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your members and make new goals!*

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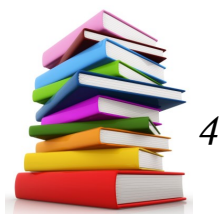
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Message from the President

Greetings to my GFWC sisters in GFWC/Iowa:

Welcome back to club meetings and activities. Your officers and committees have worked hard to put together fun and informative club meetings and programs that will enhance your volunteer service this club season.

It is my honor and privilege to serve all of you as your 2022-2024 GFWC/Iowa State President. I continue to be amazed at all the fabulous work that our GFWC women around the state do for their communities, our state, country and world. You are among the most caring and intelligent women in the world.

Thank you all for your service in the past, and I look forward to joining you in service these next two years. Thank you to all who have answered my call to be a part of my administration. I still have

several areas of service open for those of you who have a particular passion and/or talent to share. For me, it wasn't until I agreed to serve as a district chair or state chairman that I truly realized and appreciated all the fabulous work that is done in Iowa by our members on a volunteer basis.

My administration theme is Hearts United Raising Awareness. My two focus areas of awareness are mental health and human trafficking. I know that clubs have already held community events in these areas and that many others have them planned for the upcoming club year.

I am proud to be a member of GFWC/Iowa. I hope you are all proud too, and I hope you are all tooting your horns to others and encouraging every woman you know to join you as a member of the finest volunteer organization in the United States.



Let's all do our best to "raise awareness" about GFWC/Iowa and change the question from "What is GFWC/Iowa?" to "How do I join GFWC/Iowa?"

Nancy Tabor



... from Past President Bette Kuboushek

Thank You from the Waverly Library, Tennessee

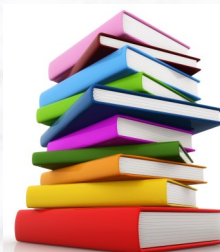
From: Vicki Bechet <vicki.bechet@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Aug 5, 2022 at 12:23 PM
Subject: Donation for Waverly Elementary School TRTL Project
To: Bette and Linus Kuboushek <bkuboushek@gmail.com>

Bette - Thank you, from the bottom of my heart for Iowa's generous donation of \$310 for the replacement books ruined in last year's August 21st catastrophic flood. We are in the process of changing administrations. I will get the check to our new treasurer, but there may be a delay before it is cashed.

Sadly, we GFWC clubs will now need to raise funds and/or buy books for the devastated region flooded and destroyed in Eastern Kentucky. Ironically, it's in the same area as described in the best seller Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek. I'm sure we'll hear from Kentucky clubs soon.

Thanks again...
In Federation Friendship,

Vicki Bechet Past President, GFWC of TN, 2020-2022
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Greetings to each club member as you embark on a new club year. As your state CEO CSP chair, I want to encourage your club to continue the excellent work in this area, as well as consider some new projects to implement during this administration.

Challenge Project

Lisa Harris, Civic Engagement & Outreach

We are constantly reminded as clubwomen that we are a part of larger society and we are responsible for addressing issues of public concern. We advocate because there is a need, and we volunteer because we are needed!

Whether your projects/ programs support essential workers or focus on citizenship, crime prevention, safety and disaster preparedness, needy, hungry, homeless, military personnel, veterans and women veteran support and outreach, they are vital in impacting your community in a positive way.

My e-mail is lisaharr79@gmail.com and my phone number is 712-552-7311. Please contact me if you need any assistance as you explore programs that will enhance your community.



Environment CSP Notes

Tina Neese, National Environment CSP Chair



There are four target areas in this CSP:

1. Preserve Resources:

This area relates to but not exclusive of forestation, Earth Day activities, reduction of energy consumption, air and water pollution, wetland conservation, water projects, disposal of waste and gardening.

Club Project Example: Prepare a presentation about your watershed for a school or community. Discuss water quality threats, including the dangers of polluted runoff and ecosystem loss.

2. Protect Wildlife and Domesticated Animals:

This area relates to but not exclusive of birding projects, Audubon Society, native plants for animal food, Department of Natural Resources, preserving wildlife management areas, endangered species protection, wildlife protection, and animal shelter and humane society support.

Club Project Example: Be a bird watcher; contribute by gathering scientific data.

