



GFWC/Iowa

Clubwoman Newsletter



Message From the President

Newsletter Fall 2011



Greetings to Club Members

Last year I wrote of the steamy days of summer. This year has been even more so. I do hope that no one is without air conditioning. The new club year is about to start, for some this month in August and for others in September. That gives the clubs 4 months to accomplish the goals and projects that were developed earlier in the year.

In June, Iowa members travelled to Milwaukee for the GFWC Convention. GFWC/Iowa was the recipient of the Fundraising Award for Category III, a report written by Karen Martinek. Category III includes Iowa, Connecticut, Missouri, Maryland, Wisconsin, Michigan and Alabama. Thank you to all who reported to enable Karen to write a winning report. Reporting is very important so keep track of your data. At the district meetings, I will have a spreadsheet which was developed by a clubwoman, Judy Weese, which can be input into an Excel spreadsheet and adapted for your club projects.

Remember you can access the Bluebook on the Web Page. Bluebook changes are out there also, so you can update your book. Please be sure, as a president, you are sharing your Bluebook information with your members.

GFWC News & Notes is being sent to all club presidents or their club contact. There are many ideas available to you for projects that every club can do. At GFWC a new project, regarding 'socks' for Domestic Violence shelters, was introduced. Please find more information in this newsletter. This is a project in which every club member and club can participate.

I have visited some clubs and plan to continue to do so throughout the Fall season. Please let me know when you would like me to come to your meeting. I will work the dates into my schedule.

Karen Martinek and I will be traveling to the district meetings in Laurens, Ankeny, Independence and Mount Vernon in late September. We will bring information about projects for all clubs and as always, reporting information.

Mississippi Valley Region Conference will be at Lied Lodge and Convention Center in Nebraska City, NE in October. The Call to MVR is included in this newsletter. It is located within a convenient drive of Iowa and would be an opportunity for many to attend.

I do hope to see many of you at the district meetings and at the MVR Conference. Bring a car load and have a great experience.... Always good food and fellowship.

In Federation,

Carma J. Bisinger

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Stop Abuse for Every Teen (SAFE) Teen Act

The Stop Abuse for Every Teen (SAFE) Teen Act was recently introduced in the House and the Senate. This important bipartisan legislation recognizes the severity of teen dating violence throughout the country and allows schools to use existing federal funding for prevention and education. This bill does not call for monetary or budgetary considerations.

According to reports, one in four adolescents reports emotional, physical or sexual violence while each year one in 10 adolescents reports being a victim of physical dating violence. Teen victims of dating violence suffer long-term negative health consequences and show poor student achievement.

If passed into law, this bill would:

- 1) Expressly authorize schools to use existing grant funding for teen dating violence prevention;
- 2) Highlight teen dating violence prevention as part of the comprehensive, community prevention program *Safe Schools, Health Students*, that already funds prevention activities;
- 3) Support better teen dating violence data to understand the scope of the problem;
- 4) Support promising practice to further replicate, refine and test prevention models.



PUBLIC POLICY LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM NEWS

First, let me introduce myself. I am Rozena McVey, a member of the Walker R.A.R.E. club. President, Carma Bisinger, appointed me to chair the state's Public Policy Legislative program.

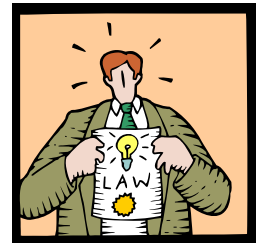
A project your club might consider this year is the "Two-Second Turnoff Pledge" – Turn off the cell phone while driving a motor vehicle. My research indicates the following Iowa laws regarding cell phones:

Text Messaging is banned.

Teen Driver Ban on Cell Phones.

In Dubuque, drivers are banned from using hand-held cellular phones.

After reading about the program on the GFWC online site, I thought it would be an excellent program for the GFWC/Iowa members to promote this year.



The GFWC has partnered with AAA, the Dept of Transportation, and *Seventeen* magazine to promote this program. It encourages all motorists to limit distractions while driving, including cell phone use. The National GFWC is asking members to discourage distracted driving in your community by encouraging drivers to sign the "Distracted Driving Pledge Card".

