Suellen Brazil, our GFWC International Guest provided valuable information on all the steps to get a resolution written and to get it to an International Convention. The committee went to work to draft a formal resolution. Most of the work was done by email since the members were in all parts of our large geographic state.

At the 2016 GFWC of Minnesota State Convention in Ottertail, our Violence Against Women Resolution was presented and a motion was made and carried to send it on to the 2016 GFWC International Resolution Committee for consideration at a future convention.

Our resolution was acknowledged by the International Resolution Committee and was included in the resolutions for the 2017 GFWC International Convention in Palm Desert, CA as "*015-020 Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention*". In fact, it was the only resolution recommended by a state! Along with Native American women, the committee added Alaska Native women to the resolution. With this one amendment and some slight changes in wording, **I am proud to announce that our resolution was adopted!**

Resolutions take a lot of time and dedication to research, write and finally reach the international convention floor for consideration. Many thanks go out to the club women who read Louise Erdrich's book; the GFWC-MN Resolution Committee's commitment in creating the resolution; and to those who were in attendance in Palm Desert this June to vote for it. If you would like to read a copy of the resolution, you can contact me or Carole Johnson at carolht@midco.net.



★ **A Message from Pat Stevermer, GFWC-MN GFWC Community Improvement Program Chair. . . Has your club created a Community Improvement Project?** The program awards are monetary prizes (3 per state/5 nationally) each year. Any project that you do that addresses a specific unique need within the community can become a Community Improvement Project. Plan to collaborate with GFWC clubs, partner organizations, professional or other membership organizations, government entities or other non-profit organizations in your community.

A number of club projects in previous years would certainly qualify as a Community Improvement Project. Complete details are online in the GFWC Club Manual in the 'Awards, Contests and Grants' section. It would be wonderful to have at least three projects that meet the criteria for our state awards and one project can be submitted for the national awards.

The contest period is January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017. A notebook with the narrative description and supporting materials must not exceed seven pounds or measure more than 15" x 20" in size. They need to be postmarked no later than March 1, 2018 to me, the GFWC-MN Program Chair. The state winner's notebook will not be returned but is housed in the Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC) in Washington DC.

Judging Criteria

Project selection – 25 points
Project development – 50 points
Project evaluation – 25 points

State Awards

First Place – \$50.00
Second Place – \$35.00
Third Place – \$25.00

If you need a copy of the program criteria and application, or have any questions, please email, write or call **Pat Stevermer, Community Improvement Program Chair, 720 3rd Ave SW, Sleepy Eye MN 56085 – stevermer@sleepyeyetel.net, 507-794-7112 or 507-920-6513**



★ **A MESSAGE FROM GFWC-MN PRESIDENT, PAT MUMM:** *"I just can't believe I need to talk about the GFWC-MN Fall Council/Workshop already!! Where is the summer going?? Yes, it is time to register for the Little Falls conference. Everyone is welcome! The dates are Friday, August 11th and Saturday, August 12th. We really would like to have at least one person attend from every club in every District. Club Presidents are the ideal candidate. If your Club President can't attend, please have someone else fill in for her. I am encouraging every president to attend because we will be dedicating a lot of time to helping you create a perfect 'Club Annual Report' for 2017. These reports are very important to GFWC. Not only will you be gathering lots of valuable GFWC information, you will have lots of fun!" Your advance registration is by August 4th (sorry, no refunds after the 4th). You can find the registration form on the **gfwcofmn website!***

**GFWC-MN Workshop/Council
St Francis Convent Center, Little Falls, MN
Friday August 11 & 12, 2017
★ AGENDA ★**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