3. Live Sustainably:

This area relates to but not exclusive of recycling, zero waste projects, the Environmental Protection Agency, sustainable gardening, locally grown food, renewable energy, reduce consumption of purposes, reusable items and upcycling of items.

Club Project Example: Host a fun time with upcycled items for purchase.

4. Beautify Communities and Enjoy Nature:

This area relates to but not exclusive of adopt-a-highway, clean up days, nature walks, teaching others about nature, yard of the month, garden tours, master gardening, plant and tree identification, hiking and biking, national and state parks and clean water projects.

Club Project Example: Be a part of your communities Clean and Beautiful, host a trash pick-up day in your community, or

volunteer at a national or state park.

Kids' Corner

Each month find a few environment-friendly children book recommendations. Use these books as a stepping stone to teach children and teenagers about environmental topics.

The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

We are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown

City Green by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan

Greta and the Giants by Zoe Tucker

Honeybee by Candace Fleming

The Thing about Bees by Shabazz Larkin

The Hike by Alison Farrell

Winter in the Forest by Rusty Finch



GFWC/Iowa CSP Chairmen

GFWC Bi-monthly Newsletter

Peg Anderson, Health & Wellness



Welcome to the GFWC/Iowa 2022-2024 Health and Wellness Community Service Program. As one of President Nancy's Special Projects, each GFWC/Iowa club is challenged to spend the next two years engaging in local community projects that promote awareness and support services for those suffering from mental illness. I look forward to learning and sharing your experiences as you reach for this goal and report it in your annual report.

The national health and wellness chairperson, Dale Fischer, plans to provide each of the state chairmen with information and project ideas to share with clubs via a bi-monthly newsletter. I have received the first newsletter, and I will forward it on to the district health and wellness chairmen. They in turn will send it on to the individual clubs in

their district. Following are a couple of articles in the newsletter:

“The three components of the Health and Wellness CSP are disease awareness and prevention, nutrition, and physical and emotional care. Disease awareness and prevention is the knowledge of the factors that cause disease (including social determinants and health inequity), the symptoms and the ways to prevent it. This is to include screenings, vaccinations and shared information. Nutrition is a key element in the quest for good health. Wise food choices, proper usage of vitamins and supplements, and food allergy awareness help maintain a healthy lifestyle free of weakened conditions and chronic illness. Physical and emotional care encompasses behaviors to manage a healthy body, mind and spirit throughout life. This includes physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, environmental and social well being.”

“September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Wear gold or display a gold ribbon to bring awareness to childhood cancers in September. Why gold?

Gold symbolizes how precious children are and illustrates the resiliency of childhood cancer heroes. How can GFWC members and clubs help? Support our GFWC Affiliate St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Per their website, “The mission of St. Jude Children's Hospital is to advance cures and means of prevention for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment.”

- Organize or participate in an existing Walk/Run for St. Jude.
- Partner with a local school and collect Caring Coins during September.
- Sponsor a party for the classroom that collects the most money.
- Encourage students to dress up as *healthy heroes*, provide snacks and offer activity sheets.
- Make *Waiting Room Fun Bags*.
- Dedicate a brick on the St. Jude campus pathway.

For more ideas, refer to the Affiliate Guide in the GFWC Club Manual or visit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital website—www.stjude.org.”



GFWC/Iowa Special Chairmen

Go Read a Good Book

Linda Hueser, Adventures in Reading / ESO



Any book can be a good book; it may pique your curiosity, make you think, have a compelling story line or a lesson to learn. Good books are recommended by friends; they are book club selections or just grab your attention as you scan the stacks at your library. A good book is one written by a favorite author, public figure or controversial celebrity. Any genre you enjoy or intrigues you can be a good book. OR, maybe not so much a good book but a book good for you: it may soothe your soul, make you laugh, calm your nerves or

invigorate your spirit. Go Read a Good Book! (Then REPORT!) Every club can be a 100% reporting club! Encourage reading and reporting at every meeting:

- Include a reminder to read and report in every meeting agenda.
- Share and discuss books of interest; suggest new titles.
- Reading to children, audible and books on CD, and E-reader selections can all be reported.
- Books, magazines, newspapers and the Bible are reported together.
- 100% clubs require each member

read and report five items, two of which must be books. *One book, two book, old book, new book – Three book, four book – just one more book - Five, five books is the magic number – be a good club member and report in December!* (My apologies to Dr. Seuss) Be sure to report to your club chairwoman in December. Your reporting period is December through November.

