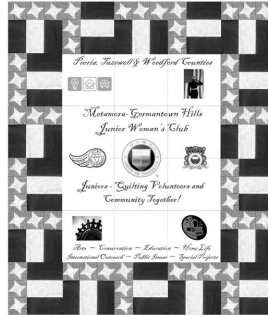


GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club Newsletter March 15, 2011



We sprung ahead so finally SPRING can be here!

Thank you to everyone that attended the February General Meeting and 40th Anniversary Celebration! It was a huge success! Thank you so much to the committee members (Public Issues) that created the event and hosted it with such joy and enthusiasm!

Please join me in welcoming our newest members to club:

Kate Doran

Cathy Gregait

Congratulations to Kelli Zaremba on the birth of her son, Gavin Quinn Zaremba, 3/1/11, 7 lbs 1 oz and 19 inches long.

Please consider how active you want to be within this organization as we move from the 2011 club year to the 2012 club year. We need leaders to fill many positions within our Board. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a leader or staying a leader via email.

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 March, 2011 General Meeting. The doors open at 6:30, followed by the General 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 March 25, 2011.

The meeting will be hosted by International Outreach.

Reflection will be provided by Mary Behn and Auction Basket will be provided by Kelli Zaremba / Janet Manzi.

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 donated items for Veterans for Easter
	Items for Veterans for Easter		Sign up to be a cook for Greg
	\$5, if you wish to purchase Kroger Card		Sign up to help set up garage sale
	Campbell Soup Labels		Sign up to work garage sale
	Box Tops		Save R Sight Run/Walk
	Heart House Donations		Save R Sight Baked Goods
	Bookshelf Benefit Books		Bookshelf Benefit
	Ink Cartridges		Heart House Donations / Run/Walk/Spaghetti Dinner
			Weekend Snackpac

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 7 – Heartline Heart House Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale.

Apr. 8-9, 2011 – MGHJWC Tag less Garage Sale at the Germantown Hills Fire Station.

Apr. 16 – Race with your Heart run / walk fundraiser for Heartline and Heart House.

Apr 29th - Save R Sight Baked Goods

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.

The Board can't make improvements unless we know what YOU would like to see change!

Read your newsletter every month. It is available on our website, <http://www.mghjwc.org>. It is available going through the MEMBER SERVICES tab on the left hand side of our web page and then under the first box on the left, six (6) subjects down, under NEWSLETTERS. If you missed reading a newsletter they are always available online for you to read and catch up. We save everyone's TIME by being prepared for General Meeting, Board Meetings and Committees when you have read your newsletter.

SUGGESTION BOX tab is on the left hand side of our main web page 14 down from the top. This is where you can let the Board and club know your comments anonymously. We are using this tool instead of paper surveys. If you feel paper surveys are needed at our second to last meeting please let Kelli Zaremba know at the March General Meeting. As of today not a single comment has been made using this tool.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Education:

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

Save R Sight (2 events)

Please consider signing up for the Save R Sight 5k Run/Walk. Saturday, April 30th, 2011 at 8:00am. Runners are to check in between 7:00 and 7:45 am. Walkers can check in anytime before 8:00 am. This event was started by a Metamora woman whose child is both blind and deaf. The event is to raise awareness of the issues. Please note, there is no official "team" entry, however, for those that would like to participate, I have posted the entry form on the Home Life Webpage. The entry fee is \$20/person if postmarked before April 25th, and \$25 the day of the race.

The second item dealing with the Save R Sight event, is a request for volunteers to provide baked goods for the participants at the end of the event. Even if you cannot run in the race, this is still a great way to help the community. Kathleen Nackers will be collecting the baked goods at her house the day before the race (April 29th, 2011). 314 E. White Oak Ct., East Peoria, IL 61611

Cooks Needed for Greg - Thanks to Mary Behn, Donna Cross, Kathleen Nackers, Melissa Rhoades, Nancy Rodier and Becky Weber for fixing meals for Greg. We prepared 30 meals in February. Please keep Greg in your prayers. He was in the hospital the month of February. So that is why there were no dishes at the February meeting. If anyone has 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 March meeting. If I get any dishes, I'll let you know. Thanks again to all our cooks!

Public Issues:

Honoring Veterans for Easter – We will be collecting items to send to the Veterans at the VA Clinic in Danville for Easter. The following is a list of items they could use: word search, Soduko, and crossword puzzles (large print if you can find them), playing cards, DVD's, telephone cards, socks (white crew cotton), spray deodorant, combs, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, and shaving cream. If you would like to donate any of these items or would like to donate money for us to go purchase items, please bring to the March meeting.

At the March Board Meeting, Donna has made a request for \$50.00 to be put toward items for the Veterans at Danville VA Clinic for Easter gifts. A vote will be taken at the March General Meeting.

