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Message from the President

Greetings to my fellow GFWC/Iowa Clubwomen:

I am sure all of you are as ready for spring as I am — and ready to get back out in your community and continue all the great projects your clubs do.

Included in this newsletter is the Call to Annual Convention, which will be held at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 1625 Jordan Creek Pkwy., West Des Moines, on May 9th and 10th.

I am pleased to announce that Jody Latwesen from the Grundy Center Club has agreed to be our LEADS candidate for 2025. She will attend the GFWC International Convention in Atlanta and enjoy a day of learning, meeting new friends and having a great time.

I am also pleased to announce that I have received an application for the Jennie Award for Donna Flint. This application is being turned into the MVR Committee for consideration.

This year I am asking each district to donate three baskets for the silent auction at state convention (value of at least \$25). It is up to the district director to determine

who will be responsible for the baskets. I would like all clubs to bring one door prize.

On Friday night, we will have a picnic instead of a banquet, so you can dress casually and wear your favorite spring hat. We will also play Spring Bingo after the meal.

Shannon Bailey, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, will be speaking on all the GFWC Resources. Shannon is also a Registered Parliamentarian, so I am sure she will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Our speaker for Saturday morning will be Anastasia Basquin, Chief Victim Liaison and Community Outreach Specialist for the Linn County Attorney's office. She will be addressing how the legal system works, focusing on domestic violence cases. Attendees can bring a cash donation for the "Go the Distance for Crime Victims Fund." This fund pays for costs incurred by victims (as a direct result of a crime) that are not funded by other funding sources.

The 2025 GFWC Annual Convention is June 7-9, 2025, in Atlanta, Georgia at



The Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park. The room rate is \$234 per night, plus taxes and fees. This year's theme is "Spinning Vision into Reality". If you have not already gotten the Call to Convention, it is on the member portal.

There is lots of good information included in this newsletter. Please read it over and make plans to attend our convention in May in West Des Moines.

Mickey Coomfere



Calendar of Events 2025, GFWC Annual Convention

April 15: Pink sheets from Bluebook due to GFWC/Iowa Headquarters
April 15: Yellow sheets from Bluebook due to District Directors
April 24: GFWC Federation Day
May 9-10: GFWC/Iowa Annual Convention, Comfort Inn & Suites, West Des Moines
June 6-9: GFWC Annual Convention, Board of Directors Meeting, LEADS, Atlanta Omni Atlanta Hotel
July 12: GFWC/Iowa Executive and Finance Committee Meetings
September 5-6: GFWC/Iowa Fall Board of Directors Meeting
September 19-21: Mississippi Valley Region Conference, Nebraska
October 4: GFWC/Iowa NE District Meeting
October 11: GFWC/Iowa SE District Meeting
October 17: GFWC/Iowa SW District Meeting
October 18: GFWC/Iowa NW District Meeting



Discover Atlanta!

Join us in Atlanta, Georgia in 2025!

Registration closes April 30, 2025

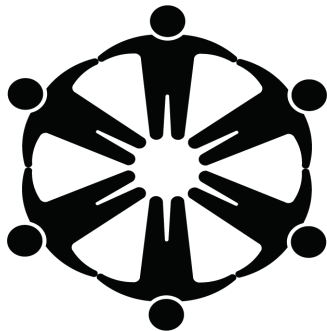


GFWC/Iowa Community Service Chairmen

Emergency Preparedness

Lisa Harris, Civic Engagement & Outreach Chairman

THANK YOU to all of the clubs who reported in the area of Civic Engagement and Outreach for 2024. You did amazing work, and my job of choosing first place and chairman's choice awards was extremely challenging. It is so important to spread the word about all the truly wonderful projects and programs that clubs across Iowa are involved in. The impact your club has on your community is commendable.

