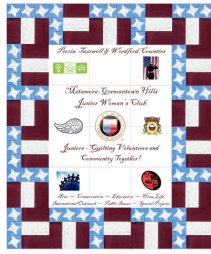


GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club
October 12, 2011



HAPPY HALLOWEEN LADIES! Please be safe and take lots of pictures to share with club for the newsletter.

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:
	\$5 for Kroger card			Plates for Armchair Travel
	Fabric scraps for Smile dolls			Napkins for Armchair Travel
	Binding tape for Smile Gowns			Hostess for Armchair Travel
				Sew Smile bags
				Set up and take down for Avenue of Flags
				M-GH Unicef team and ask for donations.
				If you purchase a ticket for CIYS
				If you attended Crawford Benefit

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fire District Meetings - First Tuesday of every month, 7 pm @ Germantown Hills Fire Station.

General Meeting – October 24, 2011 at 7 pm, doors open at 6.30 pm at the Germantown Hills Fire Station.

Junior Month is October

Junior Week is October 17th to the 22nd, 2011

Make a Difference Day – October 22, 2011 – MGHJWC will be attending the Megan Crawford benefit as our Make a Difference Day Event. Calling all members and their families/friends to attend.

October 23, 2011 – Making marble magnets at noon, tentatively scheduled at Kathleen Nackers home.

'Armchair Travel' - Tuesday Nov. 1, 2011, 6:30-8:30pm, Metamora Township High School, Room 200

Germantown Hills Craft & Vendor Show - November 5, 2011

A Night at the Movies – November 4, 2011, 5:30 – 9 pm CIYS Wine tasting and silent auction, Cornerstone bldg., 321 NE Madison, Peoria, IL

Board Meeting – November 8, 2011

General Meeting – November 28, 2011, 7 pm, Germantown Hills Fire Station

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:

October = Membership UNICEF Trick or Treat Party – wear your costumes!

November = Dress for Success Presentation

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.

A Night at the Movies - The Central Illinois Youth Symphony will be hosting the 6th Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction on Friday, November 4, 5:30 – 9:00pm at the Cornerstone Building, 321 NE Madison, Peoria, IL. There will be food & wine pairing stations, a silent auction, candy & popcorn bar, and featuring the Central Illinois Youth Symphony Small Ensembles and various soloists performing songs from movie classics. Tickets are \$35/person. You may call or email Nancy Rodier, or call 1-888-218-4650 or email artstix.artspartners.net. We have approximately 15 students from the Metamora – Germantown Hills in the Prep orchestra, the Concert orchestra, and the Symphony orchestra. Please come out and support them, and enjoy an evening of food, wine, and fun.

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.

Home Life: Kathleen Nackers Chairman - Events for October:

Oct 9-15th is Fire Prevention Week. It is important to make sure you and your family have a plan in case of an emergency.

Please visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org for detailed information. Below is the checklist you should follow:

- Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms?
- Does your home have interconnected smoke alarms (when one sounds, they all sound)?
- Do you test the batteries in the smoke alarms at least once a month?
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out of each room?
- Does your entire family practice your plan twice a year?

We will be having a quiz at the meeting to help get everyone thinking about Fire Safety.

The 4th annual GHFD Fire – Rescue Challenge will be held October 29th, 2011 to promote fitness and fire Safety. There is a kids run after the 5K, along with a firefighting demo after the races. Please sign up if interested in participating. Price to sign up now to the event is \$15. Please visit <http://www.germantownhillsfd.com/5krace.html> for additional information.

Also the Fire Department is hosting their 5th annual Halloween Costume Contest along with a pumpkin decorating contest.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

November is Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month.

Rae McGough is collecting TY Beanie babies for free prizes for the Snyder Village residents. Please contact Rae or bring your babies to the October General Meeting so that Rae can collect them.

International Outreach: Nancy Rodier Chairman

“Armchair Travel” – We are going to put on a program with the foreign exchange students from MTHS on Tuesday Nov. 1 (11/2 – 2 hrs) at the high school. Each of the 5 students will be able to talk about their country/show a slide show. We will then have their host families talk about what it is like to have a foreign student as part of their household. Lastly, we will have Mrs. Lisa Trimble of “Youth for Understanding” speak about how you go about becoming a host family/exchange student. This is a way to inform the community about the foreign exchange student program, learn a little bit more about other parts of the world without the expense of travel, and ask questions. We will be serving light refreshments and acting as the evening’s hosts; the school will provide the audio-visual equipment. I have enough people signed up for juice and cookies/brownies, napkins. I could still use at least 1 person to act as hostess (watch so that the little ones don’t walk off with ½ dozen cookies).

