

GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club December 13, 2010



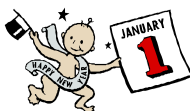
Season's Greetings!

Fall left us quickly just in time for our 38th Annual Breakfast with Santa! December 4th was an awesome day ladies! Thank you so much to Deana Cooper for being the Breakfast with Santa Chairman, she did an awesome job! Thank you to every member that donated to the cause, helped set up and helped to run the event. Without all of your support it wouldn't have been as successful as it was!

December and the holiday events that it brings are the perfect opportunity to involve our Club with other Community organizations! For example, reach out within your Christmas parties, School plays or even Church events to ask for new members, see if you can spark any interest within someone to check out our January General Meeting. Please see if any of your organizations need assistance from Club so that we may continue *Juniors – Quilting Volunteers and Community Together!*

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.

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.



Happy New Year!

Juniors – Quilting Volunteers and Community Together!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January Board Meeting is 1/10/11 at Dee Sokol's house at 7 pm.

January General Meeting is 1/24/11 at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm at the Germantown Hills Fire Station.

Hostess: Art, Dee Sokol is heading up this effort.

Raffle Basket: Sarah Hall

Reflection: Becky Weber

12/19/10-Tour of Trees

2/3/11 - National Girls and Women in Sports Day

2/4/11 - World Cancer Day

3/21-25/11 – National Youth Violence Prevention Week

Home Life:

Cooks Needed for Greg - Thanks to Mary Behn, Donna Cross, Kathleen Nackers, Nancy Rodier, and Becky Weber for fixing meals for Greg. We prepared 18 meals in November. They are appreciated. If anyone has any meals completed or needs containers, please give Donna a call at 383-4843 to make arrangements to have them delivered to her. Thanks again to all our cooks!

Community Holiday Basket – Thanks to Donna Cross, Nancy Rodier, Dee Sokol, and Becky Weber for helping sort the can goods and filling the baskets. One hundred and five food baskets were filled for families in our community.

Public Issues:

Operation Santa – Thank you to Elyse Anfinson, Donna Cross and Nancy Rodier for helping fill stockings on November 18. Operation Santa 2010 is now complete. Their initial goal was 35,000 Christmas stockings to troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan but the overwhelming outpouring of volunteers enabled the project to finish three days early and almost 20% over goal with 41,337 stockings as their final count! For the third consecutive year, Operation Santa partnered with the Peoria Jewish Federation's Operation Maccabee sending 300 Hanukkah sacks to Jewish soldiers. Over 55,000 stockings were received, central Illinois Girl Scouts chipped in 25,000 boxes of cookies and an eight year old third grade student single-handedly collected 6000 items for Operation Santa. These are just a few of the hundreds of heartwarming stories that went into this year's campaign. Thank you to our volunteers from across the country for making Operation Santa the largest project of its kind in the nation. The investment of your time and resources has delivered 153,737 stockings and Hanukkah sacks to deployed troops since 2005.

Valentine's for the Troops - We have been contacted by the Central Illinois Proud Families of Marines to help find groups that would be interested in making Valentine's for our troops. The Valentine's can be made from construction paper or anything homemade. They ask if you want to write a personal note. Go with your heart on this but here are a few suggestions:

Thank you for your service.

Stay safe and hurry home.

I appreciate your sacrifice for my freedom.

You are loved and prayed for.

We have contacted the four local grade schools to see if the teachers would be willing to participate. If you would know of any groups such as Scouts, Sunday School Classes, Churches, FCA, Operation Snowball, etc. that might like to help with this project, would you please pass on the above information. If you find an organization or group that would like to participate in this project would you let me know? The deadline for the Valentine's helping with this project outside our club is January 20.

If you and your children would be interested in participating in this project, the same goes for you as above except you can bring your Valentine's to the January 24th meeting. We are trying to see how many Valentine's we can have made from the Metamora-Germantown Hills area. We will deliver the Valentine's to the Central Illinois Proud Families of Marines.

Special Projects:

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Plan projects and events around days, weeks, and months of celebration and commemoration in the GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children area!

