



GFWC/Iowa

Clubwoman Newsletter



*"Volunteering
From The Heart"*

Message From the President

Newsletter Fall 2009



Greetings Club Members,

What wonderful summer weather we have had in Iowa. However, it is swiftly coming to a close and fall is upon us. I trust that all of you have had a great summer break and have been energized to start again on your GFWC/Iowa projects.

Please remember to do some projects in our state president's special projects this year: Domestic Violence Awareness, Membership Growth and Leadership education. Family violence continues to be a major concern in our communities. Our membership has been steadily decreasing over the past ten years, and it is getting more difficult to find club members to step up and be leaders in their clubs, districts and on the state level.

Check the Newsletter for the dates of the District Conventions and plan to attend the one in your district. You will have such a good time that you might want to attend more than one.

Club presidents, I challenge you to invite your District Director to one of your club meetings this year, especially if you didn't invite her last year. If you don't invite her, she may call you and invite herself.

Let's make 2009-2010 the best club year ever by working together to make an impact on our communities. Invite a friend to join you in GFWC as you volunteer to make a difference.

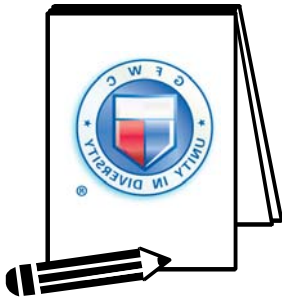
Nell Rider, GFWC/Iowa President

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Special points of interest:

- *GFWC Convention Iowa Awards*
- *Membership Dues*
- *Urbana club anniversary*
- *Community Improvement Contest*



District is Liaison between State & Clubs

The district is the liaison between the state and the clubs and the members. Great things will be happening at your district meeting this year. It is important that you attend so that we may have your input. You can gain information, see old friends and make new friends. Nell Rider, president and the president-elect look forward to seeing you when you attend these meetings.

Please be looking for your "Call to District Convention" which you may have already received or it will be arriving in your mail box very soon.

Car pool with several members so that we will have the best attendance ever. This is the most important meeting on the district level.

The following are the dates and sites for all districts:

District 1 – October 10th at West Branch - Bethany Lutheran Church, 235 – S. 2nd Street – Registration at 9:00am

District 2 – October 6th at Jesup - Presbyterian Church, 643 – 6th Street – Registration at 8:30am

District 3 – October 14th at Cedar Falls – Cedar Falls Club House, 304 Clay Street, and hostess is Hudson Tuesday Study Club – Registration at 9:00 am

District 4 – October 4th at Brooklyn - Activity Center, 112 Jackson (south of Flag Park) – Registration at 8:45. Brunch at 9 am with meeting to follow.

District 5 – October 8th at Adel - Methodist Church, 115 E. 10th - Registration at 8:30am

District 6 – Sept. 29th at Manson – Manson UMC, 1130 – 11th Street - Registration at 9:00am

District 7 - October 1st at Avoca - United Church of Avoca, 304 Elm Street – Registration at 9am

District 8 - Sept. 30th at Aurelia – United Methodist Church, 31 Valor Rd. – Registration at 9:30.

Carma Bisinger
GFWC/Iowa President-elect

*Attend your District Convention. Gain information.
Greet old friends. Make new friends.*



Bay View Club Celebrates 100 Year Anniversary



The Bay View Club of Urbana celebrated its 100 year anniversary on Sunday, June 28 at the Urbana Community Hall with an open house from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. In 1909, Bay View Club was formed with 15 charter members. The club's objective is literary, philanthropic and social. In 1923, Bay View Club joined GFWC. In 2009 GFWC/Iowa Bay View Club of Urbana has 16 members and two honorary members.

Special guests were Mayor of Urbana, Keith Schmitz and Nell Rider, GFWC/Iowa State President. The mayor extended his appreciation for the club projects throughout the years. Nell Rider spoke about what it must have been like 100 years ago. Also present were GFWC/Iowa past state Presidents Sandy Phillips, Gayle Hanna and GFWC/Iowa Treasurer, Mary Magill.

