



GFWC/Iowa

Clubwoman Newsletter ”

Message From the 2008-2010 President

Summer 2010

When installed as your GFWC/Iowa President in 2008, I presented my goals for GFWC/Iowa and the challenges for the club members for the upcoming administration. Clubs and club members have accomplished much during the past two years. I wish to thank everyone for your work in GFWC. The past two years have flown by quickly, and it is time to pass on my tasks to the incoming 2010-12 GFWC/Iowa president.

During my 2008-2010 administration, GFWC/Iowa club members worked diligently to improve the quality of life for those in their communities.

These are some results of our labor:

In 2008, we had 97 clubs with 1958 members. We donated 6,438 volunteer hours and \$184,667.60 in money throughout the clubs in Iowa that benefited our communities.

In 2009, we had 94 clubs and 1862 members. We donated 32,715 hours and \$240,143.55. This adds up to 39,153 hours donated and \$424,811.15 for the two year period. Even though we dropped in number of clubs and club members in 2009, we gained by a wide margin in donated hours and dollars. We are not to be discouraged by the loss of clubs and club members, because you have demonstrated that we can do it!

Domestic Violence Awareness has been one of the president's special projects, and during the past two years, proceeds from sales items and donations from club members totaled over \$3,000. This money has been divided among the eight districts and given to domestic violence shelters and programs throughout the state. We hope to let communities in the state know we are concerned and want to support domestic violence programs in the state of Iowa. You have also given much more to this effort in your local clubs.

Leadership has been one of the special projects of the administration. GFWC/Iowa sent a club member to the GFWC (LEADS) GFWC Leadership Training Seminar each year the day before the beginning of the GFWC Convention. This training is invaluable to the future growth of our clubs.

The Leadership Committee was active in conducting workshops at our summer workshops throughout the state and at state and district conventions. This year, the Leadership Committee offered to plan a "Fabulous Fifties Fun Night" that we all enjoyed at state convention. Many thanks go out to Sandy Phillips and the Leadership Committee for the entertainment they provided.



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Special points of interest:

- Call to July 17th Institute
- Convention Photos
- 2009 Award Winners
- NEW Scrip Fundraising
- Message from GFWC/Iowa 2010-2012 President

GFWC/Iowa State Convention Miscellaneous Income

- Country Store \$1,052.50
- 50/50 Drawings \$240.50
- District Basket Drawings—\$770.50

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Membership growth has been another special emphasis for the past two years. The membership Task Force has been very active the past two years contacting clubs who might be considering dropping Federation. They informed the clubs of the advantages of being a GFWC club, and provided encouragement and support. Thanks to the Sue Hass, Membership Chairman and the Membership Committee for their concern and efforts to let clubs know what a great organization they belong to. The Task force has also conducted membership workshops at summer workshops and district and state conventions.

During this administration, a GFWC state Jennie Award was given to one of our club members, and the application was sent to compete in the Mississippi Valley Region contest. Each of the GFWC/Iowa applicants was honored during the 2010 State Convention. We value the opportunity to honor our outstanding club members who have given so much of their lives to community service.

Thank you for donating to our \$100 Club that was started during this administration. Joining the club by donating \$100 to GFWC/Iowa for operating expenses has helped keep our state going during the difficult years of financial decline. Many of our clubs have been represented through donating to the \$100 Club.

During the past year GFWC/Iowa has lost Donna Ryan, Past State President (1974-76) who passed away last fall. Also, Fran Smith, District Four Director passed away only a few days before the District's Convention last fall. These club members loved GFWC and will be greatly missed.

These are a few of the programs and projects that you as club members were able to accomplish these past two years. I am proud of your hard work and dedication. My challenge to you is to continue your work in GFWC/Iowa and reach out even more to those in your community. Let others know what GFWC is all about, and they will become interested and join in your efforts.

May you strengthen your old friendships and gain new friends along the way. What better place to accomplish this than through GFWC/Iowa.