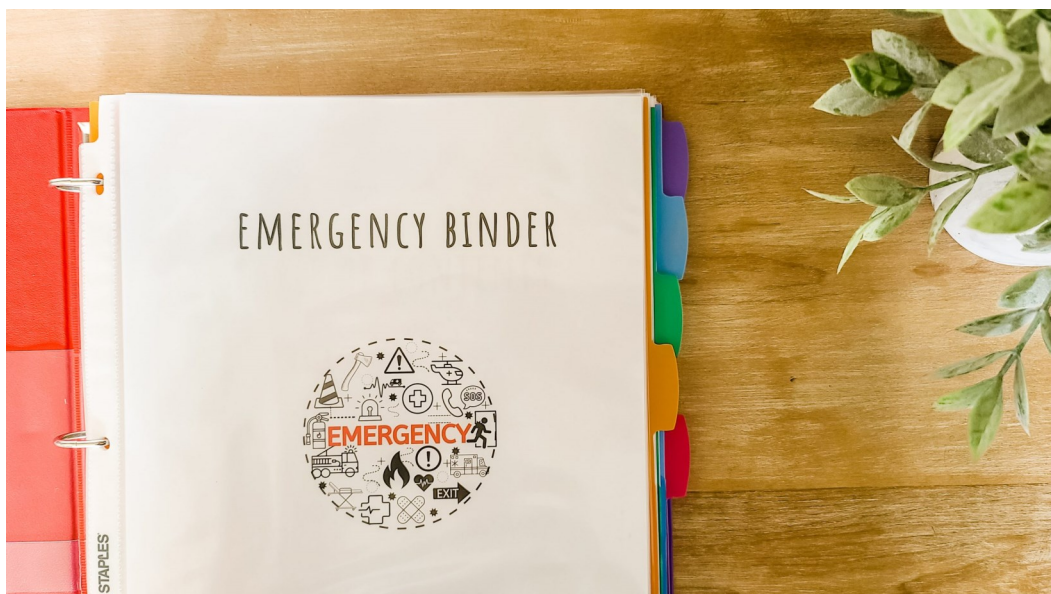


From the GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach chair, Vicky Ann Trimmer, I have been made aware that her emphasis this administration is Emergency Preparedness. The family Emergency Notebook is now available on the GFWC website for all clubwomen to download. It can be found on the Member Portal in the Civic Engagement and Outreach folder. Get your club involved in the project today!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the state convention in May and hope to share even more ideas with you about the exciting programs and projects in the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP area.



If you have questions or if there is something I can do to assist you, please e-mail me at lisaharr79@gmail.com or call 712-552-7311.



GFWC/Iowa Community Service Program Chairmen

Start Planning for Spring

Karen Martinek, Environment Chairman



Spring is now just around the corner. Start planning your environment projects. Make plans to celebrate World Water Day, National Parks Week and Earth Day.

World Water Day is March 22, 2025.

This year's theme is,
"Glacier Preservation."

Water availability and climate change are closely linked. A United Nations Day to raise awareness that 2.2 billion people live without access to clean water. This is a day to focus attention on the importance and use of water.

Plan a project to clean or keep pollutants out of your water. Reduce water usage and learn ways to conserve water. Take shorter showers, turn off water while brushing your teeth or shaving. Support legislation to protect our ground water from seepage from pollutants.

Spend one day recording your water usage—become aware.

Earth Day 2025 is Tuesday, April 22nd.

This year's theme is , "Our Power, Our Planet."
Earth Day is celebrating it's 55th anniversary this year.

Plan an activity: Plant a tree, flowers, organize weeding of garlic mustard or other invasive plants, take a hike, schedule a highway or town cleanup, or schedule a recycle pickup. program, or home use.

National Parks Week, April 19-27, 2025.

If possible visit a National Park or support by donation.
Purchase National Park forever stamps.
Prepare a virtual National Park tour at home or at a club meeting.
Obtain a park activity kit for a K-2nd grade classroom, library program or home use.

Great job reporting environment projects! Our communities are cleaner, safer and more beautiful as a result of your club work. It was great to see so many clubs having projects working with county or state parks. I was also pleased to see clubs planting or gifting

trees to children to encourage their interest in and care for our environment. Many clubs have flower gardens or planters they maintain to beautify their main streets or parks. Keep up all the great recycling and repurposing projects reported.

