

THE GFWC-MN PRESIDENT'S 2018 SPRING NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY - APRIL



THANK

A Farewell Message From Our 2016-2018 GFWC-MN President. . .



YOU

I would like to thank all of you who served in anyway during my administration. Even though I didn't know it at the time, I might have put some of you out of your comfort zone.

You always stepped up to the challenge and you have grown. I look forward to watching you as you continue to grow, to become leaders, and to help others to grow. This is what GFWC is all about! We work together, we help each other, and we accomplish things that no one thought possible. It reminds me of a poem I read by Edgar A. Guest. . .

It Couldn't be Done

*Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But she with a chuckle replied
That 'maybe it couldn't', but she would be one
Who wouldn't say so till she'd tried.
So she buckled right in with a trace of a grin
On her face. If she worried she hid it.
She started to sing as she tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and she did it!*

*Somebody scoffed: 'Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it.'
But she took off her coat and she took off her hat
And the first thing we knew she'd begun it.
With a lift of her chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
She started to sing as she tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and she did it.*

*There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure,
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That 'cannot be done,' and you'll do it.*

We all have projects in our towns that seem like they're too big to be done. But as GFWC members we just roll up our sleeves and tackle the things that "couldn't be done" and we do it!!! Reading your annual club reports made me realize how true that is. Even the smallest of clubs do marvelous things. Here's a challenge for you. Remember the saying "many hands make make light work"? With many members working together we can do anything so here's the challenge: Every club bring in at least one new member in the upcoming year. Twenty would be even better but one per club is certainly an attainable goal. I will still be around and willing to help you in any way I can. Let's make Jean Walker's new administration sparkle with new projects that couldn't be done except for all the great women of GFWC. Thank you again for all your hard work and all the encouragement you gave me. It was a pleasure being your president.

Yours in Federation, Pat Mumm



April 24th – Federation Day
Commemorates the founding of GFWC

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

July 27 – 28, 2018
GFWC-MN Fall Council
Little Falls, MN

September 20 – 23, 2018
GFWC Mississippi Valley
Regional Conference
Grand Island, NE

May 3 – 5, 2019
GFWC-MN State Convention
Walker, MN



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Want to know absolutely everything about **GFWC**? Visit: www.gfwc.org or connect to their other social media platforms:



Ensure Your Club Website's Traffic Doesn't Suffer! . . .

Don't get caught off guard by Google's plans to discourage traffic to your club's website in July! We recommend contacting your technology provider as soon as possible to install an SSL certificate to prevent website visitors from receiving security warnings. Google already ranks websites without an SSL certificate lower in Internet searches, so it may become even harder for prospective members to find your club website online.



Registration for GFWC of MN Fall Council 2018

Why: Annual Convention Report, district presidents meeting, club presidents meeting, program chairman meeting, "What's on Your Plate," and much more.

When: Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28, 2018

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

St. Francis Center: You can reserve a room with one or two roommates. The cost is \$31.14 per person. **NO PRIVATE ROOMS THIS YEAR.** Shower rooms are private but bathroom facilities are shared.
Email Kay James kaydon@paulbunyan.net for a room reservation.

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

Bring: Books for Federation Mall Book Sale and an item for Lucky Bucks (with a new twist) auction if you'd like to contribute.

Advance Registration by Wednesday, July 11, 2018 (NO refunds after this date)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Club _____ District _____

Roommates 1. _____

2. _____

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:

_____ Dinner Friday evening \$16.00

_____ Continental Breakfast (fruit, roll, juice, coffee) \$7.00

_____ Lunch Saturday \$11.00

Registration: _____ \$12.00

Total _____ **Make checks payable to: GFWC of MN (for everything)**

Send registration & check to : Kay James

31321 Forest Trail

Park Rapids, MN 56470

**GFWC-MN
124th Annual
Convention
New Ulm, MN
April 20 - 22, 2018**

Happy
MOTHER EARTH
day



Willkommen Freunde! (Welcome friends!)



**Fabulous Group of First Time
Convention Attendees!!**



**MEET THE 2018-2020
GFWC-MN OFFICERS**

**AKTION CLUB THEATRE
OF MANKATO & WILBUR
NEUSCHWANDER-FRINK**

entertained us Sunday morning. AKTION is a collaborative community theatre focused on issues of disability: where people, art, and community partner for a brighter, more inclusive future for all.



