

GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club Newsletter

April 12, 2011



Hello April, Happy Easter!

Congratulations to Cathy and the rest of her family on the latest addition, a little girl, on April 6th. They named her Rachel Marie. She weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

When you think of Easter, you probably think of the Easter Bunny, colored eggs and lots of candy... but as we all know it is so much more than that. Let us take this month, consisting of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Sunday to reflect upon what is important to GFWC and our junior representation. Let us focus on 'doing better than ever before,' 'being prompt, honest, courteous,' and 'living each day trying to accomplish something.' Our organization has been a part of such good works within our community that I take this month to thank you all very much for your dedication to the Junior Pledge as a member of GFWC IL MGHJWC!

Prayer for Illinois Juniors

Guide us as we go forth to make our community and country a better place in which to live. Grant that we may accept our responsibilities and perform our duties with an open heart and mind. May we always be considerate of the welfare and feelings of others; and strive to improve ourselves in every way. Above all, Dear Lord, let us at all times realize that You are among us and our greatest need is Your guidance. Amen

May 7th is the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and we have a team participating again this year! Please join GFWC IL MGHJWC TEAM 2011 at this link to participate, click on Join Dorothy's team:

[http://memorial.info-](http://memorial.info-komen.org/site/TR/Events?px=5696562&pg=personal&fr_id=2032&s_subsrc=bfphotoshare&s_src=boundlessfundraisingrftc)

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Please let Dee Sokol know if you would like to purchase either/or a t-shirt or hoodie sweatshirt representing our team during the event. Also we might be selling soda/beer cozies so please see Dee Sokol if you would like to participate in the purchase/sale of these cozies.

Some Club tips for new members and just a reminder for some of you experienced members – read your newsletter every month and use the Suggestion Box tab that is on our website to let everyone know your comments anonymously. The Board can't make improvements unless we know what *YOU* would like to see change!

Please plan on heading to Kouri's Pub, Germantown Hills, after the General Meeting for 'Social Hour' every month if your schedule permits and you just want to hang out with some friends. If anyone would like to go anywhere else please let me know and we'll see if we can make it happen!

Juniors – Quilting Volunteers and Community Together!

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Next General Meeting is Monday, April 25, 2011. The doors open at 6:30, followed by the meeting at 7:00pm.

If any department chairman wants to hold a brief meeting with your department, please feel free to do so immediately following the General Meeting. If you would like to be on the agenda, please contact Dee Sokol by Friday, April 22, 2011.

The meeting will be hosted by Education. Reflection will be provided by Nancy Rodier

Auction Basket will be provided by Melissa Rhoades.

MEETING CHECK SHEET

Please feel free to print this check sheet to organize yourself for the meeting!

X	Bring to meeting:	X	Sign-ups:
	Bring frozen meals for Greg		Sign up to help put up or tear down flags for Memorial Day.
	Bring individually wrapped snack items for National Police Week.		Sign up to be a cook for Greg
	\$5, if you wish to purchase Kroger Card		Sign up to donate donut holes, cookies, juice, napkins, and cups for Avenue of Flags for Memorial Day.
	Campbell Soup Labels		Sign up for snack items for the Metamora Police.
	Box Tops		Sign up for to donate a dessert for the EMT's.
	Money for "Split the Pot" Tickets		Sign up if you bought "Split the Pot" Tickets
	Heart House Items / Needs		Real World
	Ink Cartridges		Installation Banquet Committee
	Money for Race for Cure Shirts		Heart House Run Fundraiser
	Bowls/Spoons for Relay for Life		Ink Cartridges
			Race for the Cure Team/Shirts
			Relay for Life Supplies

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 24th is Federation Day! Try to celebrate it by doing something 'Juniors!'

May 7th - Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure – GFWC IL MGHJWC TEAM 2011

7:30 Run / 8 am Walk

Brunch Afterward

Bookshelf Benefit

May 5: set up TBA;

May 6: 11 am-1 pm and 2:30-5:30 pm

May 7: 9-1 pm.