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.

Trick-or-Treat for Unicef – We now have an online team. Our team name is GFWC IL M-GH Juniors. Go to the website below to add your name to the list of team members. Send out emails, host a Facebook event. Ask your friends and family to donate to this cause. How? Select "**Donate to a Participant**" under "**Donate**" www.trickortreatforunicef.org/totonline Select "**Search for a Team.**" Enter GFWC IL M-GH Juniors and click search. Locate the Team Name in the search results. Click on the Team Captain's name (Nancy Rodier) and then click on "**Donate to My Goal**" to make a donation. Any donations to teams should be made via the Team Captain's page. Donations cannot be made directly to a team.

Public Issues: No Chairman at this time.

Special Projects: Melissa Rhoades Chairman.

Heart House has a new Director.

Working to obtain the Pediatric Bags for E116 through Theresa Sanford.

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.

This summer we received a check for \$178.98 which will go into the General Fund. I would like to thank Donna Cross, Nancy Rodier, Kathleen Nackers, and Mary Behn for making this possible.

Uncle Al's Pecans – Please have your completed order forms to Dee Sokol by November 12, 2011.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September - E Board (Host), Kate Doran (Reflection and Raffle Basket)
October - International Outreach (Host), Nancy R. (Reflections), Need Raffle Basket
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

Membership - At time of newsletter release we have a total of 11 members for the 2011-2012 club year. There will not be assigned members to each Community Service Program. Every program will request member participation to have a balance of what work our club will be able to accomplish.

*Attached is a flyer for a benefit for Janet Manzi’s sister-in-law, see final last page.

Megan Crawford Benefit

Please come and join Megan's family for a **Fall Family Festival**

Full of fun, food, music, and games to help raise money for Megan's mounting medical expenses.

On July 15, 2011 Megan Crawford (from Germantown Hills) was traveling along I-75 in Kentucky when a vehicle traveling the wrong way on the interstate struck her head on. Megan's best friend was killed as was the driver of the other vehicle. Megan was critically injured and spent 7 weeks in the ICU at the University of Kentucky Medical Center (one of the top 5 trauma centers in the US) recovering from her brain trauma and healing from many surgeries to repair her injuries. Her mother Mary stayed for the duration of Megan's stay, ultimately unable to work during Megan's stay in Kentucky. On September 2, 2011, Megan was moved back here to the Peoria area for further recovery and to eventually begin her long road of rehabilitation. Megan has overcome huge hurdles, but her full prognosis is still unknown.

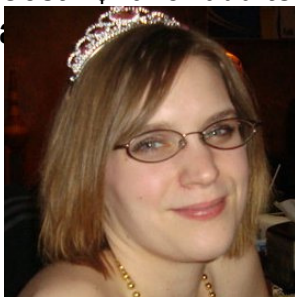
Date: Saturday, October 22, 2011

**Location: Lourdes Hall @ St. Mary's of Lourdes Church,
424 Lourdes Church Road, Germantown Hills, IL 61548**

From either direction on Rt. 116, turn North at the 2nd stoplight (Fandel Rd—at the Elementary School), follow road North to the T intersection (Santa Fe Trail) and turn right and take the 1st left (Lourdes Rd.).

Time: 2 pm – 10 pm

Cost: \$10 for adults 12 and over, \$5 for children 4-12, Free for children 3



at per family.

This includes all you can eat hot dogs, chili, and sloppy joes, Side dishes and dessert. It also includes coffee, tea, and lemonade. Soda and popcorn will be available for purchase.

Raffles, Silent Auctions, and a 50/50 drawing

50/50 tickets...\$1/ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets, and \$10 for 12 tickets

**Costumes are optional / Costume contest for adults and kids at 7 pm...Door
Prizes will be awarded**

Games and Activities for kids for an additional cost

If you would like to make a direct donation to the Megan Crawford Benefit fund,
You may go to any Heartland Bank.

The family also asks for your prayers for Megan's recovery.

Thank you, Megan's siblings and their families

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