

CLUBWOMAN INDIANA



Where Flowers Bloom So Does Hope!

SPRING 2018

128th
Annual Convention
April 13 and 14
INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

The President's Perspective

Hurry up spring and summer! We are tired of the cold weather, the snow and all that rain.

The Executive Board is hard at work making plans for the Annual Convention in Indianapolis. This is an election year, so it is very important that you be a part of this Convention and see your next president and board installed. There will be many great speakers, special events, and the *Conservation Challenge Fashion Show*. This fashion show will feature outfits made from recycled bags (not plastic bags) and submitted by individual members, clubs, or districts. One contestant's outfit will be selected to represent Indiana at the GFWC Annual International Convention in St. Louis, Missouri in June 2018.

What's else is on the agenda? Hear what has been happening around the state from your IFC Chairpersons. Who has the best project idea that your club can borrow. You will also meet the new 2018 LEADS Candidate. Everyone will have a chance to attend workshops, which

you requested last year. Then there



are awards to be given for all that you have done. We hope that a representative from each club can attend to receive your accolades. What else is happening? Come and See!

Did you know that IFC sent checks totaling \$984.12 to Florida and Texas

GFWC State organizations for hurricane relief? We collected the funds by gifts that were sent to our treasurer and donations made at District Conventions. The generous spirit of IFC members shines! Florida and Texas were very grateful for our assistance.

The most fun you have as a President is touring the state at District Conventions and attending Club meetings, but the most rewarding job is reading the reports of Clubs. It is absolutely astonishing what our state can accomplish member by member. I am truly grateful to be part of this organization and thank all of you who have contributed to this administration.

I have been waiting and waiting for inspiration on my Conservation Challenge outfit, it hasn't happened so far, but I will persevere. Please feel free to laugh at it, so shake off the winter blahs and come to Convention April 13 and 14.

Yours in Federation,
Betsey Nielsen

Riley Wish List from www.CheerGuide

High Need Items

- Lipsmackers Chapstick
- Grab'nGo Play Packs
- Barbie Dolls
- Action Figures
- Paw Patrol, Disney, Shopkins
- Sketch Pads and Markers
- BrightStarts Fun Pad w/lights & sound
- Gift Cards

Books /Magazines

- Board Books, sticker books
- Interactive Books (Where's Waldo, Sound Books)

Toys/Games/Electronics

- Infant Fisher Price Soothers
- Infant wrist Rattles
- Musical Toys
- Wooden Toddler puzzles
- Little People sets
- Ear Buds/Teen Headphones
- Play Doh (brand name items)
- Baby First Dolls (newborn+)
- Lego Sets, including Bionicles
- Fisher Price medical kits

Art/Craft Supplies

- Crayola Crayons (also in washable)
- Crayola washable markers and paints
- Crayola Model Magic
- Art drawing pads, paint brushes
- Paint by number for young kids and teens, Painting Canvas
- Embroidery thread, jewelry kits
- Painting Canvas- various sizes
- Prismacolor colored pencil and markers
- Knitting Rings (4" diameter)



GFWC INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS
*****OFFICIAL CALL*****

128 ANNUAL CONVENTION
APRIL 13 – APRIL 14, 2018

HILTON GARDEN INN
9785 North by Northeast Boulevard
FISHERS, INDIANA 46037

Administration Theme:
“Where Flowers Bloom So Does Hope”

This is your invitation to attend the 128 Annual Convention of the GFWC Indiana Federation of Clubs. This is an invitation to **ALL** club members and prospective members. Now is the time to join fellow clubwomen while we celebrate your accomplishments. All second & third place awards will be given on Friday night and during the day on Saturday. The first place awards will be given out Saturday night and photos of winners will be taken to be published in your Clubwoman.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Registration:

Friday, April 13, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM in the hotel lobby.
 Saturday, April 14, from 8:00 AM– 9:00 AM near the meeting rooms.

Art Entries Accepted:

Friday, April 13, beginning 3:00 PM– 5:00 PM
 Saturday, April 14, from 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Remember to bring your photos, paintings and any other works of art you have created! Now is your opportunity to show them off and have them judged in the IFC Art Contest. The first place photos in each of the 3 categories (***Living Things, Scenes and Still Life***) will be sent to GFWC for judging. Refer to the IFC Directory for all the details and criteria or visit the GFWC website at: GFWC.org

Vendors/Mini Mart

Friday, April 13, beginning at 3:00 PM in the hall outside meeting rooms.
 Saturday, April 14, beginning at 8:00 AM in the hall outside meeting rooms.

