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GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs was well represented at the GFWC International Convention held in Louisville, KY.

Front: L to R Shawna Cozzens, 2023 GFWC OH LEADS Graduate, Lisa Hedrick, Yvonne Ford, GFWC OH President; Esther Gartland, First Vice President/Dean of Chairman; Karen Margala, GFWC OH Director of Junior Clubs; Middle: Rose Logston, GFWC Great Lakes Region Vice President; Deidra Devore, Treasurer; Marjean Sizemore, GFWC OH Past President; Back: Mary Beth Allan; and Linda Jones, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs.



Follow the Colors of the Leadership Rainbow!

GFWC Ohio STATE LEADERSHIP DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023

Was a fun and informative day.

If you missed it, you missed "speed dating" with the officers and chairmen, the colors of friendship rainbow, and many informative committee displays. See pictures on pages 34 through 39 and an article regarding the day on page 52.



State Nominating Committee

Members and alternates of the State Nominating Committee are listed below. They were elected in their districts.

Due to the resignation of Lin Wilken, Lisa Hedrick has been appointed by the Board of Directors to serve as interim chairman of the Committee. She is to receive all materials (nominations and letters of support) postmarked by **November 15, 2023**. These materials will then be copied and distributed to the district committee members before their meeting. The nominating committee will meet before the Board of Directors meeting in January, 2024.

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Alternate: Carol Christy

**Congratulations to our President on
the birth of her first grandchild,
Isabella Grace.**

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her editing skills.

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GFWC Ohio's President's Message



"Bee the One - Bee the Change"

"Autumn is the season that teaches us that change can be beautiful." – Unknown

Dear Members,

Change can be Beautiful and as many clubs plan their upcoming club year keep in mind to "Bee the One Bee the Change." If you are looking for new ideas look thru the awards booklet from OFWC convention to see what some of the other clubs have been working on. It may be a project that they have been doing for a while but something new for your club. Another good resource is the GFWC website with plenty of ideas. Barbara Whitaker did a wonderful job explaining how to use the website at convention so go on and see what ideas they have. A very big "perk" of belonging to GFWC.

Recent statistics have come out that 22 Veterans a day die by suicide please consider doing a project for the New Life K-9's, The Presidents Special Project. If we can help improve at least one Veterans life we have made a difference.

I am so very proud of the GFWC Ohio Clubwomen, at GFWC Convention in Louisville, Kentucky Ohio's name was called many times as winners and Karen Margala and I were so very proud to represent all of you. Your dedication and commitment to Federation is amazing! Congratulations to all OFWC Club members.

Thank you to Esther Gartland, GFWC First Vice President for a successful, and Fun Leadership Day. Ohio is so lucky to have so many great leaders. The Board Presenting the Color of Friendship, Speed dating, "Discovering our Leadership style" presented by Debi D'Apice and Linda Jones are just a few of the fun activities that were presented.

Congratulations to Shawna Cozzens, 2023 LEAD Candidate who did a great job sharing her GFWC LEADS experience at GFWC Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Also, Congratulations to Barbara Whitaker our 2023 Jenni June Award winner a great honor to someone who is so deserving. Many of us will be attending the GFWC Board of Directors meeting in Denver Colorado on September 7-10 Ohio is well represented on the Board. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time.

The GFWC National Day of Service is September 30th. If your club has not registered, please go on the GFWC website and register your club. It would be great to have 100% participation. This day is a day for all GFWC Clubwoman to come together to combat Hunger and Food Insecurity. Have a food drive, volunteer at a food pantry are just a few ideas with many more on the GFWC website.

Gold Star Mother's Pilgrimage will be on September 24, 2023 Rose Logston Shrine Chairman is working on the program to honor these Women who have given the supreme sacrifice. Always such a beautiful moving ceremony please plan on attending.

Fall Conference will once again be held Via Zoom on October 14, 2023, 10:00. While we as officers would really like to visit with each and every one of you this way of having Fall Conference has been a very effective way to cut cost and to make sure all members are well informed. Plan now to get together with your fellow club members and have a watch party some clubs met at their local Library to view it together. I encourage all of you to attend you don't have to get dressed up it doesn't cost anything so hopefully all of you will be there.

Due to personal problems Lin Wilkin has had to resign from the State Nominating Committee as Chairman Pro-

Tem Lisa Hedrick has agreed to be State Nominating Chairman-Pro-Tem so if you are interested in a position for the 2024-2026 administration send your letters to Lisa.

Please keep Lin and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Great Lakes Region Conference will be held October 5-8, 2023 in Noblesville, Indiana. I hope you have sent in your registration and plan on attending this fun filled and informative weekend. As summer ends and fall begins enjoy the cooler temperatures and the beauty of the change of seasons. I am looking forward to seeing the reports and how creative you all can be. “Bee the One Bee the Change.

In Federation Friendship and Love, *Yvonne*

Save the Dates

September 24, 2023 *Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day Service* at the Ohio Memorial Shrine. Ceremony starts at 2:00 p.m.



Great Lakes Region Conference October 5 – 8, 2023
Embassy Suites, Noblesville-Indianapolis Conference Center
13700 Conference Center Drive South
Noblesville, Indiana 46060

***See registration and Call to Conference starting on page 44**



GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs
FALL CONFERENCE via ZOOM
October 14, 2023

See page 6 for more information



***Message from the
GFWC Ohio
Director of Junior Clubs***
"Our Roots Run Deep"



Dear Sisters in Federation,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are having a wonderful summer. Ohio has worked hard to help our communities and State but a little time off is good for us too. Hopefully, you took the time to enjoy our weather, family and friends. As the last couple of weeks of summer are coming to the end, we can look forward to our 2023-2024 club year which is just around the corner. I am excited to see our members, meet new ones and getting busy again with what we do best.

If you haven't had the chance to register your clubs for the National Day of Service which is Saturday, September 30, 2023 please do so. You can do this by emailing Melanie Gisler, Membership Director, at mgisler@gfwc.org and copy Deb Strahanoski, International President, at dstrahanoski@gfwc.org. This is the inaugural event to end hunger. There are a number of things that you can do: You can organize a food drive, volunteer at a food bank or provide awareness about food insecurity in the United States just to name a few. It would be wonderful if every Junior Club in Ohio would participate.

Another item to consider is registering for the Junior Leadership Certification Resource Guide. This is available on the Member Portal under "J". While this certification is for Junior and Juniorette Clubs only, any club is welcome to utilize the leadership information for development in their club. Deadline for the form of intent is due by October 1, 2023. This is a wonderful way to build strong leaders in our clubs and hopefully encourage members to take a more active role in your own club, and at the district, state, and region levels as well. By completing 6 out of the 8 monthly leadership activities, and submitting a summary of them, by May 15, 2023 you can be recognized at next year's GFWC Annual Convention and be listed on their website as a "Junior Leadership Designated Club" Please keep in mind, most of our clubs already participate in a lot these activities. Please check it out.

Also, if you were not at Leadership Day, there are a couple of changes in our directory and club reporting (Junior Score Card is one of them). Please make sure you have the correct forms which are available on our website.

As always, thank you for being such an amazing group of women. I am always in awe of everything you do and accomplish each year. I am very proud to be part of this wonderful organization and thank you for the wonderful gift of friendship that we share. Wishing all clubs, a fabulous and fun filled club year! Enjoy!

In Sisterhood and Federation Friendship,

Karen Margala, GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs



***GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs
STATEWIDE FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 14, 2023
Zoom Meeting***

Each district will have hostess clubs



YVONNE FORD - GFWC OHIO PRESIDENT

"Bee the One Bee the Change"



KAREN MARAGALA - GFWC OHIO

JUNIOR DIRECTOR

"Our Roots Run Deep"

GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Club Officers will be in attendance with information and updates on Community Service Programs, Special Projects, and Reporting. We will have breakout rooms (at approx. 10:05 am until 11:00 am) to take care of our district business such as electing a District President and District Director of Juniors for the 2024-2026 administration.

Please join us for a day of information sharing and Federation Friendship and you do not have to leave the comfort of your home. OR, you could schedule a "Watch Party" at someone's home and share some fellowship and, of course, treats.

VIA ZOOM MEETING

A link will be provided, through email, after you register.
Registration instructions will be provided by your district president.

Registration: 9:30 – 10:00 am Call to order: 10:00 am Adjourn: 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

There will be no cost but you will have to register.
Timing listed is only an estimate.



Reports from State Chairmen

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES Carol Stivers, Chairman 2023-2024 Community Service Program

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As we start a new Club year and a new school year is starting, the Education & Libraries Community Service Program is a very important part of our lives and club work. The GFWC/OFWC objective of the Education & Libraries Community Service Program is to improve Literacy & Education in communities at home, around the state and around the world. Many clubs donate to their respective school programs and many schools & students look forward to these donations. There are monthly themes which clubs can recognize and take part in to make the year of Education & Libraries more fun and interesting. Here are a few monthly Education and Library themes listed for your consideration.

September: Library Card Sign-up Month, International Literacy Day -September 8.

October: National Book Month, National Day on Writing-October 20, Teen Read Week (always the same week as Columbus Day)

November: National Author's Day-Nov 1, National Education Week-second full week

December: Give books to all ages as gifts, maybe magazines to retirement homes.

January: Lifelong Literacy in Americas Month, National mentoring Month

February: Library Lovers Month, World Read Aloud Day-February 5

March: Read Across America Month, Read Across America Day-March 2 (Dr. Seuss's Birthday)

April: National Library Week -2024 April 7-14(Second week in April), National DEAR Day (**D**rop **E**verything **A**nd **R**ead-April 12

May: Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10, 2024) always the first full week in May. Teacher Appreciation Day is May 7.

