



GFWC/Iowa

Clubwoman Newsletter



*"Volunteering
From The Heart"*

Message From the President

Newsletter Spring 2010



Greetings Club Members

Happy 2010! It is amazing how quickly a year can fly by. It seems like just yesterday we were planning our club projects and programs and the state convention for 2009. I want to thank everyone for all your work in your communities and clubs this past year.

It is time to start planning to attend the state convention April 21-24 in Carroll, Iowa at the Carrollton Inn hotel. I am excited about getting together and celebrating our accomplishments in 2009. District Seven is the host district, and these ladies are working hard to make the convention a great experience for all of us.

The focus of this newsletter is to get information to all club members about activities of the state convention. We will be electing 2010-2012 state officers, voting on a state dues increase and Bylaws changes. We need your presence and vote on all these issues. Remember that each club has voting delegates according to the number of members in their club.

Club presidents, please read the information about the activities of the state convention and share it with your club members. Encourage them to attend the state convention and bring a carload with you. We have some fun activities planned, and I am sure you will enjoy them as well as renewing friendships and gaining new friends.

Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored— each step of the way. Nikita Koloff, author

In Federation,

Nell Rider, GFWC/Iowa President

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HAITIAN DISASTER RELIEF



GFWC is working with its International Affairs Partners to help the Haitian community recover from the tragic earthquake. The GFWC Executive Committee approved a "Haitian Disaster Relief" effort through the GFWC Disaster Relief Fund. CARE, UNICEF, Heifer International, Plan USA, and Save the Children are the intended recipients of the GFWC Haiti Disaster Relief effort.



GFWC/Iowa will be collecting donations for the Haitian Relief Fund to be sent to GFWC. Please make out your check to GFWC/Iowa and earmark it "Haiti Disaster Relief." You may send in your check anytime, and you will also have an opportunity to contribute at State Convention.

Remember to send in your Club Officer Information Due April 15, 2010

Just a reminder: your "Pink Sheet" Club Directory forms are due in to GFWC/Iowa Headquarters by April 15th, 2010. These forms give us updated club officer information needed to keep GFWC and GFWC/Iowa records current.

This is the year we print the Bluebook for the incoming GFWC/Iowa Administration. It is particularly important to get these forms in to make sure your club listing is correctly printed in the new Bluebook.

Please send in the form whether or not you have changes to your officers



GFWC/Iowa State Convention

Guest Speaker

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Carol Bodensteiner, author of the book "Growing Up Country: Memories of an Iowa Farm Girl," will be guest speaker at our state convention on Thursday, April 22.

Carol writes about her memories of growing up on a farm in Iowa. Even if you grew up on a farm in another state, you will be able relate to many of Carol's experiences. Carol will discuss her book and also the importance and benefits of writing.

You will have an opportunity to purchase the book and meet Carol at the book signing.



ATTENTION

District Directors:

Please donate a basket filled with items of \$25 value for the state convention silent auction. You may be creative and have a theme.

The proceeds will help defray the expenses of the state convention.

Bring one \$5 wrapped gift for door prizes.

Select two club members to serve during voting for state officers; one for tellers and one for the credentials committee.



Department Chairmen:

Please bring one \$5 wrapped gift for door prizes. Department Displays

Special Projects Chairmen:

Please bring one \$5 wrapped gift for door prizes. Special Projects Displays



JOIN THE \$100 CLUB

The \$100 Club is ongoing, and clubs or individuals may contribute as often as they wish. The money will be placed in the GFWC/Iowa General Fund to be used for operating expenses.

If you would like to contribute to the \$100 Club, please send your check to the GFWC/Iowa Headquarters in Des Moines. Make checks payable to GFWC/Iowa and earmark for \$100 Club.

Clubs and members who have donated since the last state convention will be recognized at the 2010 State Convention.



District Conventions

Thank you District Directors and clubs who worked very hard to make the 2009 District Conventions a great success. It is always exciting to visit in your part of the state and learn about your projects and programs. Your guest speakers were very interesting and informative. It was fun looking over the sale items for good bargains. Attendance as follows:

District One—29	District Five—77
District Two—65	District Six—45
District Three—30	District Seven—26
District Four—25	District Eight—54



Mississippi Valley Regional Conference

MVR is October 7-10, 2010, not far!