Avenue of Flags

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31

Set Up – 8:00 a.m. at the Metamora Square

Tear Down – 4:00 p.m. at the Metamora Square

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Arts: No report.

Conservation: No report.

Education: We are hosting an Essay contest during Teacher Appreciate Week, first week in May. The Board recommends that an additional \$85 be supplied to this program to purchase the Essay contest prizes. We'll vote at the April meeting.

April 11th is the start of National Library Week. We will be holding a book raffle for children and adults at the Metamora and Germantown Hills libraries. Please encourage family and friends to participate. In honor of the librarians for that week, we will be treating them to baked goods.

Be sure to bring your Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels to the January meeting. Thanks

Home Life: Relay For Life is requesting Juniors donate supplies for survivors at Relay for Life in June, they are planning an ice cream social. Would juniors be willing to donate toppings, paper bowls, and plastic spoons? Things like chocolate syrup, caramel sauce, strawberry syrup, sprinkles, etc. They normally have about 70 survivors. They have another group donating the ice cream. At the March meeting we voted to request Juniors bring spoons/bowls to the April meeting. Please do so and they will be collected to be supplied to the June Relay for Life committee member requesting them.

Cooks Needed for Greg - Thanks to Donna Cross for fixing 16 meals for Greg in March. If anyone needs containers or have any meals completed, please give Donna a call at 383-4843 to make arrangements to have them delivered to her or bring them to the April meeting. Thanks again to all our cooks!

"Real World" Career & Budgeting Simulation at MTHS – Metamora High School has asked for volunteers to escort sophomores in small groups to various stations to introduce them to keeping a budget in 'mock' reality. This takes place on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 8am-12noon. This is a very easy job – basically just keep your group of students together and help w/questions and remind them to keep track of their expenditures after each stop. The more volunteers they have, the quicker this process is. If you are interested, contact Nancy Rodier at rodier@mchsi.com or call her and let her know your t-shirt size. I need to know by Thursday, April 14.

International Outreach: No report. / If you want to donate books for Bookshelf Benefit please bring to meeting.

Public Issues:

Honoring Veterans for Easter – Thank you for voting to give Public Issues \$50.00 to buy items for the Veterans for Easter and a special thanks to Donna Cross, Nancy Rodier, Dee Sokol and Kelli Zaremba for donating items. We donated the following 231 items: 40 pairs of socks, 17 puzzle books (Sudoku, Crossword & Word Search), 17 decks of cards, 2 billfolds, 22 toothbrushes, 15 tubes of toothpaste, 17 dental floss, 6 toothbrush holders, 17 bottles of shampoo, 24 combs, 17 cans of shaving cream, 20 razors, and 17 cans of deodorant.

Easter Cards for the Veterans – Thank you to Kelli Zaremba for making and donating the 26 Easter cards for the Veterans. They were adorable. Thanks to Elyse Anfinson, Mary Behn, Donna Cross, Kate Doran, Cathy Gregait, Janet Manzi, Kathleen Nackers, Deirdre Nelson, Nancy Rodier, Dee Sokol, Kathleen Tyralla, and Kelli Zaremba for signing them. The cards and items will brighten the life of a veteran.

National Emergency Medical Services Week is May 15-21, 2011. We would like to honor our local EMT's by providing desserts for them at their May 9th meeting. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting if you would like to provide a dessert or paper products. Desserts should be dropped off at Donna Cross's home on May 9th by 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Donna at 383-4843.

National Police Week is May 15-21, 2011. We would like to show our appreciation to the Metamora Police Department by providing them with a basket of goodies that week. We are asking for individually wrapped snacks such as granola bars, candy bars, pretzels, etc. You can bring these items to the April meeting or signup at the April meeting. Items need to be to Donna Cross by May 13. If you have any questions, please contact Donna at 383-4843.

Special Projects: Heart House Newsletter information – The Heart House requests the following items to assist our many clients meet their daily needs:

Needs: Medium Pull-ups, D Batteries, Dishwasher Detergent, Size 5 diapers, Kleenex, Coffee, Sugar & Ketchup.