June: Audiobook Appreciation Month

Fall is a good time to have book reading groups in you club, join ESO and take part in the ESO Activities and support your local library. Encourage all members to have a library card and use it often.

The Ohio GFWC Directory has many good suggestion and ideas for Education & Libraries as well as all of the other Community Service Programs. The Education & Libraries Community Service Program suggestions and ideas can be found in Section 2, pages 10-17. There are limited printed Directories but the Directory can be easily found on the internet at GFWC/Ohio Directory.

Note: The beginning of the school year is a great time to give the rules of the 7th grade essay contest to the seventh-grade teachers. They can sometimes work the essay into their curriculum. Make copies of the rules and present them and set a date for picking up the essays. (You might call and remind teachers about three or four weeks before the due date.

Ripley Seventh Grade Student Wins State GFWC/Ohio Essay



Marleana Highfield won the GFWC Ohio Seventh Grade Essay Contest titled: "*The Bees and Me-How We Help Each Other Out.*" The contest is part of the GFWC Ohio General Federation of Women's Clubs Environmental Service Program. Pictured with Carol Stivers, GFWC Ohio Chairman.

Marleana a 2022-2023 Seventh Grade student at the Ripley Union Lewis Huntington Middle School entered the Essay Contest sponsored by the GFWC Ripley Women's Club and won First Place. Her essay was then sent on to the GFWC District Contest and then to the State Contest where each time it won First Place. Marleana received Certificates and monetary gifts. Marleana is the daughter of Kayla Disney. The GFWC Ripley Women's Club is very proud of Marleana Highfield. Her essay is as follows:

"The Bees and Me-How We Help Each Other Out"

Bees are dying all over the world. This is important because if all the bees die then the plants wouldn't be pollinated, and if the plants don't get pollinated then we could go into a food shortage. Most foods that we eat are pollinated by bees.

The bees are dying because they are abandoning their hives after they were destroyed, so they had nowhere to live. Current scientific research indicates that parasites and the diseases they carry, are the main threat to the lives of honey bees. Weakened immune systems leave hives susceptible to bacterial and viral diseases as well. Also, the farmers have been plowing up the wildflowers and pesticide use is massively increased.

There are many reasons why we need bees. We need bees to pollinate our plants so we wouldn't have a food shortage. Bees help with many forms of life. Also, bees help make some medicine. Bees even help law enforcement; they were fitted with sensors to detect explosives.

Bees are dying all over the world. We can help the bees by stopping plowing up wildflowers and stop using pesticides. We can buy local raw honey to help support beekeepers and their honey.

Health and Wellness Community Service Program by Debbie Weaver, Chairman

The objective is to improve wellbeing by addressing nutrition, disease prevention and physical & emotional care. Your club is asked to explore opportunities for awareness and advancement of these areas in and outside of your community.

So, let's Get Fit Within our Communities – fit in body, in mind, and in spirit. Educate, practice, and promote the three fundamental areas of this Community Service Program. The following are examples from last year's top 10 GFWC winners in this category.

Physical and/or emotional support-projects such as developing a calm space for those with sensory issues to take respite in a noisy environment, such as a festival; maintaining fitness trails; acting as cheerleaders for Special Olympics events, or providing emotional support for female prisoners.

Disease Prevention examples: Handing out forms to the community for people to keep track of all medications and other health information for all individuals living in a household; making wigs out of yarn for children who have hair loss from medical treatments; getting information out to the community on awareness of diseases, such as breast or ovarian cancer to improve chances of early detection.

Nutrition examples: Design a handout on nutritional information and include it to all Meals on Wheels recipients; provide nutritional meals to underserved populations who may not be able to afford healthy foods.

Our GFWC Health and Wellness Chairman, Dale Fisher, said that there is confusion about where to report some projects. She said to remember that projects for the needy, hungry, and homeless, such as support for homeless shelters, food pantries, and food drives should be reported under Civic Engagement and Outreach. The Health & Wellness CSP focuses more on nutrition - educating club members and the community in making wise choices and healthy eating habits.

WHAT DO THE CLUB'S BYLAWS SAY?

Barbara D. Whitaker, PRP GFWC Ohio Parliamentarian

Has anyone looked at the club's bylaws lately to see if they are ready for the New Year? Is the quorum small enough? The quorum should be a number, not a percentage, and should be a few members less than the average attendance at a regular meeting.

What about the meeting date? Did the club start meeting on a different day but never amended the bylaws to reflect that? The time and place of the meeting should be in the Standing Rules so it can be more easily changed. The day should be in the bylaws. What allowances do the bylaws make for holidays or important events such as the town's festival? What about declared emergencies or inclement weather? Is the president or the executive committee allowed to change the date or cancel the meeting in an emergency? Are the committees and the club allowed to hold electronic meetings? And how is voting conducted, if so? Email is not an acceptable form of meeting and voting. Phone conferences, Google Meets, Zoom, Facebook Live, or any platform where everyone can at least HEAR each other is acceptable. Rules of conduct for such meetings should be in the standing rules.

Bylaws and Standing Rules are just a part of a club's parliamentary base. Having a "parliamentary point" at each meeting is a good way to help members learn parliamentary procedures. It can take less than five minutes a month and, in the future, save hours. Some free or inexpensive tools can be found at parliamentarians.org in the "bookstore," such as *The Parliamentary Education Toolkit* and *Parliamentary Fun and Games*. *Robert's Rules of Order in Brief, 3rd edition*, is a quick-read reference for any member. Clubs can have more social time or adjourn earlier by learning how to conduct effective and efficient business meetings.

GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Scholarships by Harriett Groh Chairman, Scholarship Trustees

Arthur Fletcher, deceased former head of the United Negro College Fund coined the well-known phrase “A mind is a terrible thing to waste”. We the members of the “The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs provided a wonderful opportunity to graduating high school seniors who want to further their education following high school. This article is intended to give a brief summary of the scholarships. Please see the Pages the 2022-2024 GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Club Directory for full details and instructions. Clubs are encouraged to contact their local high school guidance counselors to make them aware of the following scholarship opportunities.

There are five scholarships administered by a single rotating Board of Trustees. Each district selects one Trustee to serve a four-year term. The Chairman is appointed by the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors to serve for the two years of the administration. The scholarship amounts are determined each year.

The Ethel G. Swanbeck Scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior pursuing a course of study in the Allied Health Field and enrolled at an accredited Ohio college or university. The student may use the scholarship for a degree as a nurse, pharmacist, X-ray technician, physical therapist, laboratory technician, pre-medical studies, pre-veterinary studies, etc. Applicants for this scholarship must have a grade point average of **3.0 or better**.

The Elaine Weinman Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior pursuing a course of study in the field of Communication Arts at an accredited Ohio college, university or technical school. “Communication Arts” is defined as including speech, journalism, drama, radio and television. Applicants for this scholarship must have a grade point average of **3.0 or better**.

The Annette Phelps Lincoln Scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior with a grade point average of **3.0 or better**. It is limited to the teaching and/or library professions at an accredited Ohio college or university.

The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Art Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior enrolled at an accredited Ohio art school, college or university. Applicants for this scholarship must have a grade point average of **2.6 or better**.

The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, “Clubwoman Scholarship” is available **ONLY** to a member of a per capita club federated in the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. It is for those clubwomen who need additional education or training in order to join the work force or to help to provide for themselves and/or their families **OR** for Juniores who are graduating high school seniors and have a grade point of **3.0 or better**. Awardees must attend an accredited Ohio College or technical school.

A club may only sponsor **ONE** candidate per scholarship per year. Sponsoring clubs are responsible to collect and submit all required documents as listed in the instructions and mail the completed file in **ONE** envelope to the Chairman (Harriett Groh) of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Scholarship Board of Trustees. All scholarship applications and documentation must be postmarked by March 1st. Thank you in advance for helping graduating seniors continue their education and help them reach their career goals.

Memorial Shrine Brick and Paver Report by Rose Logston, Chairman

The engraved bricks and pavers sales have raised over eight thousand dollars for the Shrine and more than one hundred and sixty bricks and pavers have been placed on the walkways.

It is suggested clubs could purchase the initial paver with the club's name and federated date on it and then members could purchase an inscribed brick paver to be placed around the club paver. Sometimes as many as three club members' names can fit on one small brick paver. Passing the hat at a club function, a paperback or magazine sale at club functions, holding a fifty-fifty drawing, or having members save and donate their change are a few ways clubs could raise funds.

Three sizes of pavers are available: 4" x 8" (brick sized) 8" x 8" paver and 8" x 12" paver

#1. 4" x 8" paver (brick size) \$50.00

Contains up to 3 lines with 12-14 letters and spaces on each line. No graphics.

Only one symbol per space (Punctuation marks each require one (1) space)

#2. 8" x 8" paver \$100.00 (+)

Contains up to 6 lines with 12-14 letters and spaces on each line

OR fewer lines with a design SPECIAL ORDER

Only one symbol per space (Punctuation marks each require one (1) space)

#3. 8" x 12" paver \$150.00 (+)

Can contain up to 10 lines with 12-14 letters and spaces

OR fewer lines with a design. SPECIAL ORDER

Only one symbol per space (Punctuation marks each require one (1) space)

Sizes #2 and #3 AVAILABLE with a design, which may incur additional cost.