Public Issues Website – Please check out the Safety Tips about Facebook and Severe Weather Preparedness on the website.

Special Projects:

St. Mary’s of Metamora Church Bulletin: Want to help feed a local child? Support Weekend Snackpac! Weekend Snackpac provides a small sack with breakfast and lunch items for students who are part of the Free Lunch Program at Metamora Grade School. While the state-funded program is a blessing to these children and their families, it is only available on school days. We have heard many stories of children coming to school hungry on a Monday morning because they do not get regular meals over the weekend.

Weekend Snackpac is privately funded through community support. It is free of charge, voluntary and requires no long term commitment from students or parents/guardians.

How can you help? There are many ways:

- Financial Sponsorship – The estimated cost per child is \$12 each month. Checks payable to Weekend Snackpac.
- Food Contributions – We have a specific list of the types of food that we’ll be using in this program and are asking you to consider being a donation site for non-perishable food items.
- Volunteer – We’ll be meeting on a monthly basis to assemble the packets.

To learn more or support Weekend Snackpac, send an email to snackpac@schools.mtco.com

Going to the grocery store? Think of Weekend Snackpac! We’ll thankfully accept your donations of any of the following items. Brands are not mandatory – just think “ready to eat.” Please place donated items in boxes by the church side doors. Thank you for your support!

- Applesauce cups
- Breakfast bars
- Campbell’s Soup to go
- Cheese & Cracker packages (no peanut butter please)
- Chef Boyardee mini-pastas
- Easy Mac & cheese
- Fruit cup
- Granola Bars
- Juice Box (100% juice only)
- Microwave popcorn
- Mini cereal boxes
- Oatmeal packets (instant)
- Pretzels
- Raisins

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Please send monetary donations to Laura Ringger, 210 Dutch Lane, Metamora, IL 61548

Please let Dee Sokol know if you are donating or participating in this project for the Special Projects reporting at the end of the year. Thank you!

Heartline Needs: They are seeing more of a need with people asking for infant formula. Once someone gets on WIC they get coupons but that does not typically last an entire month. Now people are coming to Heartline asking for help with a can of formula. The one that is most needed would be milk based formula. Heartline also likes to have a variety of others on hand to offer people when they do call. If you have some formula that your child no longer uses please consider giving it to Heartline.

Wish I may, Wish I might....

The Heart House requests the following items to assist our many clients meet their daily needs:

NEEDS	SPECIAL NEEDS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium Pull-ups • Toilet Paper • 100% Juice • 40W Light Bulbs • Kleenex • Lysol Disinfectant Spray-powder scented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pillow Covers • Mattress Pads • 11 single beds, 2 full beds • New or gently used super large/deep plastic tote 	

Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale Event: The Spaghetti Supper and bake sale is on April 7th from 4-7pm in the Heart House Community Room. The spaghetti, salad and bread are from Avanti's. Please invite your family and friends to come and eat the spaghetti with you. Cost for the supper is \$6 per adult and \$4 per child. The bake sale is separate but also going on at the same time.

RACE WITH YOUR HEART: April is a busy month for Heartline and Heart House with two fundraisers. The 4 mile run and 2 mile walk is scheduled for April 16th. There is a registration form available with Dee Sokol from the Heartline Newsletter. Invite your friends to come and walk with you through the nature trails at Eureka Lake. There is a free lunch afterwards.

A "No Hassle" Way of Supporting Heartline and Heart House:

Those of you who use a Capital One credit card may have accumulated unused rewards points that could easily be turned into charitable donations. If you are interested in doing this, go to the following website; <http://www.capitalone.com/give> At the bottom of the page use the keyword Heartline and the Zip Code 61530 and you can access the link for the "Woodford County Heartline Association Incorporated" – you can then redeem all or part of your rewards points to support a worthy cause.

Special points to consider include:

- No transaction fees means that 100 percent of your donation goes to charity
- Points donated to charity are worth twice as much as their "cash back" equivalent
- Donations are tax deductible
- Donations start at \$10 (1,000 points)

COLLECTING INK CARTRIDGES:

Heartline 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 they get store credit for office supplies like paper and folders and other needed items to effectively run the office. Please bring your empty cartridges with you to the next meeting.

Art:

A big THANK YOU to Donna Cross, Nancy Rodier, Becky Weber, Dee Sokol, Kathleen Tyralla, and Deana Cooper for their donation of baked goods for the IGSM District 2 Organizational Contest on February 25. These ladies baked 23 dozen brownies, cookies, treats for the concessions at this event. The event went very well and the Germantown Hills Music Boosters were very appreciative. With the funds they raised from this and their other sources, they are able to send our 8th graders on a music-related field trip, provide scholarships for students attending band camps, help out with accompaniment fees, etc. Thank you to Deirdre Nelson who also worked this event.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

CIP:

THANK YOU to all who have helped with the Children's Corner!!!

