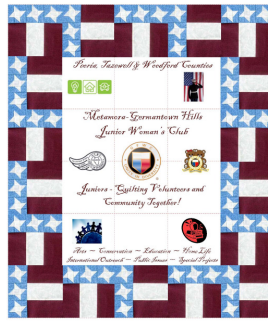


GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club Newsletter
May 11, 2011



Thank you for a great Club year ladies! All of your hard work and generosity means so much to so many!

The outgoing board and the incoming board really hope to see you at the Installation Banquet on May 23rd.

All board members, outgoing and incoming, are needed to attend the Change Over meeting on May 24th. As of right now the meeting is scheduled for 7 pm at Dee Sokol's house. If location changes everyone will be informed via email and phone call but the time will remain the same, 7 pm start. Remember to bring your Chairman information and/or Officer manuals to this meeting to turn over to the next person responsible. If you are not leaving the responsibility you are still asked to attend so that we all may come together to discuss the Club's mission for the 2011-2012 club year.

Even though we do not have formal Board and General Meetings during the summer we still have a lot of activities happening. Don't forget to let Melissa know that you can work Old Settler's Days in June or Donna Cross know if you are available to help with the Avenue of the Flags just to name two! August will arrive quickly so remember to put an article in the August newsletter and plan to attend that first General Meeting in September!

Please remember to email, Facebook or call with any questions, comments or concerns about Club activities over the summer months!

Thank you all so much and have a wonderful summer with your family and friends!

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Calling all members to the May 23, 2011 General Meeting and Installation Banquet. The doors open at 6 pm for us at Michael's Italian Feast in Germantown Hills, followed by the General Meeting at 6:30 ish and dinner at 7 pm.

If you would like to be on the agenda, please contact Dee Sokol by May 20, 2011.
The meeting will be hosted by the Installation Committee.
Auction Basket and Reflection will be provided by Dee Sokol.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Education:

The Education Committee is holding an essay contest with the Metamora 7th graders during the month of May. Each student will write an essay on a teacher who is outstanding to him or her. The essays are judged by the education committee and the winning teacher will be recognized. The top student essays will also be recognized.

Thank you for donating box tops and Campbell's soup labels!

International Outreach:

Bookshelf Benefit: The Bookshelf Benefit was held on May 6-7 at Germantown Hills Middle School. We raised \$177.50 (minus expenses) for Operation Smile. There were a total of 1017 books donated. The unsold books will be distributed to the Metamora Library Children's Corner, Germantown Hills teachers, the Metamora Library, and Goodwill. We wish to thank Kelli Zaremba, Rae McGough, Donna Cross, Nancy Rodier, Kathleen Tyralla, Kathleen Nackers, Deana Cooper, Deirdre Nelson for volunteering their time to fill work shifts during this event. We also wish to thank all club members who donated books, as well as the many community members who donated books, the schools for allowing us to place donation bins, and the school staff for cooperating with us to make this event happen.

Home Life:

Cooks Needed for Greg - Thanks to Donna Cross for 11 fixing meals for Greg in April. The meals are appreciated. We will continue to fix meals for Greg during the summer months. With the summer months beginning Greg loves food fixed on the grill. Donna will have the empty containers, please feel free to take them and fill them. She will collect the meals once the meals are frozen; give her a call at 383-4843 to make arrangements. Since our May meeting is our Installation Banquet, please don't bring completed meals for Greg. Give Donna a call and she'll pick them up. Thanks! If you have any questions, please contact Donna. Thanks again to all our cooks!

Public Issues:

Honoring EMT's – On May 9 we honored our Emergency 116 volunteers with desserts at their meeting for National EMT Week. Thanks to Mary Behn, Donna Cross, Kathleen Nackers, Melissa Rhoades and Nancy Rodier for the delicious desserts and paper products. Thanks to Janet Manzi for helping me get the desserts set up. Along with the desserts we presented them with a GFWC Illinois Certificate of Appreciation. They appreciated it.

National Police Week - On May 15 we will be honoring our Metamora Police Department with a basket of goodies for National Police Week. Thank you to Donna Cross, Dee Sokol, and Becky Weber for the individual wrapped items. We will present them with a GFWC Illinois Certificate of Appreciation.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Veteran's, Soldiers, and keeping everyone safe this year. Public Issues accomplished quite a bit because of you. Thanks!