Call PAVER CHAIRMAN for details REGARDING DESIGN)

If you have questions about the inscription, formatting, or the price of your brick or paver please contact rlogston@yahoo.com or call at 740-350-1707. Contact Rose Logston if you need an order form.

After your questions are answered, you should send the ORDER FORM, INSCRIPTION FORM, AND PAYMENT to our treasurer: Deidre Devore,

After the treasurer receives your forms and check, she will notify the paver chairman and the order will be filled. Order form, inscription form and payment are to be sent together.

Two of the latest pavers completed.



Press release for the Memorial Shrine ceremony, if you would like a copy to send to your press outlets, contact Rose Logston, at <rlogston@yahoo.com>

The General Federation of Women's Club OH members will honor Gold Star Mother's and Family's at a ceremony on September 24, 2023.

The GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs members will honor Ohio men and women who have given their lives in service to their country and their families during a ceremony with the Gold Star Mother's and Family's on Sept. 24, 2023.

The ceremony will be begin at 2 p.m. at the Mohican Memorial Forest Shrine located in the Mohican Memorial State Forest near Loudonville in Ashland County. It is the seventy-sixth anniversary of the dedication of the official Ohio Memorial Shrine.

The Ohio Memorial Shrine was the first of its kind in the United States. The Ohio General Assembly authorized construction of the 32-foot by 24-foot sandstone chapel-like structure in 1945 as World War II was ending. Members of the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs from throughout the state raised the money to build the Shrine, of all Ohio products, and it was dedicated on April 27, 1947.

Veterans will also be acknowledged and members of the Loudonville American Legion Post 257 and the American Legion Post 257 Auxiliary will take an active role in the ceremony, as they have for many years.

Rolling Thunder Chapter No. 5 will conduct a ceremony as a part of the commemoration activities.

In 1936, the president of the United States declared the last Sunday in September to be observed as Gold Star Mother's Day. In 2011, then President Obama amended the day to be "Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day."

Inside the Shrine are two "*Great Books*" inscribed with the names of over 26,000 Ohioans who made the supreme sacrifice.

Over the years, members of the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs with the help of state foresters from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources have planted more than 310,000 trees in the area as living memorials to the more than 26,000 Ohio war dead honored within the shrine. In 2008, the "*Memorial Walkway*" was unveiled. That walkway leads from the south side of the Shrine to the latrines, and the newer "*Friends Walkway*," which was dedicated in 2009 is on the north side of the Shrine and leads to the Past Presidents Grove.

Both walkways are constructed of Ohio-made bricks and pavers purchased through members of the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs with donations and/or engraving of the bricks or pavers. Those wanting to honor or memorialize someone can order standard size bricks with up to three lines of letters or large pavers (about the size of four bricks) with graphics and letters other sizes are also available. You can send a design or pick from the engravers catalog. Rose Logston serves as state chairmen of the Bricks and Pavers Committee.

The maintenance of the Shrine is a joint initiative of ODNR and GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, and ODNR Division of Forestry also oversees the surrounding 270-acre Memorial Park and 4,525-acre state forest. Its location, just off Route 97 and close to Route 3 was carefully selected for its easy access from all parts of the state and because of its proximity to Mohican State Forest, which was already under ODNR management.

The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs is an organization of more than fifty (50) clubs with members dedicated to community service through volunteer efforts. It is a non-sectarian and non-partisan organization and has members of all ages throughout Ohio. The General Federation of Women's Clubs is the largest and oldest organization of its kind.



**You are cordially invited to attend the annual
Gold Star Mother's and Family's Pilgrimage and Memorial Service.
It is the 76th year since the dedication of the official Ohio Memorial
Shrine.**

**Mohican Memorial Forest Shrine is located on
Oh #97, three miles south of Loudonville, OH**

**Sunday, September 24, 2023
Service starts at 2:00 P.M.**

**Program honoring and recognizing families of our fallen and their
sacrifices. Speakers including Senator Mark Romanchuk, and**

**Special presentation from
Rolling Thunder Ohio Chapter #5**

Refreshments provided by: American Legion Post 257 Auxiliary

Program presented by the members of the GFWC OH Federation of Women's Clubs. Rose Logston GFWC OH Memorial Shrine Trustee Chairman (740-350-1707) If you live nearby consider attending one of the following ODNR Division of Forestry Open House Events.

After almost five years, the Patrice A. Booze Memorial Bench was dedicated on July 16, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.

The bench also celebrates the over 125 years of service to our communities given by the members of the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.

Acknowledgements

The wording on the bench also acknowledges the work and dedication of the Woman's Town Club and the Springfield City Federation of Women's Clubs for preserving the home of our founder, Clementine Barry Buchwalter in 1894. The TRIAD Club should also be thanked for their dedication to our home and founder.



Patrice A. Booze
9/17/51-9/14/18



Patrice was a dedicated GFWC member and left this world better than she found it. One of her favorite sayings was from Mother Teresa “Be the change you want to see in the world” and she strived to do exactly that.



The bench has a beautiful place of honor in the garden of the Buchwalter Home in Springfield, Ohio.



Special thanks to Bo Thompson, Thompson Memorials, and his employees for going beyond their normal duties to their customers. They brought the bench over two hundred miles and worked diligently to make sure the bench had a perfect foundation.

In 2018, after the death of longtime supporter, Patrice A. Booze, her family and members of Ohio Federation donated the funds for a new bench dedicated to all Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs members and honoring those who have served as Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs. Patrice Booze served as president of the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Club 2006-2008 and chose the Shrine as the President's Special Emphasis, thereby renewing dedication to the Shrine. She also served as Director of Junior Clubs during the 1996-1998 administration. Since there is no additional sites for a bench at the Memorial Shrine, the bench was placed in the garden of our founder's home in Springfield, Ohio.

Members of the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs attending the dedication ceremony.



L to R: Rae Jane Araujo, Montgomery Woman's Club, Judy Frum and Rose Logston (GFWC Belpre Woman's Club) Carol Christy, GFWC Great Friends Working Cooperatively Club, Jackie Lang and Sally Kegley, Montgomery Woman's Club, Inc., and Karen Kessen, GFWC Great Friends Working Cooperatively Club.



Several members of the Woman's Town Club and the Springfield Federation of Women's Clubs also attended and Marianne Nave, TRIAD Club GFWC, and her husband Chuck, set up a sound system for the program and made copies of the program for everyone.

A new feature of the GFWC Ohio Buckeye will be an article in each edition written by Kim Buchwalter (wife of a direct descendant of our founder). The articles will be called The History Connection, we hope you enjoy.

Welcome to the History Connection

By Kim Buchwalter

To tell the history of GFWC Ohio you must begin with the history of our beloved founder, Clementine.



Clementine Buchwalter

Clementine Cordelia Berry was born on February 8, 1843, in Danville, OH, the eldest of 7 children of Dr/Rev John Adams Berry and Eleanora Evelyn Andrews who married on March 17, 1842, in Amity, Knox Co OH. Clem's father John was born in 1821, in Knox County Ohio and received a degree in medicine and had a successful practice but left to become a Methodist Reverend. Eleanora was born in 1824, in Newville, Richland County Ohio and was educated in a Methodist academy in Amity Ohio. And like Clem, her mother was a teacher prior to being married. After John became a Reverend in 1854 the family moved to various parishes in Ohio – Roscoe, Chesterville, Fredericktown, and Delaware. Upon John's death in 1863, Eleanora moved the family back to Fredericktown.

By that time Clementine had already moved from the family home to attend school at Ohio Wesleyan Female College in Delaware Ohio and graduated in 1862 at the age of 19 with a Master of Art in Liberal Studies, it being a two-year degree at the time. She returned 50 years later in 1912 to hand out the diplomas to the graduating class.

The next 5 years Clementine was a teacher at various schools. Beginning in Columbus Public Schools for one year, then taught French & Latin for two years each at Granville Female College, OH and Quincy Female College in IL and a finally a year at Indian State Female College.

On September 1, 1868, Clementine married civil war veteran Captain Edward L Buchwalter and honeymooned in Columbus, registered at the Neil House Hotel that evening. They lived on the Buchwalter family farm for the next five years where Capt. Ed had a cottage built for them. In 1872 they moved to Springfield, Ohio.



