

August, 2008

**GFWC IL Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club  
P.O. Box 954, Metamora, IL 61548**

**From the President...**

Are the kids in the pool, is the husband watching the Cardinal game on TV (OK or the Cubs, or White Sox...)? Well, if so take a break from "Taking in the moment" with your families this summer, grab a cold beverage, and enjoy reading our club newsletter!

This summer has really opened my eyes to what a great club we have & how PROUD we should be of GFWC IL MGHJWC. With roughly 30 members, look at what we accomplished since the Installation Banquet. Bicycle Safety was promoted in the local schools, a babysitting clinic was held, flags were flown at the Avenue of Flags, Cherubs to Champions booth at Old Settler's Day, Relay For Life Team, Changeover meeting was held for the new officers, Club Banner was purchased, the CIP committee met, the Bylaws have been reviewed, Breakfast with Santa Co-Chairs met, and the Membership Gathering Committee is planning a great evening. Plus, we made donations to the Relay For Life survivor's tent, Pies to Emergency 116, School supplies to Woodford County, and a basket to Synder Village. We also attended the GFWC Illinois State Convention, 117<sup>th</sup> GFWC International Convention, GFWC IL Summer Seminar, GFWC Illinois Orientation, and the 17<sup>th</sup> District Board Meeting. Plus, we even managed to do some fundraising with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Garage Sale, Jubilee, and Kroger gift cards.

I have had the chance to get to know this great group of ladies by volunteering in our club. I encourage all of you to join in our projects and socials. As our club year begins, Take in the moment... to recognize the pride you feel towards our club, and strengthen new and old friendship that are made.

***Patty Voudrie***

GFWC IL MGHJWC President

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Guest Names for  
Membership Gathering Due**  
Turn in names/info for invitations  
to Theresa @ [Kells@mtco.com](mailto:Kells@mtco.com)

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**RSVP for Membership Gathering**  
to Theresa @ [Kells@mtco.com](mailto:Kells@mtco.com)

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Individual Wrapped Cookies**  
Drop off  
Time: Afternoon  
Location: Cindy's House

**Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bylaw Vote Meeting**  
Time: 7:30pm  
Location: Coventry Farm Clubhouse

**Tuesday September 2**  
**Board Meeting**  
Time: 7:00pm  
Location: Patty's House

**Monday, September 8**  
**Membership Gathering**  
Time: 7:00pm  
Location: Coventry Farm Clubhouse  
Hostess: Membership Committee

**Monday, September 15**  
**General Meeting**  
Membership Orientation: 6:00pm  
Business Meeting: 7:00pm  
Location: G.H. Fire Station  
Hostess: Executive Board  
Auction Basket: Dee  
Reflections: Becky

## News from GFWC, GFWC IL & 17<sup>th</sup> District

The majority of our club members focus on local events. You may ask yourself where we came up with the ideas to have the local events/projects we currently sponsor. Some ideas came from our members & other ideas came from the organizations in which our club is affiliated. What we do locally for Metamora & Germantown Hills is advantageous for our district, state, and even internationally!

Our club has a wonderful representation of members serving as officers at each level. Let me introduce these dedicated ladies:

Locally – MGHJWC Officers	President – Patty Voudrie	Vice President – Theresa
	Secretary – Dee	Treasurer – Amy
	Parliamentarian – Becky	

Moving up to 17<sup>th</sup> District -  
2008-2010 Administration

*Note: 17<sup>th</sup> District is composed of Women's Clubs & Junior Women's Clubs*

Home Life Chairman – Donna  
Membership Chairman - Amy  
Director of Junior Clubs – Nancy R.  
Junior Secretary – Becky  
Junior Treasurer - Donna

Next step is GFWC IL -  
2008-2010 Administration

Vice President Central Region – Becky  
Junior Home Life Chairman - Donna  
Junior Membership Chairman - Amy

The knowledge these ladies gather from the conventions, seminars, and board meetings are filtered down into our club through our club president, and the newsletter is one manner in which this information is shared with the members of GFWC IL MGHJWC.