The following are upcoming projects once the Children's Corner project is complete:

Anger Kits; Birthday Bags; Pediatric Bag for E116; Displaced Family Kits for the Fire Departments.

If you have any other ideas please let me know.

We received \$100 for the Community Improvement Project from Lynne Swanson, Past President in 2001, in honor of our 40th Celebration.

We received a donation worth \$173.58 in the form of two IKEA egg chairs, one red and one blue, for the new children's corner at the Metamora Library from Dorothy and Michael Rauch of Ephrata, PA.

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. 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).

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

We also submit articles to Metamora Herald, Peoria Journal Star, Woodford Times, Woodford Courier, and 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 February, I submitted 6 articles to the Journal Star – 3 published, 2 item to pjstar.com – 1 published, 5 items to Woodford Courier – 4 published, 6 items to Woodford Times – 1 published, and 1 published to WoodfordTimes.com, 4 items to Metamora Herald – 0 published, 4 items to Woodford Star – 0 published. I submitted 2 item to St. Mary's school newsletter – 1 published, 2 items to Metamora Grade newsletter – 1 published, 3 items to Germantown Hills School newsletter – 3 published, 2 item to Germantown Hills Community Bulletin Board – 1 published, 1 item was 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 citysearch.com. When you need to get to know a city fast, Citysearch.com should be your first stop! You'll find information and reviews of restaurants, hotels, places to see, shopping, services, and much more about major American (and some international) cities at this site. If anyone has a website that they would like to promote – let me know.

Ways and Means:

Pound Auction – A HUGE thank you to Elyse Anfinson, Mary Behn, Deana Cooper, Donna Cross, Cindy Guede, Janet Manzi, Kathleen Nackers, Deirdre Nelson, Nancy Rodier, Melissa Rhoades, Dee Sokol, Kathleen Tyralla, Becky Weber, Diane Wipfler, Kelli Zaremba, and to four past presidents for donating items for the pound auction. A SPECIAL thank you to Elyse Anfinson, Mary Behn, Deana Cooper, Donna Cross, Cathy Gregait, Cindy Guede, Sarah Hall, Janet Manzi, Kathleen Nackers, Deirdre Nelson, Dee Sokol, Becky Weber, Diane Wipfler, Kelli Zaremba, Beckie Christensen, Nancy Jones, Shellan Schwank, Lynne Swanson, and Patty Voudrie for bidding on the items. A total of \$623.00 was raised through the auction. There was an additional \$5.00 donated for a grand total of \$628.00. This is the highest amount we have ever raised. This will be used towards "The Snuggle Project." Great Job Ladies!!!

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 recently received a check for \$176.25 from Kroger. Thank you to Donna, Nancy, Mary, Kathleen N., Dee, and Deirdre for making this happen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GFWC IL MGHJWC SLATE FOR THE 2011-2012 CLUB YEAR

As of today we have Dee Sokol, President; Melissa Rhoades, Treasurer; Kelli Zaremba either / or Vice President or Secretary; Donna Cross Parliamentary Advisor. We need a member to step up and take the position of either Secretary or Vice President. Which ever position is taken then Kelli Zaremba will take the other position that remains open. We hope that newer club members, that meet the Bylaw requirements, will step up and become a leader within our organization. Thank you, Dee Sokol

Old Settlers Days and our Club's Booth, June 2011

The Board recommends and would like to have a vote on the matter at the March meeting, that the booth run the Tiny Tots Contest again with all proceeds being donated to the purchase of the CIP Pediatric bags for our local ambulances.

Thank You from Donna on the 40th Anniversary Celebration –What an evening – What a celebration! We had 17 members (one being a brand new member – Welcome Cathy), Kellie participated even though she was at the hospital in labor, 14 past presidents (4 being current members), and 1 former member – 28 in attendance. It was nice to have so many there. This celebration wouldn't have happened if it weren't for all of you. Thank you to Janet Manzi for helping with the invitations. Thanks to Dee Sokol and Becky Weber for helping me set up the room that afternoon. I'm very grateful to Elyse Anfinson, Mary Behn, Deana Cooper, Janet Manzi, Rachel McGough, Kathleen Nackers, Nancy Rodier, Melissa Rhoades, Dee Sokol, Kathleen Tyrala, Becky Weber and Kelli Zaremba for helping me with the food. What a spread! A special thank you to Rae for baking and decorating the cake. It was beautiful. Thanks to Nancy Rodier for helping keep track of the buyers during the Pound Auction. Thanks to everyone who helped me with getting the food on the serving trays and cleaning up afterwards. I really appreciate it.

GFWC Illinois State and District Events

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