January National Birth Defects Prevention Month
February 3, 2011 National Girls and Women in Sports Day
February 4, 2011 World Cancer Day
March 21-25, 2011 National Youth Violence Prevention Week
March 19-23, 2012 National Youth Violence Prevention Week

HEART HOUSE WISH LIST TO ASSIST CLIENTS

NEEDS: Paper towels, Medium pull-ups, C Batteries, Snacks, 40W Light bulbs, Furniture polish, Dishwasher liquid detergent & Lysol disinfectant spray.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Pillow covers, Can opener, Mattress Pads – 11 single beds & two(2) full beds.

COLLECTING INK CARTRIDGES - From Heart House Newsletter: 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.

Juniors - Please bring your used cartridges in to our next General Meeting and I'll make sure they get to Heart House! Thank you!
Dee

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Avenue of Flags:

Veteran's Day – Weather cooperated and we were able to fly the flags for Veterans Day. We had a great turn out to help with the flags. Thanks to Deana Cooper, Donna Cross, Janet Manzi, Rachael McGough, Nancy Rodier, Dee Sokol, Becky Weber plus the 15 Boy Scouts from Pack 64, 2 Girl Scouts from Troop 4775, 4 Scout Leaders, 5 members of the Beaver family, 1 member of the Metamora Woman's Club, and 2 people from the community for putting the flags up. In the afternoon for tear down we had Donna Cross, Janet Manzi, Rachael McGough, Dee Sokol, Becky Weber, 3 Scout Leaders, 2 Girl Scouts from Spring Bay, 6 Boy Scouts, 3 Parents of Scouts, 3 members of the Beaver family, Janet Manzi's 2 boys, and 1 person from the community.

Flag Sold – On Veterans Day we sold three more flag kits.

Flags – Since Veterans Day was the first time we were able to fly all 220 flags, I forgot that this last batch of flags we ordered the poles are different. So the flags weren't consistent. Sorry! In the spring Boy Scout Troop 64 will help us with the flag kits by marking the poles for the correct flags. We will come up with a flag plan then.

CIP:

We have several projects to work on after the holidays:

- *Contact Emergency 116 to check on the status of the Pediatric Bags
 - *Contact the Metamora and Germantown Hills Fire Chiefs about providing Displaced Family Kits for their trucks
 - *Contact Heart House and the Center for Prevention of Abuse about nap & nighttime Snack Packs
 - *Finalizing the "Help, Hope & Answers – Family Resource List"
 - *Rae is checking into obtaining a speaker on animal safety for the grade schools
 - *Becky is contacting a Junior club in New Jersey about "Anger Kits"
 - *We will also consult with the school counselors on any ideas for the kits
 - *Janet & Kelli met with the MTHS art students at the library to start compiling ideas for the Children's Corner
 - *We will be soliciting donations for the needed supplies
 - *We will look into a possible project for the schools from the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance
- ANY OTHER IDEAS ARE WELCOME!!!

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. All pictures should include names of those in picture. 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. Nancy is not responsible for writing/creating any articles for any event.

**A note from the President: Perhaps if you are struggling with creating/writing any publicity if you Ask Nancy or Dee for help they will be happy to help or supply past examples for you to use.*

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. Oct. newsletter deadline – last week of Aug.)

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 Oct. newsletter need to be submitted by Sept. 18).

Club also submits articles to the Metamora Herald, Peoria Journal Star, Woodford Times, Woodford Courier and the Woodford County Star. Club also posts 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) and Nancy has tried submitting info to villageofmetamora.com and germantownhills.com repeatedly to no avail.

Club Publicity in Review *(New item for our Newsletters)

For the month of November, Nancy submitted seven(7) articles to the Journal Star – 1 published, 1 item to pjstar.com.

11 items submitted to the Woodford Courier – 9 published.

11 items to Woodford Times – 6 published, and 2 published to WoodfordTimes.com.

11 items to Metamora Herald – 6 published.

11 items to Woodford County Star – 1 published.

Nancy submitted 4 items to St. Mary's school newsletter – 2 were published.

3 items to Metamora Grade newsletter – 2 published, 1 item was sent to St. Mary's Church bulletin – it was published.

2 items to Germantown Hills School newsletter – 2 published, 3 items to Germantown Hills Community Bulletin Board – all were published.

3 items were sent to Riverview School newsletter – 2 were published.