In Federation

Nell Rider,

GFWC/Iowa 2008-2010 President



GFWC/Iowa Special Project 2009 First Place Award Winners

- Domestic Violence—GFWC/Iowa Tri Sigmas Club, Tipton
- Advocates for Children— GFWC/Iowa Point Woman's Club of Strawberry Point
- Fundraising —GFWC/Iowa Dyersville Federated Woman's Club
- Membership— GFWC/Iowa Dyersville Woman's Club
- WHRC— GFWC/Iowa Dyersville Federated Woman's Club
- Legislation/Public Policy—GFWC/Iowa Dyersville Federated Woman's Club
- Communication/Public Relations— GFWC/Iowa Martelle Century Club
- Leadership—GFWC/Iowa Dyersville Federated Woman's Club

ARTS Department 2009 Award Winners

Silver Overall—GFWC/Iowa Friendship and Service Club, Akron
Arts in the Community, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Friendship and Service Club, Akron
Creative Arts, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Guttenberg Book Club

CONSERVATION Department 2009 Award Winners

Silver Overall—GFWC/Iowa Martelle Century Club, Martelle
Beautification in the Community, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Martelle Century Club, Martelle
Conservation, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Friendship and Service Club, Akron

EDUCATION Department 2009 Award Winners

Silver Overall—GFWC/Iowa Friendship and Service Club, Akron
Education in the Community, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Fairbank Women’s Club
Focus on Literacy, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Progressive Chautauqua Circle, Creston

HOME LIFE Department 2009 Award Winners

Silver Overall—GFWC/Iowa Guttenberg Book Club
Helping Hands, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Friendship and Service Club, Akron
Focus on Health, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Dyersville Federated Women’s Club
Focus on Financial Issues , First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Guttenberg Book Club

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS Department 2009 Award Winners

Silver Overall—GFWC/Iowa Granger Women’s Club
Reaching Out, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Dyersville Federated Women’s Club
United Nations, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Galva Civic Club

PUBLIC AFFAIRS Department 2009 Award Winners

Silver Overall—GFWC/Iowa Guttenberg Book Club
Citizenship in Action, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Guttenberg Book Club
Community Safety, First Place Silver Award—GFWC/Iowa Ingleside Club, Guttenberg

GFWC/Iowa Creative Writing 2009 First Place Award Winners

Light Verse—Joanie Boggs, GFWC/Iowa Yorel Study Club, Leroy
Serious Verse—Joanie Boggs, GFWC/Iowa Yorel Study Club, Leroy
Limericks—Janet Sponsler, GFWC/Iowa Yorel Study Club, Leroy
Light Essay—Patty Sorgenfrey, GFWC/Iowa Martelle Century Club
Serious Essay—Janet Sponsler, GFWC/Iowa Yorel Study Club, Leroy
Children’s Stories—Bonny Kayser, GFWC/Iowa R.A.R.E. Club, Walker

**GFWC/Iowa Youth Poetry & Short Story
2009 First Place Award Winners**

Youth Poetry

Division I—Chloe Stevenson Division II—Zachary Frye
Division III—Anna Berns Division IV—Paul Johnson

Youth Short Story

Division I—Keegan Odden Division II—Tyler Grufield
Division III—Dan Hedlund Division IV—Ashley Gagnon



The Doon club community improvement project was to add the GFWC logo and club name on a sign in town

GFWC/Iowa State Convention 2010



Nell Rider, GFWC/Iowa State President, Carma Bisinger GFWC President-elect and Karen Martinek First Vice President elect at State Convention



GFWC/Iowa Lewis Crescent Club 100 year Anniversary certificate is accepted by Marilyn Mundorf from Betty Nobile, 7th District Director and Nell Rider GFWC/Iowa State President.



Sandy Phillips, Scholarship Chairman with Megan Rustad and her mom before Megan's performance at State Convention

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Megan Rustad from Spencer is one of the 2010 winners of the GFWC/Iowa E. Lucille Miller music scholarship and was guest vocal soloist at our state convention.

We are proud to honor Megan with this \$1000 scholarship toward her Music Education degree. Her sponsor was the Spencer Federated Woman's Club.



A Message from the 2010-2012 GFWC/Iowa President

Dear fellow club members of GFWC/Iowa,

We are about to embark on an exciting journey during the GFWC/Iowa 2010-2012 Administration. This journey will be a challenge for all club members of Iowa. With the raise in dues, we will be able to keep our headquarters' office and a secretary as long as we retain clubs and members. It is up to each of us to make that happen. For the purpose of retaining members, retaining clubs and communicating with the clubs, every club will be visited by me or an officer or a past state president. This will be a top priority during this administration. If you do not invite us, we will be contacting club presidents to make arrangements to join you at a meeting. We will be communicating, large or small in content, more often than ever before. That person or more than one in your club that has an e-mail address will be receiving information more regularly. We ask that person to distribute the information to the club members by copying it or taking notes regarding the same to communicate to all your club members. Even if you are not the president, every member for whom we have an e-mail will be hearing from us.