### Local attendance at GFWC State & District Events this Summer

**GFWC Illinois State Convention** - Donna, Amy, Nancy and Becky represented the club at the GFWC Illinois State Convention that was held May 22-24. We received the following awards for all our hard work in 2007.

**On the General Level** – Membership Category 21-40 members –

The World of GFWC – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior, Federation Structure Contest – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Leadership – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior, Membership – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior, Membership Orientation Contest – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Membership Contest Club Entry – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Membership Contest Member Entry – 5 New Members – Amy, Public Relations – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior, Publicity Book – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Art – Arts in the Community – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Health – Women's Health Program – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior, Home Life – Dollars and Sense Program – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, International Affairs – United Nations Program – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Public Affairs – Citizenship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Public Affairs – Safety – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior, Community Improvement Contest – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and Certificate of Appreciations for Make A Difference Day.

**On the Junior Level** – Top Three Clubs in Each Membership Category Received Certificates for Outstanding

Achievement – we were in the Blue Category 21-50 members – we received awards in the following: Arts, Conservation – Resource Conservation, Domestic Violence Awareness, Education – Lifelong Learning, Health, Home Life – Dollars and Sense, Home Life – Helping Hands, International Affairs – United Nations, Leadership, Membership, Public Affairs – Citizenship, Public Affairs – Safety, Public Relations, and Veteran's Affairs. We received the Best Federated Club Award for the Blue Division.

**GFWC Illinois Orientation** - Donna, Amy, Nancy and Becky also attended the GFWC Illinois Orientation of General and Junior Board of Directors on June 7 in Bloomington.

**GFWC International Convention** - Donna, Amy, Nancy, and Becky attended the GFWC International Convention in Chicago June 25-July 2. A good time was had by all. Just ask Becky about her Marines!!!!

**Summer Seminar** – Becky attended all three seminars since she was on the traveling team. Donna, Amy, Theresa, Deirdre, Nancy and Patty met up with Becky on July 16 to attend the Summer Seminar in Bloomington.

## RESOURCES

The GFWC has wonderful resources to aid us in our local projects. Any member is able to use these resources by utilizing the website [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org). Also, each department chairman has a binder which contains the GFWC Club Manual pages for their particular department. Therefore, department chairmen are able to utilize their leadership skills by sharing this information with their department members.

**e-GFWC** is an electronic newsletter from the International President that keeps you updated on the latest news from GFWC Headquarters. Each newsletter includes the latest information on GFWC programs of work. e-GFWC is published every other Thursday. To receive this publication, enter the website [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) and sign up for the mailing list by entering your email address.

LOOK FOR a NEW Publication this year – **GFWC ILLINOIS CLUBWOMAN MAGAZINE**. This magazine is to reach every single member of GFWC ILLINOIS!

### **GFWC IL 17<sup>th</sup> District Special Emphasis – Troops in Iraq**

**Care packages and coupons** are being sent to service men and women who are serving our country in Iraq. Throughout our club year, we will be collecting travel size comfort items and coupons in order to support this project. Look for reminders in upcoming newsletters!

**Operation Santa** – Stockings are being made for the troops overseas. We are being asked to make stockings out of Christmas material. We received one pattern for the stocking from the District. If you are interested in making a stocking please contact Patty to receive the pattern for the stocking. Also, if during your summer travels, you accumulated hygiene products from hotels/motels these can be donated to fill the stockings! These items need to be to the 17<sup>th</sup> District by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **GFWC IL 17<sup>th</sup> District Fund Raising Projects**

**Flower Power** – We have an order form for fall bulbs. The form will be at the September Board meeting and the September General meeting. Make checks payable to GFWC IL 17<sup>th</sup> District. The order will be sent into the district September 16<sup>th</sup>. The bulbs will be delivered after October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Spring Convention** – The District is conducting a live auction at the Spring Convention on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We are asked to bring a purse with something in it valued at least \$10. If you have a purse you would like to donate or something to put in the purse, please contact Patty.

