

GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club  
January 23, 2012



Welcome Back Ladies! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break and an even better New Year! I look forward to what our club can and will accomplish this year for our community!

Juniors – Quilting Volunteers and Community Together!

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**MEETING CHECK SHEET**

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

X	Bring to meeting:		X	Sign-ups:
	Fabric scraps for 'Smile Dolls'			
	Binding tape for 'Smile gowns'			
	Any finished Smile bags or items for bags			
	\$5.00 for Kroger card			

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Fire District Meetings - First Tuesday of every month, 7 pm @ Germantown Hills Fire Station.
- All reports for the 2011 year are due now to Kathleen Nackers.
- 3/2-3 – GFWC IL State Board Meeting, Decatur Convention Center, Decatur, IL
- 3/17 – 17th District Spring Board Meeting, United Methodist, Normal, IL
- 3/TBA – 17th District Junior Spring Board Meeting
- 3/15 – Legislation Day
- 3/31 – Blue Ribbon Fashion Show, Bolingbrook Golf Club, Bolingbrook, IL
- 4/19 – 17th District Annual Convention, Christian Union Church, Metamora, IL
- TBA – 17th District Annual Junior Convention, Pontiac, IL
- 5/3-5 – 117th Annual GFWC IL Annual Convention, Decatur Convention Center, Decatur, IL
- 6/14-17 – GFWC Convention, Charlotte, NC – Becky Weber will be installed as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs.

### **General Meeting Events:**

January = Make Valentine's  
February = Pound Auction  
March = Spring Garage Sale Preparation  
April = Educational Fun Trivia Game  
May = Installation Banquet Committee

### **Reflections and Auction Basket:**

January – Kathleen Nackers (Reflections)  
February – Elyse Anfinson (Reflections)  
March – Open  
April – Open  
Mary - Open

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM REPORTS:**

### **Art:**

MTHS Musical – Metamora High School will be presenting “The Secret Garden” March 22-25. More information as to ticket prices and times will be forthcoming.

### **Conservation:**

Anyone interested in helping to clean up Snyder Village for our spring project? Please see chairman.

### **International Outreach:**

Smile Bags – International Outreach is putting together ‘Smile Bags’ for Operation Smile. I have a simple pattern for a drawstring bag if anyone is willing to sew during the year. I will have the instructions available at meetings if anyone is interested. If anyone has any leftover fabric, old pillow cases, cording or ribbon, or if you would like to purchase fabric let me know. We will also need to collect items for the bags: sample-size shampoos, wash cloths, combs, bars of soap (small hotel size), sample size toothpaste, small (3x3”) mirrors, child size toothbrushes, small stuffed animals, small 8 ½” x 11” color books, 8-pack crayons. We can ask businesses for these. We can do this over the course of the club year and send these in the spring. We are also working with the Metamora Woman’s Club on making Smile gowns. They are in need of binding tape

(black, white, blue, green), and fabric scraps to make Smile dolls. If you would like to cut out gown patterns for them to sew, they will provide the fabric. Talk to Nancy and she will provide details.

**CIP:**

New Hope Fund – In November we received a request for two male students at the high school that needed clothing. Becky Weber and Donna Cross worked with Pam Northrup, from MTHS, to discuss request. It was decided to purchase clothing for these two boys. We purchased the following items: 1 pair of cargo shorts, 6 shirts, 1 coat, 16 pairs of socks, 6 pair of boxer briefs, and 2 pair of tennis shoes. The funds came out of New Hope Fund and we spent \$180.84.

Giving Tree Project - Becky Weber found out that there were eight children in the Spring Bay area that were homeless through the Community Holiday Basket Drive. This was discussed at the November meeting. As you know through emails we were able to provide a special Christmas for these eight children. Thank you to Kate Doran, Donna Cross, Kathleen Nackers, Melissa Rhoades, Nancy Rodier, Kathleen Tyralla and Diane Wipfler for participating in this project through their monetary donations and purchasing items for the children. We donated 35 items for this project.

Through the New Hope Fund we also purchased toiletries for these children. We purchased 8 shampoos, 4 conditioners, 8 packages of 2 toothbrushes, 8 tubes of toothpaste, 8 chap sticks, 2 deodorants, 12 combs, 5 brushes, and 30 bars of soap. We spent \$71.22.

**Special Projects:**

Heart House Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

Rachel West Kramer Concert is April 27

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**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.

**Website:**

Comments - 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.recipe.com](http://www.recipe.com). This website syncs your favorite healthy recipes with coupons and specials offered by supermarkets in your area. If anyone has a website that they would like to promote – let me know.

Community Service Program Chairmen – Please send me any updates you would like to make to your program webpage. These may be sent in .doc format and I will place them on the website. We haven't done this for awhile.

Pictures for Website – Anyone having any pictures of activities in the last year please send to Nancy. I would like to update our website slide show.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Peoria Chiefs Community Baseball has contacted our club to offer us a 2012 Group Outing package. If interested in attending a group outing please email D. Sokol and express how many would be attending. Different Dates, Food Package, FUN! We could make this an entire family fun event for our June or July social.

Thank you to every club member and your family members for making our 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast with Santa a huge success! Your hard work and dedication are very much appreciated!

Our club is attending the Blue Ribbon Fashion show and we'll be booking some hotel rooms and spending the night to make it a girl's weekend! If you are interested in joining those of us already signed up please see either Melissa, Elyse or Dee! March 31<sup>st</sup> weekend – Save the Date!