Adventures in Reading Program Deadlines

December 1st of each year: Club members report to Club Reading Chairwoman
January 1st of each year: Club Reading Chairwoman reports to District Reading Chairwoman
February 1st of each year: District Reading Chairwoman sends her report to State Chairwoman

Reporting forms are found on the GFWC/Iowa website at gfwc Iowa.org. Click on *Other Programs* and then *Adventures in Reading* for forms and information. Also included is information for **ESO**.

Members at Large or members of clubs without a reading chair may send individual reports to your district reading chair. If you have questions, email me or call and leave a message. I'll get back to you.

District Adventures in Reading Chairwomen

NE	Cindy Lellig	454—4th St., Jesup 50648	563-920-5724	dclellig@jtt.net
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SW	Karon Keefe-Dunbar	1012 Park Lane, Osceola 50213	641-342-3027	keefe@iowatelecom.net

ESO

The motto of Epsilon Sigma Omicron is "Enlighten Your Own Pathway," which was chosen by Mrs. Quincey A. Myers and translated from Greek at the Indiana University. ESO are the initial letters for the Greek phrase, "Epsilon ten sautou hoden" which translates literally into "Enlighten the pathway of yourself." Consider joining the ESO planned reading program for self-enrichment and personal growth. There is information on the GFWC/Iowa website in the special programs tab.

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GFWC/Iowa Creative Writing Contest

Now is the “**WRITE**” time to prepare your entries for our Creative Writing Contest. Entries can be written between January and December, but now is a good time to do it before the busy season of preparations for Thanksgiving and December. Poetry entries for the last booklet were down drastically. I hope some of our poets who didn’t submit will do so this year.

The Contest Rules are printed on page 28 of the GFWC/Iowa Bluebook. Please consult that page before you send your entries. However, here are a

Prepare Your Entries

Nan Cord, Creative Writing/Short Story

couple changes. Based on recent entries, the maximum number of lines of poems may be increased to **24**. The length for essays remains at 500 words. Since not all the districts have creative writing chairmen, all entries are to be directly sent to me by **February 1**. No Creative Writing Waiver is needed for this contest.

GFWC Creative Writing Contest Short Story Writing Contest and Poetry Writing Contest for Members

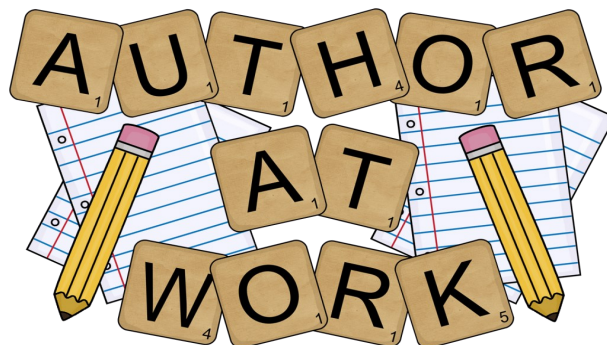
The Contest Rules for these contests are on page 29 of the GFWC/Iowa Bluebook.. Short stories can have a maximum of 2,000 words. Poems can be from 8 to 50 lines long. Entries from the GFWC/Iowa contest may be entered in these contests if prepared according to the rules. Of course, entries do not have to be entered in the

GFWC/Iowa contest to be eligible. Each entry must have a GFWC Creative Arts Waiver. Entries are to be sent to me by **March 1**.

Youth Short Story and Poetry Writing Contests

We have had very few entries for the contests. During most years, only one or two clubs submit entries. Every club in the state could do so. You could work with the schools in your community or have a club contest. Entries in both contests have four categories (three or four grades per category). Perhaps you could have a contest in just one or two categories. The GFWC Creative Arts Waiver is required. Entries are to be sent to me by **March 1**.