It will be in Cedar Rapids, Iowa this year, so you can arrive by car.

It is time for Iowa to again be hosts, isn't that bizarre?

It has already been seven years since we were the star.

We will tour Kalona and look at quilts for the boudoir.

We don't want you watching from afar,

we need you at the conference as abundantly as peanuts in a Snicker's bar.

We need people to keep the doors from being ajar,

making decorations and working in the bazaar.

Help us keep our conference up to par.

We need to show the Region who and what we are.

You can write about your experiences and new acquaintances in your memoir.

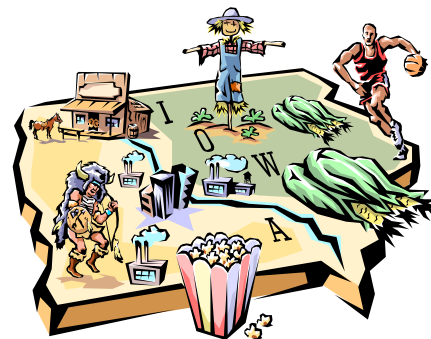
Definitely keep this event on your radar!

By Karen Martinek

The above poem tells it all! Please make plans to attend and support Iowa in this endeavor to make this conference the very best! Jean Hennings is the MVR President from Nebraska. Our own Sandra Phillips is the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer for MVR for 2010-2012.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL!

Carma Bisinger, GFWC/Iowa President-elect



GFWC International Convention

The 2010 GFWC International Convention will be June 12-15 in Omaha, Nebraska.

There will be a "Walk to Iowa" event on Thursday, June 10. The walk will be from the Hilton Hotel in Omaha to the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge and across into Iowa. There will be Iowa members to greet those walking into Iowa.

GFWC is asking states to bring holiday stockings to the convention to be sent to our military overseas. You may decorate the stockings or send one already decorated. The stocking should be no longer than 14-16 inches long. Bring them with you to our state convention in April, and they will be taken to the GFWC Convention in June.

Make your plans to attend the GFWC International Convention in Omaha.





2010 GFWC/Iowa Convention

Patriotic Day Friday, April 23

We will be honoring our men and women who are serving in the military.

Our guest speaker will be Tracy Post, founder of S.A.L.U.T.E. This is an organization that sends gift boxes to our military serving overseas letting them know that we at home care and appreciate them.

Please check the list of accepted items from the list below and bring to the state convention. Tracy will collect and take them back to Doon, Iowa to be sent to our men and women serving in the US Military overseas.

Wear red, white and blue as we salute our service men and women

Food Items

Beef Jerky
 Gun—chewing or bubble
 Candy—individually wrapped
 Cereal Bars, Power or Energy Bars
 Hot Cereal or cold cereal individual size
 Easy Mac
 Microwavable Popcorn
 Flip-top lid applesauce, fruit or pudding
 Tuna in pouches

Toiletry Items

Antacids, Tylenol, cough drops
 Dental Floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste
 Baby Wipes, hand sanitizer pocket size
 Deodorant, disposable shavers,

shampoo

Non-aerosol shaving gel
 Band-aids/First aid, Icy Hot Patches
 Travel sized mouthwash, Kleenex
 Toilet paper-regular roll size

Drink Mixes

SMALL containers/single serve
 Coffee - single serve bags
 Pre-sweetened packets: Gatorade,
 Propel, Crystal Lite, Tea Bags
 Summer Necessities

Fly Strips, Fly Swatters
 Foot powder—No Sprays
 Insect Repellent wipes
 Sunscreen—High SPF

Miscellaneous

Baggies: ALL SIZES

Batteries: AA, AAA, D's

Books: Westerns, Comic Books, Inspirational

AT&T calling cards ONLY 120 minutes

CD's

Powdered Spic 'n Span or Comet

DVD Movies Only

Febreze small spray bottle

Hand-held electronic games

Laundry soap –individual size

Playing Cards

Sewing Kits

Silly String

Remember: No Glass, No Aerosol

Cash donations are always needed for postage

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. State Convention winners, Scholarship winners and newsletters are some of the items you can find on the website. If you want your club to be spotlighted on the web site, send pictures and information.