Memorials: DUE BY APRIL 1

Please send your list of deceased club members from **April 2017 to April 2018** and information you would like to share to:

Marianne McCombs
 4526 16th Street
 Hobart, IN 46342
 219-384-6163 email: mariannemccombs@gmail.com

**CONVENTION INFORMATION PAGES 2 THRU 7
 AND PAGES 14 AND 15 HAVE REGISTRATION**

Guest Speaker

MARY ELLEN BROCK - GFWC PRESIDENT ELECT



A clubwoman for 40 years, GFWC President-elect Mary Ellen Brock has served as GFWC First Vice President, GFWC New Jersey State President, GFWC New Jersey Past State President's Club President, and North Jersey Women's Club Treasurer. She has previously served as GFWC Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Women's Health Program Chairman, Leadership Committee member, Membership Committee member, and Constitution and Bylaws Committee member. She was the Charter President of GFWC Shelby's Stars. She served the GFWC Middle Atlantic Region as Parliamentarian, Finance Chairman, and Conference Chairman.

A founding member of the North Jersey Women's Club, she has held every office and was President for eight terms. She served seven years on the GFWC New Jersey Junior State Board and 19 years on the GFWC New Jersey State Board as State President, President's Special Project Chairman, Parliamentarian to Clubs, Elections Chairman, Resolutions Chairman, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Third Vice President, Second Vice

President, First Vice President, and GFWC New Jersey Legislation/Resolutions Committee member.

A member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, she served eight years as a church youth leader and a Girl Scout leader for 16 years. Mary Ellen's troop was honored by the Governor, when all 14 Scouts received the Gold Award.

Mary Ellen was appointed by three governors to the Governor's Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Council, the Governor's Interpersonal Youth Violence Prevention Committee, and the Governor's Drug/Alcohol Prevention Council. The New Jersey Legislature recognized her as a "New Jersey Woman of Achievement."

Mary Ellen is a [marketing](#) research analyst. She and her husband Barry have four children.

Additional Convention Information

Requested attire for events:

Friday's Service project – Travel Wear - Friday evening Casual

Saturday – Business Casual

Saturday evening –Cocktail Attire

FRIDAY SERVICE PROJECTS 3:00 PM

Riley Hospital Wish List – See page 2 bottom

Bring Your Pop Tabs for Riley Hospital

THE FUNDRAISER - Remember to bring a fistful of \$1.00 bills.

CONSERVATION CHALLENGE – Remember to bring your outfit made from recycled totes!

Balloon Ride: We are planning a visit to Conner Prairie for a controlled balloon ride to see the beautiful surrounding countryside from on high. You may also want to visit the exhibits of life in 1859. You are responsible for your own admission, however we are working on group discounts. We will car pool on Friday April 13, 2018 at 11:30 AM meeting in the hotel lobby.

Please let us know if you would like to attend, e: [mail beteynielsen@aol.com](mailto:beteynielsen@aol.com)

MEET THE CANDIDATES



TAM LUBELSKI - PRESIDENT

I'm Tam Lubelski and I am currently serving as your President elect. I have been on the executive board for four years, and I'm the 2015 LEADS graduate and the current president of the past state presidents club. For the past two years I have enjoyed touring the districts with our president, Betsey Nielsen. We have had many adventures and have enjoyed listening to all the district presidents while meeting IFC clubs and members. It has been a joy.

I have been married to my husband, Ernie Lubelski, for 24 years we have three sons Andrew, Kyle and Garrett. I'm a graduate of the IU School of Dentistry and general studies. My interests are writing, reading, drawing and volunteering. I love bike riding, hiking, and being in the GFWC because it helps me do what I love the most which is helping people. I have been volunteering since I was 12 years old.

Since joining the GFWC/IFC Progress Club at South Bend I have held a variety of offices at the local level serving as the secretary and on the Board of Directors as a director and corresponding secretary. I cook at the dismiss house, volunteer decorating Lincolnway corridor, every April plant many pinwheels for Prevent Child Abuse, and plant hundreds of flowers in May and put flags out to honor veterans. I do clean up. I volunteer at my church with the medical team.

I feel I will be a great president for the GFWC/IFC because I enjoy working with people, and serving others. I hope to help assist in moving our state in the direction we need to grow, and achieve great things together. I intend to use my leadership skills, volunteer skills and people skills to help advance our state club because I love living the volunteer spirit. It looks like things may be coming up Sunflowers!



BARBARA REARDON - PRESIDENT ELECT

I am Barbara Reardon and I have been a member of the General Federated Woman's Club of St. John since 2007. In the past years I have had the opportunity to serve as our club President and chaired various projects that support the needs of our community and its people (young and old). It has been an uplifting experience.