- 1 - 3 PM: Program Chairs set up displays & fundraising tables
Check into rooms
- 2 PM: Registration Opens
- 3 PM: Welcome
Thought of the Day – Lucy Larson
Introductions
Housekeeping
- 3:15 PM: Reports from Int'l Convention in Desert Palms, CA
Awards received at International Convention
LEADS Graduate Report – Morgan Mithun
- 3:50 PM: Break, Lucky Bucks, visit displays
- 4:10 PM: Why Partners – Pat Stevermer
Partner Information, from our Program Chairs
Prevent Child Abuse America – Karen Kaler
March of Dimes & St. Jude's – Morgan Mithun
The Nature Generation – Leona Barten
HOBY – Mona Gregerson
Canine Companions & Easter Seals – Jacque Novotny
Operation Smile, Heifer International, Shot@Life
& UNICEF – Darlene Femrite
Sew Much Comfort, USO – Minette Johnson
- 4:50PM: Resolutions Report – Carole Johnson
- 5:25PM: Table Prayer – Lucy Larson
- 5:30PM: Dinner –
District Presidents meet with Pat Mumm
Program Chairs meet with Jennell Johnson
Everyone else meet and greet others in attendance
- 7:00PM: Call to order
Approval of Agenda
Board Minutes of last State Convention – Nancy Salmi
Correspondence
Treasurer's Report – Pam Mithun
Credentials Report – Linda Strong
President Elect Report – Jean Walker
Old Business
Communications Report – Kay James & Karla Mayhew
Face Book Report
New Business
District Convention dates and places
Basket Suggestions for MVR
Miscellaneous
Announcements

Recess for the evening - pajama party (All are invited for snacks and fellowship. Bring pajamas, slippers, pillows etc for homeless shelter if you would like.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

- 7:30 AM: Breakfast service opens
- 8 AM: Registration Open
- 8:30 AM: Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance & America the Beautiful
Thought of the Day – Lucy Larson
Introductions
- 8:45 AM: Reporting Workshop – Jennell Johnson
- 9:30 AM: Reporting Break Out Exercise
- 10:00 AM: Break, Lucky Bucks
- 10:15AM: Business Meeting
Secretary's Report – Nancy Salmi
Treasurer's Report – Pam Mithun
Old Business
Deadlines for newsletters
MVR Invitation & Information – Karen Kaler
New Business
Jenny Award & Empowering Women Report – Sherry Wellman
International Board Members Reports
Membership – Karen Kaler
Communications – Laura Bergman
Department Chairs and Appointed Personnel
Arts – Dorothy Anderson
Conservation – Leona Barten
Education – Mona Gregerson
Home Life – Jacque Novotny
International Outreach – Darlene Femrite
Public Issues – Minette Johnson
Communications & Public Relations – Judy Loewe
Fundraising – Linda Blue
Leadership – Diane Hannah
Legislation & Public Policy – Carole Johnson
Women's History & Resource Center – Becky McAlpine
Community Improvement Program – Pat Stevermer
Medallion Club Report
Protocol – Linda Strong
Historian – Kay James
Conventions and Meetings – Lilah Crowe
Special Projects Advocates for Children – Morgan Mithun
Domestic Violence – Karen Kaler
- 11:15 AM: Heads & Tails and Lucky Bucks
- 11:30 AM: Table Prayer & Lunch
- 12:30 PM: Finish Lucky Bucks
Finish reports
Final Credential Report
2018 State Convention Invitation by the Southeast District
- 2:00 PM: Adjournment
"Club Collect"
"Juniorette Pledge"
"Let there be Peace on Earth"

Registration for GFWC of MN Fall Council 2017

Why: International Convention report, reporting 101, district presidents workshop, program chairmen workshop, pajama party, and much more.

When: Friday, August 11, and Saturday, August 12, 2017

Where: St. Francis Center, 116 8th Avenue SE, Little Falls, MN

St. Francis Center: Overnight housing is available in the area that once was dormitories for the students when they had boarding school for girls. Each room has two or more beds, but members can request to use one of the rooms as a private room. Shower rooms are private, but bathroom facilities are shared.

Fee: \$42.00/ person/night for private room

320-632-2981

\$31.00/ person/ night for shared room

I would like to share a room with _____



For rooms at motels in the area please call directly to each motel.

Bring: Books for Federation Mall Book Sale and something for the Lucky Buck auction if you'd like to contribute.