Email Contacts: To improve communication with GFWC/Iowa, designate a club e-mail contact for your club and send us the address and contact so we can put them in the GFWC/Iowa e-mail address book.



IMPORTANT

Recommendations, Bylaws proposals and Standing Rules proposals will be presented for voting at the GFWC/Iowa State Convention during the business meeting session Thursday, April 22.

Recommendations:

1. The GFWC/Iowa Board of directors recommends that the present Eight district be redistricted to Four Districts. (September 2009)
2. The GFWC/Iowa Board of Directors recommends that the annual state dues per member be raised from the present \$6 per year to \$12 per year per member effective with the dues payable in the fall of 2010. (September 2009)

Bylaws proposals:

(If recommendation number 1 (redistricting to four districts) passes, the following Bylaw will be presented).

1. Article XI Section 1 page 56. GFWC/Iowa Districts. The state shall be divided into eight Federation districts as determined by the board of directors. Each district shall be presided over by the district director.

Proposed to read: GFWC/Iowa Districts. The state shall be divided into four Federation districts as determined by the board of directors. Each district shall be presided over by the district director.

2. Article VI Section 3 page 55 Meetings of the Board. Regular meetings shall be held each year prior to the annual convention and in the month of September.

Proposed to read: Meetings of the Board. Regular meetings shall be held each year prior to the annual convention and in the months of September and February.

Standing Rules:

1. Policies (h) page 58. The GFWC/Iowa shall be an institution working unequivocally in cooperation with the support of business enterprise. Industrial progress, and general welfare in all Iowa communities and, therefore, urges local clubs to observe this policy. Where the objective of any department could be more speedily and definitely attained by cooperation with established agencies, with the consent of the executive committee, such affiliation shall be approved.

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2. Policies (i) page 58 In all news releases the letters GFWC/Iowa shall precede the club name.

Proposed to read: The letters GFWC/Iowa shall precede all club names and be present in all news releases and public displays.

3. Policies 4. SPECIAL PROJECTS page 58

Providing all outstanding obligations incurred in the establishment of special projects of an administration have been fulfilled, it shall be the duty of the next administration to reallocate into related fields any residue funds left in special projects at the end of an administration.

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COUNTRY MARKET



Please bring items for the Country Market. All proceeds will go to the GFWC/Iowa General Fund to help defray the cost of the state convention. Please put a price on each item, and pick up unsold items at the end of the convention.

This year I polled the GFWC/Iowa Board members about their needs and wants. Here is a list of items that they would be interested in purchasing: perennials (dig up some of your plants), potted plants, pot holders, old Santa's or Christmas ornaments, lotions, feed sack kitchen towels with embroidery, owls, giraffes, angels, bells, cats, pianos, musical Hummel's, flamingos, handmade cards, states' spoons, Victorian figurines, jewelry, Irish themed items, Christmas stocking holders, crocheted pot scrubbers, home canned foods including jams, jellies, salsa, pickles, fruits, vegetables, etc., handmade items, jewelry, baked goods, books and candy.

To have a successful fundraising event at the Country Market we must have items to sell and buyers to purchase the items. So I am asking everyone to share their talents and look through their house and contribute to the Country Market and bring some money to the State Convention and shop, shop, and shop!!



Sandy Phillips

GFWC/Iowa State Convention Fundraising Chairman

Fabulous Fifties Fun Night

You are invited to join us for a fun, nostalgic, Fabulous Fifties Fun Night to be held Thursday evening, April 22, 2010, at the GFWC/Iowa State Convention at the Carrollton Inn in Carroll, Iowa.

Dress for the occasion. Here are a few ideas: Wear a poodle skirt and pony tail or a flip and Bobbie socks and saddle shoes or wear leather with slicked back hair into a d. a. or wear a white shirt and cuffed jeans or a bowling shirt or dress like Elvis or June Cleaver or some other 50's performer or some other outfit of your choice.