Left to Right: Linda Blue, 1st Vice President; Jannell Johnson, President Elect; Jean Walker, President; Diane Hannah, 2nd Vice President.; Diane Mangseth, Secretary; Pam Mithun, Treasurer

**WAITING FOR THE GLOCKENSPIEL
TO CHIME IT'S MUSIC!**



GUEST SPEAKER:

**Best-selling & award-winning
author, Amanda Hughes**

Amanda is a "Walter Mitty", spending more time in heroic daydreams than the real world. At last she found an outlet writing adventures about bold women through the 18th, 19th & 20th centuries.



GROUP HUG!!



The **Narrens of New Ulm** definitely put the “freudigin” (happy) in our **Saturday Night Happy Hour!!** In true German spirit we sang and danced with these fun masked characters. The tradition and hand carved wooden masks started in the village of Ganse-Stadt, Germany. Each one has their own peculiar personality and story, and is often looked upon as “the relative everybody has but nobody wants to own”. It was a time of good cheer!

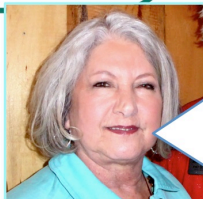
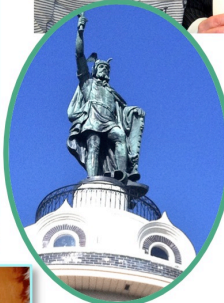


Jean Walker expresses her personal thanks...

“Thank you for the wonderful Reception on Saturday night. I would like to especially thank the GFWC-MN Northwest District for the terrific cupcakes and my GFWC Mawami Club for getting the Widman Chippers for the occasion. Also, I would like to thank everyone that came to the reception to welcome our new GFWC-MN Officers. We had a great time meeting the members of our MN clubs.

It was a great surprise to have Past GFWC-MN President Yvonne Schilplin come to the convention and install us!

And last but not least, I thank all of you for the amazing support you have given me through the years on my journey to becoming your 2018-2020 GFWC-MN State President. I am truly looking forward to the next two years!”



Linda Strong
President
Of GFWC-MN
Central District

**“The 2019 State Convention
Will be a GFWC Fun Celebration
“Mark you calendars” we must say!
For the 3th, 4th and 5th of May.**

**To the 'Northwoods' we will go
Hopefully, there'll be no snow!
Central District sends you their invitation,
The Casino in Walker is your final destination.”**



It's Not Just a Convention – It's a Girl's Weekend! By Joan Petroff

This year the GFWC Bloomington Federated Woman's Club had nine women attending the 124th GFWC-MN Convention. We would have had eleven, but unfortunately, ill health kept our president and her mother (also a member) from being there.

Each year our club has a group of ladies that look forward to attending the convention, not because they need to be there, but because they want to be there. We go there to have fun! Most years we get matching pajamas to wear to the Friday evening pajama party and we have our matching green club tee shirts. Most years we go to celebrate the Kentucky Derby in the hotel bar. Some years we sneak out of some of the sessions and go shopping. Every year we learn something new about our state and national GFWC organizations and we love to see women we met at previous conventions. Every year we have a great time! I highly recommend that you start planning now with a bunch of friends from your club to attend the 125th GFWC-MN Convention in Walker. Everything is more fun with a group of women friends! See you in 2019!





★ **Karen Kaler, Chair of the GFWC International Convention, June 23 - 26 has an IMPORTANT MESSAGE!**

Hard to believe, we are in the last few weeks of planning the International Convention in St. Louis! Many hours and hard work have gone into making the first 'Region Hosted Convention' a success but we still need your help. ✓ **WE ARE STILL IN GREAT NEED OF VOLUNTEERS.** Shifts that you could sign up for would be: Table Hostess, Door Page, Bus Captain, Centerpiece Placer, Meal Door Page, Welcome Table, and Fundraising Table. **TO SIGN UP, PLEASE CONTACT KAY JAMES AT 218-732-6554 or kaydon@paulbunyan.net.** She can answer your questions and provide detailed job descriptions. ✓ **We are also in need of items for the Welcome Table.** They can be anywhere from 10 – 500 items. Ideas are post-it notes, pens, candy, hand lotion, and much more. Please let me know if you have items you would like to donate. ✓ The Convention Team sends out a **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the Minnesota Club Women who have supported this two year effort with their time and fundraising efforts! I am looking forward to seeing all of you in St. Louis!