How can your Iowa/GFWC club get involved? Every club in Iowa can take part in this program. Members without cell phones can even take part in this program. Surely someone in their immediate family has a cell phone.

What can you do? Discourage distracted driving by encouraging all family, club and community members to sign the "Two-Second Turnoff" pledge card. (they are available at www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Distracted_Driving.asp or by e-mailing or writing me for the forms (Rozena McVey, PO Box 272, Walker, Iowa 52352.)

I just signed my pledge and it will be a challenge for me. I love to "talk" while driving the open roads of Iowa. The sticky label I have attached to my dash board "Two-Second Turnoff Pledge" will be a constant reminder.

Adventures in Reading

Greetings from Gloria!

This is just a note to remind you that we are having a bookmark contest again this year. Carma will award \$25 once more to the winning club...So hopefully you are thinking of something brilliant to make! Don't forget to make enough bookmarks for all your members too, and then send one of them to me by February 1, 2012.

If you didn't get a copy of the Reading Report at the GFWC/Iowa State Convention, call Cindy at GFWC/Iowa headquarters, and she will send one to you.

Keep on reading!

Gloria Renshaw
State Reading Chairman
16244 M Ave.
Bouton, IA 50039



Youth Advocacy

As school will be starting soon, be a youth advocate and contact the counselors at your school and/or school principals and ask what school supplies the students need. Maybe some students do not have any supplies and your club could provide all of them. Maybe many students need colored markers or colored pencils or another item you could provide for numerous students. Maybe you could provide paper products for each classroom. Maybe your club could adopt one or two classrooms and work with the teachers to provide what is needed through out the year.

Do the research to see what is needed and be a youth advocate and provide some of the needed supplies.



Advocates for Children

Of the many opportunities to advocate for children, the National Foster Parent Association Website (www.NFPAOnline.org) has two specific programs that clubs may want to look into. One is Foster Parent Recruitment involving assisting local and state associations in the recruitment of quality, caring families to become foster parents. The other important program is Backpacks for School. Children and youth often enter foster care with very little clothing and no school supplies. Backpacks for School provides them with backpacks filled with school supplies to help them develop good study habits and not fall behind their peers. Invite a foster care association worker to your meeting to explain the foster care system and their role in keeping children safe while in transition. Encourage club members and the community to become involved in the work of the foster care association in your area.

Also, continue your work with the March of Dimes whose focus is helping moms have healthy pregnancies and healthy babies. If you live in an area where there is a March of Dimes office, invite someone to come speak with you about what you can do as a club volunteer. Visit nacersano.org or marchofdimes.com for information and resources.

Thank you for all your work in this area.

Nell Rider, Chairman





Plan for Fundraising items at your District Conventions.

It's not too early to think about the holidays.

RADA knives and spatulas are perfect options for stocking stuffers or gift exchanges.

There are only 11 "Bagolita" purses available at this time. Purchase one at a reduced price.

We will have Sandy's famous Pepper Jelly and everyone's favorite Poppy Seed and Onion Salad Dressing.

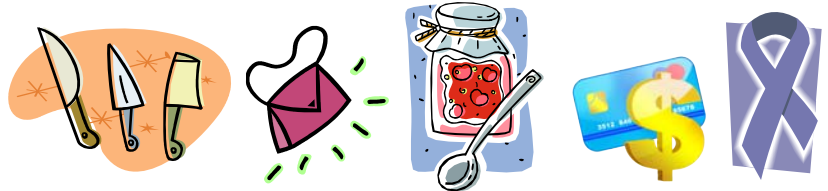
If you can use a gift card or several through the "Scrip" program, order early through Sandy and they will be delivered at District Conventions.

Think ahead for upcoming club activities and if you need or could use "GFWC" visors, aprons, tags, tees or totes for GFWC identity and recognition, we will have them available.