The Neil House, Columbus Ohio



Clem & Ed with his siblings,
Keziah, Morris & his wife Louise

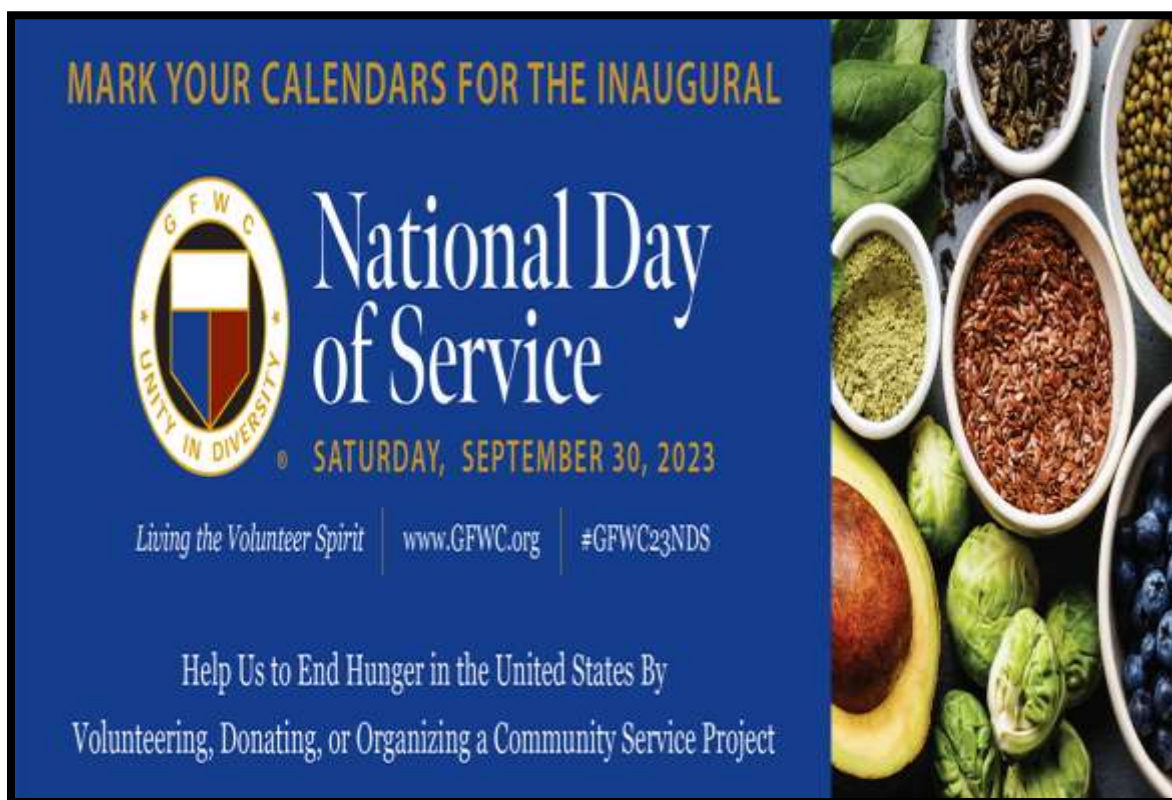


Applethorpe, Buchwalter Family Farm
Ross County Ohio

In 1872 Clementine attended the Ohio Woman's Suffrage Convention at the Opera House in Cincinnati, where 200 were in attendance, organized and appointed officers. Clementine was elected recording secretary. Later at the 16th Annual Convention held in her hometown of Springfield, Clementine greeted the attendees and was a guest speaker. Locally Clementine became active in numerous clubs and organizations doing various

charity work. She was a member of the Mt Vernon Society, Women's Benevolent Society serving on the finance committee. Later a member of Young Women's Mission, Springfield City Federation, Pioneer Clubwomen of Ohio, and Springfield Woman's Club. In 1888 she was appointed to oversee the department of fine arts for the County Centennial Society by Asa Bushnell (who was not yet governor). That same year she was a founding member of the Traveler's Club and from this club she was sent as a delegate to the first GFWC biennial in Chicago in 1892. The seed had been planted two years prior and now it was time to grow. (Winter edition will have The History Connection – part 2)

Has your club registered for the National Day of Service? It's very easy and you will not want to miss this opportunity to help end hunger in the United States and be a part of the *collective action*.



INFORMATION TO START PLANNING FROM GFWC

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is united in its dedication to volunteer community service. The National Day of Service (NDS) is a day in which all of GFWC comes together in service to highlight an area of need, take action to address the need, and raise public awareness about its importance. State federations and clubs are encouraged to join in and organize community service programs (CSPs) in their communities as part of the NDS. It's also a great opportunity to invite guests to participate in your NDS activities and introduce them to the benefits of GFWC.

This year's NDS issue of focus is food insecurity. To initiate the planning process, GFWC encourages you to contact your local food banks and food pantries — wherever people go for food — to find out how best to be of service. For example, a club can sponsor a food bank, pantry, or food program to organize a volunteer activity

with fellow club members, family, and friends. Ask every member of your club to invite a friend who is not presently a member to participate and experience GFWC in action. Use the activity to motivate and inspire your friend to join. The benefits of community service not only make a person feel good, but it helps to build meaningful friendships and bonds that will last a lifetime.

Here are suggestions for NDS activities:

- Volunteer at a Local Food Bank
- Food Drives:

Connect directly with the local food bank to determine how your club can be of service. They will welcome the support and donation of time and food.

- Raise Awareness About Hunger:

Reach out to your local media to introduce NDS and the cause being promoted. Ask the reporter to mention NDS and how people can participate and donate. Also, use social media to discuss food insecurity with members of your community, clubs, schools, church groups, and others.

- Advocate to End Food Insecurity: Use GFWC's Legislative Action Center (LAC) to interact with your federal and state elected officials to advance a bill or introduce legislation that helps to end hunger by funding programs specific to the issue. Information and updates about NDS will be in the weekly electronic newsletter GFWC News & Notes, Facebook, Instagram, and website, www.GFWC.org. Every week until September 30, GFWC will make announcements, provide project ideas, and discuss food insecurity. Stay tuned for additional resources including a tool kit and a media kit.

Start planning today!

Locate your local food bank and food services at the following links: Second Harvest - food near me - Second Harvest (2-harvest.org)

Feeding America - Find Your Local Food Bank | Feeding America
Type "food banks (your state)" into your search engine

Find churches with food banks in your state - https://save.lovetoknow.com/Churches_with_Food_Pantries

Find information about food insecurity at the following links:

US Department of Agriculture - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/fact-sheet/usda-support-for-food-banks-emergency-food-system>

Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion - <https://health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health/literature-summaries/food-insecurity>

National Public Radio, Food Insecurity in the US By the Numbers -

<https://www.npr.org/2020/09/27/912486921/food-insecurity-in-the-u-s-by-the-numbers>

To register or for more information, contact Melanie Gisler, Director of Membership Services, at MGisler@GFWC.org and copy Deb Strahanoski, International President, at DStrahanoski@GFWC.org

Please include the following in your email: Club Name, Point of Contact, Address, Phone Number, and Email.

GFWC will send information, articles, and announcements directly to your club.

[Be sure to register your club!](#)

Club Happenings around Ohio

If you want your club activities shared in our Buckeye, you must send the articles and/or pictures to gfwcohiobuckeye@gmail.com

Please note Buckeye and your club name in the subject line.

Take advantage of this 45-minute remote training about our GFWC affiliate, Shot@life.

September 12th 7:00 p.m. ET Free but you must register.



shot@life

GFWC members are encouraged to join Shot@Life, a campaign of the United Nations Foundation, to speak up for childhood immunization.

During this 45-minute remote training, you will learn about Shot@Life's work and the tools and tips for advocating the message to members of Congress and local community leaders about global immunization programs.

When: September 12
Time: 7 p.m. ET
Note: Registered Attendees will receive a link to view the training if unable to attend live.

Registration link:
https://unfoundation.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hw1_PMuKRkeA35ObNYdPpA

UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION

Education and Libraries Committee of the GFWC/The Junior Women's Club of Barnesville were busy this month labeling 400 sets of earbuds for our annual Back to School Backpack Program sponsored by the Barnesville Elementary School.



Club ladies set up a booth and greeted kids and parents. The earbuds were a success and all 400 handed out. Our booth was visited by a beautiful little princess. Possibly a future club member!

The GFWC Circleville Junior Women's Club celebrated their 75th Club Anniversary by having a GFWC Friendsgiving Ice Cream Social. New friends, past members, past presidents, daughters of previous members and community friends joined the gathering.

Congratulations and certificates were sent from the GFWC International President, The Pickaway County Commissioners and the State of Ohio House of Representatives.

All congratulated the club's involvement with helping the local community and their strength of leadership within the membership.

Each area of GFWC programs were displayed with examples of the club projects as well as pictures of the 50th anniversary and the club woman that organized the club in 1948.

Members served their famous Pumpkin cupcakes and had an ice cream sundae bar for refreshments.