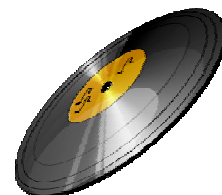
Nell's soda shop will serve nifty 50's specials. Performances highlighting the 50's will be provided by the District's rock and roll stars.

The evening will be entertaining with many activities planned including the following:

- Sock Hop including the twist, stroll, etc.
- Bubble Gum Blowing Contest—Limbo and Hula Hoop Contests
- District Drag Races—Cards and Board Games
- Name That Tune—Surprises

So rock and roll yourself to the Fabulous Fifties Fun Night!!

The Leadership Committee



Don't forget to bring Christmas stockings for soldiers to State Convention. See Page 4, GFWC International Convention for more information





The candidate for Second Vice-president is Karon Keefe-Dunbar of Osceola. Karen is a member of the Yorel Study Club and previously a member of the Osceola Woman's Club and served a club 2nd Vice-President and 1st Vice President. Karon has also served as 5th District Director for 2 terms. She also served as GFWC/Iowa Recording Secretary and was the 2007 LEADS Candidate.

One of Karon's goals for 2010-2012 is more communication, shorter meetings, more publicity about what we as clubs do.

The candidate for Recording Secretary is Joy Young of Oakland. Joy is a member of the GFWC/Iowa Twentieth Century Club of Carson and has served as Club Vice President and Club President. She has also served as GFWC/Iowa District Vice Director and Director. Joy has served on the GFWC/Iowa Board of Directors for Scholarship Committee, State ESO chairman and currently is serving in both of these positions.

Joy's goal as Recording Secretary is to be sure that GFWC/Iowa has accurate archives and to serve to the best of her ability.



The candidate for Treasurer is Mary Magill of Vinton. Mary is a member of GFWC/Iowa Bay View Club of Urbana where she has served as President, Vice-President, Scholarship Chairman, Home Life Chairman, International Affairs Chairman and chairman of many club events including the yearly Waffle Brunch and Health Fair. She also served as Benton County Chairman. Mary has served as Second District Vice-Director and Director, Home Life Chairman (currently serving), ESO and Adventures in Reading Chairman.

Mary has served GFWC/Iowa as Recording Secretary for six years, Dollars and Sense Chairman, ESO and Adventures in Reading Chairman for four years and the Finance Committee. She has served as the GFWC/Iowa State Treasurer for the last two years and currently the State Woman's History Resource Center Chairman.

Mary has attended 3 GFWC National Conventions and 7 Mississippi Valley Regional Conventions. Mary's goal as Treasurer is to keep the books accurate at all times---to have a firm knowledge of the different accounts and where each dollar is spent. As a GFWC member, I would like to see more member enthusiasm and, therefore, more members.

President for 2010-2012 is Carma J. Bisinger of Walker. She is a member of the GFWC/Iowa R.A.R.E. Club of Walker. Carma has served her club as Club President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Ways & Means and Scholarship Chairman. At the District level Carma has served as 2nd District Director, Vice Director, District Creative Writing Chairman and Club Woman Magazine Chairman. At the state level Carma has served as GFWC/Iowa President-elect; 1st Vice-president; 2nd Vice-president; Treasurer; and Creative Writing Chairman. She has also served as the GFWC/Iowa Linn County Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Carma Bisinger's goal as GFWC/Iowa State President for 2010-2012 is communication with all 94 clubs in the state by mail and/or e-mail. An officer or liaison person will visit every club in the state.





A candidate for President-elect is Kay Finneseth. from Jefferson. Kay is a member of GFWC/Iowa Jefferson Federated Friday Club where she has served as President, Vice-President, Program Chairman, Scholarship Chairman and Reading Chairman. At the District level, Kay has served as Fifth District Director and Vice-Director. For GFWC/Iowa, Kay has served as Second Vice-President, International Affairs Chairman, Public Affairs Chairman, Creative Writing Chairman, Resolutions Chairman and By-Laws Chairman. Kay has served as Greene County Chairman several different years. She helped with workshops at State convention several different years, and attended several regional conferences. Kay has also served on the GFWC/Iowa committee for a state cookbook and as Chairman for various projects for 5th District.