Remember we also have Lucinda women pins, holiday pins and domestic violence (purple ribbon) pins. These are nice to give as a special recognition gift or thank you to a club member, committee chairman or officer.

GFWC/Iowa received 1st Place in our state category for our fundraising efforts at the International Convention. Thanks to all who reported their Club Fundraising Activities and to everyone who continues to support GFWC/Iowa through our many State Fundraising Opportunities.

Karen Martinek
Fundraising Co-Chairman



The World in Pictures—Feature

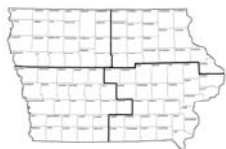


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The Colors of Guatemala

Karen Martinek

**GFWC Solon Woman's Club
(Iowa)**



GFWC/Iowa District Convention Information

Southeast

The Southeast District Convention will be held on September 24, 2011, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 600 5th AVE S, Mt. Vernon, IA. Registration 9:00, Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., Cost \$8 for meals, \$2 registration for a total of \$10.

The Mt. Vernon School District has had 3 student suicides in the past year. Our speaker will be talking about how the people of Mt. Vernon are coping and what they are doing for the children of their district. We ALL need to be advocates for your children and youth.

Jo Ann Brennan
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Tipton, IA 52772
563-886-6521

Northeast

Northeast District Annual meeting will be at the First Presbyterian Church, 115 - 6th Ave. NW, Independence, IA. on Sept. 30th, 2011. Registration will start at 8:15, with meeting starting at 9:00. Host clubs this year will be from Grundy County. Speaker will be from the Riverview Center, Delaware/ Buchanan County. Come share a great day with fellow club members and leaders.

Donna Flint
NE District

Northwest

On Tuesday, September 20th, the GFWC/Iowa Northwest District Convention will be held at the Laurens United Methodist Church, 201 West Main Street. The convention will be hosted by the Webster County clubs. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. Come early for coffee and refreshments and browse through the Community Service Programs displays and the Silent Auction and Scholarship sale items. The Call to Order will be at 10:00 a.m.

The Northwest District will continue to focus on being "A Beacon for GFWC/Iowa" and learning more about being "Advocates for Youth." In addition to looking forward to hearing GFWC/Iowa President Carma Bisinger and President-Elect Karen Martinek, our guest speaker will be Lori Porsch. She is the Curriculum/Special Education Director of the Storm Lake Community School District. During the last few years the staff has worked hard to revise its English Language Learner Plan and Core Curriculum and to improve communication with parents of ELL students and with the community. Reading proficiency has increased as evidenced by results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and Iowa Test of Educational Development and also the number of students who have exited the ELL program by proficient scores on the Iowa English Language Development Assessment.

Please join us on Tuesday, September 20th. It would be wonderful to have 100% of our clubs represented!

Southwest

The Southwest District Annual meeting will be held, Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at the Ankeny Presbyterian Church, 317 SE Trilein, hosted by the GFWC/Iowa Ankeny Women's Club. SW District. The Ankeny Ladies have a very interesting program for those attending on the Working, Training and the Using of Dogs. They had a speaker at one of their meetings and were so impressed they wanted to share the information with others. District Director Cathy Hanson is looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones as we all try to attend this important meeting. The District meeting is where you really see what Federation is all about.

Community Service Programs Partnership Projects and Reporting

Kay Basham, GFWC/Iowa First Vice President with contributing words from the GFWC/Iowa Community Service Program Chairmen

Community Service Programs are the project areas previously referred to as departments. Each Community Service Program area project is to be reported into either a collaboration area or GFWC partnership area. The Community Service Programs are Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach and Public issues. The GFWC Partnerships are defined in each area. This officer asked each of the GFWC/Iowa chairmen to select a specific partnership, identify a project within this partnership and define how to report this on the GFWC reporting form and in a narrative. Please attach a narrative describing the project.

Any club project that is not representative of a GFWC partnership should be reported as a collaboration project. Report the statistics on the GFWC reporting form and attach a narrative describing the project.

This officer thanks the GFWC/Iowa CSP chairmen for their contributions to this article.