Flyers for Breakfast with Santa were distributed to various locations thanks to several club members. Deana and Nancy submitted Breakfast w/Santa information to be placed on the signboards at Greg Harman's State Farm Office – he did, First Build Associates – they did so twice, and Metamora Pharmacy – another group had use of their sign. The Breakfast w/Santa info was published on our website and on our calendar, along with other events.

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 www.momster.com. You can ask questions of/get ideas from other moms, there are different topics of interest, sometimes links to other websites of interest.

If anyone has a website that they would like to promote – let me know.

Ways and Means:

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. We only need \$1,830 to reach another rebate check. I have cards available. Just give me a call at 383-2697.

Social:

Would anyone be interested in going to see *Menopause: The Musical* at the Peoria Civic Center on Thursday Feb. 24 at 7:30pm, or Friday Feb. 25 at 7:30pm? Nancy can get tickets for \$10 off if I purchase by Jan. 2. They would be \$34, or \$41, depending on where we would want to sit. Please let her know by Dec. 23, so we can get decent seats.

GFWC Illinois State and District Events along with Important State and District Dates:

Jan. 8, 2011 – 17th District Winter Board Meeting, 9 am, First United Methodist Church

Jan. 14-15, 2011 - Junior Executive Board Meeting

Feb. 1, 2011 – Reports due to District and State Chairmen

March 3, 4-5, 2011

Thurs. Mar. 3: Executive Committee Meeting, Holiday Inn, Rock Island

Fri. - Sat. 4 – 5, 2010: Junior State Board Meeting and State Board Meeting, Holiday Inn, Rock Island

Mar. 12, 2011 – 17th District Spring Board Meeting, 9 am, First United Methodist Church

Mar. 17, 2011 - Legislation Day, Springfield, IL

Apr. 9-10, 2011 – MGHJWC Tag less Garage Sale at the Germantown Hills Fire Station

Apr. 2, 2011 - Blue Ribbon Fashion Show

April 28-30, 2011

GFWC IL State Convention, Rock Island, IL

April 27th - Pre Convention Executive Committee Meeting, Holiday Inn, Rock Island

April 29, 2011 – Junior Day

June 17-20th, 2011 - GFWC Convention, Milwaukee, WI

July 23, 2011 - Region Meeting/Fall workshop, South TBA

July 30, 2011 - Region Meeting/Fall workshop, Central TBA

August 6, 2011 - Region Meeting/Fall workshop, North TBA

August 25-28, 2011 - GFWC Board Meeting, Seattle, WA

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tour of Trees ~ Sunday, December 19th

Members of our Club will be hosting the Tour of Trees. This event welcomes all members and their families. This is in place of our December Board and General Meetings. The schedule below is flexible, so if you have to miss a home due to scheduling conflicts please call the next home on the list to first check if we are actually there. Plan on spending at least a half hour to 45 minutes as each home before moving onto the next.

2 pm – Dee Sokol’s house, Peppermint Martini, Coffee, Sodas and home made cookies
114 Somerset Drive, Germantown Hills, IL 61548 - 309.383.2142

3 pm – Elyse Anfinson’s house, Cider and cookies
907 Woodland Knolls, Germantown Hills, IL 61548 – 309-258-8739

4 pm – Kathleen Nackers’ house, Eggnog, home-made Irish Cream, Coffee, and some sort of finger food
314 E. White Oak Ct., East Peoria 61611 – 309-361-8877

5 pm – Kelli Zaremba’s house, Cookies & Hot Chocolate
1198 N. Olde Farm Rd., East Peoria 61611 – 309-694-6683

Thank you so much to all of the ladies and their families for hosting this event!

Merry Christmas!



ARE YOU GETTING CABIN FEVER?

Cabin Fever will be held on Thursday, Jan. 13, 6:45 at Nancy Rodier’s house, 805 Holland Road, Germantown Hills. I will have snacks and drinks available. If you like, you can bring your own drink. Come dressed comfortably (Yes, pajamas are acceptable). The current movie choices are *Dear John*, and *Letters to Juliette*. If anyone has any other movie ideas let me know. Please let me know if you are coming and your movie choice via e-mail by Jan. 7, 2011.