Special Needs: Mattress Pads 9 single beds, 2 full beds; Meat: Chicken & Pork; New or gently used super large/deep plastic totes.

Race With Your Heart - Join Miss Illinois for a Walk in the Park and Help the Homeless

Miss Illinois will be walking two miles to raise awareness and money for a local homeless shelter. Ashley Murray, a 2008 Washington Community High School graduate, was crowned the 2010 Miss Illinois with a platform of, “take back the day, take back the night, take back your life” to raise awareness of violence against women.

The annual race is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the local shelter, nonprofit organization Heartline/Heart House. Heart House is in Eureka and serves the homeless in Washington and Woodford County. The race is the shelter’s biggest fundraiser of the year.

The Annual Eureka “Race with your Heart” is April 16, 2011 at Lake Eureka Park. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and the race begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Eureka Lake Pavilion. Entry fees for the race and walk are \$15 per person if postmarked by April 1, \$20 per person if postmarked after April 1 or on the day of the race.

Participants receive a uniquely designed t-shirt, free massages and can sign up for some awesome door prizes. A 3D medallion will be awarded to the top five finishers in each running division. Bring the whole family for the free home baked cookies, and an awesome post-race party that adds up to a fun family atmosphere and a free lunch. Those wishing to participate may download a registration form from www.lakerunclub.org under “Area Races” or call (309) 467-6101. The race is part of the Lake Run Club and the Illinois Valley Strider Grand Prix Circuit.

All proceeds aid in the continuation of Heartline’s services to help meet basic needs of those in the community as well as Heart House providing shelter for those who are homeless and a safe haven for victims of domestic violence. Heart House serves Woodford County and Washington Residents. The shelter receives no government funding and relies on individual and organizational donations, and fundraisers such as this. More information can be found at www.heartlineandhearhouse.org.

Collecting Ink Cartridges: We are continuing to collect used ink cartridges for The Kiwanis Club. Thank you to everyone that has been bringing in used cartridges. When the ink cartridges are turned into stores we get store credit for office supplies like paper and folders and other needed items to effectively run our office. We have set up a box in the office for used ink cartridges; next time you volunteer please bring your empty cartridges with you.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Avenue of Flags: Memorial Day - We need members to help with set up at 8:00 a.m. and tear down at 4:00 p.m. for Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 weather permitting. We have Boy Scout Pack 64 and Girl Scout Troop 4775 that are going to help us. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting or email/call Donna Cross to sign up. The more hands we have the sooner we will be done. Remember husbands and older children are welcome and anyone can work either the set up or tear down. With the scouts helping us we will provide donut holes and juice for set up and cookies for tear down. There will be sign up sheet to donate these items at the April meeting. Any questions, please contact Donna Cross at 383-4843.

Flag Poles – Boy Scout Pack 64 will be helping us mark the two different size poles we have for the flags so we know which poles go together. They will help us find the flag holes, paint the caps and mark the sidewalks where holes are. Date hasn’t been set yet but it will be a Saturday before Memorial Day.

CIP: New Hope Fund – We received a \$1000.00 donation from St. Mary’s of Lourdes Church. We’re very grateful for this donation. The Committee recommends that \$500 be donated to the Snack Pak program for the MGS children in need.

Reporting: No report

Breakfast with Santa: 2011 Chairman is Dee Sokol, 2011 Raffle Chairman are Elyse Anfinson and Kathleen Nackers. Decorations Chairman is Kelli Zaremba. Kitchen Chairman is Melissa Rhoades. We are in need of several other Chairmen for the 2011 event. Please see Dee Sokol if you are interested in helping plan our 2011 annual BWS!

Membership: Congratulations to Cathy and Matthew Gregait on the birth of their new daughter Rachel Marie on April 6, 8 pounds 4 ounces and 20 inches long.

Nominating Committee – Thank you to everyone that helped the nominating committee during its quest for candidates. The Executive Officer Slate was officially announced at the March General meeting. The Slate: Dee Sokol, President; Kelli Zaremba, Secretary; Melissa Rhoades, Treasurer and Elyse Anfinson, Secretary. Official Election will take place at the April General Meeting. The Installation Banquet will take place at the May General Meeting. The May General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 23rd, at Michael's Italian Feast in Germantown Hills. Please let Dee Sokol know if you would like to be on the Installation Banquet Committee at April's meeting.