### **Introductory words from GFWC IL State & 17<sup>th</sup> District Membership Chairman - Amy**

2008 Membership

The 2008-2010 GFWC and GFWC IL Administrations are focusing much effort on Membership and we'll be looking for our current members to provide us with feedback. Our club will be focusing on the "4 Rs": Retain, Renew, Recruit and Rebuild. With moving forward, comes looking into our past. How do we keep our current members as well as getting new members? Also we'll focus on what our club does well and is known for. Members can ask themselves "why did I join?" and "Why do I stay". As we continue this effort, nothing happens easily, so a plan will be put in place using SMART Goals to be successful:

**S – SET SPECIFIC GOALS**

**M – THE GOALS NEED TO BE MEASURABLE**

**A – THE GOALS NEED TO BE ATTAINABLE**

**R – THE GOALS NEED TO BE REALISTIC**

**T – THE PLAN NEEDS TO BE TIMELY**

## Standing Committee Reports

### **Avenue of Flags**

**Amy/Becky**

Due to weather we weren't able to fly the flags for Memorial Day but we did fly the flags for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Thanks to Amy, Deirdre, Nancy R., Becky and families for putting the flags up. Also to Donna, Amy, Nancy J., Theresa and families for taking the flags down. WEEK-25 did a great story on the flags that evening.

### **Breakfast with Santa**

**Valery/Patty**

Mark your calendars!!! The Breakfast with Santa date has been changed, and a theme is announced!

**AN OLD VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS** *is coming*  
Saturday, December 13, 2008

Members are needed to chair the following committees for Breakfast with Santa: Kitchen, Raffle, Decoration, Photography, and Face Painting. Thank you Amy for stepping up to chair tickets & Patty for volunteering to chair Elf Stations. If one of these committees interests you please contact Valery at home or email [bevans@mtco.com](mailto:bevans@mtco.com)

Start saving those toilet paper tubes. We will be using them to make "Poppers" again this year for Santa to hand out!

### **CIP**

**Cindy**

#### **Focus on the Kids CIP KICK OFF August 26th**

We need your help!!!

Needed - 17 Dozen Fresh Baked choc/chip cookies individually wrapped. Have to Cindy G's by Mon August 25th in the afternoon. If willing to donate please email Cindy G.

Also a big thank you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual GFWC IL MGHJWC Garage Sale donation of \$100 for the New Hope Fund.

We are moving along with the CIP and have various projects in the works.

Our mission is as follows...

**GFWC IL Metamora- Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club in conjunction with educators will advocate for children of all ages, encourage community involvement, and enhance programs, activities, and services encompassing the MTHS district.**

### **Bylaws**

**Dee**

The bylaw committee met to review the bylaws. The amendments have been emailed to each member. Please review the amendments. We will have a special meeting to vote on the amendments to the bylaws on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Coventry Farm Clubhouse.

### **Junior of the Year/Outstanding Service**

**Amy**

Amy looked great riding in the Old Settler's Day Parade. We are proud of our Junior of the Year!!!

## Membership

Theresa

### 2008 Membership Gathering

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

We do a lot for our community. When you take the time to step back and look at all we accomplished last year, it is mind boggling, especially because we do so much with limited funds and limited resources. Congratulations and thank you to all of you for such a successful year. But, there is so much more to be done, and we need new club members to help us out. I personally am very excited about our 2008/2010 CIP, Focus on the Kids. But I also know we are going to need a lot of help to make this a successful CIP. It is time once again to go out into our community and introduce new women to our club. The kickoff event for this will be our Membership Gathering event. The Membership Gathering will be held on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Coventry Farm Clubhouse. If you know of a woman in our community that you would like to invite, please provide me with their name, address, email and phone number. I will need to have this information by August 20<sup>th</sup>. Each woman will then receive a personal invitation to our Membership Gathering event. I prefer to receive this information via email at [kells@mtco.com](mailto:kells@mtco.com).