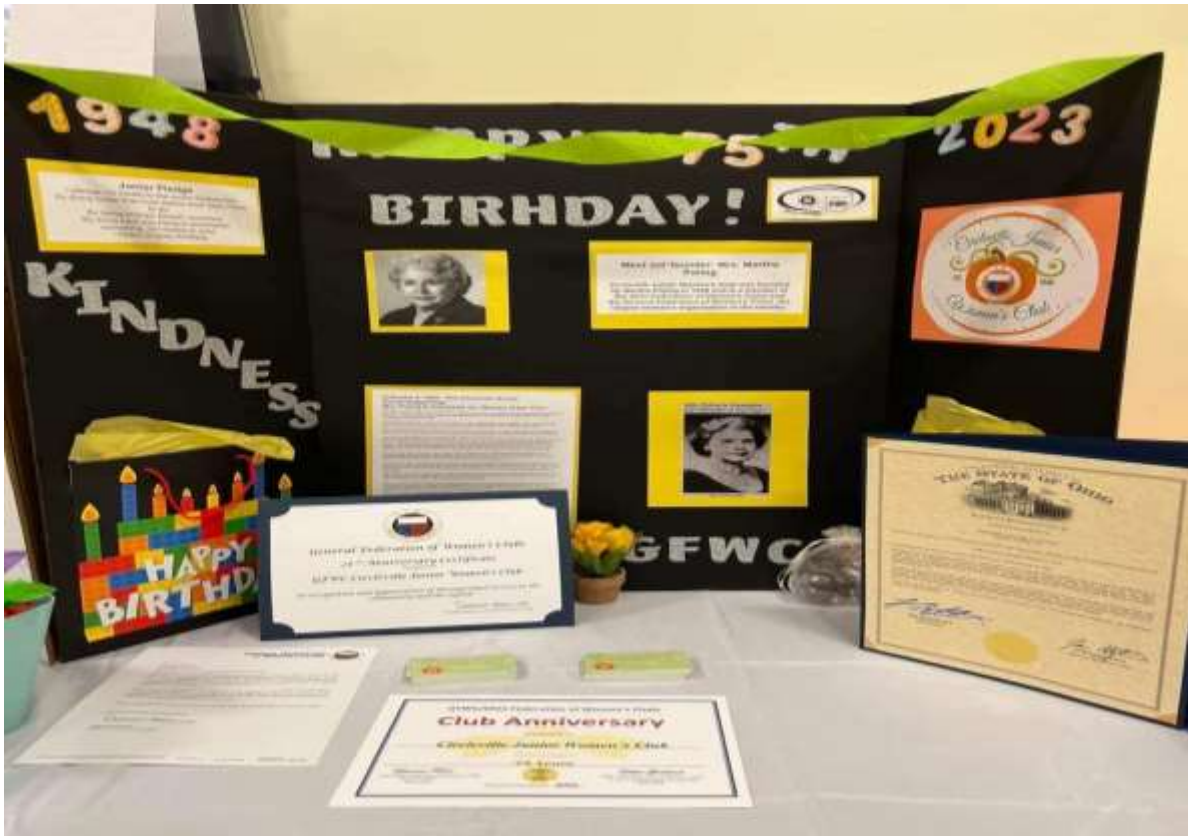


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Historical Poster

on display at the 75th anniversary featuring GFWC Great Lakes Region Past President & GFWC Ohio Past President, Martha Poling.



The Environment Committee of the GFWC Wintersville Woman's Club adopted the Wintersville Post Office and planted the flowerbed along the front of the building with annuals and perennials. They tried to use pollinator plants that would attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Over the summer the flowers were fertilized and watered as needed. Each Spring new flowers will be added to replace those lost over the winter. Also added are appropriate decorations for each holiday, such as flags on Flag Day and the 4th of July.



Each October, **GFWC Winterville Woman's Club** will add purple pumpkins for Domestic Violence Awareness month.



AUSTINTOWN JUNIOR WOMEN'S LEAGUE



After over a year of collecting bottle caps and clean plastic lids we finally had our bench placed near the **Austintown Junior Women's League Butterfly & Pollinator Garden** across from Yeager Pond. This Environment & Recycling project was made possible with the help of our community. We collected over 100 pounds of plastic that was used to make the bench by "Plastics R Unique" of Wadsworth, Ohio. The club maintains and weeds the garden which is enjoyed by all at the park.

Long Range Planning Can Be Fun

To move forward towards the future, the **Montgomery Woman's Club** held a Long-Range Planning meeting to which the entire club was invited. Members were divided into groups based on their length of time in our club. Colored dots were used to represent each group. As a large group, members were asked to identify their top two areas of concern for the next club year. The group, ranked the identified areas as most significant to least significant. A break was called for dinner to allow members to unwind and socialize. Following dinner, members were randomly assigned to groups making sure all color groups were present in each small focus group. During these small focus groups, strategies were developed for each area of concern. The result was a fun evening where everyone was able to interact with each other and set the course for the next club year.

Who said long range planning cannot be fun?



Great idea for all clubs developing a long-range plan.

The Arts Are for All

The Sycamore Student Culture Series was set up with funds from **Montgomery Woman's Club (MWC)** Town Hall Lecture in conjunction with the Sycamore Community Schools. Together, this series provides two cultural programs each year to all students in grades K through 8. This year, students at the Edwin H. Greene School (grades 5 and 6) painted a mural in the halls of their new school building. Local artist, Cedric M. Cox designed a mural that the students could paint. Mr. Cox spent time at the school working with the students teaching them about painting and how to make colors “pop.” The students are very proud of their new mural.



Members of the Montgomery Woman's Club (MWC) and artist Cedric M. Cox

Vivid Village

Acrylic on Board, 2023

Sycamore Student International Luncheon

Every year in May, **the Montgomery Woman's Club (MWC)** holds a luncheon for international students at Sycamore High School. The students come from all over the world, some stay here permanently and some spend just a year as an exchange student. During this lunch, the international students share where they are from and compare their lives here in the United States to their lives in their native country.



GFWC Mingo Junction Woman's Club are starting a new project to honor older veterans living in local nursing homes. Club members are visiting the different facilities throughout their county to support the older veteran that have no family or few visitors. Project goal is to ensure that all veterans deserve to feel respected and never have the feeling of being alone or forgotten. Closer to the holidays, members will provide gifts of personal care items for the veteran. If interested in learning more about how to make this your club's project contact Janet Patrella at 740-537-2747.

(Omitted from Summer *Buckeye*)



GFWC Ohio - Southwest District Legislation Day

The Southwest District celebrated their Legislation Day hosted by the GFWC Ripley Women's Club on Saturday, March 25, 2023 in Ripley, Ohio. The theme for the Southwest District this administration is "The Show Must Go On!"

The curtain was up, the lights were on, and applause filled the room. Oscar awards were presented to each club for the success of their projects in their communities. Each club signed their star on the Walk of Fame.

Thea Griffith, the Superintendent of the Wilson Children's Home spoke about the home and children who lived at the home. The Southwest District presented the Wilson's Children's Home with linens, bedding, and body wash for the children.



GFWC Ohio Madeira Woman's Club awarded its annual scholarships in May. The Nancy Klapproth Scholarship was awarded to Rory Brunner who will be attending the University of Cincinnati in the DAAP College. The Community College Scholarship was awarded to Derek Edie who will be attending the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash for Business. The club partners with the Madeira Chamber of Commerce to award an Entrepreneur Scholarship which was awarded to Alison Long who will be attending Florida State University for Marketing. We congratulate the 2023 winners.



Pictured: Jean Orloff, Club Scholarship Chairman, Alison, Annie, Rory, Derek, and David Walsh, Madeira Chamber of Commerce

The Madeira Woman's Club had a baby shower for the USO Bundles of Love. It was a fun afternoon of food, games, and donations. We played one game where attending members had to write baby names coordinating with the letters M O T H E R. The next game was "Whose Your Mother" where members needed to name the famous mothers of listed daughters, such as Who is Charlotte's Mother? (Princess Kate). The last activity had members each telling a "Mom" story about either their children or grandchildren. So many funny stories with everyone laughing. Our donations to military mothers were \$577.86.



“New to Me” Luncheon

Fun and Fundraising

On April 29, 2023 members of the Montgomery Woman’s Club (MWC) held a spring luncheon at the Original Montgomery Inn. Eighty members and guests enjoyed socializing, a sit-down lunch, and bidding on new and slightly used items donated by MWC members. Bidding paddles were designed and made by club members. Items included purses, jewelry, home décor, paintings by club members and spouses and more. Club President, Jackie Lang acted as the auctioneer for the live auction. There was also a silent auction. Proceeds were donated to other non-profit organizations.



GFWC/The Junior Women's Club of Barnesville

Ladies, meet baby Aurora! She is our club's most recent recipient of our beautifully crafted "Diaper Cakes." "Our "Diaper Cake "project gives young mothers a helping hand with diapers and a few baby essentials, along with a soft stuffed toy. These are given as a surprise and Aurora's mom was extremely happy to be selected. Our hope is to put smiles on these mom's faces during a time of needing just a little extra support and kindness.



GFWC Ohio, Madeira Woman's Club members hosted a Kids Booth at the Madeira Farmer's Market. They helped kids create door hangers with foam stickers and offering coloring pages. So much fun for the members and the kids.



GFWC Belpre Woman's Club sponsored Music by the River concert series was privileged to have Harriett Groh in Belpre to dedicate a concert to the memory of Joann Holder. Jo was the "mother" of the Music by the River concert series and wanted Harriett to come to Belpre for ten plus years. Harriett was finally able to come last year, and Jo was so happy, so we thought it was only fitting for Harriett to be the one to perform at the concert to honor her memory and all she did to give Belpre the outdoor concert series.



A few of the **GFWC Ohio Southeast District** members traveled to Cambridge recently to meet up with other Southeast District members for a fun lunch at Theo's. Our guest speaker, Brian Majewski, brought some information about eTMS, a non-invasive, painless, and drug free option to improve brain health. This treatment is available to Veterans, First Responders, and Law Enforcement Officers. Research has shown a 60% improvement in PTSD cases.

We always have a great and informative time when we can get together and share happenings in our own clubs. Ladies shared their plans for the GFWC National Day of Service to be held September 30th. We know GFWC members will make a great impact, collectively.