Special Projects: Heart House Newsletter information – The Heart House requests the following items to assist our many clients meet their daily needs:

Needs: Medium Pull-ups, D Batteries, Dishwasher Detergent, Size 5 diapers, Kleenex, Coffee, Sugar & Ketchup.

Special Needs: Mattress Pads 9 single beds, 2 full beds; Meat: Chicken & Pork; New or gently used super large/deep plastic totes.

Collecting Ink Cartridges: 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.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Avenue of Flags:

Memorial Day - We need members to help with set up at 8:00 a.m. and tear down at 4:00 p.m. for Memorial Day, May 30 weather permitting. For set up we have Donna & Tim Cross and Dee Sokol for tear down we have Donna & Tim Cross and Kelli Zaremba. We have Boy Scout Pack 64 and Girl Scout Troop 4775 that are going to help us. If you are not currently signed up, please email or call Donna to sign up. The more hands we have the sooner we will be done. Remember husbands and older children are welcome and anyone can work either the set up or tear down. With the scouts helping us we will provide donuts and juice for set up and cookies for tear down. The following members signed up to donate: Donna Cross – 6 dozen cookies, Nancy Rodier – 30 cups, and Kate Doran – napkins. If anyone would like to donate donut holes (need 10 dozen) or Juice (need 2-64 ounces) please let Donna know. Items need to be to Donna by May 29 unless you plan to help with flags that day then just bring them then. Any questions, please contact Donna Cross at 383-4843

July Fourth - We will be putting up the flags up again on Monday, July 4 set up 8:00 a.m. and tear down at 3:00 p.m. Remember husbands and older children are welcome and anyone can work either the set up or tear down. There will also be a sign up sheet at the Installation Banquet or call Donna Cross at 383-4843. If we have any Scouts helping, we'll be asking for the same refreshments for Memorial Day.

CIP:

Operation Backpack - Since 2007 our club has participated in the Woodford County Heartline and Heart House Operation Backpack (School Supply Drive) that takes place in July. This drive provides school supplies for needy children in Woodford County. Last year over 221 children received stocked backpacks. They are getting an early start this year for those who would like to participate. The following items are needed: Ball Point Pens (black, blue and red), Highlighters, Pencil Bag, Small Pencil Sharpener, Crayola Colored Pencils, Crayola Crayons (8 and 24 count), Crayola Watercolors, Crayola Classic Markers, Expo Dry Erase Markers, 3 & 5 Subject Notebooks, Spiral Notebooks (wide and college ruled), Loose Leaf Paper (wide and college ruled), Index Cards, Compass, Protractor, 4 Function Calculator, Scientific Calculator, 3-Ring Binders, Pocket Folders, Kleenex, Baby Wipes, and Zip Lock Bags (various sizes). If you would like to participate, Donna Cross will be collecting the above items. If you don't have time to buy items but would rather donate money, Donna will be happy to purchase items for you. Date for items to be dropped off will be announced. If you have any questions, please ask Donna.

In July, Heart House is asking for volunteers to help sort and count donations, filling backpacks and distribution. If you would be interested in helping that day, there will be a sign up sheet at the Installation Banquet or contact Donna at 383-4843. Date and time to be announced.

Membership:

Congratulations to our 2011 graduates. Graduating from 8th Grade from Germantown Hills is Melissa Ambrosch, daughter of Deirdre Nelson and Tom Ambrosch and Jordan Rodier, son of Nancy and Bill Rodier. Graduating from Metamora Grade School is Jacob Guede, son of Cindy and Tom Guede, Makenna Hall, daughter of Sarah and Dave Hall, Katie Kessler, daughter of Deb and Galen Kessler, Josh Clasen, son of Janet and Mark Manzi, and Laura Wipfler, Maria Wipfler, Matt Wipfler, and Rebecca Wipfler, daughters and son of Diane and John Wipfler. Graduating from Metamora High School is Virginia McGough, daughter of Rae and Chris McGough and Brandon Rodier, son of Nancy and Bill Rodier. Wishing all of them the very best.

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. Please keep articles as short as possible, due to space constraints in newspapers. 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).