Nan Cord, Chairman
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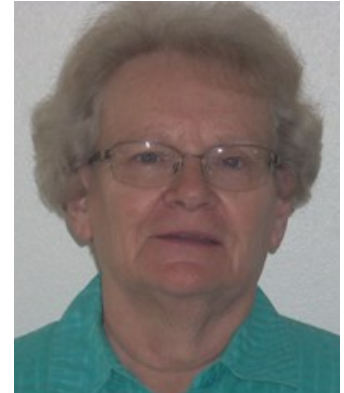
Now is the Time—Start Documenting

Marcia Hanson, Community Impact Program

I know your club is working on all kinds of projects that improve your community. Now is the time to start the documenting process so you will be in excellent position to compete for the 2022-2024 GFWC/Iowa Community Impact Program (CIP). CIP awards CASH prizes to clubs that improve their communities.



National award winning projects for 2020-2022 included collaborating with food pantries and outreach programs; honoring veterans by identifying, decorating and recording veteran gravesites; increasing mobility accessibility at community parks; creating access to reading materials by recycling newspaper vending machines into Little Free Libraries installed in laundromats; and creating sensory walls and playgrounds for adaptive learning, to name a few.



I believe your clubs did awesome work in your communities, but I received no award applications; therefore, Iowa was not in national GFWC competition for 2022. **Let's change that for the 2022-2024 cycle.** Consult page 32 of the Bluebook for the award rules and calendar.



Get Busy Taking Pictures

Sandy Phillips, Photography

"Your first 10,000 photographs are your worst." (Helen Cartier Bresson). So start taking pictures with your camera or your camera on your phone. Take a picture of sunsets, nests, flowers, gardens, children playing, visiting Grandma, working with fellow clubwomen, celebrating a birthday, a travel photograph

and/or watching a ball game. Get busy!

Club Presidents, please make a copy of page 30 of the Bluebook and distribute a copy to members. This page has the various photography contests and accompanying rules. Encourage members to enter the contests: Our World Up Close, Natural Wonders and Reflections and Living the Volunteer Spirit.

Photographs should be taken between **January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022**, for the 2023 Photography Contests.

Pictures for contest should be sent to Sandra Phillips, 3012 Tiperary Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, by **March 15, 2023**.

"Taking a picture is like giving a piece of your soul away. You allow other people to see the world through your eyes." (Katja Michael).



GFWC/Iowa Standing Committee Chairmen

GFWC National Event—Friendsgiving Bette Kuboushek, Communications and Public Relations



Why GFWC Friendsgiving?

Friendsgiving is the blend of the words *Friends* and *Thanksgiving*, and it refers to a large meal shared with friends either near or on Thanksgiving. But why should we make this concept of a meal with friends just for Thanksgiving time?

The GFWC National Event: GFWC Friendsgiving will help build the GFWC brand in your community: gather and thank leaders, individuals and businesses who have participated in some way in club projects by their donations or items, time, gift cards and/or sponsorship; and enlighten potential members to the vast reach of club philanthropy and grassroots volunteer dedication.

Reach out to organizations that have benefited from your hands-on community service and/or In-kind donations and invite them. Think of your local organization contacts your club works with, such as the humane society,

domestic violence shelters, after-school programs, food kitchen and pantries—and the list goes on.

Who else to invite? Town/city leaders, local business owners, past club members, co-workers, friends, members from other social groups you belong to, ladies who have attended club events or meetings but never joined and even the micro-volunteers who assisted your club over the past few years. Pretty much, EVERYONE your club members are in contact with could be invited.

The goal is to get together for fun and fellowship. It can be scheduled around any holiday, such as:

GFWC Friendsgiving —
Ringing in the New Year with Friends (New Year's)

GFWC Friendsgiving —
Show the Love (Valentine's Day)

GFWC Friendsgiving —
Join us for a "Hoppy" Celebration (Easter)

GFWC Friendsgiving —
It's a Federation Day Friendsgiving



GFWC Friendsgiving —
Let the Summer Warm Your Heart (summer months)

The possibilities are endless. GFWC clubs are creative — we encourage you to create your own **GFWC Friendsgiving event**.

All the facets needed to plan a successful event are located in the *GFWC Friendsgiving Box of Gems*, located in the F Resources Folder in the Member Portal.

GFWC Friendsgiving — a wonderful opportunity to be thankful for the community's support and to BRAG about the good GFWC grassroots volunteering your members participate in while gaining a few new members in the process.