I have served GFWC Indiana Federation of Clubs as Secretary and Vice President and am looking forward to serve as President Elect. The past positions I've held have broaden my knowledge and perspective of GFWC and have strengthened me and my ability to serve as President Elect.

I have two children, a daughter and son, and I am a grandmother. I reside in Dyer Indiana.

Recently retired from the University of Chicago Hospital, after 30 years of work as a Quality Compliance Technologist in the Blood Bank, I now am looking forward to be able to visit the Districts this year and meet and talk to all the Club members.

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BRENDA UNDERWOOD - VICE PRESIDENT

My name is Brenda Underwood. I have been a member of the GFWC Fayette County ESO for about 28 years. I am currently serving my second terms as President. For the past two years I have served as GFWC Indiana Federation of Clubs Secretary. It would be an honor to serve as GFWC/IFC Vice President in the coming administration.

In the past I have held the office of Vice President of my local club and Treasurer of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. I have attended most of the National Conventions and the Great Lakes Region Conferences in the last several years. I attended and became a LEADS Graduate in June 2017 at the National Convention in California.

I have been married to Michael, a Vietnam Veteran for 50 years. We have three sons, six grandchildren, one great granddaughter and another one on the way.

I worked in the medical field for many years. The last 25 years I worked in Retail. I retired 2 and a half years ago. I have enjoyed working with the ladies of GFWC on many levels. I have met many friends through this experience. This had been a growing experience for me. I am honored to be a part of GFWC Indiana Federation of Clubs.

MARIANNE MCCOMBS - TREASURER

Since becoming a member of GFWC/IFC I have held several different offices including NW District Treasurer, NW District Secretary and NW District Vice President. I've also held the office of President of the ESO Regional Readers and was instrumental in creating a new club and bringing in a dozen new members. I am presently the President of GFWC IFC Women In Action. Our club was the first club in Indiana to accept credit cards. I am extremely proud to be the President of this club. As I am proud of being a Club Woman.

I am a mother, a grandmother and an extremely lucky wife. I have 6 grandchildren ranging in age from 5-12 years of age. They keep me on my toes. I am also the mom to 3 fur babies. I enjoy technology and am always interested in finding new ways to do things with the use of computers, and other forms of technology. There are two things I never leave the house without, and that is cat hair and my iPhone.

I have a wry sense of humor and I find fun in all sorts of things. I can find humor in some of the weirdest of those things. When I was in Florida we found a bunch of horseshoe crabs all over the grounds by the bay. We furiously threw them back in the water thinking we were doing them a favor. Came to find out it was mating season for them! Hope that didn't do anything to stunt the population!

I will do my utmost to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth for my position as treasurer and honor the trust given to me by my fellow Club Women. I don't take my position lightly, and even though I am not the most serious person in the world I am very diligent in my duties.



MEET THE CANDIDATES

Should your picture be here?

We are looking for a qualified member to serve as State Secretary. Read the information to the right and then consider volunteering to serve as secretary for 2016 - 2018.

The next Secretary of the Indiana Federation of Clubs could be YOU! If you would like to run now is the time to step up and lead. If you would like a voice in the Executive Board and want to lead IFC to greater glories, now is your chance. You can make an impact and influence a great group of women at the state level.

What should you do? Send a letter of intent to run to Pat Kepchar, Chairman of the Elections Committee. You may do so by email. You must state your qualifications and the office for which you are a candidate. Your Club or District must send a letter of endorsement to the Elections Chairman. As a candidate you will be presented to the Convention, Friday, April 13. A presenter of your choice will place your name in nomination.

Nominations may also be made from the floor on the first day of the Convention. The candidate so nominated must be in attendance and meet the qualifications and eligibility for the office.

Elections will be held the second day of the Convention, April 14. *Live the Volunteer Spirit* as a leader of Indiana Federation of Clubs.

GFWC IFC 2016-2018 RILEY PROJECT

Our project for Riley's children this term will be "Riley Bags" or "Smiley Bags". Club members will be working to fill 1000 bags to present at the 2018 IFC Convention to a Riley representative. The bags will provide activities for the young patients while on the road to recovery.



Riley Children's Health
Indiana University Health

Riley Bags can be filled with many different items to be enjoyed. Items might include (but certainly not limited to): NEW- reading books, puzzle - books of all kinds, water color sets and paper, coloring books and crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, craft aprons, pencils, pens, flash drives, videos, small games, glue, glue sticks, colored paper, feathers and felt, blunt scissors, stencils, funny ears or noses, yarn, ribbon, Legos or anything else you run across that seems appropriate for your collection.