One of Kay's goals for 2010-2010: Publicize! As a member of GFWC and GFWC/Iowa we need to tell people about what we are doing and accomplishing both in GFWC and GFWC/Iowa. As we tell more people about what we are doing we can attract new members to join and be a part of our great organization.

A Candidate for President-elect is Karen Martinek of Solon, Iowa where she has been a member of the GFWC/Iowa Solon Women's Club for 23 years. Karen has served as Club President, Club Treasurer, Juniorette Club Advisor, Club Historian/Media Book Editor, and Beef Days Chairman. She has served as First District Director, District Treasurer, District International Affairs Chairman, and Host for GFWC/Iowa State Convention in First District.. GFWC/Iowa offices held include President's Special Project- Domestic Violence Chairman, Membership Chairman, Endowment Chairman, and GFWC/Iowa State Convention Registration Chairman-2 years. Karen has also served as GFWC/Iowa Johnson County Chairman, GFWC/Iowa Johnson County Vice-Chairman; Co-Founder of Iowa's first Juniorette Club, S.P.L.A.S.H.; Operation Smile Volunteer- training and leadership conferences in California and New Jersey, Mission in the Philippines as student sponsor; L.E.A.D.S. Candidate from GFWC/Iowa to the GFWC International Convention in 2006; GFWC International Awards- editor of the first place Club Media Book and \$1,000 award for state projects in Domestic Violence while state domestic violence chair; GFWC MVR (Mississippi Valley Regional Conference) Chairman- 2 years



Karen Martinek's goals for 2010-2012 include developing a plan to make GFWC/Iowa financially self-sufficient and stable. Challenge clubs to discover unmet community needs created by the recent decrease in State and Federal funding and to realize an increase in membership through GFWC projects that fulfill those individual community needs.



The candidate for First Vice-president is Kay Basham of Bettendorf. She is a GFWC/Iowa Member At Large and formerly a member of the Bayou Junior Woman's Club of Thibodaux, LA. She served as Club President, Club Vice President and GFWC Louisiana Director of Junior Clubs.

Kay Basham has served as GFWC Creative Arts Chairman, GFWC Junior Executive Committee member, GFWC LA State Project Chair/President's Special Project Domestic Violence, Club yearbook chair (4 years), GFWC/Iowa Membership Task Force, GFWC/Iowa Junior Special Projects Chair.

Kay Basham's goal for GFWC/Iowa in 2010-2012 is to promote growth in membership in GFWC/Iowa. Starting a new club in the Quad City area for GFWC/Iowa is one of my main goals for this next administration. GFWC/Iowa has so many wonderful club projects. I will encourage reporting of those projects. I want to work with my fellow GFWC/Iowa officers to develop a balanced budget and strong financial future for GFWC/Iowa.

GFWC/IOWA EIGHTY-THIRD STATE CONVENTION

Tentative Schedule

“Working Together in GFWC/Iowa-
Volunteering From the Heart”

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

2:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting	Oakland Room
3:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting	Oakland Room
5:00 p.m. Registration and Set up Displays	
6:30 p.m. Board of Directors Dinner	Polly’s Carrollton Inn (by invitation only)

Thursday, April 22, 2010

8:00 a.m. Set up Displays	
8:00 a.m. Registration Opens	
9:15 a.m. Prelude	Marcia Heronimus
9:30 a.m. Convention Convenes Ballroom	
Call to Order	Nell Rider, GFWC/Iowa President
Presentation of Colors	American Legion Post 7
National Anthem “Star Spangled Banner”	Everyone
Pledge of Allegiance	Everyone
Welcome and Introductions	Nell Rider
Welcome to Carroll	Mayor Jim Pedelty
Opening Thought	Nell Rider
Greetings from GFWC Second Vice-president, Babs Condon	
10:00 a.m. Business Meeting	
Adoption of Convention Program	Carolyn Blaue
Credentials Report	Joy Young
Secretary’s Report	Karon Keefe-Dunbar
Treasurer’s Report	Mary Magill
Bylaws/Standing Rules	Kay Finneseth
Dues increase voting	
Finance Report	Sue Hass
Nominations Committee	Doris Mauer
Introduction of officer candidates	
Two minute speech	
Membership Report	Sue Hass
First Time Attendees	Nell Rider
10:45 a.m Leadership Report	Sandy Phillips
2009 LEADS participant	Amy Haney
11:00 a.m. Guest Speaker Author “Growing Up Country: Memories of an Iowa Farm Girl”	Carol Bodensteiner
11:45 Announcements	
Recess—Booksigning--Visit Exhibits and Sales	
12:15 p.m. Luncheon	