We will be proposing projects that regardless of energy, time or funds are available so we can accomplish GFWC projects which help our communities, our state and our world. At the upcoming 'Institute' (workshop) to held on July 17th at the Holiday Inn, 4800 Merle Hay Rd., Des Moines, we will have developed a list of grass roots projects in all six Community Service Programs, previously known as departments. These will be projects that every club regardless of age, energy or money can accomplish. We will be distributing the Bluebook as well as new information regarding the new GFWC Projects and reporting changes.

The theme for this administration will be 'Be a Beacon for GFWC/Iowa' and the logo a lighthouse. The President's Special Project will be 'Advocates for Youth' as well as Domestic Violence which is the GFWC Signature Project.

I look forward to visiting with every club member during this coming administration.

Yours in Federation,

Carma J. Bisinger
2010-2012 GFWC/Iowa President

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Over \$3000 was raised from the sales items and donations by our club members during the past two years for the president's special project, Domestic Violence Awareness.



The money was divided and donated to a domestic violence center in each of the eight districts.

Sandy Altman from the Domestic/Sexual Assault Center in Carroll was a guest speaker at the state convention and received the donation for District Seven.

Thank you club members for your support of this project.

GFWC/IOWA ENDOWMENT FUND

When considering your club's budget, please include a contribution to the Endowment Fund. Make a contribution to the Endowment Fund in memory of a club member or her family member. Donation cards are available at GFWC/Iowa Headquarters.

Interest from investments will be used for the GFWC/Iowa Operating Fund. By contributing to the endowment Fund, you will be helping to keep GFWC/Iowa active and growing.





CALL TO GFWC/IOWA 1st Biennial "INSTITUTE"!

Saturday, July 17, 2010

9:00am . 3:00pm

Holiday Inn

4800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA 50322

I-80 to Merle Hay Road Exit

Phone: 515/278-4755

All members throughout the entire state are cordially invited to attend the GFWC/Iowa 1st Biennial .Institute. (workshop) on Saturday, July 17, 2010. This workshop is in lieu of workshops that in the past had been at sites across the state.

The cost is \$15.00 per person for lunch and all handouts. Club presidents will receive their Bluebook. Also bring a 3 inch binder. All present club presidents should have received their GFWC Manual in print and with a CD. Please bring the GFWC Manual with you. If you do not have one, borrow one from someone who has one, your club president.

Please return the lower portion of this page with your check.

If you are coming on Friday, June 16, 2010, please make hotel reservations by calling Holiday Inn at 515/278-4755. Room rate will be \$84.95 plus tax. Please ask for rooms reserved for General Federation of Women's Clubs. Plan to go out for dinner (dutch treat) on Friday night if you are at the hotel by 5:30 p.m.

Deadline for Room Reservations: June 24, 2010

Please Note: Make your room reservations by due date! No exceptions!

GFWC/IOWA 1st Biennial .INSTITUTE.. July 17, 2010

-----I will attend & I understand lunch is included.

Check for \$15 is enclosed.

Please Respond by July 8, 2010

GFWC/Iowa Headquarters

3839 Merle Hay Road, Suite 201

Des Moines, IA 50310

Signature _____ Phone:515/276-0510 E-mail: gfwciowa@aol.com



Fabulous Fifties Fun Night

To those of you who could not attend the State Convention in Carroll, you missed a good time at the Fabulous Fifties Fun Night planned and organized by the Leadership Cadre. The room was decorated in pink and black with records and record albums with music note centerpieces. The evening meal consisted of Chubby Checker's Cheeseburger or Fat's Domino's Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich. The sandwich was accompanied by Fabian's Fries, Buddy Holly's Hula Hoops-onion rings, Bill Haley's House Salad and James Dean's Cool Sundae.

We began the evening playing "Name that Tune". Members seated at a table worked together to name the tunes. There were some astute members who named all the tunes. Then the Districts used their talents in skits, in song, in a style show, or in poetry. Cheryl Einsweiler and Patricia Hauser wowed the group with "Those Magic Changes". The Out of the World Fashions had all members of the audience laughing. A Bubble Gum Blowing contest and a Hula Hoop contest were held between the District skits. Babs Condon, GFWC Second Vice-President, won the Bubble Gum Blowing Contest with Kay Basham a close second. The last event of the evening was a District Drag Race. Fifth District Director Karon Keefe was the winner. Punch and cookies and conversation ended the fun evening.