We have written and received a grant for 1000 bags through the Walgreens Foundation. We will be waiting for your items at the IFC Convention in Indianapolis on Friday, April 13, 2018. Each club is also asked to donate one storage bin as described in the emails. We will store the bag items in the bins so the Riley staff can pass them out as needed.

You bag items will provide fun and some much needed distraction from the child's hospital life.

** To fill 1000 bags we need enough for 2-3 bags from each member.

Age ranges will be: (1-5) (6-10) (11-14) (15+)

(Please keep ages separated to make sorting easier)

INDIANA'S TIME TO SHINE!

GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE OCTOBER 4-7

By: Dana Jones

Indiana Clubwomen have a once every five-year opportunity to host the GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference and 2018 is our year!

From October 4th-7th, Indiana Clubwomen will be welcoming our fellow clubwomen from Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin to the Blue Chip Casino, Resort and Spa in Michigan City! This annual conference is a great way to meet and greet the GFWC International President, President-elect as well as other Great Lakes Region GFWC Officers, many of which we have come to know and love!

So, what does this mean to you and your club? We need your help to make this region conference a success! We know that your club plans and implements some amazing events each year so you know it takes everyone's help and cooperation to make it a success - so yes, we need you and your club!

There will be many ways to get involved - some easy and some quite involved - but all will make this into a great event for us to be proud of. There will be fun events that start on Thursday the 4th, but the kickoff event is Friday evening - STATE NIGHT where we are the hostesses. We will need many Indiana Clubwomen to welcome and host tables as well as helping with onsite tasks such as registration. There will be centerpieces to be placed, information to share and of course traffic control!

The conference meetings will start on Saturday which of course are full of information and connecting with other clubs. I will say that if we can only have you for part of the weekend - Friday would be SO important. A lot of information will be shared with sign up for tasks available at our State Convention in April.

Right now - mark these dates on your calendar and don't miss this opportunity to share in Indiana's Time to Shine.



GFWC/IFC Progress Club of South Bend

This past week the Budget/Finance Committee of the Philanthropic council met to discuss our budget for the year 2018-2019. This is always a difficult process because there are so many agencies in our community that need financial assistance.

We are excited to continue to support Habitat for Humanity. President Jimmy Carter's work project is scheduled for August 26-31 in Mishawaka, Indiana. The plan is to build 21 homes.

Kankakee Valley Women's Club SWEET TREATS



The Kankakee Valley Women's Club (Demotte area) continued the long standing tradition of being 'sweet' by filling Valentine treat bags for the 90 residents of the Oak Grove Christian Retirement Home.

In addition to a Valentine's homemade card, bookmark or goodie bag the Club also holds a Hymn Sing and Bingo night each fall for the residents.

2018 LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATION

by Christy Finecy



Seven members of the GFWC/IFC Lincoln Club of Southern Indiana celebrated the 90th Annual Lincoln Day festivities at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial on Sunday, February 11. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln's beloved "Angel Mother," Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

Lincoln Club president, Evelyn Adams, gave the welcome remarks and she recognized members of the Lincoln Club and other organizations in attendance.

The speaker was unlike any other in the past 90 years. Performance poet and storyteller, Mitchell Capel, portrayed three different characters: an African American soldier in the Civil War, an elderly ex-slave, and a very old man returning to his native Kentucky after 30 years absence. The captivating performance was dramatic, dynamic and deeply emotional.

The traditional Eulogy for Nancy Hanks Lincoln was given this year by Nathan Guth. He is the six-times great-grandson of three of Lincoln's neighbors, including the Brooner's, whom Nancy Lincoln had tried to help when they were sickened by the Milk Sickness, that killed her just a few days later. Following the eulogy, memorial wreaths were presented by the Lincoln Club of Southern Indiana; two DAR chapters; the Sons of Union Veterans, 1861-1865; the Friends of Lincoln Pioneer Village; and the Spencer County Historical Society.

After the program, members of the Lincoln Club provided and served cookies, coffee and hot chocolate. Members present were: President Evelyn Adams; Vice President Carolyn Cunningham; Secretary Elizabeth Lockridge; Treasurer Christy Finecy; Linda Summers and Barbara Finecy.

HELLO FELLOW CLUBWOMAN,

It is late in my administration but as we pull together our Annual Convention, we are very aware that we would like it to serve our members. What can we do to make our time together more effective?

One of our officers prepared this list of questions to give you a kick start on thinking over the issue. You can email your thoughts to your State President, bring your answers to Convention, or discuss in your clubs and have your Club President present your opinions. You certainly do not have to answer all questions and you may have some points of discussion that are not listed the field is open, just provide your feedback.