All guests were invited to take a walk down Bay View Club's memory lane by viewing scrapbooks and photos from 1909 to 2009. The displays highlighted community service projects over the years. Refreshments were served. GFWC/Iowa Bay View Club of Urbana also celebrated its 100 year anniversary with an entry in the Urbana Sweet Corn Day Parade, August 22nd.



Present members are pictured in the photograph: (seated left to right) Vickie Abernathy, Doris Cook, Faith Haines, Carolyn Howard, Eileen Roll, Marilyn Kinley. (standing left to right) Judy Finger, Polly Williams, Margie Wychoff, Letha Sand, Darlene Suchomel, Maggie Glass, Barb Riggle, Margaret Hoffman, Ellen Thon, Janice Eldred, Mary Magill. Not pictured Bonnie Fett.



**Submit your
GFWC/Iowa
Membership
Dues by October**

It is time again for clubs to send their annual membership dues to GFWC/Iowa Headquarters. All club treasurers received instructions either by email or regular mail. The deadline is October 15th and membership dues are \$21 per member. This covers your dues to both GFWC and GFWC/Iowa. Please remember to send an alphabetical and numbered list of members along with your dues check so we can update our records. If you include email addresses, these will be added to our emailing address list. Occasionally we send information by email that you would not receive through regular mail. Keep us informed of any officer changes in your clubs also.

Thank you!
GFWC/Iowa Headquarters Secretary

GFWC/Iowa SCHOLARSHIP



GFWC/Iowa has had a wonderful scholarship program for Iowa students since the beginning of our organization. This year we awarded 29 scholarships in the amount of \$13,400.00. Our local clubs reported giving scholarships in their communities in the amount of \$9,935.00 for a grand total of \$23,335.00.

There is a list of the Scholarship Winners at Headquarters for club members. Call or email the office and we will send you a copy. The Scholarship Winners list is also available on the GFWC/Iowa web site,

gfwciowa.org

I encourage the club scholarship chairmen to take the scholarship packets to your local schools and give them to the counselors. Be sure that the music teachers get the music campship materials. The scholarship packets will be mailed out in October.

New this coming year! We will be asking the clubs with winning students to put a News Release in their local papers. We can also provide upon request certificates for the winners. These certificates should be given out at the school awards night or at graduation. You should contact the school administration asking for time on their schedule.

As we all know, the economy crises has hit many people hard. I do want to encourage clubs to support GFWC/Iowa Scholarships. Hold one fundraiser especially for this project. We have a proud tradition which our members want to continue.



GFWC/Iowa Scholarship Chairman

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Amy Haney, selected from Iowa to attend

the GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) in 2009 at the International Convention in Cleveland. Each state selects one candidate to attend the one day training each year the day before the official opening of the GFWC International Convention. The program was initiated in 2002 to find, train and encourage club-women at the grassroots level and encourage them to pursue and accept leadership opportunities at all levels of Federation.

Amy is a member of the GFWC/Iowa Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Woman's Club from District Two.



Join the \$100 Club

Give a one time donation of \$100 to the GFWC/Iowa General Operating Fund and join the ranks of the GFWC/Iowa \$100 Club.

Both clubs and individuals may be members. The money will be placed in the general fund for operating expenses.

If you or your club would like to become a member of the \$100 Club, send your check to GFWC/Iowa Headquarters in Des Moines. Make out the check to GFWC/Iowa. Members/clubs will be recognized at state convention and are posted on our GFWC web site, www.gfwciowa.org

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We need your help!



Club Reporting—Kay Finneseth, GFWC/Iowa First Vice-president

Please remember that **WE NEED YOUR REPORT!**

For reporting procedures, please refer to page 20 in the Blue Book. Reporting is from January 1-December 31. Reports are due by February 1, 2010 to both GFWC International and the GFWC/Iowa Headquarters.

Narratives are optional, but they are needed if you want to receive one of the Silver Awards. Reports help to give us and International the information needed to report both hours and money donated as well as the various projects you are doing.

