



GFWC/Iowa

Clubwoman Newsletter



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From The*

Message From the President

Summer 2009

Greetings to all GFWC/Iowa club members



Summer is going fast and I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather and scenery. I am looking forward to homegrown sweet corn and tomatoes.

GFWC/Iowa had a very good year in 2008. Thank you for the projects and programs that you participated in and reported.

6438 members
913 programs
29,900 hours donated
\$184,667.60 donated

We now have 95 clubs and 1937 members.

As you can see, we need to work harder to maintain our members and gain new ones.

I wish to thank all of you who helped make the state convention such a great success. Many of you were present to celebrate the past club year, accept awards and renew old friendships.

May you have a pleasant and restful summer, and that you will be ready to start full speed in the fall.

Nell Rider
GFWC/Iowa President

Special points of interest:

- Mississippi Valley Region Conference—Call, Tentative Agenda and Registration
- Great States Update
- GFWC/Iowa Scholarship Chairman message
- 2008 Award Winners

GFWC/Iowa State Convention Miscellaneous

Income

- Country Store \$145.70
- 50/50 Drawings \$160.00
- District Basket Drawings—\$321

Award Winners can be found on the GFWC/Iowa Web site— gfwciowa.org



GFWC/Iowa State Convention Attendance by District

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| • District I—7 | District V—45 |
| • District II—23 | District VI—4 |
| • District III—9 | District VII—6 |
| • District IV—5 | District VIII—6 |

GREAT STATES UPDATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Deadline is February 1, 2010



Have you started taking photos for the sights or images that represent Iowa? The GFWC Great States Update is a new contest, and each state will select a photo that best represents their state in 2010. Each state's winning photo will hang on the walls at GFWC Headquarters. You have time to take a lot of pictures so start snapping. Check rules and details in your Bluebook.

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 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.

Sheryl L. Axmear
GFWC/Iowa Scholarship Chairman



GFWC/Iowa Special Project 2008 First Place Award Winners

- Domestic Violence—Tri Sigmas Club of Tipton
- Advocates for Children— Strawberry Point Woman's Club
- Fundraising —Progressive Chautauqua Circle of Creston
- Membership— Dyersville Federated Woman's Club
- WHRC— Toledo Woman's Club
- Legislation/Public Policy—Toledo Woman's Club
- Communication/Public Relations— Dyersville Federated Woman's Club & Peterson Tuesday Club
- Leadership—,Dyersville Federated Woman's Club and Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Woman's Club

ARTS Department 2008 Award Winners

Silver Overall—Friendship & Service Club of Akron
Arts in the Community, First Place Silver Award—Friendship & Service Club of Akron
Creative Arts, First Place Silver Award—Friendship & Service Club of Akron

CONSERVATION Department 2008 Award Winners

Silver Overall—Martelle Century Club
Beautification in the Community, First Place Silver Award—Westside Fortnightly Club
Conservation, First Place Silver Award—Guttenberg Book Club

EDUCATION Department 2008 Award Winners

Silver Overall—Friendship & Service Club of Akron
Education in the Community, First Place Silver Award—Solon Women’s Club
Focus on Literacy, First Place Silver Award—Yorel Club of Leroy

HOME LIFE Department 2008 Award Winners

Silver Overall—Dyersville Federated Woman’s Club
Helping Hands, First Place Silver Award—Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Women’s Club
Focus on Health, First Place Silver Award—Bay View Club of Urbana
Focus on Financial Issues , First Place Silver Award—Granger Women’s Club

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS Department 2008 Award Winners

Silver Overall—Guttenberg Book Club
Reaching Out, First Place Silver Award—Dyersville Federated Woman’s Club
United Nations, First Place Silver Award—Castana Jr. 76’ers Club

PUBLIC AFFAIRS Department 2008 Award Winners

Silver Overall—Strawberry Point Women’s Club
Citizenship in Action, First Place Silver Award—Doon General Federated Woman’s Club
Community Safety, First Place Silver Award—Guttenberg Book Club

GFWC/Iowa Creative Writing 2008 First Place Award Winners

Light Verse—Ann Tell, “Caucus Shmaucus”, Aurelia Women’s Club
Serious Verse—Margaret Mackey, “She Sits”, Guttenberg Book Club
Limericks—Sheryl Axmear, “Baby Talk”, Waukee Woman’s Club
Light Essay—Sheryl Axmear, “The Best Joke of All”, Waukee Woman’s Club
Serious Essay—Mona Powers, “Is This All There Is”, Exira Study Club
Children’s Stories—Helen Ruth Boggs, “Baby Bumps Go to the Circus”

GFWC/Iowa Youth Poetry & Short Story 2008 First Place Award Winners

Youth Poetry

Division I—Alexis Morales, “I Miss You”, sponsor-Bay View Study Club Goldfield

Division II—Emily Alexander, “Mississippi River”, sponsor Guttenberg Book Club

Division III—Dana Hedlund, “Winter Signs”, sponsor Friendship & Service Club Akron

Division IV—Michael Harris, “The Difference”, sponsor Friendship & Service Club of Akron

Youth Short Story

Division I—Tyler Greenfield, “Spike’s Spinosaurus Search”, sponsor Bay View Club of Goldfield

Division II—Brian Dean, “The Dragon Armada”, sponsor Bay View Club of Goldfield

Division III—Emily Meerdink, “The Grove of My Home”, sponsor Friendship & Service Club Akron

Division IV—Taeji Wilken, “The Distance Hurts”, sponsor Friendahip & Service Club Akron



Nell Rider, GFWC/Iowa State President and Carlene Garner, GFWC President-elect at State Convention

Gayle Hanna presents a First Place Photography award to Anne S. Olson for her photograph titled “Two of a Kind”. Anne’s photo went on to win a place in the GFWC Photography Contest “A Year In Pictures” and to be included in the next GFWC calendar



GFWC/Iowa State Convention 2009



Domestic Violence member donations are loaded for delivery.