#### INVITING ALL MEMBERS –

Please join us at the GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club Membership Gathering event on **Monday, September 8 at 7:00 pm at the Coventry Farm Clubhouse**. Come and help us meet and greet new women interested in joining our club. It promises to be a fun filled evening! Please come casually dressed, snacks and beverages will be provided. In addition, for each friend you bring to our gathering you will receive an entry into a special prize drawing to be held at the end of the evening!!!! Please RSVP to Theresa at [kells@mtco.com](mailto:kells@mtco.com) by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Newsletter

Londa

If you have any articles or news that you would like to have in the September newsletter, please send it to [londa1988@hotmail.com](mailto:londa1988@hotmail.com). The deadline is Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

## Public Relations

Dee

I am the new public relations chair for the 2008-2009 club year. If you have any news releases for the school newsletters or the newspapers, please get them to me when you want them printed. Make sure you call me to let me know when you've sent something through Email. You need to write your own articles - I will forward them to the proper places. Also, if you have any pictures to add, please send them in jpeg format. It makes it easier for the newspapers to change sizes.

## Reporting

Donna

We are starting the new club year with no project report forms due. Thanks to everyone for completing the reports and getting them in to me. I really appreciate your efforts.

The following reports will be due as soon as the projects are complete.

Bylaw Changes – Dee

Audit - Amy

## Ways and Means

Nancy

**The Innisbrook Wrap** books will be here the second week of August. Orders will be due at our General Meeting in September. For our new members, Innisbrook has high-quality wrapping paper, bags, tissue liners, other assorted giftware; this is one of our main fundraisers for the General Fund for Club. If you wish to pick up a book, please contact Nancy R. at 383-2697 after August 8.

**Garage Sale** – Thank you to Donna, Amy, Valery, Cindy, Theresa, Londa, Nancy R., Kathleen, Patty and Diane for donating items for the sale. Thanks to Donna, Amy, Theresa, Nancy R., Kathleen, and Patty for setting the sale up on Friday. On Saturday Donna, Cindy, Valery, Amy, Nancy R., and Patty worked the sale. To Donna, Cindy and Valery for cleaning up the sale. We made a profit of \$390.40. The first \$100 goes to the New Hope Fund and \$290.40 went to the General Fund.  
THANK YOU DONNA FOR CHAIRING THIS EVENT DURING THE SUMMER!

**Jubilee and Kroger Grocery Cards** – Don't forget to purchase your Jubilee Grocery Certificates at Customer Service and contact Nancy R. for a Kroger grocery card. In June we received a check for \$102.50 from Jubilee. Thanks to Donna, Jodi, Deirdre, Nancy R., Patty, Diane, and Becky for shopping at Jubilee. Thanks to Donna, Amy, Therese, Londa, Nancy R. and Wendy's Mom for

using their Kroger cards. We are at \$1,600 – just need \$3400 reloads. This is an easy way of raising money for the club; please do your part in supporting MGH JWC.

### Department Reports

Below are the departments and chairmen for the 2008-2009 club year, along with the members serving on the department.

#### **Art**

Patty Voudrie, chair

#### **Conservation**

Ann Tiehen, chair

Nancy Rodier

#### **Education**

Kathleen Tyralla, chair

Valery Evans

Stephanie Greening

Janell Hoenert

Pat McHugh

#### **Home Life**

Donna Cross, chair

Becky Weber

Cindy Guede

Theresa Kells

Dee Sokol

#### **International Affairs**

Deirdre Nelson, chair

Sonya Pasquini

Londa Matthieu

Deb Kessler

#### **Public Affairs**

Donna Cross, chair

Diane Wipfler

Amy DeFreitas

The departments currently filled are Education and Home Life. If you haven't decided on what department to be on this year, please let Patty know at [sixvs@mtco.com](mailto:sixvs@mtco.com) by August 31.