Karen Kaler, Convention Chair – 952-402-0651 or karenkaler0505@gmail.com



Pictured is the Women's VFW Auxiliary Post # 1403 Color Guard at the opening procession. One of the women is the sister of the GFWC Coterie Study Club of Benson's President.

Warm greetings were brought by the GFWC-MN Treasurer, Pam Mithun who is also a member of the District's GFWC Morris Students Club. Their new officers for the upcoming two years were installed by Pam. Pictured right are Lorie Billehus, Historian (Starbuck); Judy Gunderson, Secretary (Elbow Lake); Diane Melaas, Treasurer (Elbow Lake); Carol Voorhees, Vice President (Morris); and Judie Rosendahl, President (Madison).

★ **The GFWC-MN West Central District held their 116th Annual Convention on April 7th In Benson**

Among table decorations of hats, old books, antiques, and flowers, over fifty women from the district's clubs met for business, enrichment, and friendship at the McKinney's On Southside Restaurant. The Swift County hostesses were members of the Coterie GFWC Study Club of Benson, the GFWC Zetetic Study Club of Benson, and the Knowledge is Power GFWC Club of Kerkhoven.

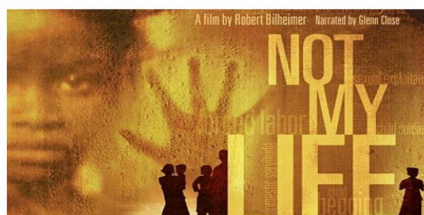
Their theme was "GFWC Past, Present and Future" and their program was "Hats Off to Women" which was presented by Sue Hauer. As Director of the Swift County's Historical Society, Sue's talk was enriched by having the society's collection of hats present which many guests wore. Her visual presentation made history come alive! Many women came wearing their own historic hats and nostalgic wear. Attendees recalled their hat wearing experiences with smiles. Just think, the founding women of GFWC, over 125 years ago, wore hats and gloves to all their meetings, it certainly was a more formal time in history.

There was a lot to celebrate! From the twelve district clubs, four members were honored for their dedicated fifty years of membership. The Lac Qui Parle Club recruited the most new members at five. Three first time attendees were presented with their GFWC-MN pins. GFWC-MN ESO Program Chair, Mona Gregersen (Starbuck) recognized Pat Mumm (Morris) and Minette Johnson (Starbuck). Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society for self-enrichment through reading.

After lunch, Terry Phillips entertained the group by playing her guitar and singing. Pam Mithun invited the clubs to Steven County for the 2019 District Convention. Lovely spring flowers were given as door prizes ending a productive and delightful day!



★ **GFWC Starbuck Study Club partnered with local agencies to give presentations at two community meetings.** The first meeting was with ASAP ("Against Substance Abuse in Pope Count") and was a coalition of public health, hospital, law enforcement and probation attendees. The second meeting was with "Pope County Ministerial" and "Someplace Safe" (domestic violence organization). At the meetings, the club showed the GFWC endorsed film "*Not My Life*" on human trafficking and modern day slavery. One of the club's on-going goal is to help inform the public and improve life in their community and these two meetings were the perfect venue. Pictured left is Starbuck's law enforcement, Mitch Johnsrud visiting with community folks after the ASAP presentation by Rebecca Zwonitzer, Horizon Public Health Coordinator. Pictured center is Pastor Becky Worner introducing the film "*Not My Life*" to the attendees with a discussion and questions afterwards led by Jeanine Thompson, Regional Youth Advocate for "Safe Harbor". Pictured right are club members, Deb Kuusisto, Mary Lehtola, Lorie Billehus, Nancy Bakewell & Lois Brecht serving refreshments at the movie gatherings.



★ **GFWC Headquarters invites you to view the "*Not My Life*" documentary at your local Club Meeting.** If you would like to download Not My Life, please contact GFWC's UNICEF Representative Mansi Mehta at mmehta@unicefusa.org. She will be happy to provide a link to the movie and the password to Vimeo for access. UNICEF's Not My Life Guide is also available to facilitate discussion about the film.



Pictured right, President Shirley Burr with Arlene Clapp at the City of Edina Community Volunteer Recognition Reception held on April 23rd. Every year the club nominates a member that goes 'above and beyond'. Arlene was chosen by the club for the excellent work she did all year and as the Chair of their "Feds Fest" Gala that raised \$49,000 for their charities.

Congratulations Arlene!