GFWC/Iowa Standing Committee Chairmen

New Newsletter, NW District Chair, Dates Cheryl Einsweiler, Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness

First Edition of the 2022-2024 GFWC Signature Program Newsletter

Chairperson Trisha Schafer of GFWC's Signature Program Committee has sent out the first edition of the 2022-2024 GFWC Signature Program - Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Newsletter. Released on August 10, 2022, the newsletter sports a bold new look with great articles. It is designed to keep clubwomen informed about potential programming, issues of concern and upcoming dates in the area of Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention.

The Committee designing this newsletter is made up of representatives from the various regions of GFWC. Our own Sandy Phillips currently represents the Mississippi Valley Region on the committee.

The first newsletter contains some wonderful information on Human Trafficking, Defining Intimate Partner Violence and ACES - Adverse Childhood Experiences. All of your regional Iowa DSVAP representatives should have a pdf file of this newsletter and will hopefully have already sent them on to your district's club

presidents. If you have not received this information and would like access to it, please email me at cmkjeins@gmail.com, and I will be sure to send you that file. Feel free to use these materials as a starting point for some great club programs about Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention!

A Farewell and a Welcome

Many of you may not have been aware of the sad news of Delores "Dee" Keegan's passing. Dee was the Northwest District Chair for GFWC/Iowa DSVAP and served the district well for many years. Her presence will be missed.

However, Dee's position and work will not go unfilled. We are so very fortunate to welcome Julie Schroeder Leitschuck to her new position as Northwest District Chair. Julie is the daughter of Carine Schroeder of Doon and has recently moved back to the area. She is a most welcome addition to our ranks, and we look forward to working with Julie in the future.

Upcoming Dates

August 26th – Women's Equality Day



October – Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness Month
National Bullying Prevention Month
November 25th – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
November – Native American Heritage Month



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Interesting New Ways to Raise Funds

Megan Tabor, Amy Haney, Fundraising



Your fundraising chair, advisor and special helpers have been busy coming up with new and interesting ways to raise funds for GFWC/Iowa this administration. Here are a few highlighted items to look for at conventions and also two new online fundraising opportunities:

Silent Auction Items

- **GFWC wreaths:** Retail value of each wreath is \$45.00.
- **GFWC emblem** with round shape to be taken to MVR.
- **GFWC emblem** with heart shape.



Raffle

Queen-size, reversable, handmade quilt: Value is at least \$75.00. Raffle tickets will be sold at board meetings, district conventions and state convention, with winning ticket pulled at April 2023 State Convention.

For Sale

Acrylic Christmas ornaments with GFWC emblem and other designs: \$3.00 a piece. Sell at fall board, district conventions and MVR.

Online Fundraising

- **Online Awareness T-shirt sales:** T-shirts for mental health awareness are sold through an online fundraiser for \$22-\$28 dollars a piece and marketed nationwide on Facebook and at MVR with a link to email to friends and relatives.
- **Amazon Smile charity: (All funds raised go to the Scholarship fund.)** Iowa Federation of Women's Club Scholarship Fund is now a registered charity with Amazon Smile. There is no charge for using Amazon Smile. Amazon will send a percentage of the sales, designating us as your

charity, to Headquarters quarterly at no charge to us.

If you are already an Amazon Smile user, just change your current charity to Iowa Federation of Women's Club Scholarship Fund by clicking on the charity on the left-hand side of the top tab on the page, searching for Iowa Federation of Women's Club Scholarship Fund and selecting as your charity. Then shop away.



If you are not an Amazon Smile user but have a regular Amazon account, please consider switching to Amazon Smile by logging into smile.amazon.com, using your current Amazon ID and password, selecting Iowa Federation of Women's Club Scholarship Fund as your charity and shopping via that site. (You can bookmark that site and then use it every time you shop with Amazon).

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“Friends of Iowa Federation”

Sue Hass, Membership

The 2022-2024 administration is excited to introduce a new “membership” opportunity for your family and friends. We are initiating a “Friends of Iowa Federation” state-based “fan club” for Iowa. This club, per say, will be open to our non-member friends, family members and even business’s that want to support our volunteer achievements in our communities.

Membership in the “Friends of Iowa Federation” group will be initiated when an individual/business makes a tax-deductible donation to GFWC/Iowa. The donation amount will be entirely up to them.

A recruitment form is shown below and is also available online at our state website. When a club member recruits a “Friend,” they will need to complete the form and mail it, along with their donation, to GFWC/Iowa Headquarters.

