

GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club Newsletter
February 15, 2011



Dearest Old Man Winter, we are all ready to see you leave and not return until next year!

Dearest Junior club woman, we all hope to see you at the February General Meeting for our 40th Anniversary Celebration! Please bring a friend to check out the club and what fun we are having!

February has shaped up to be a really busy month for our club. Becky Weber became a GiGi (Grandmother) for the very first time. Her daughter, Sarah and her husband Alex, welcomed a healthy baby girl, Charlotte, into their family on 2/8/11. Please join me in Congratulating Becky on becoming a GiGi.

Thank you to Kelli Zaremba for organizing and being the Chairman of the Metamora Library Children's Corner Make Over and Mural Project for CIP. All of your coordinating between club member volunteers and community members has been outstanding! Keep up the great work but take it easy so that Gavin arrives safe and sound!

Thank you to Janet Manzi for organizing and working so diligently on readying the library corner for the mural. Janet organized other members to help remove the wallpaper, which consisted of lots of glue striping. Janet also primed (painting) the walls at the library several times to finish getting the corner ready for coats of paint and the mural. Thank you to Melissa Rhoades and Becky Weber for helping out during this process.

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!

MGHJWC tag less garage sale is in April. Please sign up at the February meeting to help us have an awesome fundraiser in April!

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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Calling all members to the February 28, 2011 General Meeting 40th Anniversary Celebration. The doors open at 6:30, followed by the General Meeting, Celebration and Pound Auction at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be hosted by Public Issues.

Reflection will be provided by Dee Sokol and Auction Basket will be provided by Dee Sokol.

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 if you brought an item for the Pound Auction.
	Item and money for Pound Auction			Sign up to be a cook for Greg
	\$5, if you wish to purchase Kroger Card			Sign up for April Tag less garage sale.
	Campbell Soup Labels			Sign up for Band Contest
	Box Tops			Save R Site, Donations & Team
				Volunteer for Smokey The Bear Contest
				Sign up for the Komen Race Team

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 28th – General Meeting & 40th Anniversary Celebration along with **Pound Auction**.

March 15th – 17th District Junior Spring Convention, MGHJWC is hosting at Monte Cristo Room.

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

Apr. 30th – Save R Sight Run/Walk at 8 am.

May 7, 2011 - 2011 Komen Peoria Race for the Cure, Peoria, Illinois – MGHJWC TEAM 2011

Bookshelf Benefit

May 5: set up TBA;

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

May 7: 9-1 pm.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Conservation:

Conservation is hosting the Smokey The Bear Contest again this year. The theme is "Prevent Wildfires and Protect Our Forest Friends." The conservation department is asking for volunteers to help with the awards parties. We will need at least one volunteer per party. They are the week of Mar 21-25. It involves preparing the popcorn and punch prior to and approximately 30 min to an hour at the schools. The winners, awards, and presentation will be prepared, and a member of the Conservation Department will be present. There will be a sign up at the February meeting.

Mar 22 2:30-3:10 Riverview

Mar 24 1:00 St. Mary's

Mar 25 1:35 Metamora

We are waiting to here from Germantown with a date and time

Education:

We would just like to remind you to continue bringing your Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels to the meetings. Thanks.

International Outreach: Bookshelf Benefit is collecting books starting at the February General meeting. Gently used children's books up to high school age are needed. Please no text books.

Home Life:

Cooks Needed for Greg - Thanks to Mary Behn, Donna Cross, Sarah Hall, and Deirdre Nelson for fixing meals for Greg. We prepared 19 meals in January. 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 or bring them to the February meeting. Thanks again to all our cooks!

Public Issues:

Valentine's for the Troops – We teamed up with the local grade schools to help make Valentine's for the Troops. Children and adults made 1181 Valentine's from Germantown Hills School District #69, Metamora Grade School, and our club. Thanks to Mary Behn & Kate Doran, Rachel McGough, Melissa Rhoades, Dee Sokol and Diane Wipfler and their families for making Valentine's at home. A special thanks to Elyse Anfinson, Mary Behn, Donna Cross, Rachael McGough, Kathleen Nackers, Deirdre Nelson, Melissa Rhoades, Nancy Rodier, Kathleen Tyralla, and Diane Wipfler plus guest Cathy Gregait for signing the Valentine's at the January meeting. State Farm in Bloomington sent the Valentine's to the Troops.

Operation Cookie Share – Thanks to Deana Cooper, Donna Cross, Kathleen Nackers, Deirdre Nelson, Melissa Rhoades, Nancy Rodier, Dee Sokol, Kathleen Tyralla, and Becky Weber for purchasing Girl Scout Cookies for the Troops. A total of 45 boxes of cookies were purchased for the troops.

Special Projects:

From the Heart House January Newsletter: COLLECTING INK CARTDRIGES:

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: No report.

CIP: New Hope Fund – We received a \$250.00 donation from the Glenn and Sharon Rauh Family Foundation. We're very grateful for this donation.

Reporting: Waiting to hear if we won anything this year for the past year!