GFWC/IOWA EIGHTY-THIRD STATE CONVENTION

Tentative Schedule

“Working Together in GFWC/Iowa-
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Thursday, April 22, 2010

- 1:15 p.m. Scholarship Report Sandy Phillips
Guest--Scholarship Winner
- 1:30 Department and Program Awards
Arts Evelyn Petersen
Conservation Margaret Sadgepour-Kramer
Education Bette Kuboushek
Home Life Susann York
International Affairs Ellen Thon
Public Affairs Doris Mauer .
Photography Contests Gayle Hanna
Short Story and Poetry Contest Doris Christensen
Future Problem solving Bowl Carolyn Blaue
- 2:15 Officer Reports
- 2:30 p.m. Workshop Babs Condon, GFWC Second Vice-president
- 3:30 p.m. Door Prizes---Announcements
50-50 winner Recess
Visit Displays and Sale Items
- 4:00 p.m. Member at-Large Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Processional Assembles
- 6:15 p.m. Processional
- 6:30 p.m. “Fun Night” Banquet
- 7:30 p.m. Jennie Award Applicants Recognition
- 8:00 p.m. Fabulous Fifties Fun Night

Friday, April 23, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Registration Open
- 9:15 a.m. Prelude
- 9:30 a.m. Convention Reconvenes
Opening Nell Rider
Introductions
Greetings from GFWC Second Vice-president
Workshop Babs Condon, GFWC Second Vice-president
- 9:45 a.m. \$100 Club Recognition
- 10:00-11:30 a.m. Poles open—State Officer Election

GFWC/IOWA EIGHTY-THIRD STATE CONVENTION

Friday April 22, 2010

Tentative Schedule

10:00 a.m.	Special Chairmen (three minute time limit).	
	Friend	Marcia Heronimus
	Clubwoman Magazine	Joan Galloway
	Historian	Jan Shirley
	Endowment	Mary Axon
	Public Relations	Gertrude Hibma
	Junior Special Project	
	Advocates for Children	Kay Basham
	Public Policy	Kay Basham
	ESO	Joy Young
	Adventures in Reading	Jean Stoner
	Women's History	Mary Magill
	Fundraising	Sandy Phillips
11:45 a.m.	Announcements Recess	
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Guest Speaker: S.A.L.U.T.E.	Tracy Post
1:45 p.m.	Domestic Violence Report	Heidi Huisman
	Creative Writing	Viva Betzner
	Community Improvement Contest	Jan Shirley
	Member-at Large Report	Gayle Hanna
2:30	Election of nominating committee	
2:45 p.m.	Workshop	Babs Condon, GFWC Second Vice-president
3:30	Invitation to MVR	
3:45 p.m.	50-50 Winner	
	District Basket Winners	
	Silent Auction	
	Door Prizes	
	Announcements	
	Final Credentials Report	
6:00 p.m.	Processional Assembles	
6:15 p.m.	Processional	
6:30 p.m.	Installation Banquet	
7:30 p.m.	Installation of 2010-2012 GFWC/Iowa Officers and District Directors	
	Babs Condon, GFWC Second Vice-president	
	Club Collect	
	“Let There be Peace on Earth”	Everyone
8:30 p.m.	Reception in honor of: GFWC/Iowa Officers (outgoing and incoming), GFWC officer, Past State Presidents and District Directors, Hosts-District 2	

Saturday, April 24

8:30 –11:00 a.m.	Post Board Breakfast	Oakland Room
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OFFICIAL CALL

GFWC/Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs

83RD GFWC/Iowa State Convention

Carrollton Inn

Carroll, Iowa

April 21-24

“Working together In GFWC-

Volunteering From the Heart



Convention Call

This is the official call to the convention. Please make copies to inform other members and encourage them to attend.