Those supporting the “Friends of Iowa Federation” will receive a letter annually asking them if they would like to continue their support for another year, and if so, to mail in their donation. If a business contributes, there will be a certificate available for you to present to them.

Recruitment Ideas: We all have persons in our lives that see, and perhaps benefit, from the valuable contributions our clubs make to our communities, but for whatever reasons, aren’t able or ready to commit to membership in a club. However, that does not mean that

they wouldn’t be happy to help support you and your club as a “Friend”. These people might be your sister, a daughter-in-law, your neighbor next door, a lady you play cards with, someone from your church, the parent of a scholarship winner, the local librarian, a school teacher, the person who runs your local food bank, a co-worker, your town mayor or council members, and even, your spouse. Also consider business’s your club may have dealings with, such as a printing company, a local bank, your Chamber of Commerce, the newspaper or a local greenhouse that your club buys plants from for your city park. The possibilities are endless.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Sue Hass, GFWC/Iowa State Membership Chairman. Let’s go team GFWC/Iowa!

“Friends of Iowa Federation” Recruitment Form

Yes, I would be happy to support the volunteer programs and projects that our local GFWC club, the _____ carries out in our community. Their efforts make a difference locally, state-wide and beyond. Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution in the amount of _____. I understand that I will receive a renewal letter annually from GFWC/Iowa Headquarters in Des Moines asking me if I would like to continue my support as a “Friend of Iowa Federation.”

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: (for acknowledging your donation) _____

RECRUITER’S NAME: _____

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Community Connection Initiative

Sandy Phillips, Signature Program

The Signature Program—Community Connection Initiative—is emphasizing awareness connected to the human trafficking focus. We encourage distribution of materials with hotline numbers to raise public awareness and provide victims of human trafficking with critical information on how to reach out for help.

To order stickers with hotline numbers go online to

www.inourbackyard.org and fill out the order form for Freedom Stickers. Send the order form to:

In Our Backyard
1900 NE Division St., Ste. 107
Bend, OR 97701-3526

The stickers are to be placed in men and women's restroom stalls at convenience stores, gas stations, truck stops, bars, restaurants, salon

restrooms, casino and store restrooms and other places with public restrooms. Try to place them on the back of the restroom stall door, unless there are no stalls; then place the sticker on the restroom mirror. Ask the manager when you enter the business if they are familiar with the stickers and if you can post the stickers on the restroom stall doors.

Thanks for your support of this project.



The image is a promotional graphic for 'Freedom Stickers'. It features a central white rectangular area with a dark red border. Inside this area, on the left, is a silhouette of a person sitting on a floor, looking down. To the right of the silhouette, the text reads: 'Are you safe? Need freedom?' in white on a dark red background. Below that, in Spanish: '¿Se siente seguro? ¿Necesita ser libre?'. Then, 'NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE' in small black text, followed by the large red number '888-3737-888'. Below the number, it says 'Text "HELP" to 233733 (BeFree)'. At the bottom right of the white area is the logo for 'HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN OUR BACKYARD' with the website 'www.InOurBackyard.org'. The background of the entire graphic is a warm, orange-to-yellow gradient with abstract geometric shapes. At the bottom right, outside the white area, is the website 'INOURBACKYARD.ORG' and the organization's logo.

Club Highlights

The Storytrail Granger Women's Club

GFWC/Iowa Granger Women's Club has established a Storytrail in our community. We worked with our local library and the city to put up this fun activity for the youth. Procurement of a donation from Thrivent helped to make the trail a reality.

The trail of 25 story panels is presently in our Centennial Park, and our members change the stories regularly. The trail can also be moved to a different location for diversity.

This is a fun and ongoing project, just like the four little libraries we continue to keep filled with books on a monthly rotation.

Our club's United Hearts are trying to raise awareness with our visible presence in the community.



Club Highlights

August Activities Granger Women's Club

The month of August was a very busy month for the GFWC/IA Granger Women's Club. It started with our annual 141 Walking Taco fundraiser on the 5th and 6th. On the 11th, we had a new members' party in the park; and on the 27th, we had a float and Jumbo pickle and water booth in the park after the parade.