Community Service Program Chairman and Standing Committee Chairman for 2011-2012 – General membership needs to think about being a Chairman for the 2011-2012 club year. Sign-up sheets will be available at the April and May General Meetings. If we do not have a Chairman by the May meeting we will not have that Program for the 2011-2012 club year. To this date we have Mary Behn for Arts, Kathleen Nackers for Home Life, Becky Weber for CIP, Dee Sokol for BWS, Nancy Rodier for Website.

Change Over Committee – Any member that holds a board position will be required to attend the changeover meeting that will be held at Dee Sokol's house the same week of the Installation Banquet, May 23 – 28th. This is to ensure that no duties are not met throughout the summer months of June, July and August. Any questions or preferences for this meeting please let Dee Sokol know via email or at the April meeting.

Communications & Identity:

Please submit all articles and pictures (in jpeg format) to Nancy Rodier (rodier@mchsi.com) one (1) week prior to when you wish to be published. Nancy is not responsible for writing any articles for any event. All articles that are needed for publicity are to be written by the person in charge of an event or a Committee member. Please keep articles as short as possible, due to space constraints in newspapers. All pictures should include names of those in picture and who took the picture (photo submitted by [name]). If you have a flyer for an event please forward a copy to Nancy for the Publicity Book. If you have an event scheduled that you wish Nancy to photograph, please give her sufficient notice.

Any articles to be placed in school newsletters, please submit to Nancy according to the following schedule.

Germantown Hills – Last week of month, previous to month of submission (i.e. October newsletter deadline – last week of August)

Metamora Grade – 2nd Thursday of the month.

Riverview Grade – unknown

St. Mary's Grade – Articles accepted on Tuesdays.

Metamora Township High School – 18th of the month before the month to appear (i.e. Articles for October newsletter need to be submitted by Sept. 18).

We also submit articles to Metamora Herald, Peoria Journal Star, Woodford Times, Woodford Courier, Woodford County Star. We post items on our website, pjstar.com, the GFWC Illinois Junior Clubwoman magazine, various church bulletins from time to time, the Germantown Hills Community Bulletin Board (on the Germantown Hills School District website), I have tried submitting info to villageofmetamora.com and germantownhills.com repeatedly to no avail.

For the month of March, I submitted 5 articles to the Journal Star – 5 published, 1 item to pjstar.com – 1 published, 9 items to Woodford Courier – 3 published, 5 items to Woodford Times – 3 published, and 0 published to WoodfordTimes.com, 5 items to Metamora Herald – 0 published, 5 items to Woodford Star – 0 published. I submitted 1 item to St. Mary's school newsletter – 1 published, 1 item to Metamora Grade newsletter – 1 published, 2 items to Germantown Hills School newsletter – 2 published, 1 item to Germantown Hills Community Bulletin Board – 1 published, 1 item was sent to Riverview School newsletter – 1 was published, 1 article was submitted to GFWC IL Clubwoman magazine – yet to be published, 1 article was submitted to GFWC Clubwoman magazine – yet to be published.

Website:

All comments or suggestions regarding the Club website should be sent to Nancy at rodier@mchsi.com. If you catch any mistakes, please let me know so that I may try to correct it.

Website Calendar - Anyone wishing to place any events on the website calendar please submit to Nancy. Give name of event, where it is held, contact person, time of event, and any other pertinent information.

Suggested Websites of Interest – This month’s website is parents.com. This is a great website to find recipes, helpful information on raising children at different ages. They even have a forum, if you are interested. If anyone has a website that they would like to promote – let me know.