Marcia Heronimus

GFWC/Iowa Arts Community Service Program

WATCHES, WATCHES, WATCHES!!!!

HERE WE ARE IN AUGUST getting ready to begin another Club year in GFWC/Iowa. It is, again, time to gather all your old watches - bring them to the District Conventions this Fall so we can AGAIN send many watches to the American Mural Project which is a Partnership in the Arts Community Service Program. Please send a \$1.00 donation with each watch to this very worthwhile project. After the State Convention in April, I sent 106 watches and \$106.00 to the American Mural Project; THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. If you have access to a computer, please check out the AMP website and the links to see & read more about this project. www.AmericanMuralProject.org Please report all the watches that your club donates AND the money your club donates when you report to me about your activities in the Arts. Thank you for all your efforts and have a great year in GFWC/Iowa.



Julia Thoel, GFWC/Iowa Conservation Community Service Program Chairman

(submitted by Kay Basham)

The Humane Society of America is a GFWC partnership. GFWC clubs can purchase *Kind News* for a classroom. This newspaper encourages good character in children with an emphasis on kindness to animals, respect for natural habitats, good citizenship, and peaceful conflict resolution. Published in three reading levels, *Kind News* is delivered

five times a year in bundles of 28 copies with a teacher's guide. GFWC/Iowa clubs can provide this publication to schools in their communities through the "Adopt-A-Classroom" program. More information can be found at www.HumaneSocietyYouth.org

Report the money and time for this project on the GFWC reporting form in the conservation partnership fields. Be sure to include a narrative explaining what *Kind News* levels were provided to the schools.

News Flash!!!! *KIND News* has a brand new look and all subscriptions purchased by GFWC members and clubs will include the GFWC emblem. The Humane Society is in the midst of a re-organization. All correspondence relating to *KIND News* subscriptions should now be sent to: P.O. Box 213, Congers, NY 10920-0213.

Keep America Beautiful, Inc. GFWC partnership encourages everyone to participate in America Recycle Day on November 15, 2011. Have a program on recycling in your program, encourage members to recycle.

Do a club project around using reusable grocery shopping bags. Have each member keep track of how many times a reusable shopping bag was used each month. Keep a total of how many bags were saved by the usage of reusable bags and report this as a KEB partnership program project. Be sure to include a narrative of how many times reusable bags were used by your club members. If each club member used a recyclable bag 10 times and reported this. Add those numbers together by club, then total those numbers together for the state membership. GFWC/Iowa could show a significant contribution and support for reuse just by reporting the total number of times members shopped with a reusable shopping bag.



Bette Kuboushek**GFWC/Iowa Education Community Service****Program Chairman**

September is Library card sign-up month. Work with your hometown library, and with ideas from the American Library Association, to hold a library card sign-up day. Hand out bookmarks, take pictures, and serve treats to those who sign up for a new card.



October 16-22 is Teen Read Week. Sponsor a teen reading program at your local library. Serve refreshments and maybe coupons for local eateries. This could be an opportunity to see if there is interest in starting a Juniette club in your community. Visit www.ala.org for more information.

Reporting in the Education Community Service Program *Partnership* area, should only include programs/projects that are endorsed by the American Library Association, Mentoring USA, or Reading Rockets. All other programs/projects are to be reported in the Collaboration area.

I hope you can attend your district meetings and the Mississippi Valley Regional Meeting in October. Enjoy your fall!

Suzanne York,**GFWC/Iowa Home Life Community Service****Program Chairman**

I would like to emphasize one of our Partners' Home Life Service Programs of the Alzheimer's Association. They will be having their World Alzheimer's Day on September 21. I will be bringing some literature on this subject. For example: *10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, Alzheimer's Myths, Caregiver Notebook*. Have a program about Alzheimer's, at a club meeting during the month of September. Report this as a GFWC partnership project observance of World Alzheimer's, day. I sent for a copy of the *Caregiver Notebook* and will bring it to the September board for viewing. Many of us have family members and friends that are dealing with this and would like more information.