#### **Art**

Our own club member, Nancy J. will be in the following theatre presentation:

**Patty**

#### Caterpillar Employees Mixed Chorus

Presents

#### **“The Music Man”**

**October 2, 3, 4 @ 7:30 PM**

**October 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2 PM**

At Eastlight Theater

Contact for tickets: 309-699-SHOW

Monday-Friday 10AM – 4PM

Support Nancy J. by attending this event.

#### **Conservation**

**Recycle for Sight** - Thank you to Donna, Amy, Nancy, Susan, Ann, Kathleen, and Patty for donating 24 glasses and 17 cases for the eyeglass recycling.

**Ann**

**Kind News** is a classroom newspaper for children in grades K-6 that teaches children the importance of treating people, animals, and the environment with kindness and respect. This year we adopted four classrooms. From Germantown Hills is Mary Aaron's first grade class; from Metamora is Becky Rhodes first grade class; from Riverview is Nancy Hoover's sixth grade class; and from St. Mary's is Connie DuBois's kindergarten class.

#### **Education**

**Box Tops** – Thanks to Donna, Amy, Theresa, Nancy R., Susan, Patty, and Diane for collecting the General Mills Box Tops from January to May. We have collected 414 Box Tops for the schools.

**Kathleen**

**Soup Labels** – Thanks to Donna, Amy, Valery, Janell, Pat, Nancy R., Susan, and Patty for collecting the Campbell Soup Labels from January to May. We have collected 226 Soup Labels for the schools.

#### **Home Life**

**Survivor's Reception** – Thank you to Donna, Amy, Cindy, Janelle, Theresa, Deirdre, Nancy R., and Becky for the food donations for the Relay For Life Survivor's Reception. It was appreciated by all.

**Donna**

**Relay For Life** – Thank you to everyone who supported our relay team this year. The Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club team raised \$4,044.50 with \$3,274.00 raised by our club's fundraisers. Great job ladies! Thanks to Wendy for serving as team captain, Sheila, Nancy R., and Barb for being on the team.

**Weight Loss Challenge** - Have your doctors told you need to lose a few pounds? Would you like to tone up those some what loose areas? Would you like to learn how to eat healthier? Well GFWC has initiated a WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE for all clubs for the 2008-2010 administration. We will start this challenge at the September meeting. We will keep track of pounds lost. We will learn how to eat healthy, share weight loss tips, start a walking group and maybe even an exercise group. There are so many possibilities. For those who would like to participate in this challenge or have questions, please let me know by emailing me at [cross\\_t@mtco.com](mailto:cross_t@mtco.com) so we can get started planning. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

**Meals for Greg** - Greg is a local artist who started the Art Rod Foundation. Greg is paralyzed, but is still very active in the community. Greg is very appreciative of the meals we provide for him. If you would like to help prepare meals for Greg follow these simple steps.

1. Pick up an empty container at our meetings.
2. Prepare an extra serving of your family dinner one night.
3. Put the extra serving in the container provided and freeze.
4. Label the container with the date and contents.
5. Contact Jodi M. to deliver the meal or bring it to our next meeting.

Please keep in mind: Greg is diabetic so meals should not contain 2 foods high in carbs such as pasta, bread, and potatoes. Greg also freezes the meals and then reheats them in the microwave so don't include foods such as Jello that don't microwave well. If you have any questions, contact Jodi M. or Donna.

**Snyder Village** - At the end of the garage sale we collected small items that could be used for Bingo prizes at Snyder Village. We donated 56 items for prizes.