Thanks for all you do!
19 clubs reported 49 environment projects.
We donated \$1,964 dollars and \$3,001 in-kind goods.
We all worked very hard volunteering 1,347 hours.



GFWC/Iowa Community Service Program Chairmen

Dementia Friends

Peg Anderson, Health & Wellness Chairman



We had 20 clubs reporting on 73 health and wellness projects for 2024. I was proud and inspired by all the wonderful activities and events our GFWC/Iowa members have done. Thank you!

Last fall, I told you about a state wide health and wellness initiative - "GFWC/IOWA Becomes Dementia Friendly." Many clubs have embraced this idea. I would like to recognize those clubs at the state convention in May. Please use

the form I sent with the winter edition of the GFWC/Iowa State Health and Wellness newsletter. If you need a form, contact me at 641-202-6290 or peganderson972@gmail.com and submit it by April 1, 2025.

Dementia Friends is a global movement that is changing the way people think, act and talk about dementia. Developed and proven to be successful by the Alzheimer's Society in the United Kingdom, the Dementia Friends initiative is now underway in Iowa and across the United States. The free informational sessions are discussions led by a volunteer Dementia Friends Champion. Participants learn the basics of dementia, such as what dementia is, what it's like to live with the disease and some tips for communicating with people who have dementia. Everyone who attends is asked to turn their new understanding of

dementia into a practical action that can help someone living in your community. Everyone who attends a live session **becomes a Dementia Friend!** Dementia Friends sessions have been active in Iowa since June 2021.

How do I set up a Dementia Friendly class for my club?
Contact Megan Zimmerman (State Coordinator) at 319-239-2902; mzimmerman@nei3a.org or your local Area Agency on Aging to see when they are offering sessions.

Remember...You don't need to be an expert or know someone with dementia to become a Dementia Friend. All you need to do is attend the one-hour information session to become a Dementia Friend!



GFWC/Iowa Special Programs Chairmen

Read! Report! Repeat!

Linda Hueser, Adventures in Reading/ESO Chairman

GFWC/Iowa's **Adventures in Reading** and GFWC's **ESO** are reminders to be active readers. ESO is the more involved, as book reports are required; Adventures in Reading is less demanding. Reporting is required and important for both programs. ESO reports should be submitted periodically; Adventures in Reading reports are required only in December. However you choose to participate, I encourage you to: **Read! Report! Repeat!**

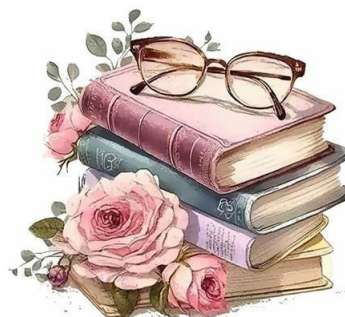
Details for both programs can be found on the "Other

Programs" tab at the GFWC/Iowa website. There are suggested reading lists for both. The **ESO Handbook** with membership and reporting information is included and is available to everyone. Review it; and if you find it challenging or compelling, please join ESO. You may find you are already reading from many of the categories, making it easy to get started.

Many thanks to those of you who take the time to report and to our district **Adventures in Reading** chairwomen who

compile the annual reports: Cindy Lellig (NE); Kay Walter (SE); Gloria Terrell (NW); and Kris Smith (SW).

NOTE: if you have membership in multiple clubs, you may split your total among your clubs so that each is eligible for 100% reporting.



The table below summarizes the **Adventures in Reading** data for 2024.