**Nancy Tabor, Community Service Program
Chairman, GFWC/IOWA International Outreach**

International Outreach is one of GFWC's service programs that enables our members to be made aware and educated about global issues and parlay that into advocacy and action. Iowa club submissions this year made me proud to serve as Iowa State International Chair and proud to call myself a member of GFWC/Iowa. Our members are dedicated to improving lives of woman and children on a global scope both for those in poverty and those struggling with handicaps.



Operation Smile is just one of the many GFWC International Outreach Partnerships. Their motto is "Mobilizing a world of generous hearts to heal children's smiles and transform lives across the globe." Volunteers provide physical exams and surgery to correct children and adults born with deformed palates and other facial issues. Information regarding the specifics of the program can be found online at www.operationsmile.org. There are 40 Operation Smile mission sites worldwide and more than 1,900 volunteers participate. Up to 4,086 children received free reconstructive surgery in the year 2007 alone.

A popular GFWC/IOWA partnership program is for clubs to sew "No-No" armbands using GFWC guidelines for children undergoing surgery. Pockets can be made in the bands for tongue depressors to be inserted. This is a fun and easy project for clubs and members who enjoy sewing. In 2011, the Bay View/Urbana club received a first place Iowa GFWC award for volunteering and sewing bands for Operation Smile.

Reporting is easy once you get the hang of it. There are several simple rules of thumb to follow.

Report only what your club does as a group project.

Only projects that the club formally votes (in meeting minutes) to support can be reported.

NARRATIVE, NARRATIVE, NARRATIVE: Please write a small paragraph about your club project so that your efforts can be reported correctly. Identify the Partnership, number of club members participating (cannot exceed number of dues paying members in club), number of hours spent (total) and number of in-kind or amount of \$ donated.

If a member has a passion for a particular cause, have her on the agenda to provide the club with information and make a motion to have the CLUB sponsor her cause and the CLUB members (plural) must assist in the cause.

Mary Stull, GFWC/Iowa Public Issues Community Service Program Chairman

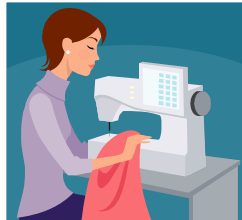
Choose a partner...for public issues projects

The General Federation of Women's Club has partnered with the organizations listed below under the Public Issues Community Service Program. I encourage you to support the mission and activities of the organizations. Remember only partnerships with these organizations qualify in the partnership reporting area. In club year 2010, there were no submittals for public issues partnerships. I look forward to reading many reports in these areas this year.

National Disaster Search Dog Foundation, www.searchdogfoundation.org

The foundation's mission is to strengthen disaster response in America by recruiting rescued dogs and partnering them with firefighters and other first responders to find people buried alive in the wreckage of disasters. They offer the professionally trained canines and an ongoing training program at no cost to fire departments.

Sew Much Comfort, www.sewmuchcomfort.org. The organization provides adaptive clothing free to support the unique needs of our wounded service members from current conflicts (and previously injured service members) and all branches of the military and National Guard. The organization adapts clothing from either store-bought or sewn using its custom-designed patterns.



National Safety Council, <http://www.nsc.org>

The council saves lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the roads, through leadership, research, education and advocacy. How about creating a program for your club on distracted driving -- "Understanding the distracted brain: Why driving while using hands-free cell phones is risky behavior" NSC aims to prevent crashes, injuries and deaths involving cell phone use while driving. The National Safety Council has numerous resources on its website.



Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc., www.womensmemorial.org



WIMS recognizes and tells the stories of the commitment and patriotic services of all women who have served in the defense of this country. It makes their contributions a visible part of history and presents them as role models for future generations.

Safe Kids is a national network of organizations working to prevent unintentional childhood injury, the leading cause of death and disability for children age one to 14. They educate families, provide safety devices to families in need and advocate for better laws to help keep children safe, healthy and out of the emergency room. Go to www.safekids.org. Click on Iowa on the US map and you'll find the location of six area coalitions in Des Moines, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, Iowa City, Cedar Rapids and Burlington.