Past Presidents Carolyn Blau and Sue Hass, GFWC 2nd Vice President Babs Condon and Finance Committee member Miriam Bergen



S.A.L.U.T.E.

Guest speakers at the GFWC/Iowa State Convention for Patriotic Day were Tracy Post, Arlis Hoekstra and Cindi Blankespoor from Doon, Iowa. These ladies founded the S.A.L.U.T.E. program that sends care packages to military men and women serving in foreign countries. Each package contains a personal letter with a note attached to each item showing that our United States military is appreciated by the folks back home. Thank you GFWC/Iowa members for bringing the many boxes and bags of items to be sent by S.A.L.U.T.E. to our service men and women overseas.



Also, thank you for the 182 Holiday Stockings that you brought to state convention to be taken to the GFWC Convention in Omaha. The stockings will be filled with goodies and sent to our men and women in the military in time for the holidays. Ladies, you are to be commended for your response in these efforts.



Scrip Fundraising

Scrip is a fundraising program in which one buys gift cards to use at their favorite shopping store instead of cash, checks or credit cards. Gift cards are available from over 300 national and local companies. (Check the entire list on gfwciowa.org). GFWC/Iowa sells the cards at face value and purchases them at a discounted cost. Scrip discounts range from 2% to 25%. As a general rule, however about 5% of your purchases will be returned as revenue to GFWC/Iowa. What is great about this program is that it doesn't cost you anything but it benefits GFWC/Iowa.

So this is how it works.

- (1) You decide what gift cards you want to buy.
- (2) Make a check out to GFWC/Iowa Scrip for the cost of the cards and send the check to the GFWC/Iowa office.
- (3) Mail or email the order to Sandy Phillips-sandyp.phillips01@gmail.com or call 319-363-2210.
- (4) The cards will be mailed to you.
- (5) Use your purchased gift cards to shop.

I have purchased several cards and have them ready for your purchase. They include: JC Penney, Sears, Younkers, Home Depot, Menard's, Kohl's, Wal-Mart or Sam's, Lowe's, Applebee's, Old Navy, CVS Pharmacy and Walgreen's.

Thanks for your participation in this program as it is a win-win deal.



GREAT STATES UPDATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNER



Congratulations to Anne Olson, GFWC/Iowa Phoenix Club, Muscatine who won the GFWC/Iowa Great States Update photography contest. The photograph titled "Storms a-Comin'" was chosen to represent the state of Iowa and will be on display at the GFWC Convention in Omaha. It will then be taken to GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC where it will be permanently displayed with the other state photographs. Be sure to look for the Iowa photograph if you get a chance to visit GFWC Headquarters.

STATE CONVENTION GUEST SPEAKER CAROL BODENSTEINER

GFWC/Iowa was delighted to have Carol Bodensteiner as guest speaker at our state convention on April 22nd. Carol is the author of the book "Growing Up Country: Memories of An Iowa Farm Girl". She spoke about her experiences as a child growing up in Iowa and encouraged club members to write their family histories for the benefit of younger generations to come. Carol lives in Des Moines and is continuing her writing career.



LEADS

The 2009 Iowa GFWC LEADS Participant, Amy Haney reported on the GFWC Seminar at state convention that she attended last year in Cleveland, Ohio. Amy stated that she learned a lot about the GFWC organization and brought useful materials home that she can share with her club. Amy is a member of the GFWC/Iowa Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Woman's Club. Thank you Amy for your report. GFWC/Iowa sends a participant every year to the GFWC LEADS program. Joy Young will be attending the seminar in June.



Check out the GFWC/Iowa Web Site
gfwciowa.org

GFWC/Iowa State Convention Installation evening. Left to right: 2008-2010 State President Nell Rider, GFWC Officer Babs Condon,, 2010-2012 State President Carma Bisinger, Karen Martinek, Kay Basham, Karon Keefe, Joy Young and Mary Magill.

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GFWC/Iowa is pleased to announce our exciting partnership with "Bagolitas" where shopping for handbags and gifts automatically generates a 15% donation to GFWC/Iowa. When shopping for yourself or for others for gifts, consider purchasing a "Bagolita" and making a contribution to GFWC/Iowa.

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Click on the site and browse through the many pages. After clicking on "Shopping" at the top, you will see 4 pages of purse styles. You must click on the style you are interested in to see the possible fabrics for that specific purse style. There are many possibilities available for both casual daily use purses and those special evening bags.

You can also see many of the items at the Omaha International Convention and we hope to have some products at the July Institute and at the District and State Conventions!!

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This information is also available on our web site:
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