★ **President Shirley Burr of the Edina Federated Women's Club GFWC (www.edinafeds.org) says that they gearing up for their 2018-2019 year. . .**

"February and March tend to be quiet months for the Club. That is especially true if we are recovering from a major fall gala fundraiser. And, of course, some of our members flee to warmer climes for winter getaways. However, even during our 'slow' months our various interest groups and committees are fully active.

✓In March, our Departments/Art Chair arranged for a private tour of the renovated State Capitol Building in St. Paul. It's an absolutely beautiful building, and we recommend that anyone who has the opportunity to tour it do so. We also enjoyed lunch at the restaurant in the building's basement. Also, our Gourmet Group arranged for a much enjoyed gourmet evening with the appropriate theme of St. Patrick's Day.

✓Our Revisions Committee reviewed our Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Club Policies, and recommended changes for the Board and our membership approval. All the changes were approved.

✓Our Nominating Committee presented its candidates for the upcoming year's Executive Board. The membership unanimously voted to accept their recommendations. Our new EFWC year will begin at the May 10th "Spring Fling", when our new President, Rosie Guhrud, and her 2018-2019 Board will be installed. Congratulations Rosie!

✓Our Budget Committee presented its proposed 2018-2019 Budget for the board and membership approval. The proposed budget was approved.

✓During my last meetings the Board approved the distribution of our Philanthropy Funds to four organizations: Heifer International (a GFWC partner); Rise Against Hunger (also a GFWC partner); VEAP; and CornerHouse."



★ **Judy Loewe, GFWC-MN Communications & Public Relations Chair has a message for us.**

Talking, silence, the written word, E-mail, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Utube, body language, yelling, screaming, whispering, dancing, pantomime, music, advertising, pictures, color, sharing, giving, receiving, laughing, crying. . .

No matter what form of communication one uses for their who, what, where, when, & why, we must strive to be correct, accurate, deliberate, direct, cautious, truthful, creative, and aware of your 'tone of voice' and inflection. Don't be hasty and in a hurry when communicating important information. ✓Use your computer 'spell check', ✓proof read, ✓double check your numbers, ✓let it set over night, ✓proof read it again, ✓use a second pair of eyes and ask someone else to read it then if it all seems comfortable and correct with you and your committee, send it.

Body Language: This topic of body language can be part of the interpretation of each of the words listed above. Did you know that there are 700,000 nonverbal cues that can fit into any one situation because every person can perceive and react differently to the same situation? Our recent GFWC Clubwoman Magazine's article on *"Reading the Silent Signals"* was intended for GFWC Leadership, but it is essential to everyone for good business or person-to-person relations, our families, our clubs, the public, and the GFWC organization. The article's source of the information is: *"Understanding Body Language"* by Patti Wood, MA, CSP.

Responsibly Spread the Word: Communications and Public Relations go together like a horse and carriage. Even if we are simply chatting with someone, with others nearby it becomes Public Relations. The topic can spread like wildfire. It could end with a whole new meaning like the game of Telephone. If we are not careful to have correct and reliable facts, the public could get the wrong message and that is not good for ourselves the club or the larger organization.

Using the Right Combination: Just think how fantastic your project would be if we used the great communications & public relations tips in my beginning paragraph. Being sensitive to each other; giving the right signals when we communicate; being kind and generous to our club members speaks loudly to the public. Being curt to each other can break relationships, friendships and shutdown clubs or even hinder a project before it's done.

Please remember, the way we communicate with each other speaks volumes, it's not just for our leaders.



★ **GFWC Golden Valley Federated Women's Club had a fulfilling project. . .**

In March at a Club Luncheon members were asked for monetary donations to provide a dinner for the youth of the "TreeHouse" nonprofit organization. Together they collected \$170.00 that was used to provide Subway meals. Pictured left, eight members delivered and served the meals at the March 27th TreeHouse Youth Support Group Meeting. After the meal, club members participated as guests in the Support Group meeting.

During a support group meeting, all the youth will 'check-in' by saying their name, rating how their week is going and naming at least three emotions they have felt over the past week. The meeting provides a safe environment where youth can give and receive support surrounding important issues in their life. Youth learn they are not alone in dealing with any issue. There is always someone who can relate to what is going on in another group member's life.

Teens also learn how to support someone else in need. They come to realize they are lovable, capable and worthwhile. TreeHouse support groups become a place where youth know they will always be listened to without being judged and that what they say matters to others.