Club Highlights

Celebrating 90 Years Rural Woman's Study Club, Jesup

The Rural Woman's Study Club of Jesup, founded June 16, 1932, celebrated its 90th anniversary with a tea party on June 15, 2022. Twelve members and six state officers and district guests attended the 1:30 p.m. event held at the First Presbyterian Church, Jesup, Iowa. Joellen Yeager, Mary Ann Riensche and Mary Adams shared the history of the club's 90 years, highlighting the original seven members and telling of the many fun and informative programs and tours enjoyed through the years.

Long-time members present were Doris Natvig (67 years) and Joellen Yeager (56 years). After singing the club songs, reciting Mary Stewart's Collect and hearing President Candy Lompe's presentation about tea parties, a beautiful table of goodies consisting of a variety of tea sandwiches, scones, sweets, tea and punch was enjoyed. Beautiful table bouquets, arranged by Joellen, included a pink carnation arrangement that was gifted to Doris.



Reminder/Greetings

Membership Dues —

Please submit as soon as possible!

It is time again for clubs to send their annual membership dues to GFWC/Iowa Headquarters. Instructions were sent out by either email or regular mail to all club treasurers mid-August.

The deadline for submitting membership dues is October 1, and the dues remain \$32.00 per member. This covers your dues to both GFWC (\$15.00) and GFWC/Iowa (\$17.00).

Please remember to send an alphabetical, numbered list of members along with your dues check for updating our records. If you include email addresses, these will be added to our emailing address list. Occasionally,

we send information by email that you would not receive through regular mail.

Also, please keep us informed of any officer changes in your clubs.

Thank you!

*GFWC/Iowa
Headquarters*



Greetings from the SW District

The summer has flown by! We had a productive SW Convention Planning Meeting at the Feed Mill Restaurant in Audubon on July 29th. The state officers attending were Mickey Coonfare, President-elect; Bonita Baughman, First Vice-President; Meredith McHone-Pierce, Treasurer; and Sue Hass, Membership Chairman. State President Nancy Tabor was not able to attend. Mickey Coonfare read a letter from Nancy that reviewed her theme of "Hearts United Raising Awareness." Nancy's two main project areas are Human Trafficking and Mental Health. Sue Hass gave

an interesting talk on "Go GFWC Team," her incentive program for growing our club membership and building our teams.

I just want to give a big THANK YOU to all the club members who have volunteered to be district chairmen for our programs as well as those who are assisting with the SW District Convention. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the convention as well as visiting your club meetings.

Be sure to send your club yearbook to Rose Dory, our District Vice-President, by October 1, 2022. Her address

is 2203 Sycamore St., Granger, Iowa 50109. You can also send the books by email. Her email is rbdory@yahoo.com.

I will email out a more detailed call to convention in the near future.



Cindy Hansen, SW District Director

GFWC/Iowa District Conventions

GFWC/Iowa NE and SE Combined District Convention

WHEN: Saturday, October 8, 2022

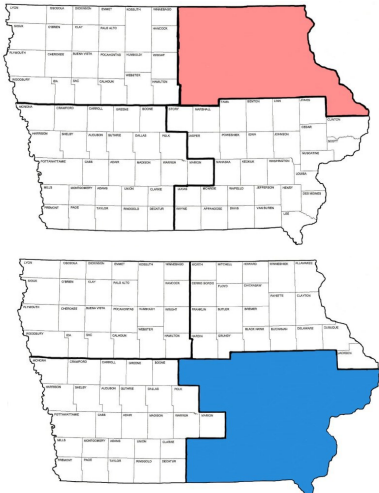
WHERE: Delhi United Methodist Church
304 Market St.
Delhi, Iowa

SPEAKER: Ray Fiedler, Iowa Office to Combat Human Trafficking

TIME: 8:15–9:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee
9:00 a.m. Meeting Convenes

COST: \$12.00

REGISTER: *Carma Bisinger, PO Box 111, Walker, IA 52352*
Please make all checks payable to *Treasurer, SE District*
No refunds, but you may make substitutions of attendees



RESERVATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

DISTRICT DUES:

NE District: Dues are \$1.00 per member and should be paid BEFORE the convention. Voting privileges and representation will be based on membership being paid. Voting credentials will be at the registration desk. Please make checks payable to *Treasurer, NE District* and send to: *Donna Flint, 107 Gay St., Delhi, IA 52223.*