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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 March, I submitted 5 articles to the Journal Star – 5 published, 1 item to pjstar.com – 1 published, 9 items to Woodford Courier – 3 published, 5 items to Woodford Times – 3 published, and 0 published to WoodfordTimes.com, 5 items to Metamora Herald – 0 published, 5 items to Woodford Star – 0 published. I submitted 1 item to St. Mary's school newsletter – 1 published, 1 item to Metamora Grade newsletter – 1 published, 2 items to Germantown Hills School newsletter – 2 published, 1 item to Germantown Hills Community Bulletin Board – 1 published, 1 item was sent to Riverview School newsletter – 1 was published, 1 article was submitted to GFWC IL Clubwoman magazine – yet to be published, 1 article was submitted to GFWC Clubwoman magazine – yet to be 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 parents.com This is a great website to find recipes, helpful information on raising children at different ages. They even have a forum, if you are interested. If anyone has a website that they would like to promote – let me know.

Ways and Means:

April 2012 Tagless Garage Sale Fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for Friday set up on April 13 and the Saturday Sale being held on April 14th. Dates are subject to change by the end of this year but hopefully this is the weekend. Remember to save some items to put in the sale so that we can top our \$1,000 mark again!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

26th Annual Susan G. Komen Race For a Cure – Thank you so much to all that participated this year. I still need some members to pay for shirts / hoodies so our final donation to the cause has not been made. I will bring any outstanding items to the Install Banquet with me to get this finalized if not finalized before then. Thank you so much to Kathy Meck and Kathleen Nackers for running the 5K Woman's Race. Thank you so much to Nancy Rodier, Kelli Zaremba, Elyse Anfinson, Melissa Rhoades, Christa Nee, Taylor & Wendy Gardner, Danielle Rodier, Courtney Barry and Mrs. Miller for being a part of our team and walking the 5K. This was a great example of Juniors – Quilting Volunteers and Community Together! Where we had so many members and non-members participating. Thank you so much to those of you that couldn't participate that day but made very generous donations to the cause online: Donna Cross, Becky Weber and Deana Cooper. If I am missing anyone it is because I didn't get the notice online about your participation or donation. Please let me know for reporting purposes. Thank you!

GFWC Illinois 116th Annual State Convention was April 28-30 in Rock Island. Donna Cross, Nancy Rodier, Dee Sokol, Becky Weber and Kelli Zaremba attended the convention.

We received the following awards at the State Convention this year:

State General Level (16-31 members)

Education – Second Place

Home Life - Health – First Place Junior

Home Life – First Place Junior

International Outreach - First Place Junior

Public Issues – First Place Junior

Communications & Identity – Second Place

Leadership - First Place Junior

Legislation & Public Policy – First Place Junior

Membership Department – First Place Junior

GFWC Illinois State Project “Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child” – First Place Junior

Publicity Book Contest – First Place and Overall Winner.

Our Publicity Book has been sent on to GFWC International Level for judging.

The Junior Awards were presented to the top three Junior Clubs in each division and were given an outstanding achievement award.

State Junior Level (Blue Division - 17-30 members)

Education – Outstanding Achievement Award

Home Life Health – Honorable Mention

Home Life - Outstanding Achievement Award

International Outreach – Outstanding Achievement Award

Public Issues – Outstanding Achievement Award

Communications & Identity – Outstanding Achievement Award

Leadership – Outstanding Achievement Award

Legislation & Public Policy – Outstanding Achievement Award

Membership – Outstanding Achievement Award

2010 Overall Community Service for the Blue Division

Congratulations to all the chairmen for all their hard work!

120th GFWC Annual International Convention is June 17-20 in Milwaukee, WI. Becky Weber will be attending this convention.

GFWC Boards - The following members will be serving on the following GFWC Boards for the 2011-2012 Administration:

Becky Weber as the GFWC Director-Elect of Junior Clubs and GFWC Illinois LEADS Chairman;

Donna Cross as the GFWC Illinois Junior Public Issues Chairman, GFWC Illinois 17th Junior District Treasurer, and GFWC

Illinois 17th District Public Issues Chairman; Nancy Rodier as the GFWC Illinois Junior Communication and Identity Chairman;

and Dee Sokol as the GFWC Illinois 17th Junior District Secretary. Please give them all the support you can.