Art:

On Friday, February 25th, GHMS will be hosting IGSMA (Illinois Grade School Music Association) District 2 Organizational Contest. Schools from all over the central Illinois area will bring their school bands and choirs to GHMS to participate in this event. Each ensemble will perform three songs for a panel of judges and receive comments and a division I, II, or III rating. Our own 6th grade Cadet Chorus, 6th grade Cadet Band, 7th/8th Grade Concert Chorus, 7th/8th grade Concert Band, and 7th/8th grade Jazz Band will perform in this event as well. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our school as well as earn money for the Music Booster as well. Morton School District hosted this event for years.

Our club has been asked to provide desserts to be sold at the concessions. This can be anything from cookies, brownies, candy, cake, etc. Please package items to be sold individually (.50-\$1.00 size). These items may be dropped off at Nancy Rodier's house on Thursday evening, February 24 after 4:00pm, or on Friday, Feb. 25 up until noon. If these times do not work for you, let me know. I will have a box with a sign-in sheet attached out front if I am not home. So far, I have myself, Donna Cross, Dee Sokol, Becky Weber, and Kathleen Tyralla signed up to donate.

Communications & Identity:

Please submit all articles and pictures (in jpeg format) to Nancy Rodier (rodier@mchsi.com) 1 week prior to when you wish to be published. Anyone involved in an event or committee can write and submit articles. All pictures should include names of those in picture and who took the 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.

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 January, I submitted 3 articles to the Journal Star – 0 published, 0 item to pjstar.com – 0 published, 3 items to Woodford Courier – 1 published, 3 items to Woodford Times – 1 published, and 0 published to WoodfordTimes.com, 3 items to Metamora Herald – 0 published, 3 items to Woodford Star – 0 published. I submitted 1 item to St. Mary's school newsletter – 1 published, 2 items to Metamora Grade newsletter – 2 published, 2 item to Germantown Hills School newsletter – 2 published, 2 item to Germantown Hills Community Bulletin Board – 2 published, 1 items were sent to Riverview School newsletter – 0 were 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 www.gfwcillinois.org. Please check out this website if you haven’t already. There is lots of info and you can sign up for e-flashes (e-mails on current state happenings). 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.

Pound Auction – We’ll be holding a pound auction at our February general meeting for anyone who wishes to participate. Be prepared for lots of fun! You can help us out by bringing a gift-wrapped item (anything goes!) that weighs approximately one pound. We will auction the items off during our 40th Anniversary Celebration at the meeting. Don’t forget your checkbook or cash to pay for your purchases. Proceeds will go towards “The Snuggle Project” that Rae presented at our November meeting. The more items we have to auction, the more money we’ll raise, and the more fun we’ll have!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

40th Anniversary Celebration – Our club is celebrating 40 years of Volunteers and Community Service on February 25. Please come join in our 40th Anniversary Celebration at our February General Meeting on February 28 at the Germantown Hills Fire Station. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. A brief meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with program to follow. We have invited 25 of the 30 past presidents to our celebration. We were unable to find addresses for five of them. As part of the program we will honor our past presidents plus hold our Annual Pound Auction (see under Ways & Means for details on the Pound Auction). Please RSVP to Janet Manzi if you are able to attend.

Refreshments for 40th Anniversary Celebration - At the January meeting we asked members to help with the refreshments for the evening. Thank you to all who signed up. Here is what you signed up for: Hot Hors d’ oeuvres – Becky Weber; Carrots & Veggie Dip – Janet Manzi; Carrots & Celery – Nancy Rodier; Pineapple & Hot Fudge – Donna Cross; Strawberries – Kathleen Tyralla; Oranges – Elyse Anfinson; Cheese Tray – Dee Sokol; Town House Crackers – Kelli Zarembo; Club Crackers – Mary Behn; Cake & Grapes – Rachel McGough; and Punch – Kathleen Nackers. We still have the following items not spoken for – Cauliflower, Kiwi, and Coffee. If you would like to donate any of these items, please let Donna know. Please have the food items to the meeting by 6:30 p.m. Thanks again ladies! This sure helps out a lot.

GFWC Illinois State and District Events

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. 15, 2011 – 17th District Junior Spring Convention, MGHJWC is hosting, cost is \$22.00. Monte Cristo Room at Michael’s Italian Feast in Germantown Hills. 6 pm is Social Hour, 7 pm dinner and program begins.

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

Mar. 24, 2011 – 17th District Convention in Pontiac, 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

**Celebrating 40 Years
Of
Volunteers
And
Community Service**

**Please Come Join In Our
40th Anniversary Celebration
of the
GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills
Junior Woman's Club
on
Monday, February 28, 2011
at
Germantown Hills Fire Station
313 Prairie Avenue, Germantown Hills, IL 61571**

6:45 p.m. Doors Open 7:00 p.m. – Club Meeting 7:30 - Social Time & Program

The program will be honoring our Past Presidents and our Annual Pound Auction

Please RSVP to Janet Manzi by Monday, February 21, 2011
at 397-2933 or Reevesbaby69@yahoo.com if you are able to attend.