Step Away from Abuse GFWC Sock Project

Help domestic violence survivors "Step Away From Abuse" by working with domestic violence shelters in your local community by participating in the *GFWC Sock Project*. Place a pair of new socks in a quart-size, clear plastic baggie. Affix a personalized label with a message of support and encouragement from your club, that reads, "*As you begin your new life and Step Away from Abuse, we hope you will find comfort and warmth as you walk into your newly found freedom.*"



GO TO GFWC.ORG and then to DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and then to [Download the label template](#). This can be printed on 8-up labels.

Imagine an opportunity to meet with the GFWC International President, Carlene Garner. All club presidents are invited to meet with Carlene Garner.



You will have this opportunity on Saturday afternoon, October 8th, at the Mississippi Valley Region Conference in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Please bring several club presidents from your district. I am sure it will be a memorable experience.



GFWC/Iowa President, Carma J. Bisinger

Membership

Kay Basham,

GFWC/Iowa Membership Chairman

GFWC/Iowa clubs have certainly been a beacon for membership! The lighthouse had so many blue stars. Those of you that attended state convention saw the shining accomplishments of clubs that held membership events, welcomed new members and honored 50 or 25 year members. The challenge continues! This year red stars will be added for membership honors. Remember, a club only gets a star if they share the good news of membership with this chairman.



Congratulations to the GFWC/Iowa Earlham Chautauqua Circle. They honored Joyce Price as a 50 year member and had a picture and article in their local newspaper.

Involve, appreciate and recognize the members of each club. Try to find a way to make each member feel included. Appreciate the talents, energy and time each member puts into the club. Continue to recognize the members that have been a part of GFWC for 25 or 50 years. Thank a club officer after each meeting.

Recruitment successes: GFWC Headquarters would love to receive narratives of success stories and see photos from club membership recruitment events. These successes may appear in the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine* or News & Notes. Clubs may send a note to this chairman and I will proudly pass it along to the GFWC headquarters. Just email a few words about your membership event shortly after the event. Include the details of the recruitment event and the success of the event.

Periodically a membership memo is sent to the membership chairman from the GFWC membership committee. The author of the summer membership memo was Anita Pfister from GFWC Kansas. There was a paragraph in the article about the number of meetings that Carma Bisinger, Karen Martinek and Kay Basham have visited to honor the 25 and 50 year members. It was nice to be recognized and appreciated by the GFWC membership committee in this memo. We have enjoyed visiting the clubs and hope more clubs will invite us this year.

I am an officer in GFWC/Iowa and membership chairman. I have many friends in GFWC. What am I missing? I am missing a local club. When I moved back to the Quad City area the GFWC/Iowa clubs in my area had all disbanded. I often hear members say they don't get out of GFWC what they pay in dues. What I would give to have a local club. It would be worth far more to me than the cost of dues. When I have a GFWC club again it will be a gift that far exceeds the cost of my yearly dues. All I want is to be part of a group of women that want to work on projects in my communities, to hold club membership events and each month recite the GFWC Club Collect. Maybe there is a person in your community like me. Your club, your dues and your leadership are worth gold from my perspective. I wish I had what you have. Please appreciate your GFWC/Iowa club.

We had so many blue stars this past year, please earn even more red stars this year! Fill the lighthouse with membership successes and complete this administration as a true beacon of GFWC/Iowa membership.





**GFWC/Iowa President Carlene Garner, GFWC/Iowa State President Carma Bisinger, Karen Martinek, Kathleen Ferrara, Sandy Phillips and Eileen Hagemann
Receiving the Fundraising Award at GFWC Convention.**

The GFWC/Iowa Delegation at the GFWC Convention June 2011



GFWC President Carlene Garner, Carma Bisinger and Kathleen Ferrara receiving the First Place Award for Photography on behalf of Karen Martinek.