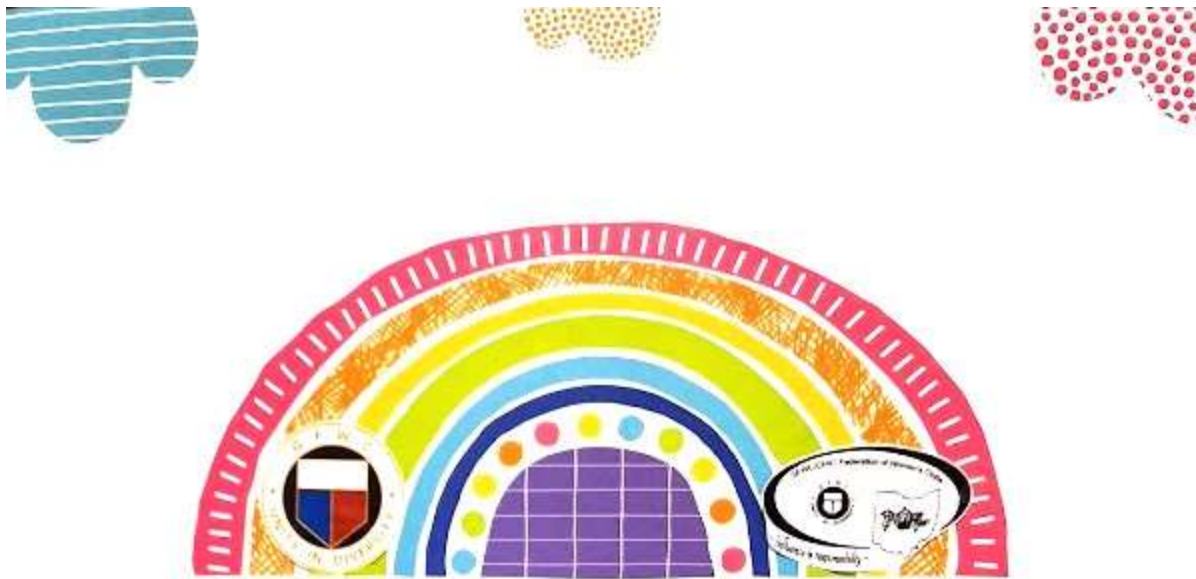
Front: Pat Ketzell, Bea Corra, Roetta Lewis, Judy Frum, and Tammy Van Horn Middle: Janet Rogers, Stephanie Rouse, Janet Patrella, Brian Majewski, Rose Logston, Peggy Hickenbottom, Lou Ann Swallie
Back: Janet Gilbert, Jane Snider, Desiree Krueger, Sherry McClellan, Heather Clark



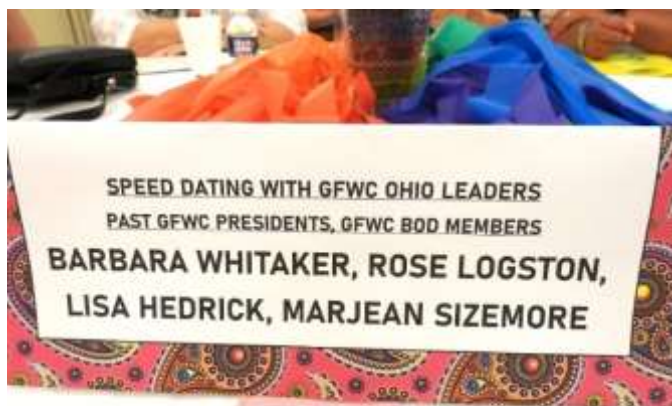
Favors made by Peggy Hickenbottom, President of the Junior Women's Club of Barnesville, for each attendee.

*"We do "knot" know what we would do without YOU. Thanks
for all you do!"*

Following are some pictures from happenings during the GFWC Ohio Leadership Day.

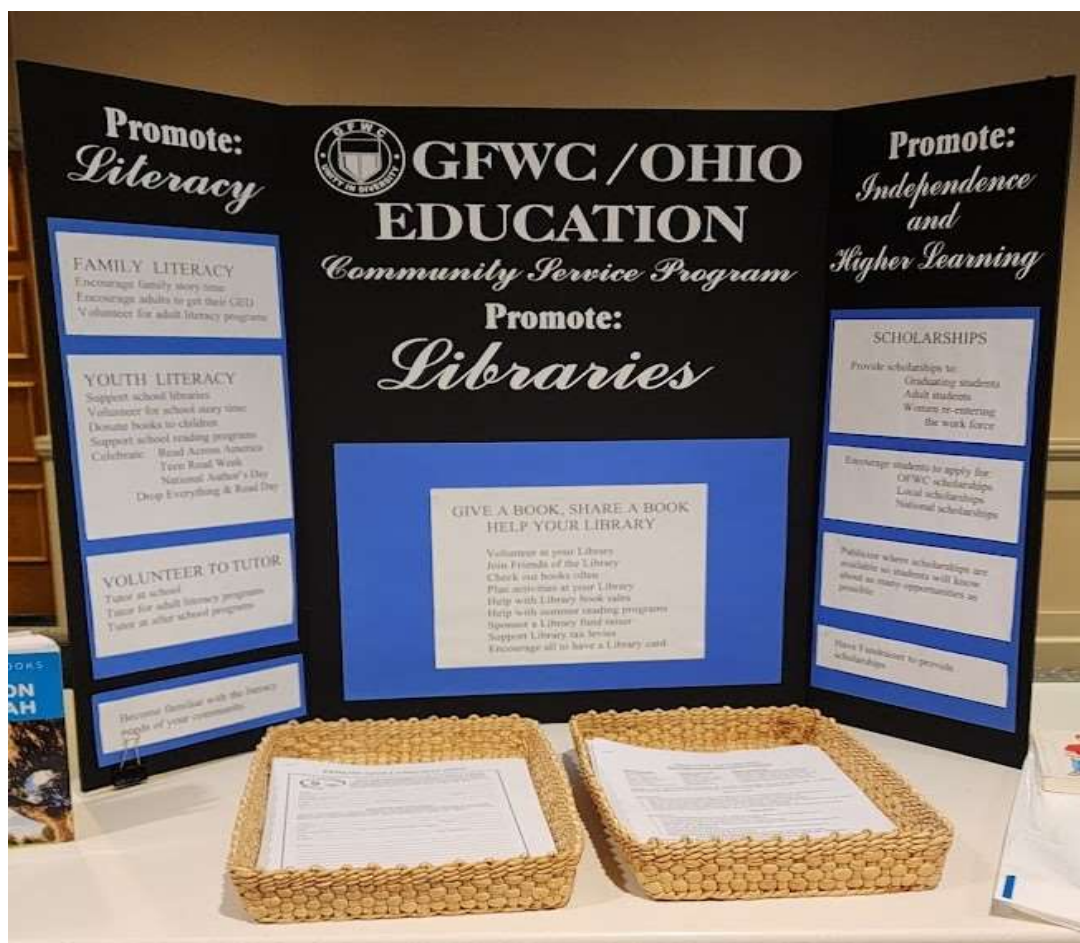


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WELCOME

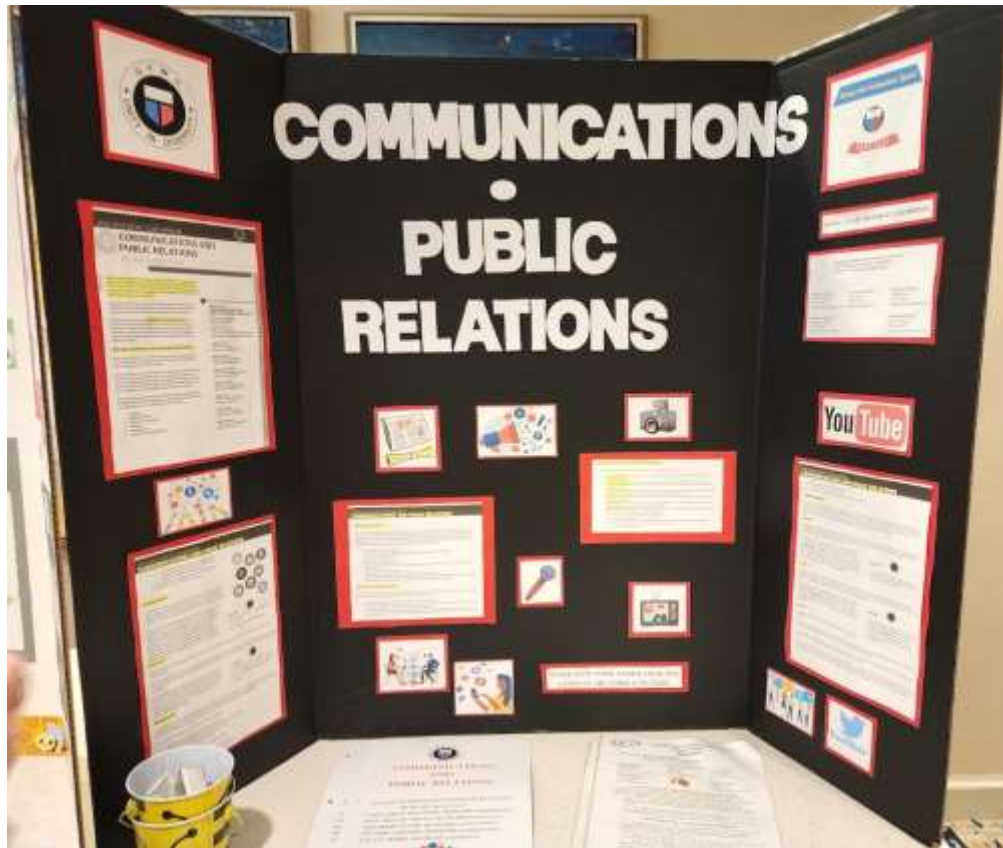




BOD: Front - Barbara Whitaker, Karen Margala, Esther Gartland, Yvonne Ford, Barbara Savarin, Deidre Devore Back – Rose Logston, Jackie Lang, Pam Vines, Pat Grobel, Mary Boone, and Kathy East







Happy Birthday Debi !