N REMEMBRANCE



Sylvia Behl
1925 – 2017

Sylvia Viola Behl, age 92, of Starbuck, MN peacefully passed away on December 24, 2017. Sylvia was born in Melrose, MN, attended parochial grade school in Appleton, MN, and graduated from Appleton High School in 1943. She also attended Abbott School of Nursing and graduated in 1946 and was in the Cadet Nurses Corps.

Sylvia met her husband Stan in 1946 and she worked as a surgical supervisor at the Montevideo Hospital until they married in 1947. They lived in Milan, MN where Stan was recalled into service during the Korean Conflict. In 1953 they moved to Trimont, MN where Sylvia worked as a nurse in surgery at the Trimont Hospital. In 1956 they moved to Starbuck where Sylvia worked at the Starbuck Hospital until 1976, then she did in-service nursing work and taught CPR classes in Pope County. They bought the Starbuck Times Newspaper in 1972 and Sylvia helped out in the office. They sold the paper and retired in 1981. Sylvia loved traveling but mostly enjoyed her family and home on Lake Minnewaska. Sylvia is survived by (2) daughters, (2) sons, (8) grandchildren and (5) great grandchildren.

Sylvia was an active member of the GFWC Starbuck Study Club for (33) years. She was Club President and held many offices and was on many committees. Sylvia was very instrumental in compiling the Starbuck Club's History Book. Along with her commitment to GFWC, she was President of the local church women's organization; President of the Morris Conference ALCW for four years; Secretary of Stewardship for the Southwestern District of MN for six years; a board member of the Pope County American Cancer Society; and received a 5-year pin for recognition of public education by the Pope County Cancer Society. When Sylvia wasn't volunteering she was sewing quilts and baby layettes for various charities.

Sylvia will be remembered by all who knew her as a petite woman with a generous and vivacious spirit who first and foremost lived her steadfast faith in Christ Jesus. She will be greatly missed.



Annette L. Horton
1934 – 2017

Annette L. Horton age 83, of Edina, MN passed away peacefully on April 19, 2017 surrounded by family. She is preceded in death by her husband John and survived by two daughters, Cindy and Sheri; and three grandchildren, Sam, Joe and Ellie. Annette graduated from Rice Lake High School in Rice Lake, WI in 1951 and Wisconsin State College River Falls in 1955 where she was a member of the debate team. She taught school in Hopkins, MN and coached high school debate.

Annette was a member of Edina Federated Women's Club GFWC for many years, and was the 2006-2007 President. She is truly missed by her many club friends. She was also an active member of a number of other organizations, including the Woman's Club of Minneapolis, the League of Women Voters, and the WCA Foundation.



Lois Jeanine Kalstrom
1929 – 2018

Lois Jeanine (Hawkinson) Kalstrom, age 89, passed away on February 22, 2018 in Buffalo, MN. She was born in Geddes, SD and was a 1947 graduate from Brownton, MN High School. In 1951, She received her bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College, and later received her Master's degree. Jeanine was a Home Economics teacher at the Madison, MN High School followed by teaching for (26) years at the Sleepy Eye, MN High School.

Jeanine is preceded in death by her husband, Roger and survived by her son, Jeffrey; her daughter, Kristine; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Jeanine was a member of a GFWC club in Sleepy Eye for (26) years before moving to Glenwood, MN and founding the GFWC Potpourri Glenwood women's club. Her leadership was shown by writing the by-laws, gathering together interested women, and obtaining the club's federation in 1995. Encouragement was given to her by the then West Central District President, Joyce Wahlquist. Jeanine served as Club President, held various county positions, and was a GFWC West Central District Historian. Jeanine received her (40) year membership pin and almost reached her (50) year anniversary. She was recognized as the club's first Empowering Woman in 2009. Jeanine shared to many groups her strong belief in GFWC and what it stands for. She was a faithful convention attendee and a fashionable dresser for any occasion. Along with Jeanine's dedication and contributions to GFWC, she was active in her church, in the Democratic Party and recently in water color painting. She will be truly missed.

Sue Stover of Edina MN passed away on January 30, 2018. She is survived by her husband of sixty years, Bob; daughter, Karin; son, Don; and four grandchildren.

Sue joined the Edina Federated Women's Club GFWC in 1977. During her forty-one years of membership she served as Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, & Nominating Committee Chair. From 1990 through 2017 Sue held the board position of producing "The Jottings" monthly club newsletter, keeping club members informed of all things Feds-related. She continued this even when health issues kept her housebound and unable to attend most EFWC functions. Sue enjoyed teaching a number of Feds members how to play mah-jongg. In 2017 she was honored as the "EFWC-GFWC Volunteer of the Year" at Edina's annual Community Volunteer Recognition Reception. The club very much miss her friendship and all of the supportive work she did on behalf of the club.