**OFFICIAL CALL TO THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION
38TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 7 – 9, 2011
“YOU ARE THE KEY TO GFWC”**

Dear GFWC/MVR Members:

The members of the GFWC Nebraska Federation of Women’s Clubs are excited to invite the members of the Mississippi Valley Region to ‘Tree City’, Nebraska City, Nebraska, October 7-9, 2011 for our annual Fall Conference.

We will be staying at the Lied Lodge (pronounced Leed, and that’s no lie). It is very important that you call to reserve your room as soon as you can—deadline is September 11, 2011. Fall is a very busy time of year for Nebraska City and rooms may not be available if you do not register before the deadline.

The Chairmen have worked hard to organize interesting tours for you. Included will be J. Sterling Morton’s home, established in 1855 and completed in 1903 with 52 rooms. On Sunday Oct 9th from 1-5 pm there will be Living History demonstrations at the Arbor Lodge Park if you would like to see that before you return home.

Another site is Mayhew Cabin/John Brown’s Cave. The cabin was part of the Underground Railroad, a network of stop-off points used by slaves escaping to Canada. Hours are 11-5 on Saturday and noon to 5:00 on Sunday.

There will again be informative workshops and interesting speakers, including GFWC President, Carlene Garner and GFWC President Elect Mary Ellen Laister.

So mark your calendars, gather your Federation friends, make your reservations and join your fellow MVR clubwomen at the Mississippi Valley Region Conference in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Yours in Federation,

Jean Hennings
Mississippi Valley Region President

OFFICIAL CALL to the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION**38TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE****OCTOBER 7 – 9, 2011**

LOCATION: Lied Lodge & Conference Center
2700 Sylvan Road
P.O. Box 817
Nebraska City, NE 68410
Phone: 402-873-8733

RESERVATIONS: 1-800-546-5433
Call by September 11, 2011, request a room under 'Mississippi Valley Region Conference'
Room Rates: \$124.00 plus tax - Two Double Beds or King (single/double occupancy)
\$134.00 plus tax - Triple/quadruple occupancy

Airport Shuttle Service: \$27.00 per person per trip to and from Eppley Airfield, Omaha.
For details and to make reservations, contact the Lied Lodge.

Reserve rooms by: **September 11, 2011**

CONVENTION CHAIRMEN

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WHAT TO BRING:

Service Project -- Project Response – A Domestic Violence Program for the Nebraska City area. This crisis center, with a 24 hour hotline, provides support and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. It provides counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, protection orders, transportation and shelter. We can support this project by a cash donation or bringing Pull-ups, large diapers (size 4 and up), paper towels, and feminine products.

State Baskets - for the raffle.

The General Store – Items to sell to help balance the MVR budget. Items may include handmade gifts, crafts, baked goods, jewelry, garden flags, candy, books, CD's etc. etc.

Sales tables – A reminder that each MVR state is allowed to sell three (3) items of their choice. For this opportunity states will pay MVR \$20.00, states will take turns maintaining the tables. The host state shall be allowed to sell any number of items and/or opportunity drawings. Please inform the MVR President or the Conference Chairman if your state will be having a sales table.

REGISTRATION FORM

GFWC MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION CONFERENCE



OCTOBER 7-9, 2011

Lied Lodge & Conference Center, Nebraska City, Nebraska

Registration, Member	\$10.00	_____
Registration, Booster	\$ 5.00	_____
Tours – Nebr City sites	\$45.00	_____
Choose afternoon tour options at check-in		
Nebraska State Night Banquet	\$44.00	_____
Saturday Luncheon	\$35.00	_____
Continuous day-time break service		
Saturday Banquet	\$44.00	_____
Sunday Continental Breakfast	\$20.00	_____
Total Amount Enclosed		_____

Make Checks Payable to: MVR-GFWC Nebraska

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Position: _____

First Time Attendee? Yes _____ NO _____

If you have any dietary restrictions or mobility concerns, please tell us when you register and we will make every effort to meet your special needs.

Please return this form by **September 11, 2011** to

Janet Kuhl
 449 North Molley
 Bennington, NE 68007
 402-238-2833
Jkuhl12@cox.net

2011 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION CONFERENCE



TOUR – NEBRASKA CITY

FRIDAY – October 7, 2011

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

(Wear comfortable shoes.)