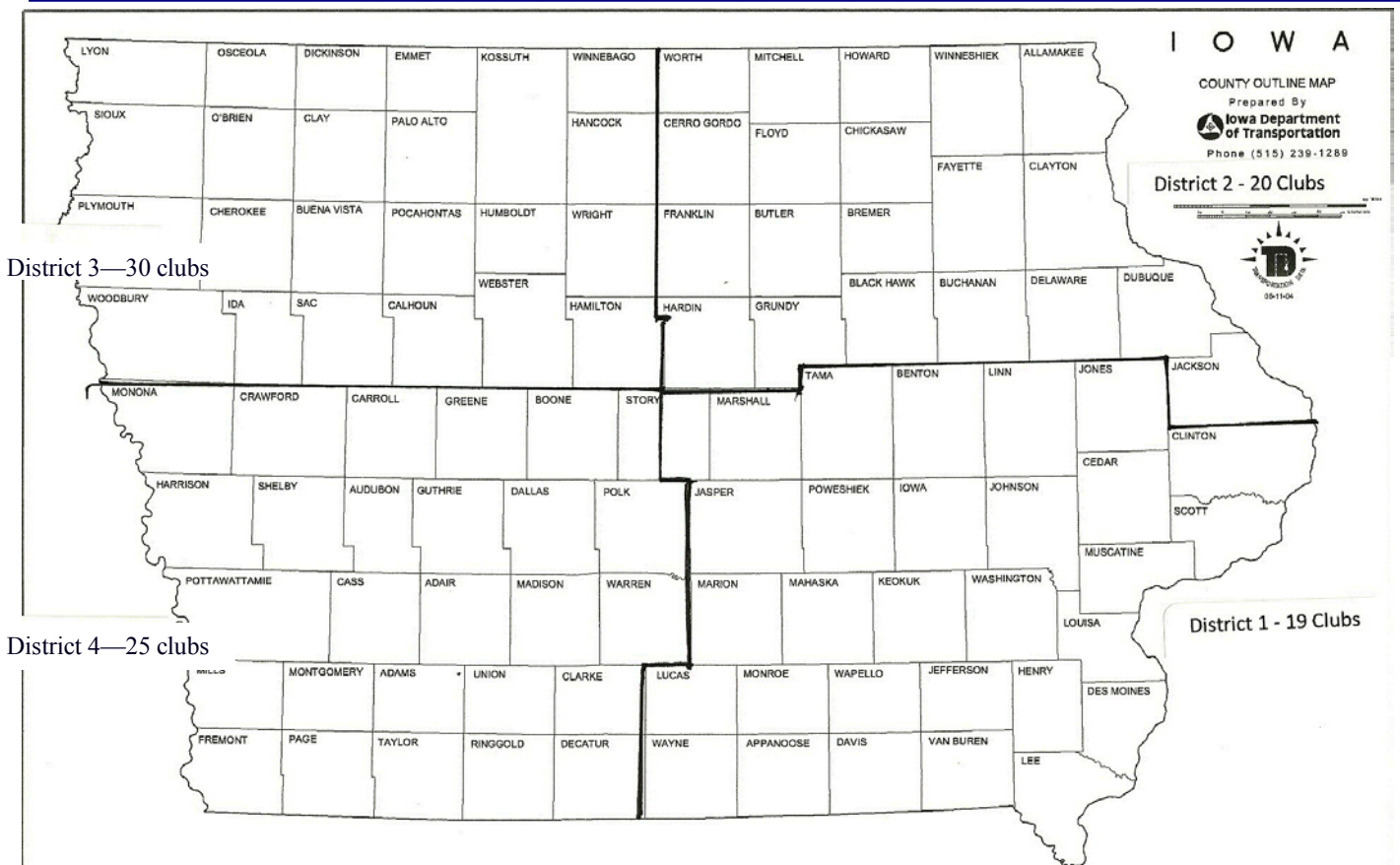
If you have any questions please contact me. Looking forward to seeing your reports in February.

Contact me at: 515/386-2543 Email: ksfjkss@netins.net



GWFC/Iowa Redistricting Proposal

Club members please review this proposal for redistricting. You will see that there are four districts instead of eight that we presently have. It is becoming more difficult to get District Directors and other officers to serve. Please be thinking about the advantages and disadvantages of going to four districts, as this will be presented at District Conventions this fall. Be sure to attend your District Convention and voice your opinion.