INFORMATION

Room reservations:

Make room reservations at the Carrollton Inn in Carroll. The phone number is 712-792-5600 or 1-800-798-3535. Please ask for a reservation in the block of rooms reserved for GFWC/Iowa. If you have difficulty going up and down five steps, make your reservation immediately and ask for a room on the ballroom floor without steps. You may need to share one of these rooms in order for everyone who needs them to be on this floor.

The room rates are \$75.95 plus taxes and will be held until **March 28**. **After that date the cost of the room will be \$89.95**. Be sure to get your reservation before the deadline.

Rooms have two queen beds, refrigerator and microwave. The hotel has an indoor pool and fitness center. There will be a \$5 charge per day for more than two persons in a room. Check in time is 2:00 p.m., and check out time is 11:00 a.m.

The address of the Carrollton Inn is 1730 US Highway 71 North, Carroll, IA 51401—www.carrolltoninn.com.

Credentials:

Club credentials will be available at the Registration Desk when you check in at the convention, and they will not be mailed to you.

Registration:

Complete the registration form for each member attending the convention and send with check made out to GFWC/Iowa for the meal functions and a registration fee of \$15 to registration chairman, Joy Young, 7 Hackett Drive, Oakland, IA 51560, phone: 712-482-6293. Send your registration and meal reservations by **April 7, 2010**. No refunds can be made, but you can send someone in your place if you cannot attend.

What to wear--Thursday night banquet—Fifties dress. See article on Fabulous Fifties Fun Night.

Friday is Patriotic Day. Wear red, white and blue. Friday evening banquet: wear dressy dress.

Displays :

Displays and sale items can be set up on Wednesday, April 21 at 5:00 p.m. in Ballroom. The tables will be covered with table cloths.

What to Bring:

Items for the Country Store. Suggested items in Newsletter article.

Holiday stockings 14-16 inches long for GFWC project to send to military overseas.

Items for S.A.L.U.T.E. project for military overseas. See article in Newsletter for suggested items.



GFWC/Iowa 83rd State Convention

REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to GFWC/Iowa

Send Registration Form and Check by Wednesday, April 7, 2010

To:

Joy Young, Registration Chairman

7 Hackett Dr.

Oakland, IA 51560

Phone: 712/482-6293 E-mail: jdyrn@juno.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Club Name: _____

Club, District, or state office or position

Please include the price of the meals you will be attending along with the registration fee in your total.

Registration Fee\$15 _____

Mark your meal selections:

Thursday, April 22 Lunch.....\$20 _____

Thursday, April 22 Banquet Dinner.....\$20 _____

Friday, April 23 Lunch.....\$20 _____

Friday, April 23 Banquet Dinner.....\$25 _____

Saturday, April 24 Post Board Breakfast.....\$15 _____

Total Amount enclosed by check: _____

Please use one registration form for each person.

Letter from your GFWC/Iowa 2010-2012 State President



I'm looking forward to the 2010-2012 Administration with all of its challenges and there will be many.

The number one goal of this administration has to be fiscal responsibility, in that there must be additional income through dues and/or gigantic fundraising. In addition, all expenditures will be reviewed as they are reviewed every year at budget time. Without additional income, some major expenditures will have to be cut. Of course, membership and finances are linked together, so that gaining new members is critical to the growth and well being of GFWC/Iowa.

Secondly, every club will be visited this year by an officer. Please extend an invitation to the state officers to visit your club. We will be coordinating our time and travel in order to reach this goal.

There will be changes in the department areas as GFWC will be making changes which will be reflected in the GFWC Manual received in the Spring. These changes will require changes in the reporting form. Since we will not be having workshops as in the past, I hope to have what may be called an 'Institute' to be held in July whereby new information will be reviewed. All members would have an open invitation to attend that day of information and learning.

Working and standing together, in all areas for the good of GFWC/Iowa, will enable these goals to be achieved.

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