2024 Reading Reported in 2025	No. Clubs	Clubs Reporting	No. Members	Members Reporting	Books Read	100% Clubs
Northeast District 80%	10	8	212	113	3,719	2
Southeast District 100%	6	6	86	76	2,491	4
Northwest District 72%	7	5	140	74	2,898	2
Southwest District 100%	9	9	150	140	6,629	8
Members at Large			14	4	158	
2024 State Totals	32	28	602	403	15,895	16
2023 State Totals	33	25	599	390	15,216	14

Congratulations to these GFWC/Iowa 100% reporting clubs:

NE District

Guttenberg Book Club
Maquoketa Woman's Club

SE District

5 Season's Women's Assoc., Cedar Rapids
Quad Cities Woman's Club, Davenport
Keystone AOK Club, Muscatine
Phoenix Club, Muscatine

NW District

Lake City Monday Club
Peterson Tuesday Club

SW District

Adel Women's Club
Audubon Federated Women's Club
Town & Country Jr. Club, Avoca
Bancroft History Assembly, Creston
Castana Jr. 76er's Club
Exira Study Club
Granger Women's Club
Yorel Study Club, LeRoy

Linda Hueser, Adventures in Reading/ESO Iowa State Chair, dh12059@juno.com, 515-999-2257

GFWC/Iowa Special Programs Chairmen

GFWC's Longest Standing Project

Marcia Hanson, Community Impact Chairman



The GFWC Community Impact Program Award offers GFWC Clubs financial incentives to implement projects

designed to impact a specific problem in their community. Introduced in 1949 as the "Build a Better Community Contest" and later known as the "Community Impact Program Award," the program has provided GFWC clubs with a platform for developing and implementing projects that meet the varying and changing needs of their communities. As GFWC 's longest standing project, it has also presented opportunities for growing club membership, enhancing

leadership skills, building relationships with individuals and groups, and creating public awareness of club activities and GFWC.

Award period is January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025. It's easy as one, two, three...select your project, document your efforts and report in spring of 2026. Check page 32 of the Bluebook for details.

Pen and Paper

Sue Hass, Creative Writing Chairman

*Were you a writer in 2024?
Did you record a memory
About opening a new door
And spreading your wings?*

*Or perhaps you wrote a few lines
About your childhood days
Or other times when life was fine.
Or just about a lovely sunrise.*

*Writing can be so easy.
Just open your mind
And soon you will find
The words just filling the page.*

*We've started a new calendar year
And before you know it
I will once again be whispering in your ear-
Have you written your entry for '25?*



GFWC/Iowa Special Programs Chairmen

Join and Participate in LAC

Eileen Hageman, Legislation & Public Policy Chairman



Some of you may know that anything related to politics makes me cringe. I am one of those “let’s avoid confrontation, keep everyone happy” sort of people. Yet, I was selected to serve on the national committee for this program area. This has provided an opportunity for me to be more open minded and receptive and to learn so much about legislation and public policy.

As a GFWC member, you can join and participate in the **LAC (Legislative Action Center)**. It is now as easy as scanning a QR code and inputting your email address and zip code. You will then receive alerts when a bill we support based on programming or resolutions is coming up for a vote in Congress. One thing I have learned is that

congressmen do want to hear from their constituents. Local offices tally the yay’s and nay’s for current legislation and send to Washington on a daily basis. One man, one vote is truly emphasized! When you receive a legislative action alert, if you agree, do a couple of keystrokes and hit submit. Your congressman will receive your input. If you disagree, just don’t respond to the alert. The QR code is below. Sign up is something that can easily be done at a club meeting! We’ve had a few clubs that have done this. We’ve experienced a 16% increase in LAC sign up this year in Iowa, but let’s make it an overwhelming increase!

We as an organization have long been a sounding board for presidents, governors and congressman, locally and nationally. The Legislative Action Center helps make this still happen!

Another opportunity to work on a fun activity at the club level is the “**Legislative Ladder.**” Clubs are challenged annually to “step up” to EDUCATE, ENGAGE, and EMPOWER by tackling Legislative action steps. It may be too late for this year, as ladder reports are due to the National Chairman on

March 15th. It is, however, a great time to start next year’s ladder. The first step of the ladder is to increase club Legislative Action Center sign-up; the 2nd step— do a proclamation in your community. This would increase awareness of an issue or event and increases your club’s name recognition. Other steps involve inviting a local decision maker to a club meeting to discuss local issues and learning about or making a resolution. There are eight steps on the ladder; but if your club can increase LAC sign up and invite the local decision maker, you’ve reached the 35-point minimum required for your club to receive a certificate at the GFWC International Convention held annually in June. It’s an attainable goal!