GFWC Ohio LEADS graduate Shawna Cozzens

Dear fellow club women, I am honored and so grateful to have been chosen as Ohio LEADS candidate for 2023. I will be telling you a short story of my leadership journey and my future leadership roles. I will also be explaining how the LEADS program benefited me in so many different ways. Let's begin, so sitting in this room right now is a woman who is my inspiration. She is the role model I look up to. I always thought to myself how she is such a great leader? And how do I become like her? Well, I will tell you how I am learning on becoming that same role model to others. My leadership journey begins with her. I joined my local club in December 2020. Six months later the treasurer asked me if I would be willing to be the new treasurer for 2021-2022. Keep in mind I have a degree in technology not accounting. So, I really didn't know what I was doing. Being that same person is my role model I said yes. She saw a potential leader in me, I just couldn't see it yet. The reason I said yes is because I wanted to become like her and have the leadership's skills she has.



Fast forward to today. I have served as treasurer for two years, chairman of multiple committees, and current chairman of a committee in my district. Last but not least I am serving as president elect for my local club. This is just a start to my future leadership roles in GFWC Ohio and GFWC. With that being said let's talk about my LEADS experience. So, before I went to LEADS, I spoke with previous LEADS candidates. They told me to learn as much as I can from the seminar and to have fun. I took their advice and went to convention. On Friday night we had a meet and greet with all the LEADS candidates in the president suite. That was pretty cool because I got to meet other candidates from other states and I also got to get my picture with GFWC President, Deb Strahanoski. Saturday came and it was time for the seminar. I was scared because I didn't know

what to expect.

We were put in the conference room with all the other LEADS candidates. I instantly started making friends. I thought to myself I have never been so connected to 47 states at once in my whole life. It was a feeling that I won't forget. We were in the seminar all day and there was lots of topics to discuss. But the topics that stuck out to me the most I think that they will help me grow into a better leader and a better person. The first topic was public speaking. I was never really confident in myself, which caused my thoughts to come out unclear. During the seminar they taught us how to be confident in yourself. They also taught us that when you have confidence in yourself more people will believe you and look at you like a leader rather than a follower. I can honestly say after learning that I am much more comfortable being me. Another topic that I had a lot of interest in is building strong relationships and maintain morale. I learned with this topic a great leader isn't about how much power they have. It's about how they can use their own skills and knowledge to help everyone else down the line that may not have those strong skillsets. With all this being said, I think that this LEADS program is very educational and will continue to bring out that inner leader. In conclusion, I am hoping to further my GFWC leadership roles. Thank you!



Below: Louisville went all out to welcome us to their town, including lighting one of the bridges with our colors. It was beautiful!



Tour to Churchill Downs was offered pre convention and members attended with fascinators, of course.



GFWC Ohio and (potential) GFWC Great Lakes Region incoming leaders attended the Incoming Leadership Training Seminar



Linda Jones, Esther Gartland, and Rose Logston



Come to the GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference to cheer on GFWC Ohio Jennie Award winner.
Congratulations to Barbara Whitaker, our GFWC Ohio “Jennie”.



While attending the GFWC Great Lakes Conference please offer support of Ohio’s candidate for the office of GFWC Great Lakes Region President 2024-2026, Rose Logston.



See the Call to Conference starting on page 44 and make your hotel reservations ASAP.



OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION

October 5 – 8, 2023

DANA JONES, GFWC GLR President

“A Candle Loses None of its Light by Lighting Another”

You are invited to attend the 2023 GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference October 5 – 8, 2023, at **Embassy Suites by Hilton in Noblesville, IN**. Conference Chairmen Tric Heepe and Alice Duke and the members of GFWC Indiana have arranged a wonderful weekend for us. We will kick the weekend off with a social time on Thursday evening and have many options for fun on Friday – we'll be joined by GFWC President (GLRs own) Deb Strahanoski and President-elect Suellen Brazil as we Dream Big, Sparkle More & Shine Bright for GFWC!

Registration:

Thursday, October 5: 3:00 - 5:30 PM (Hotel lobby)

Friday, October 6: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Near

Waters C) Saturday, October 7: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

(Near Waters C)

President's Project: We will be gathering to make thank you cards for foster families working with **Josiah White's** which is an organization that works with children in the foster care system. We will also be collecting

\$25 gift cards to national family friendly chain restaurants that will be used as encouragement for foster families and respite care providers. Supplies will be provided for the card making. Gift card examples include Cracker Barrel, Panda Express, Steak 'n Shake, Subway, Olive Garden, Chipotle, Panera, Starbucks as well as AMC Theaters, Regal Theaters, Walmart, and Kohls.

Thursday evening- We will take a short drive to Top Golf and from 6:30 – 8:30 PM have a social time and hit a few golf balls. Hopefully, some of our Region golfers will join us and share some tips. Carpooling one exit south will get us there. If golfing is not for you, a Tour of Italy wine tasting is also an option being held at a local store during that same time. Seating is limited to the first 30 to register for the wine tasting.

Friday: GFWC Indiana will be providing lots of options for activities in the area which includes shopping, some great restaurants, a historical site and more. See the conference highlights for more information. Plan your own day.

Friday afternoon 3:00 PM The GFWC Great Lakes Region Board of Directors will meet from 3:00-4:00 PM. Officers and Chairmen who are being asked to give reports at the Board Meeting and/or during the Conference are asked to bring the Secretary's copy to this meeting.

Friday afternoon 4:00 PM We will have a service project in which we will make Thank you cards for those

that offer respite care for foster children through Josiah White's agency. Supplies will be provided – join us in making a difference for people that care for children in demanding situations.

Friday evening 5:30 PM The Embassy Suites provide a free cocktail and appetizer reception to hotel guests. So, stop there to mingle with other GLR members and then head down to enjoy State Night starting at

6:30 PM Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork Dinner and Entertainment as GFWC Indiana members welcome us to their state. Wear your Cocktail Attire, with emphasis on the sparkle! The Lip Sync Contest is back – sign up now!

Saturday 9:00 AM The opening ceremonies of the **2023 Great Lakes Region Conference** will begin at 9:00 AM. The Business Session will include reports from the GFWC Chairmen within the Region. Workshops, dynamic speakers and information on our Signature Project/Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children will fill the day. Remember to bring your notebook so you can jot down the many ideas you get from the presenters and your fellow Convention attendees. Please bring gift card donations at this time as we will hear from Josiah White's at lunch about their work to care for foster children and we will send the gift cards with them.

Saturday evening 5:30 PM – Saturday evening will feature Deb Strahanoski, GFWC International President, as the keynote speaker. So, let us celebrate with Keep the Candle Burning Banquet. We will also have some fun (raising) with the return of the QUARTER AUCTION.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM – Join us at this closing session where we will recognize members, we have lost this last year; we'll hear the exciting reports from the GLR Great Eight and the Region Officers. We will enjoy some closing words from our GFWC Officers and the invitation to the **2024 Conference in Michigan**, before we adjourn the **2023 GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference**.

DRESS FOR THE WEEKEND

When traveling, remember to wear your GFWC logo gear.

Friday – Comfortable clothes & walking shoes – Wear your GFWC Apparel.

Friday Board of Directors Meeting and Service Project – GFWC About Town Wear

Friday Evening – Teamwork Makes the Dream Work - Cocktail Attire

Saturday – College Football Spirit wear. Last year there was a LOT of friendly banter about the college games occurring, so since each of our States has at least one team scheduled to play - let's show our team spirit! (No jeans, please).

Saturday Evening – Keep the Candle Burning Banquet – Cocktail Attire with some shine.

Sunday Morning – Travel Wear

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

GFWC Great Lakes Region Fundraising – there will be a chance to purchase an opportunity to win a new COACH purse (which may have some extra goodies inside). Then on Saturday evening after dinner we will have a live and interactive QUARTER AUCTION. No need to bring quarters, you can just purchase chips to use for your bidding (checks and cash accepted).

On the last page of this CALL, you will see the information about some pullovers that are a Pre-Sale item that you can purchase ahead of time and pick up at the Conference to wear before we take off on our tour. Please note that the order is separate from your registration and should be sent to Ashley Wilhelm

State Presidents & Directors of Junior Clubs – Please be prepared to present a four-minute report. GLR Vice President Rose Logston will contact you with more detailed information.

Please remember to bring your state flag, pole, and stand for Saturday morning opening ceremonies. The flagbearer wears white gloves.

Deadlines – Please adhere to the GLR and Hotel deadlines as listed on the Registration Form.

Please share this Call with all the members in your state and club.



Great Lakes Region Conference 2023 Embassy Suites and Conference Center – Noblesville, IN

Conference Highlights

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Dinner on your own. The Embassy Suite “Local Kitchen and Tap” is open from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM in the hotel. Dinner choices near the hotel include, but are not limited to, the following: Condado Tacos, Houlihan’s, Yats, Red Robin, Five Guys, Pies and Pints, The Livery, Ford’s Garage, Chuy’s, Olive Garden, Stone Creek Dining, Outlaws Steaks Burgers Brews, Raising Cane’s, Aspen Creek Grill, and more!

Top Golf Social 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

DRESS: Casual

9200 E. 116th St., Fishers, IN 46037

Join your friends to hit some golf balls while enjoying BBQ Boneless Wings, Buffalo Cauliflower, Spinach Artichoke Dip w/ Tortilla Chips, Cheese & Charcuterie, Hummus & Crudité, Injectable Donut Holes w Raspberry & Chocolate Filling, Fountain Soda, Iced Tea, Coffee and water. There will be a cash bar available. A meet and greet your friends from the Great Lakes Region. Come to play or come to watch!

\$60

Tour of Italy Wine Tasting 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Dress: Casual

13145 Levinson Lane, Noblesville, IN 46060

Not up to hitting some golf balls? Join some of the GLR Clubwomen as they enjoy a tasting of Italian wines at the Total Wine store located near the hotel in Hamilton Town Center. Spots are **limited** to the first **30 people** that register. This includes wine tasting and charcuterie to enjoy. **\$30**

Friday, October 6, 2023

Hotel Guest are welcome to the free made to order breakfast from 6:30 – 9:30 AM in the “LocalKitchen” just off the lobby in the hotel.