SE District: Dues are \$2.00 per member and should be paid BEFORE the convention. Voting privileges and representation will be based on membership being paid. Voting credentials will be at the registration desk. Please make checks payable to *Treasurer, SE District* and send to: *Carma Bisinger, PO Box 111, Walker, IA 52352.*

MEMORIALS: Please send the names of any deceased members since the last convention in 2021 and a short biography to: *Kay Karsten, 3084 Hickory Dr. NE, Solon, IA 52333.*

CLUB YEARBOOKS: Due **September 15, 2022**

NE District: Please send a copy of your program yearbook to: Lisa Gottschalk, 15799-150th St., Maquoketa, IA 52060.

SE District: Please send a copy of your program yearbook to: Betty Wade, 2030 Plaen View Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM CHAIRS: There will be tables available for display material and handouts to members. You will also have an opportunity to speak about your service area.

ITEMS TO BRING: Each club from each district is asked to donate one door prize. Also, our districts will gather items to be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City.

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Registration for GFWC/Iowa NE and SE District Convention

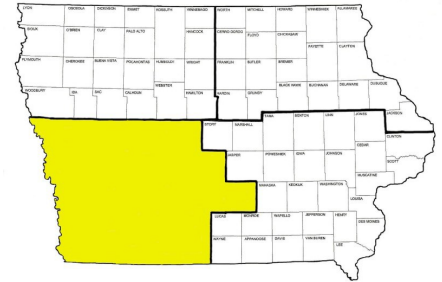
Name _____ NE District ____ SE District ____

Club _____

Please return by **September 28** to Carma Bisinger, PO Box 111, Walker, IA 52352, 319-361-9593. Please advise of any dietary restrictions.

GFWC/Iowa District Conventions

GFWC/Iowa SW District Convention



WHEN: Friday, October 14, 2022

WHERE: Eagle's Club
2329 North Main St., Osceola, Iowa

TIME: **9:00 a.m.** Registration, Coffee, Basket Bids
9:45 a.m. Introductions, Remarks, Committee Reports
11:45 a.m. Lunch, Basket Bids, Visit Displays
12:45 p.m. Program, Business Meeting, Memorial Service
2:45 p.m. Adjourn

HOST: GFWC/Iowa Yorel Study Club, LeRoy

PROGRAM: Kim Crandall of Circle of Freedom in Seymour, Iowa

COST: **\$12.00** (\$10.00 Lunch, \$2.00 Registration)
Payable to **"Treasurer, GFWC/Iowa SW District"**
Send by **October 7** to:

*Penny Beaman
1895 Riverview Road
Brayton, IA 50042*

ITEMS TO REMEMBER:

- **SILENT AUCTION BASKET** — Each club to bring a basket (individuals may also bring one). *Baskets: Values from \$15 to \$40. Please include a list of items and, if possible, wrap in cellophane.* Plants and/or flowers may be substituted for baskets. We are having a Country Store, but all food items must be wrapped and will be free-will donation.
- **MEMORIAL SERVICE** — Please send information on any club members deceased this past year to Bonita Baughman, 219 S. 12th St., Adel, Iowa 50003 (bonitabaughman@aol.com) by **October 7**.

REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: Oct. 7th, 2022 – \$12.00 per person – Mail To Penny Beaman (address above)

CLUB: _____

Please list the name of attendee(s) and any state/district office currently held.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

GFWC/Iowa District Conventions

GFWC/Iowa NW District Convention

Official Call to Convention

WHEN: Saturday, October 15, 2022
9:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments
10:00 a.m. Call to Order

WHERE: United Methodist Church
103 E. 3rd St.
Peterson, Iowa

HOST CLUB: Peterson Tuesday Club

COST: \$15.00 (registration and lunch)

Please send registrations by **October 1st** to:

Nan Cord
220–29th St.
Sioux City, IA 51104

Make checks payable to ***GFWC/Iowa NW District***



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Convention Highlights

Presentations by State Officers

Membership Theme for 2022-2024

Program: Advocates for Positive Mental Health in Our Youth
Panel of three speakers

GFWC/Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs
3839 Merle Hay Road, Suite 201
Des Moines, Iowa 50310-1321
Phone; 515-276-0510
E-mail: gfwciowa@qwestoffice.net

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