Ways and Means: The Tag less Garage Sale was a huge success! Thank you so much to everyone that helped set up on Friday; Donna, Rae, Kelli, Nancy, Janet and Diane! Thank you to everyone that helped worked the sale on Saturday and tear down/clean up to get the goods to the MTHS band boosters barn in Metamora; Kelli, Mary, Donna, Melissa and Rae! Thank you to Kelli for ordering and placing the yard signs that looked fabulous! Can’t wait to use them again next year! The sale’s advertising in the PJStar, Wed.-Sat., cost the event \$67.45. We raised \$1106.16 for the general fund! Grand Total is \$1038.71, hopefully we are just as successful next year. The tentative date for next year’s event is April 13-14 or the 20-21st of 2012.

Kroger Grocery Cards – Don’t forget to contact Nancy R. for a Kroger grocery card. The cards are easily reloaded at the Service Desk, and then you use it just like a credit card when you check out. We need \$5000 min. to get a 3% rebate check. This is an easy way of raising money for the club; please do your part and help MGHJWC with this easy fundraiser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GFWC Illinois 17th District Junior Convention – At the 17th Junior District Convention on March 15 we received the following awards: Conservation, Education, Home Life – Health, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues, Communications & Identity, Fundraising, Leadership, Legislation & Public Policy, Membership, Women’s History & Resource Center, and GFWC IL State Project “Our Promise...Prevent Child Abuse.”

Kelli Zaremba was named GFWC Illinois 17th Junior District Junior of the Year, Cindy Guede was named GFWC Illinois 17th Junior District Outstanding Junior Service Award, and Sarah Hall was named GFWC Illinois 17th Junior District Spark Plug. Their resumes have been sent on to the State Level.

GFWC Illinois 17th District 96th Annual Convention – We received the following awards at the 17th District Convention on March 24 for the medium clubs 16-30:

Conservation – 1 st Place Junior	Education – 1 st Place Junior
Home Life – Health – 1 st Place Junior	Home Life – 1 st Place Junior
International Outreach – 1 st Place Junior	Public Issues – 1 st Place Junior
Community & Identity – 1 st Place Junior & Best Overall	
Fundraising – 1 st Place Junior	Leadership – 1 st Place Junior
Legislation/Public Policy – 1 st Place Junior	Membership – 1 st Place Junior
WHRC (Women’s History) – 1 st Place Junior	
Anniversary Scroll for 40 years of service	
Congratulations to all the chairmen for all their hard work!	

17th District Junior Election of Officers – Candy Godbee, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs, installed Dee Sokol as the GFWC Illinois 17th District Secretary and Donna Cross as the GFWC Illinois 17th District Treasurer on March 15.

GFWC IL Legislation Day – Donna Cross and Becky Weber attended Legislation Day on March 17 in Springfield.

Purse Auction Fundraiser – Dee Sokol donated a purse and items to be put in it. Our purse brought in \$35.00 for the 17th District. Thanks Dee!

Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show – Dee Sokol and Donna Cross attended the Blue Ribbon Event on April 2.

GFWC Illinois 116th Annual State Convention will be held April 28, 29, and 30 at the Holiday Inn Center in Rock Island. Donna Cross, Nancy Rodier, Dee Sokol, Becky Weber and Kelli Zaremba will be representing our club.

GFWC Illinois State Project – Our club made a \$25.00 to the GFWC Illinois State Project is “Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child.”

GFWC Illinois State Junior Project - Our club made a \$25.00 donation to the GFWC Illinois State Junior Project Children's Research Foundation (CRF).

Isabella Candee Foundation – GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs is holding a special fundraiser for the 2010-2012 Administration for the Isabella Candee Foundation. Isabella Candee was the first GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Club's President (1894-1896). In her honor they started this Foundation that was established to create an investment structure from which monthly interest could be withdrawn and placed the general fund to offset the budget. Our club made a \$40.00 donation to the "Ring A Bell For Isabella" in honor of our club's 40th Anniversary.

GFWC Illinois Juniors "Split the Pot" Raffle – The Illinois Junior Organization is once again sponsoring a "Split the Pot" raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at the State Convention on April 29. Tickets are available at the April meeting from Dee, Donna or Nancy.

120th GFWC Annual International Convention: June 17-20 in Milwaukee, WI.