Board the Trolley at 9:15 am. The first stop on the Tour will be at Arbor Lodge. This 52 room mansion was the home of J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day. Many of the furnishings in the Lodge were owned by the Morton's.

At 10:15 am our second stop will be a tour of Kimmel Orchard where you can learn more about orchard production and have an opportunity to shop.

At 11:15 am we will board the Trolley and return to the Lied Lodge for a buffet lunch.

At 1:00 pm back to the Trolley for the trip downtown where you can choose to shop or choose two of the three optional tours. Hours for the optional tours are 1:00 -2:00 pm and 2:00 -3:00.

Option #1: Taylor-Wessel-Bickel Nelson House. This is one of the oldest homes in the state and has rooms filled with period furnishings and artifacts. (There are stairs).

Option #2: Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts. This Art Center has changing art exhibits and serves as a working retreat for resident artists, writers and musicians from across the country and world.

Option #3: Nebraska City Museum of Firefighting; Three blocks from the other tours, this museum is the home to the oldest operating volunteer fire department in Nebraska. Visitors can enjoy the interactive exhibits featuring antique equipment, bunker gear and peruse the gift shop. (1320 Central Ave.)

Booster Tours - Saturday

Tour/Schedule on your own

Event	Location	Time	Phone	Cost
John Brown Cave	2012 Fourth Corso	11-5 Sat-noon-5 Sun	402-873-3115	\$3.00
Civil War Museum	910 First Corso	Noon – 4 pm	402-873-7079	\$3.00
Arbor Links Golf Course	6038 H Road		404-873-4334	\$100 for 18
Wildwood Golf Course	1101 Wildwood LN		402-873-3661	\$37.50 for 18

(Make arrangements on our own)

Lied Lodge Heating and Cooling system and other interesting items on site

2011 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION CONFERENCE

TENTATIVE AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

4:00 – 8:00 pm Registration Open

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast on Your Own
 7:30 – 9:00 am Registration Opens
 3:30 – 5:30 pm Registration continues
 9:15 am – 3:00pm Tours – Arbor Lodge, Kimmel Orchard, Downtown, etc
 3:30 pm May set up display /sales tables
 4:00 pm GFWC / MVR Board of Directors Meeting
 4:00 pm Leadership Workshop
 6:00 pm Social Hour
 6:45 pm Processional formation/Procession
 7:00 pm Nebraska State Night Banquet
 (Recommended attire: Cocktail, Dressy)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00 - 8:45 am Breakfast on Your own
 7:45 - 8:45 am Group Work Sessions
 2010-2012 GFWC/MVR Board of Directors meet with GFWC international President, Carlene Garner
 2012 – 2014 GFWC Region President, State Presidents, & Jr. Director meet with GFWC President Elect. Mary Ellen Laister
 9:00 am Opening Business Session (Business Casual)
 10:45 – 11:30 am You Can't Have One Without the Other: Reports from GFWC Advancement Area Committee Members within the Region
 11:30 am Speaker: Arbor Day Foundation
 12:00 – 12:30 pm Break - Fund Raising
 12:30 – 2:00 pm Luncheon Speaker: Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC President Elect
 2:15 - 3:25 pm Business Meeting
 Reports: LEADS, Signature Project, Juniors' Special Project
 GFWC Chairmen or GFWC Committee Members from the Region
 3:25 – 3:45 pm Workshops
 4:00 – 4:45 pm Social Hour
 6:00 - 6:45 pm Processional Formation/Processional
 6:45 pm Banquet (Formal/Cocktail attire)
 7:00 pm Speaker: GFWC International President, Carlene Garner
 9:00 pm Reception

Sunday, October 10

8:00 – 11:00 am (Suggested attire: Wear GFWC apparel for the road)
 Breakfast
 Speaker – TBD
 Reports of State Presidents and Jr. Director
 Invitation to the 2011 Region Conference
 Adjournment



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