**MS Walk** – The Multiple Sclerosis walk this year is Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join Patty & her family at the walk, let Patty know at [sixvs@mtco.com](mailto:sixvs@mtco.com). If you would like to donate to Patty's cause, you can donate online at <http://www.msillinois.org/goto/Patty.Voudrie> or send a check made out to the National MS Society to Patty's House.

## **International Affairs**

**Deirdre**

We will be doing our yearly planning after the General Meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the rest of the summer and I am looking forward to meeting with you on the 15<sup>th</sup>!

## **Public Affairs**

**Donna**

**Bicycle Safety Booklets** – Thanks to Becky for arranging the bicycle safety booklets for the students at Germantown Hills, Metamora and St. Mary's Grade Schools. A special thanks to Cindy for doing four presentations to the 390 students at Metamora, to Nancy R. for organizing the 240 booklets at Germantown Hills, and to Ann for taking care of the 55 students at St. Mary's. A total of 685 students received information on bicycle safety.

**Bike Safety Rodeo** – Thanks to Amy for chairing the Bike Safety Rodeo at Germantown Hills on May 28. We had 50 children participate in the rodeo. Thanks to Theresa, Nancy R., and Patty for helping with the rodeo.

**Babysitting Clinic** – Thank you to Patty for chairing the babysitting clinic on June 4. There were 10 young people attend the clinic. Thanks to Cindy and Theresa for the snacks.

**Emergency 116 Fundraiser** – Thank you to Donna, Janelle, Sonya, Nancy R., and Patty for donating pies for the Emergency 116 Super Cruise fundraiser. They really appreciated the donations.

**School Supply Drive** – Thank you to Rita, Donna, Amy, Stephanie, Theresa, Londa, Deirdre, Nancy R., and Patty for your generous donation of school supplies for the children in Woodford County. We donated 544 items to Heart House for the Drive. Heart House was very appreciative.

## **Special Projects**

**Donna**

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month** is October. To help make the life of a battered woman a little better we will collect personal items such as lipstick, blush, eye shadow, mascara, razors, feminine products, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, etc. at our September meeting. We will donate these items to Heart House. Any questions contact Donna.

**Project Linus** - The last few years our club has made fleece blankets for needy children in the Tri-County area through the Children's Home Association of Illinois and Project Linus. If there is anyone who would like to make a fleece blanket, get together to make a fleece blanket, or donate a blanket there will be a sign up sheet at the September meeting. If you need instructions on how to make the fleece blanket, they will be available at the meeting. Blankets should be full size. If we have any blankets donated, they will be donated to Heart House in Eureka. Any questions contact Donna.

## **Announcements**

**Dues** – Just a reminder that membership dues are due at the September General Meeting. The Bylaws are in the process of being amended. Once the meeting takes place on August 28<sup>th</sup>, the member dues will be defined. Please make sure to bring your membership dues to the Membership Gathering or the September General Meeting. Checks should be made payable to the club – MGHJWC.

**Auction Basket and Reflections** – If you would like to donate an item for the Auction Basket, we have an opening for the November meeting. We have openings for the Reflections for the following meetings: November, April and May. Please contact Patty at [sixvs@mtco.com](mailto:sixvs@mtco.com) if you would like to sign up.

**Club Yearbooks** – Club yearbooks will be handed out as dues are paid. If you have any updates, please let Patty know at [sixvs@mtco.com](mailto:sixvs@mtco.com) ASAP.

**Board Meeting** – The first board meeting of the year will be held at Patty's house Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. All officers and standing committee should attend this meeting. If you are a department chair you are also encouraged to attend.

**Old Settlers' Day** - We made \$200 this year on the Cherubs to Champions Contest. Thank you to the following members that helped make this fundraiser such a success: Amy, Donna, Valery, Theresa, Patty, Becky, Dee, Pat, Deb, Nancy R., Deirdre, Nancy J., Cindy, Londa, Janell, Stephanie, Sonya, and Janelle.  
A special thank you to Amy for chairing this contest. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation was very appreciative.