**OFFICIAL CALL TO THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION
36TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2009
“STEPPIN’ UP TO GFWC”**

Dear Clubwomen:

I would like to extend a personal invitation to all of you to attend the 36th Annual Mississippi Valley Region Conference, September 11-13 in Springfield, Missouri.

What a great time to get together with your friends from Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska and Missouri! There will be interesting tours to Banson, The Caverns, Japanese Fall Festival and even an Armchair Tour! Shopping opportunities will abound in the ‘Just not for Shoes’ store. And best part of all, we will be hearing from our Leads participants, special speakers and from our own GFWC International President, Rose Ditto. Our service project will be collecting athletic shoes for the Missouri Girl’s Town. There will be fun shoe contests with fabulous prizes and of course opportunities to win a State Basket. So, dust off those interesting shoes, get out your walking tour shoes, go buy some athletic shoes and join us for fun, friendship and Federation footwork in Springfield, MO! And don’t forget to bring your Booster!

Karen Kaler
MVR President
‘Steppin’ up to GFWC’



**2009 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION CONFERENCE
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

THURSDAY

6-8 pm Registration open

FRIDAY

8:00 am Registration opens

9:00 am Tours

4:00 pm GFWC MVR Board of Directors Meeting

6:00 pm Social Hour

6:45 pm Processional

7:00 pm Missouri State Night Banquet

SATURDAY

8:00 am Work Sessions

- 2010-2012 Region President and State Presidents meet with GFWC President-elect, Carlene Garner

Members of the 2008-2010 Board of Directors meet with GFWC International President, Rose Ditto

9:00 am Opening Business Session

10:40-12 pm Membership/ Leadership Strategies

12:00-12:30 pm Break/Fundraising

12:30-1:30 pm The Power of Change Luncheon

1:45-2:30 pm Business Meeting/Leads & Mentors Presentations

2:30-3:50 pm Membership/Leadership Session – Part II

4:00-4:45 pm Workshops

6:00 pm Social Hour

6:45 pm Processional Formation

7:00 pm Banquet-Speaker- International President, Rose Ditto
“We Did It” – Celebrating the Successes

SUNDAY

8-11 am Breakfast

Speaker-Lind Lindquist Baldwin-creator of Belsnickles

State President Reports

Invitation to 2010 Region Conference

REGISTRATION FORM

GFWC Mississippi Valley Region Conference

September 11-13, 2009

Ramada at the Oasis-Springfield, MO

Registration, Member	\$10.00	_____
Registration, Booster	\$ 5.00	_____
Missouri State Night Banquet	\$30.00	_____
Saturday <i>Power of Change</i> Luncheon	\$15.00	_____
Saturday Banquet " <i>We did it- Celebrating the Successes</i> "	\$34.00	_____
Sunday Breakfast	\$14.00	_____
Friday Caverns Tour	\$30.00	_____
Friday Branson Tour	\$30.00	_____
Sunday Japanese Fall Festival Tour – no charge (\$5.00 park fee payable that day)	_____	check here if attending
Armchair Tour – no charge	_____	check here if attending
Total Amount Enclosed	_____	_____
Makes Checks Payable to MVR 2009		

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Position: _____

First Time Attendee? Yes _____ No _____

If you have any dietary restrictions or mobility concerns, please tell us about them ahead of time and we will make every effort to meet your special needs.

Please return this form by August 28, 2008 to

Shirley Guevel-Treasurer

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OFFICIAL CALL to the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION
36th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2009

LOCATION: Ramada at the Oasis
2546 North Glenstone
Springfield, MO 65803

RESERVATIONS: 1-888-532-4338 or 417-866-5253

Room Rates: \$78.00 plus tax – 2 double beds or king bed
A block of rooms will be held until August 19, 2009. Ask for
GFWC Mississippi Valley Region Conference when reserving your room.

CONVENTION CHAIRMEN

Pat Zachary
1920 E. Ridgewood Dr
Springfield, MO 65804

Nancy Addelman
2030 East Holiday
Springfield, MO 65804

Booster Activity:

Golf –Friday, September 11

\$30 for 18 holes and a cart

\$28 for seniors 60+ 18 holes and a cart pm

I want to play Friday-

am _____

pm _____

Name & phone #

Golf-Saturday, September 12

\$35 for 18 holes and a cart- no senior rates I want to play Saturday-

am _____

Open at 7 AM

pm _____

What to Bring:

Service Project- In place of doing a Day of Service, we are asking clubwomen to bring a pair of white athletic shoes, adult sizes 5 to 9, to donate to the girls at Missouri Girls Town.

Shoes with a story- Throughout the Conference, we will be asking clubwomen to share a special story about the shoes they are wearing or about a shoe that they have brought. Sort of a shoe and tell. It could be the shoes you wore to prom, your wedding shoes or your baby shoes. Let's see how creative you are!

It's not Just a Shoe Store-Items to sell to help balance the MVR budget. Books, CD's, jewelry, handmade gifts, or chocolate (my personal favorite).

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