Explore on Your Own

DRESS: Comfortable GFWC wear and good shoes. Practice that elevator speech for when the othershoppers ask about the GFWC logo.

The conference center is located across the parking lot from Hamilton Town Center

Hang Around the Hotel

Catch up on work or social contacts with free Wi-Fi. Use the indoor swimming pool to exercise or relax. Use the accessible business center, hang out in the lobby lounge, or catch some rays on the patio terrace.

Great Lakes Region Board Meeting: 3:00 PM Waters C

GLR Executive Committee, State Presidents, State Director of Junior Clubs, all chairmen

Service Project:

4:00 PM Waters C

Join us to make and write THANK YOU Cards for Josiah White's. All supplies will be provided – just bring your crafty hands and fun conversation.

Free Evening Reception 5:30 PM – 6:30

PM Hotel Lobby

DRESS: Cocktail Attire, with emphasis on those diamonds! How much bling can you put on?

Dinner – 6:30 PM

Indiana State Night – Teamwork Makes the Dream Work Waters C

DRESS: Cocktail Attire, with some sparkle and get ready to join the Lip Sync Contest

Chicken Tuscany: Baked Chicken Breast Smothered with Sun Dried Tomatoes, Hearts of Artichoke and Kalamata Olive Cream Sauce, Chef Selection of Vegetable, Embassy House Salad, Warm rolls and butter, New York Cheesecake with fruit, includes coffee, hot and iced tea **\$52.**

Saturday, October 7, 2023

If you are a hotel guest, please enjoy the made to order breakfast available in the hotel “LocalKitchen” starting at 7:00 AM

Lunch:

Deli Express Buffet:

Garden Green Salad with House Made Ranch & French Dressings. Fresh Fruit Salad, Chef’s Selection of Composed Salad, Display of Assorted Deli Meats to include Roasted Breast of Turkey, Sliced Roast Beef, Shaved Ham, Assortment of Sliced Cheeses, Assorted Fresh Baked Breads, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Mayonnaise and Mustard, Individual Bags of Potato Chips, Cookies and Brownies **\$40**

Free Evening Reception 5:30 PM – 6:30

PMHotel Lobby

Dinner 6:30 PM

Keep the Candle Burning Banquet Waters C

DRESS: Cocktail Attire – bring some more shine and sparkle!

8 oz Filet Mignon Center Cut Filet Mignon with Merlot Enhanced Demi-Glace, Chef Selection of Vegetable, Classic Caesar Salad, Warm rolls and butter, Carrot Cake, coffee, hot & iced tea. **\$70**

Sunday, October 8, 2023

If you are a hotel guest, please enjoy the made to order breakfast available in the hotel “Local Kitchen” starting at 7:00 AM

Service Project:

Join us to make thank you cards for foster families working with **Josiah White’s**, which is an organization that works with children in the foster care system. We will also be collecting \$25 gift cards to national family friendly chain. Gift card examples include Cracker Barrel, Panda Express, Steak ‘n Shake, Subway, Olive Garden, Chipotle, Panera, Starbucks as well as AMC Theaters, Regal Theaters, Walmart, and Kohls. If you cannot attend, feel free to send your donation with a fellow clubwoman.

Josiah White’s Region Director will join us at Saturday’s luncheon to share about their work.

Fundraising:

GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference, is bringing back the popular **Quarter Auction**. Instead of packing your rolls of quarters, we will be selling chips that will count the same as quarters. Once all donated prizes are received, we will announce the amount of the “ALL IN” cost or you can buy up to your level of choice. Cash and checks payable to GFWC Great Lakes Region can be used for purchase. **If you would like to donate to the auction**, please provide a description of the item as well as the value to our Fundraising Team of Ashley Wilhelm and Deidra Devore by Saturday,

October 7 at 10:00 AM so that the bids can be determined.



One other opportunity will be available. We will have tickets available for \$10 each to win a **COACH Purse** valued at \$350. Not included in this value are some extras that may be inside! You may buy tickets when you register or when you check in with the GFWC Indiana team at registration.

Club Market Place and Vendors:

We will have our State Federations and any interested clubs selling their wares in the Waters E located next to our Meeting Room. We will also have commercial vendors with assorted items for sale as well. Please visit them and bring home something new! There will be GFWC Items, too!



Hotel Information:



**Embassy Suites by Hilton Noblesville
IndianapolisConference Center
13700 Conference Center Drive South
Noblesville, Indiana, 46060**

Group Name: General Federation of Women's Club – Indiana State Federation

Group Code: GFW

Rates valid October 5-8, 2023

\$169/night Includes free made to order breakfast and evening Manager's reception

Hotel Deadline September 5, 2023, for this room rate.

Booking link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=INDNBES&groupCode=CESGFW&arrivaldate=2023-10-05&departuredate=2023-10-08&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Or Call: 317-674-1900



Or scan this QR Code to book the hotel on your mobile phone.

Prefer to register for the GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference online?

Payment can be made to GFWC Indiana through Zelle: Look up GFWC Indiana F

Visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/eM9xDuT9uu>

Or scan this QR Code to register online.





REGISTRATION FORM
GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 5-8th, 2023



Embassy Suites by Hilton
13700 Conference Center Drive South, Noblesville, IN 46060

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ **EMAIL** _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE _____ **OFFICER/CHAIRMANSHIP** _____

STATE AFFILIATION/CLUB/DISTRICT _____

REGISTRATION (A late fee of \$25.00 to be added to the Registration postmarked after 9/14/2023). **\$25.00** _____

Top Golf – Thursday 6:30 – 8:30 pm **\$60.00** _____
 2 Hours Golf, Wings, Veggies, Sweets Cash Bar Available

A Wine Tour of Italy Class at Total Wine 6:30 – 8:30 pm **\$30.00** _____
 2 Hours, Wine tasting and snacks

BREAKFASTS and EVENING RECEPTIONS Free to Hotel Guests

FRIDAY – Indiana State Night **\$ 52.00** _____
Chicken Tuscany

SATURDAY LUNCH – Deli Express Buffet **\$ 40.00** _____
Salads, Deli Meats, Cheeses, Desserts

SATURDAY – Keep the Candle Burning Banquet **\$ 70.00** _____
8 oz Filet Mignon

MINI MART SPACE **\$10.00** _____
 (FOR STATE AND CLUB FUNDRAISING)

COACH Purse OPPORTUNITY **\$10.00 (# x \$10)** _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE INDICATE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC INDIANA

SEND REGISTRATION TO:

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Registration must be postmarked by September 14th

GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs held Leadership Day on July 22nd. It was a wonderful day, filled with fun, learning, and Federation Friendship! Thank you to all who attended. The theme for the day, "Follow the Leadership Rainbow" was perfectly carried out with the help of Deidra Devore and East Springfield Junior Women's Club, with colorful rainbow table decorations and a special rainbow cookie! That definitely set the tone for the day. GFWC Ohio Junior Cyberlinks Club provided an array of rainbow themed colored folders, and a rainbow bag of breakfast treats. Thank you to both clubs! A special "Thank You" to all who were a part of making the day a success. Our State Chairmen provided their fantastic educational displays, with great information to share. Our GFWC Ohio Board members took part in several activities that day, including an opening skit about the Colors of Friendship, and later on with the fun and informative "Speed Dating with our GFWC Ohio Leaders". The Speed Dating provided an opportunity to "date" our leaders, and learn a little more about what is involved in various areas of leadership.

GFWC Ohio Leadership Chairman, Debi D'Apice, presented a special Leadership activity on Discovering Our Leadership Style- True Colors. Everyone enjoyed discovering what their "True Colors" are, and received a special button from Debi upon completion of the activity. It was an entertaining learning experience. Later in the day, Debi helped us all surprise GFWC Ohio Secretary Barb Savarin with a special birthday treat.

Madam President Yvonne Ford, and Madam Director Karen Margala shared information from GFWC International Convention and the awards that were received, provided updates on information for the upcoming year, and changes on the Junior Scorecard.

Shawna Cozzens, our LEADS Candidate for 2023, shared her experiences at the GFWC International Convention in Louisville, and encouraged members to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. We are very enthused to see younger members step up to take on leadership roles.

Updates on the Memorial Bench, and also on our Memorial Shrine were provided by Rose Logston, our SED co-president, GLR First Vice President, and past GFWC Ohio President. She shared photos of the very special dedication of the Memorial Bench, in memory of Patrice Booze, held in Springfield.

Important updates on our GFWC Ohio Club Bylaws were presented by Barbara Whitaker, PRP, and Directory updates by Stephanie Furano. All information should soon be available on our website. A very exciting highlight of the day was the announcement of our Jenny Award Winner, by Madam President Yvonne Ford. Our Jenny Award Winner for Ohio is Barbara Whitaker, our Parliamentarian, who is always there to help and advise us. We all wish her Good Luck, as she goes on to the competition at our Great Lakes Region Conference.

Leadership Challenge- GFWC Ohio Path with a Purpose was a unique way to determine what leadership activities each of our attendees were participating in through the year. The challenge with the board game proved to be rather frustrating, as many members found themselves landing on the "Go Back to Start" space often in the game. But it was all in good fun!

Again, thank you to all who attended and helped in any way!

In Federation Kindness, *Esther Gartland*