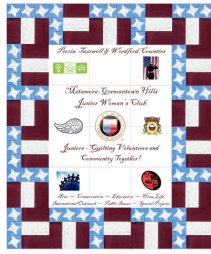


GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club
November 9, 2011



Juniors – Quilting Volunteers and Community Together!

Wishing everyone a Thanksgiving of good health, happiness and time spent full of loved ones.

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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:
	\$5 for Kroger card			Sew Smile bags
	Fabric scraps for Smile dolls			If you attended CIYS
	Binding tape for Smile Gowns			Breakfast with Santa Set Up-Fri.
	Campbell's Soup Labels			Breakfast with Santa-Sat.
	Box Tops for Education			2 nd Annual Tour of Trees
				Community Holiday Basket
				Operation Santa - Bloomington
				Donated Toy for BWS
				Donated Toy to Hearthouse

MARK YOUR CALENDAR / District & State News

- Fire District Meetings - First Tuesday of every month, 7 pm @ Germantown Hills Fire Station.
- 11/18/11 - CIYS Fall Orchestra Concert, 7:00pm, Metamora High School
- 11/28/2011 - General Meeting, Germantown Hills Fire Station, doors open 6:30, meet at 7 pm.
- 12/2-3 – BWS Set up Friday night and BWS Event Saturday 9 am – 11 am.
- 12/2-3 – GFWC IL State Board Join Junior/General Board Meeting, Effingham, IL
- 12/11 – 2nd Annual MGHJWC Tour of Trees
- 1/10/2012 – Board Meeting, Coventry Farm Clubhouse
- 1/14/2012 – Joint General/Junior 17th District Winter Board Meeting, 9am United Methodist, Normal, IL
- 1/23/2012 – General Board Meeting, GHil Fire Station, Doors open at 6:30 pm, 7 pm start.
- 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. See D. Sokol if you would like to attend this event as she will be attending. Shared travel, hotel costs.

Cancellation of Community Service Program Chairman and their team members to Host General Meetings:

In the past there were 'hosts' for the general meetings, since we are dwindling in numbers and usually have a lot of excess waist in food and drink this has been cancelled for the 2011-2012 club year. If two people want to volunteer to bring one food item and one drink item to a meeting, that will be discussed at the meeting the month prior, open to all at the General meeting. This is to protect a 'program' from feeling they cannot meet the demand for the meeting.

Replacing 'Hosts' will be scheduled events, these events tentatively & yes – subject to change are as follows:

November = Dress for Success Presentation / Final preparation for BWS Event the following weekend.

January = Make Valentine's

February = Pound Auction

March = Spring Garage Sale Preparation

April = Educational Fun Trivia Game

May = Installation Banquet Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM REPORTS

Arts: Currently there is no Chairman for this service program.

Fall CIYS Concert - The Central Illinois Youth Symphony will be putting on a program at Metamora High School on Friday, November 18, 2011, 7pm. There are approximately 15 students from the Metamora-Germantown Hills in the Prep, Concert, and Symphony orchestras. These kids are awesome. Tickets will be available at the door: \$10 adult; \$5 children (18 & under).

There are several school concerts coming up also. If you go to www.germantownhills.com and click on schools you can get to their various websites and get these dates.

Conservation: Elyse Anfinson Chairman

Please bring any magazine that is less than six months old to the general meeting for collection. They will be donated to the Synder Village residents.

Education: Rae McGough Chairman

National Education Week is 11/13 – 11/18. Rae is working on the donation of food items and an appreciation token to the teachers at all of our local schools for either the 17th or the 18th or both. If you are available to assist Rae in delivery of these items please contact her via email.

Campbell's Soup Labels & Box Tops - Please remember to bring your labels to the meeting for collection.

Home Life: Kathleen Nackers Chairman - Events for November:

November is Alzheimer's disease Awareness Month.

International Outreach: Nancy Rodier Chairman

Armchair Travel – This was a great success. We did have a light turnout (approx. 30 people), but we had a ton of fun. The students were nervous but did a wonderful job. We learned that Alberto (Italy) loves peanut butter (on everything), the Queen of Denmark is a smoker and needs to keep her personal opinions out of the spotlight, nearly every home in Finland has a sauna (she pronounced it 'sona' and some people had a hard time understanding what she meant, Mexico is a very international city, and Thailand has beautiful beaches. They are hoping that we will do this again next year. Thank you to Dee, Kate, Donna, Elyse, Kathleen N., Melissa, Nancy, and Kathleen T for your donations of drinks, cookies, napkins, cups, and plates; and to my daughter Danielle and her friend Jessica for helping to host the event.

Smile Bags – The second project that International Outreach will undertake this year is to put 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.

Public Issues: No Chairman at this time.

Special Projects: Melissa Rhoades Chairman- Working to obtain the Pediatric Bags for E116 through Theresa Stanford.

Heart House has a new Executive Director – Trixie M. Jones
www.heartlineandhearhouse.org

Tree of Hearts: December 13-21

In 2010, Heartline's most prominent program, Tree of Hearts, blessed 584 individuals from 164 families. Heartline partners with the Salvation Army, the Peoria Journal Star and countless private donors throughout Woodford County to ensure that those in need have a blessed Christmas by providing gifts, stocking stuffers, and food boxes.