Items For Sale at Convention, Leadership Strategies

Amy Hall-Haney, Fundraising and Leadership Chairman

Fundraising

At the upcoming annual convention in May, there will be a variety of items that will be for sale, including some handy kitchen gadgets. Also, there will be a chance to bid on baskets donated by the districts and others. Usually, these baskets offer some unique and fun things. If you haven't purchased President Mickey Coonfare's butterfly pin, these will also be available.

Hope to see you in May.

Leadership

Some may talk about being born leaders; in fact, most of us learn to be strong leaders. Leadership development involves personal growth and improvement and influencing and fostering others.

Most often, people will be likely to accept leadership

positions with a clearer understanding if they have a good idea of what is expected and know that you, as the leader, will nurture and support them along the journey.

A leader may consider some of the following strategies for growing new leaders.

- Consider officers and their responsibilities and prepare a detailed handout for each so that they know what their duties and responsibilities are.
- Conduct mini-leadership presentations to help members gain a better understand and develop new skills.
- Encourage new members to contribute to various activities where their fresh ideas will be helpful.
- Take advantage of member diversity. Each individual member brings unique skills.
- Share the work. It is easier if members help plan meetings,



participate in projects and write reports. One person should not be responsible for all of these tasks alone.

- Be generous with your appreciation.
 - Nurture and prepare successors for their work.
- Leaders should be supportive.

Take advantage of information found in the [Leadership Toolkit](#) found on the [Member Portal](#) for more information on Leadership development.



GFWC/Iowa Standing Committees Chairmen

Membership Matters!

Bette Kuboushek, Membership Chairman



Membership really does matter!! Thank you to the clubs who reported on Membership. There were some different ideas that I will share when awards are given at state convention. Keep up the good work!

As of this writing, we have 613 members in Iowa; of those, 60 are new!! We are at -2 since last year. I hope we can raise that to a positive number soon. 😊

Don't forget the Recruitment Campaign's focus for January, February and March is Diverse and Inclusive Programming. Consider all members' needs

when organizing your calendar of events and activities. Reports are due April 1. Professional Development is the focus for April, May and June, with reports due July 1.

I hope you are all working on the Membership Report/Activity form, that is due April 1st. If you have misplaced yours, let me know and I can forward it to you. I'll have to put on my thinking cap to come up with some really cool prizes. 😊

During our last Membership Task Force zoom meeting, one state representative told us that their new club members are assigned a project. They meet outside of the regular meeting time, maybe the hour before, and have one current member attend. They come up with a project that they want to work on. This is a great idea if you have several new members in your club. This way they can work on their project of choice without feeling overwhelmed at the many projects the club does, and they can take ownership of it.



GFWC Tidbits:

1921: *The GFWC Indian Welfare Committee is created to improve both education and health facilities on reservations, as well as preserve Native American culture.*

1922: *GFWC purchases 1734 N Street NW in Washington, D.C., and establishes it as the Federation's Headquarters. The beautiful townhome in the Dupont Circle neighborhood includes staff offices, meeting and reception rooms, as well as an apartment for the International President.*

1925: *GFWC initiates a nationwide Federation survey of the American home, placing a spotlight on in-home technology.*



GFWC/Iowa Club Highlights

Stamp Collecting

Amy Haney, Members-at-Large President



In the past, I have asked that you and your clubs collect used postage stamps for the Veteran's Stamp Club. Unfortunately, this club no longer exists due to a variety of reasons, including the death of the founder and changes in the VA health care system.

While no longer supporting Veterans, there is still need for postage stamps, both new and used. Clubs of any size can be involved in saving the postage stamps found on everyday

letters and other mailings. When reporting your club's activities, it could be considered an aid to education.

Stamps can be sent to Postal History Foundation, 920 North First Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85719.