Ruth Paulson
1930 – 2018

Ruth Paulson, age 88, of Crystal, MN passed away on April 10, 2018. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert and son Loren. Ruth joined the GFWC West Suburban Women's Club in 2005. She was the East Central District's Recording Secretary from 2008-2010 and served on many Club Committees that included Program, Ways & Means, and Helping Hands. She will be truly missed by all her friends in GFWC-WSWC.



JoAn C. Burkholder
1935 – 2017

JoAn Carol Burkholder, age 82 of Golden Valley, MN passed away on November 19, 2017. JoAn was born in Sioux Falls, SD and was raised on a dairy farm west of Sioux Falls, SD. She attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, completing a two year teaching degree in 1956, and went on to teach grade school children for many years. In 1970 she received her Bachelor's degree in education. In 1976 she changed careers and became a residential real estate agent. In 1996 she was the Marketing Director for an assisted living facility in Minneapolis.

JoAn is survived by her husband, John; four children, June, David, Jean and Carol; (12) grandchildren; and (6) great-grandchildren.

JoAn was an active member of the GFWC Golden Valley Federated Women's Club and was the 2005-06 Club President. She generously volunteered and gave her time and talents to many club activities. She will truly be missed.



Nina G. Cook
1924 – 2017

Nina Gene Cook, age 92 of Golden Valley, MN, passed away on May 15, 2017. Nina was born in Bastrop, LA and spent her childhood in Roswell, NM. As a fashion model and educator she helped shape the Minneapolis Fashion industry working for Lothian Fashion, McConnell Airlines, Powers, and Sears. Nina enjoyed both judging and being a contestant for the

Mrs. Minnesota Pageant and other senior Minnesota pageants. She was also a producer and host of the cable TV program "Seniors on Screen".

She is preceded in death by her husband of (40) years, Delbert and survived by daughter Barbara; son, Tom; and grandson, Bryan.

Nina was a dedicated member of the GFWC Golden Valley Federated Women's Club. She was the 1996-97 President and active in their first "Autumn Leaves" Fundraiser. Also, Nina was a (57) year member of the Mizpah United Church of Christ and involved in their Befriender Program. Nina enjoyed golf, artwork, dancing and her beloved cats. She will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew her.



Gloria M. Luckow
1931 – 2017

Gloria Marie Luckow, age 86, of Golden Valley, MN Passed away on September 11, 2017. She is preceded in death by her husband, John and survived by three daughters, LeAnn, Mary Beth, and Suzanne; 6 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. Gloria was involved in her husband's Optometric practice for many years, but focused most of her love, time and attention to their three daughters with their youngest having special needs.

Gloria was a member of the GFWC Golden Valley Federated Women's Club. She was active in the club's fundraising projects and the club's gourmet special interest group. She also volunteered with the American Optometric Association Auxiliary and the League of Catholic Women.

Gloria enjoyed book club, tennis, golf and traveling until her journey with Alzheimers caused her to slowly give up her activities. She will be remembered by her family and friends as the lady who always wore her pearls. She will truly be missed.



Phyllis M. Meredith
1930 – 2018

Phyllis M. Meredith, died March 16th, 2018. She was an active member of the GFWC Bloomington Federated Woman's Club for 15 years. In February, Phyllis was the chair for the club's committee that planned, cooked, and served dinner for the children and adults of Cornerstone. Cornerstone is a transitional housing program that helps families move forward after experiencing domestic

violence. GFWC-BFWC regularly contributes to this organization and Phyllis was the club's new liaison. A few weeks after serving the Cornerstone dinner, Phyllis suffered a massive stroke. She went from the hospital to the Minnesota Masonic Home where she died. She will be truly missed.

Phyllis worked as a nurse anesthetist at the VA and U of M Hospitals. After retirement she was on the board of the Bloomington Art Center for 15 years and enjoyed playing bridge regularly with her long-time friends.

Phyllis is survived by sons, Charles and Lee; daughter, Marcia; and two grandchildren.

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The deadline for the next newsletter is

JULY 27, 2018

Spring has sprung in Minnesota!



OK, Show of hands. . . Who's tired of snow??