Advance Registration by Wednesday, August 4, 2017 (No refunds after this date)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Club _____ District _____

Note: Check all that pertain

___ State Officer/ Chairman ___ District President ___ Club President ___ Club Delegate

___ New member or 1st time attendee to Fall Council/Workshop

Meals:	___ \$7.00	Continental Breakfast (fruit, roll, juice, coffee)
	___ \$16.00	Dinner Friday evening
	___ \$11.00	Lunch Saturday

Registraion: ___ \$10.00 (Pays for cost of Fall Council)

Total: _____

Make checks payable to: GFWC of MN

Send checks and registrations to: Kay James

**31321 Forrest Trail
Park Rapids, MN 56470**

★ **GFWC Bloomington Federated Woman's Club held two great events this summer for two great organizations. . .**

The first was a 'Wine & Cheese Party Fundraiser' to benefit Oasis for Youth. They were thoroughly delighted by their guest speaker, author Kim Kane (the "Sparkle On Lady" from this year's State Convention). Club members, Lou Rueff and Donnis Olson hosted the party and it was held in Lou's building's social room. Club member, Barbara Smith, who just happens to own a winery in upstate New York, donated all the wine!! Other club members contributed their yummy appetizers. It was \$15 to attend and they raised \$640 for Oasis for Youth!

Oasis for Youth operates a drop-in Resource Center for youth ages 16-24. Resources and outreach are targeted toward youth who live, work or attend school in Bloomington, Richfield and Edina, however, no youth in need are turned away. Oasis for Youth meets the needs of youth through individualized case management, connections to resources, improved access to services and supports, and assistance with basic needs. All services are offered free of charge.

The second event was a 'Potluck Picnic' On July 19th (pictured below). The serving table was overflowing with all kinds of great homemade entrees and desserts and the weather was superb. Twenty-eight women laughed, talked, ate and enjoyed the picnic.

The picnickers were asked to bring donations of school supplies for VEAP, their local food shelf. Their generous members outdid themselves and brought an amazing number of notebooks, pencils, erasers, crayons, markers, backpacks and other needed supplies!! Here's a side note: On August 7th members will be going to VEAP to work a four hour shift of sorting, organizing and packaging school supplies for all different age groups.



★ **Subscribe to the WHRC Newsletter!** The GFWC "Women's History & Resource Center" is excited to announce that it is now opening up its quarterly newsletter to all clubwomen. The WHRC Newsletter provides an in-depth look at the celebrated history of GFWC on the national, local, and individual levels. A publication primarily written by clubwomen, the newsletter proudly publishes articles written by you and about your history. The WHRC newsletter is also the best way to stay up-to-date on the latest events and happenings in the Women's History & Resource Center. To sign up, please visit www.gfwc.org. An enrollment box is located at the bottom on the website, underneath the News & Notes sign up. You can also sign up by providing your name, mailing address, email, and club name to **GFWC Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org**



Set Sail with GFWC and Princess Cruises

MARCH 21-31, 2018

You're invited to join GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea and your fellow clubwomen for a once-in-a-lifetime experience – sailing the Panama Canal.

While explorers began dreaming of a route between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans over 400 years ago, carving of the 51-mile canal was not completed until 1914. Travel through this man-made wonder of the modern world with Princess, the number one cruise line in the region. Go beyond the locks to explore the wildlife-filled rainforest of Central America. While on the voyage you will dine on fresh, local cuisine, visit colorful towns, and unwind on sun-kissed beaches.

Ports of call will include: Fort Lauderdale, Aruba, Cartagena, Colon, Costa Rica, and Jamaica. Fares for the 10-day tour, departing and returning to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, start at \$1,499 plus additional taxes of \$370 per person. A deposit of 20 percent per person is required by September 1 with final payment due by December 20, 2017. To reserve your cabin contact Avoya Travel Representative Linda Stone at 866-617-2470.

***A special discount is being offered to GFWC clubwomen through July 31. If you register before the offer expires, the required deposit will be reduced to \$100 per person.**