Donations of stamps and philatelic (stamp collecting) supplies are always needed for their programs. This organization has many services, including their education department. This department offers stamps to any organization on any topic or purpose that they request and are sent free of charge.

Some general tips on collecting stamps:

- stamps should be in mint or good condition,
- they can be US or foreign,
- they can be on or off paper;

• they can be loose or on paper,

• they can be new or used.

Usually, they don't want the postmark unless it would be of special interest, especially local postmarks/cancellations. They don't want "work horse" stamps, like flags.

When sending in your stamps, ask the postal clerk to please use COMMEMORATIVE or HIGH VALUE stamps on your package. NO METERED postage.

Please go to their website ThePostalHistoryFoundation.org for more detailed information about this organization and their needs as related to stamps collecting. You will also find on this website what stamps and other items they would like to have donated.



Club Highlights

Quilt Show Grundy Center Woman's Club

The Grundy Center Woman's Club hosted a quilt show in conjunction with the city's Chamber/Main Street's GIRLS NIGHT OUT event in October. The show was one of the club's community service projects. The purpose was to attract shoppers from outside our normal market area to visit the quilt show; and while they were in town, we hoped they would shop at our downtown retail stores and increase their sales during the event. The show included over 100 quilted projects of many very talented quilters. The quilts were displayed at the Cornerstone Methodist Church adjacent to our Main Street.



Reminders

Join the \$100 Club!



The \$100 Club is ongoing. Clubs, districts or individuals may contribute as often as they wish. The money is placed in the GFWC/Iowa general operating fund to be used toward operating expense.

Those who have donated since the last convention will be recognized at the 2025 GFWC/Iowa State Convention in Des Moines, May 9-10.

Many thanks to those of you who have already contributed! Checks should be made payable to GFWC/Iowa and designated for the \$100 Club **by April 1st.**

See you at state convention!



*Betty Wade
Finance Chairman*

A Friendly Reminder

If your club was a silver winner at last year's state convention, we need to have the tray returned so it can be awarded to this year's recipient.

If you are unable to attend, please arrange to have the silver returned by someone from your area who will be coming to convention or another event prior to that time.



Thank you!

GFWC/Iowa State Convention

Official Call

**GFWC/Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs
97th GFWC/Iowa State Convention**

**Comfort Inn & Suites
1625 Jordan Creek Pkwy, West Des Moines, Iowa
May 9-10, 2025**

"Spread Your Wings with GFWC"

Club Presidents, please make copies to inform and share with members, encouraging them to attend!

Registration: Complete one registration form for each member attending the convention and send **with a check payable to GFWC/Iowa, including the meal functions and the \$20.00 registration fee to GFWC/Iowa Headquarters , 3839 Merle Hay Road, Suite 201, Des Moines, Iowa 50310, by April 26, 2025.**
No refunds after that date, but you may send someone in your place if you are unable to attend.

Room Reservations: **Deadline for the room rate is April 28, 2025.** Please make room reservations by clicking on this link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/KQ46C6> or by calling the hotel directly at 515-440-3679. The convention rate is \$91 per room plus tax for one king or two queen beds. Microwaves and refrigerators are in each room. The hotel does have free continental breakfast.

Credentials: Club credentials will be available at the Registration Desk when you check in at the convention. They will not be mailed out in advance.

Convention Attire: Friday is business casual
Friday evening is picnic attire (be sure to wear your favorite spring hat)
Saturday is business casual

Things to Bring:

1. Baskets for silent auction — each district is bringing three; check with your district director to confirm who is bringing them.
2. Door prizes — each club is asked to bring one.
3. Any cash donations you want to give to our speaker, Anastasia Basquin, for the "Go the Distance for Crime Victims Fund," which helps cover costs incurred by victims as a direct result of a crime.