Heartline uses this opportunity to honor the birth of our Savior and remind all recipients of the true meaning of Christmas. But this is not something we can do by ourselves, we need your help!!!

DONATIONS NEEDED

Gift donations, Wrapping paper, gift boxes & Bags, Ribbons & Bows, Batteries for Toys, Christmas Cookies & Goodies

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Heartline Administrative Office, Commerce Bank – Metamora, Commerce Bank – Roanoke, Eureka Community Bank, Goodfield State Bank – Eureka, Goodfield State Bank – Goodfield, Heartland Bank – Eureka, Mangold Ford – Eureka, Minonk Community Bank—Minonk, Roanoke Community Bank, Sam Leman – Eureka, and Spring Bay Community Bank

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

December 12

Pick-up gifts from various donation sites

December 13

Sort Gifts

December 14

Wrapping 9:00-4:00 (4 shifts)

December 15

Wrapping 12 (noon)-8:00 (4 shifts)

December 16

Wrapping 4:00-8:00 (2 shifts)

December 19

Food Distribution – 1:30-2:30

December 21

Gift Distribution 9:00-11:00 and 1:30-2:30

Please consider where you can help *everyone* in our community have a blessed Christmas Season and truly grasp the real meaning of Christmas. For more information on needs and volunteer opportunities, please contact Brandi Gerber at 467-6101 or by email: brandi@heartlineandhearhouse.org

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Avenue of Flags: Cathy Gregait Chairman

We need members to help with set up at 8 am and tear down at 3 pm for Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2011, weather permitting. There will be a sign up sheet at the October meeting or email/call Cathy to sign up. The more hands we have the quicker we will be done. Remember husbands and older children are welcome and anyone can work either the set up or tear down. We will provide donuts and juice for the set up and cookies for the tear down for the volunteers that help us. There will be a sign up sheet to donate these items at the October meeting. Any questions, please contact Cathy Gregait at 367-9394.

CIP: Becky Weber Chairman

Communications & Identity: Rae McGough and Kathleen Tyralla Chairman.

Please submit all newspaper articles for the papers and newsletters to Kathleen Tyralla. Please collect any newspaper articles, newsletter items and flyers for Rae and the club's media history book.

Ways and Means: Dee Sokol Chairman

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 still have \$3170 to go before our next check.

Uncle Al's Pecans – Please have your completed order forms to Dee Sokol by November 12, 2011. Thank you to those of you that have been selling and have turned your forms into Dee. The order will be completed and submitted on the 12th by midnight. After the order is received Dee will distribute to individuals homes one evening after work.

Website: Nancy Rodier Chairman

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 20x200.com. They offer affordable artwork for your home. If anyone has a website that they would like to promote – let me know.

Breakfast with Santa –

“An Old Fashioned Christmas”
39th Annual Breakfast with Santa
Germantown Hills Middle School

Come along with the GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club and journey to the North Pole!

The date is **Saturday Dec 3, 2011**

The Doors will open at 8:45 with Santa arriving at 9. We will have activities from 9-11

Make sure to visit the Kitchen for a bite to eat

Visit the Arts and Crafts area and play some games

Your ticket stub will be entered for door prizes which will be announced every 30 minutes

Bring your own camera to take photos with Santa

Raffle Winners will be announced at 10:50

Tickets will be available at Metamora Pharmacy in Metamora, Club P.O. Box, and our club members.

You can contact Dee Sokol, BWS Chair 309-383-2142

Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door

Work Shifts / Schedule of shifts needed to be filled will be at November's meeting for club members to sign up and participate in the December 4th event, which is five (5) days after the November meeting.

Pre-sale Raffle Tickets will be distributed to members if you contact Dee Sokol and let her know that you want to pre-sell tickets. Please plan on turning any pre-sale money and unused pre-sale raffle tickets into Dee Sokol before the event begins on Saturday morning. Tickets are for sale for \$1.00 each. Only one (1) item can be circled per ticket/chance. Any questions can be directed to Dee Sokol.

Donations Needed – The raffle committee is again accepting TOY donations from members. If you would like to donate a TOY(s) for the raffle please have it turned into Dee Sokol's house by Wednesday, 11.23.11, and the day before Thanksgiving. Dee Sokol will also be home for Thanksgiving and will take donations that day as well. All donations must be turned in by that weekend because the “baskets” are going to be created that weekend.

2nd Annual Tour of Trees –

On **Sunday, December 11th, starting at 2 pm** Members are going to be hosting a Tour of Trees.

If interested in participating, either in showing off your tree and having a provided beverage or just joining the fun in seeing all of the trees displayed please sign up at the November meeting or email Dee Sokol by December 7th, 2011, to let the club know that you would like to be on the tour. More information to follow at the November General Meeting, in email and on our website but those that are currently signed up to participate includes:

Dee Sokol

Elyse Anfinson

Kathleen Nackers

Rae McGough

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November –Dee Sokol (Reflections and Raffle Basket)

December - No meeting

January - Kathleen Nackers (Reflections), Need Raffle Basket

February – Elyse Anfinson Reflections and Raffle Basket

March – Accepting sign up for Reflection and Raffle Basket

April - Accepting sign up for Reflection and Raffle Basket

May - Accepting sign up for Reflection and Raffle Basket for Installation Banquet