GWFC/Iowa Jennie Award Winner

Congratulations to Jan Price, state winner of the GWFC Jennie Award contest. Jan is a member of the Adel Women's Club in District Five. Jan will compete on the Mississippi Valley Region level with other state winners in the region. If she is chosen as a region winner, she will compete on the national level. Good luck Jan.



Community Improvement Contest

In the club manual under special projects (orange pages) you will find the CIP section. Read and follow the rules.

Entries are due to me by March 1, 2010. They will be judged on state level and First Place will be sent to GFWC for judging. Awards will be presented at the State Convention.

Books are judged on points

I—Community need 25 points

II-



Community Collaboration,

Plan of Action/Persistence of effect 50 points

III—Degree of Success 25 points

Book should not exceed seven ounces or measure more than 15X20 inches. Project must cover the period March 1, 2008 to April 20, 2010.

Deadline is March 1, 2010. Send to:

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Web site— gfwciowa.org

If you are a department or special chairman and want information added to your web page, send a message to gfwciowa@aol.com. 2009 State Convention winners, Scholarship winners and newsletters are some of the items you can find on the website. The 2009 State Convention pictures will be uploaded soon!



GFWC/Iowa well represented at GFWC Convention 2009



Nell Rider presents GFWC/Iowa gift to Rose Ditto, GFWC President and Missi McCoy GFWC Director of Junior Clubs



GFWC Convention Patriotic Day display showed what each state contributed to our military in Iraq and Afghanistan



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS – EVERY IOWA CLUB ENCOURAGED TO BE REPRESENTED AT THEIR DISTRICT CONVENTION

Sue Hass, Membership Chairman

Summer is behind us once again, and September brings the resumption of another club year and a new series of club meetings. How are your club numbers this fall? Are you starting the club year with new members, the same members you had last spring, or have you lost members over the summer break? Now more than ever, our membership numbers are critical. If your club has lost members and does not seem to be able to attract new members, you need to contact the Membership Task Force. Task Force members Sue Hass, Gayle Hanna, and Kay Basham are ready, willing, and able to work with your club to help you grow your numbers.

Each of the districts will soon be holding their annual fall District Conventions. I am strongly encouraging **all clubs** to send **at least one member** to their District Convention. It is imperative that club presidents, or their representatives, plan to attend and add their insights to the membership discussions as we work together to build stronger Federated clubs and launch new Federated clubs throughout Iowa.

A Membership Survey will be taken and it is very important that every club in Iowa is represented in the survey results.

GFWC International Convention News

This year's GFWC International Convention was held June 13-15 in Cleveland, Ohio and the state of Iowa was well represented. It was exciting to receive three awards in the Arts Department.

Anne Olson—GFWC/Iowa Phoenix Club, Muscatine, District One. Anne won first place in the “World in Pictures” - Natural History Photography Contest, “Two of a Kind—\$100

Anne Olson—GFWC Photography 2010 Calendar Contest—February—”Jack Frost’s Best Effort Yet”

Brian Dean—Sponsor was Bayview Study Club, Goldfield,

District Six. Brian won the Youth Short Story Contest Category Two—”The Dragon Armada”.

GREAT STATES UPDATE Photography Contest - Deadline is February 1, 2010

Are you ready? Have you been taking pictures of sights or images that represent our state? The winning photo from each state will be displayed at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC. Winning state photos will be exhibited at the GFWC International Convention in Omaha in 2010.

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Show your pride in Iowa!

Contest Guidelines:

1. The photo should represent the entire state.
2. Winning photos should be framed, matted, and ready to hang.
3. Consideration should be given to how well the photo represents the state and to the artistic merits of the photo itself.
4. The horizontal photo should be no larger than 14 X 16 inches (including mat). No vertical photos, please.
5. Photo should be in color and may originate from digital format, if desired. Photos should not contain a visible date stamp.
6. State information should be firmly attached to the back of the photo, including name of state, name of photographer, and description of location.
7. Only the state's name and the photographer should be on the mat. No plaques or poetry on framed photo will be accepted.
8. Photographers must be dues paying members of active GFWC clubs.

No GFWC awards will be given.

Photos will not be returned.

The same photo may be submitted to multiple photo contests, but separate matted prints must be entered in each contest.

DEADLINE: February 1, 2010

SEND ENTRY TO CREATIVE ARTS CHAIRMAN:

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