Displays and Fundraising Items: Set up on Friday morning in Room 201 after 9:00 a.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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Registration Form

Make Checks Payable to: GFWC/Iowa

Send registration form and check postmarked by MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, to:

GFWC/Iowa Headquarters

3839 Merle Hay Rd., Ste. 201, Des Moines, IA 50310

Phone: 515-276-0510 Email: gfwciowa@qwestoffice.net

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Club Name: _____

Club Town: _____ District: SE _____ SW _____ NE _____ NW _____

Present GFWC/Iowa Position held, if applicable: _____

State Officer and/or Chairman: _____

Voting Delegate for: Club _____ District _____ State _____
(per GFWC/Iowa Bylaws Article X—Representation)

Are you a first-time State Convention Attendee? Yes _____ No _____
(One first-time attendee from each club has registration waived.)

One Registration Per Form

Please mark each event and meal you will be attending below:

REGISTRATION FEE \$20.00 _____

MEALS: Friday evening picnic \$18.00 _____
(pulled pork, buns, coleslaw, fresh fruit, chips, cookies, lemonade)

Saturday lunch \$17.00 _____
(salad luncheon provided by Adel Women's Club)

TOTAL (including Registration and Meals) \$ _____

Please specify if you have a special diet requirement (gluten free, no green vegetables, vegetarian, no seafood, etc.)

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone # _____

GFWC/Iowa State Convention

Tentative Schedule for GFWC/Iowa State Convention

Friday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. Registration open, setup displays — Room 201
Auction baskets set up — Room 201
- 9:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting, President’s Room 203
- 10:15 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting, President’s Room 203
Lunch on your own
- 1:00 p.m. **Convention Convenes**
- Call to Order Mickey Coonfare
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome & Introductions Mickey Coonfare
- Welcome to West Des Moines
- Greetings from GFWC Shannon Bailey
- 1:30 p.m. **Start Business Meeting**
- Adoption of Convention Program Sue Hass
- Credentials Report Meredith McHone Pierce
- Secretary’s Report Mary Adams
- Treasurer’s Report Meredith McHone Pierce
- Finance Chairman’s Report Betty Wade
- Bylaws/Standing Rules/Resolutions Cindy Hansen
- Officer Reports
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Shannon Bailey, Director of Junior Clubs — GFWC Resources & Parliamentary Procedures
Door Prizes
- 3:45 p.m. Introduction of 2025 LEADS Candidate
- Introduction of Community Service Program Chairmen Cindy Hansen
- Arts & Culture Community Margaret Steigleder
- Civic Engagement & Outreach Lisa Harris
- Education & Libraries Ellen Thon

GFWC/Iowa State Convention

Environment	Karen Martinek
Health & Wellness	Peg Anderson
50/50 Drawing	Amy Hall-Haney
Endowment	Carma Bisinger
Scholarship Report	Bette Kuboushek
\$100 Club Recognition	
Door Prizes	
Announcements	
Visit Silent Auction and Fundraising	
6:00 p.m.	Spring Picnic — wear your favorite spring hat
	Spring Bingo
8:00 p.m.	Members at Large

Saturday, May 10

8:00 a.m.	Past President’s Club Meeting
	Registration Opens
9:00 a.m.	Convention Reconvenes
Opening	Mickey Coonfare
Introductions	
Introduction of Special Program Chairmen	Lisa Gottschalk
Adventures in Reading/ESO	Linda Hueser
Community Impact	Marcia Hanson
WHRC	Julia Thoele
Creative Writing/Short Story Awards	Sue Hass
Photography Awards	Sandy Phillips
Introduction of Iowa Standing Committees	
Legislation & Public Policy	Eileen Hageman
Communications & Public Relations	Bonita Baughman
Fundraising	Amy Hall-Haney

GFWC/Iowa State Convention

Leadership	Amy Hall-Haney
Membership	Bette Kuboushek
10:30 a.m. Break	
10:45 a.m. Guest Speaker	Anastasia Basquin
11:30 a.m. Break — visit Silent Auction and Fundraisng, Room 201 — LAST CHANCE!!	
12:00 p.m. Salad Luncheon — provided by GFWC/Iowa Adel Women’s Club	
First-Time Attendees	Mickey Coonfare
Advocates for Children	Christine Gent
Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness.	Cheryl Einsweiler
MVR September 19-21 Information	Karen Martinek
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