1. What would make you attend a Convention or District Convention?
2. Would you like the Convention to be 1 day or 2 days?
3. If it was changed to 1 day would you attend?
4. Would you attend it if it was in North West Indiana and not Indy? What city would you prefer to have a Convention? What about the southern regions?
5. What would you like to see/hear about/learn at the Convention to have you attend?
6. Would you like more workshops? If so what kind? Explain Club officer's duties? How to write the end of the year Club Reports?
7. Would you like ideas of projects to do for the different service programs?
8. Workshop on how to retain and gain new and old members?
9. How to run a successful meeting?
10. How to engage all members in service activities?
11. Instructions from other Clubs on what they did for a successful fundraiser? Step by step help.
12. Do you want a guest speaker? What would you like them to talk about?
13. Would you like a hands on workshop to make something to donate to an organization in the area?
14. The advantage or disadvantage of becoming a 501.3c club—information at a workshop

IFC President Betsey Nielsen

Highland Woman's Club Answers the Call!



Highland Woman's Club recently heard about the fabulous *Arianna's Heart*, an organization that is ran by a young lady that was part of the foster care system. Realizing her needs at the time, she created comfort backpacks filled with items to help those adjust to the transition. Our club made a \$200 donation. We hope our club can continue to help Arianna and her organization. The blurb is from a Facebook post made on February 16th.

"It has been a little while since our last post, so we wanted you to know that although we have been Facebook silent, we are still actively working on gathering supplies for our next distribution. Here are some exciting things to share with you about some blessings that Arianna's Heart has already received in 2018!

First of all, thank you--thank all of you who have been sharing this cause with your friends! Though word of mouth and your prayers, support for this ministry is growing. We have been messaged by several individuals telling us that they and/or their organization are praying for this ministry and thinking about ways they can help out!

The Highland Women's Club (who read the article on Arianna's Heart at one of their meetings) was moved to make a monetary donation. This donation will allow us to purchase much needed backpacks and/or duffle bags to fill! Thank you ladies for your generous spirits!

Large or small, all of your donations will be used to assemble backpacks/duffle bags for foster children in need. The items in the bags are meant to provide a small source of comfort to foster children -- to give them something to hold on to and to call their own when it may seem to them like everything in their life is slipping away. Everyone needs to know that someone cares about them, and that they are not all alone in the world, so thank you again for sharing your love with these precious children. You are a blessing!"

WOMEN IN ACTION winter activities

The ladies in WIA don't normally have meetings in the winter months. None of us like to drive in the snow or go out in the cold. We did however manage to host our annual Cookie Walk. We raised our prices to \$10 a pound and we did great. No one said anything about the price because they all know our cookies are good and they went over very well. The residents of Hobart Indiana are looking forward to our cookie walk in December



2018. We sold 125 pounds of cookies this year. We partnered with Outback Steak House this year and received 100 coupons for a free Bloomin' Onion. We also received coupons from McAlister's for \$2.00 off an entree and Longhorn Steak House gave us a coupon for a free appetizer as well. The video store gave us coupons for a free video rental and that made our customers really happy. All together we were able to give out one \$20 worth of coupons. It was amazing the people who came out to see us. The USO was happy to receive our donation. We have donated \$1800 to the USO in the past couple of years. That's the way **that cookie crumbled!!!**

We met for our annual Christmas party at Lucrezia's in Crown Point. We had our gift exchange and had a great time. Lucrezia's is an Italian restaurant and it is housed in an old house that use to be used as a funeral home.

This past spring we worked with the Hobart K9 unit, (as stated in our Summer/Fall issue of the ClubWoman magazine) at the National Night Out and at the Hobart Dam Duck Race. We sold doggie treats and people treats. We were able to donate \$500 to the Hobart K9 unit to help them continue their great work.

We went shopping for our goodies to donate to the Riley Children's Hospital, and we are putting our heads together to come up with a design for our outfit to enter into the contest at the State convention.

For a group of women who don't meet in the winter months, I think we did pretty good. We will be coming back together in March to start our year again. Can't wait to see everyone at the conventions, conferences and meetings.

-Written By Marianne McCombs

ESO CORNER

BOOK REVIEW



ESO Book Report by Lucy Devine, GFWC/IFC ESO Regional Readers



Cozy Mysteries author Hope Callaghan, pictured above, loves to write Christian books, especially Christian Mystery, Cozy Mysteries, and Women Sleuth Mystery books.

Born and raised in West Michigan where the winters can be bitterly cold and sometimes seem to drag on forever, she developed a love for reading books, and was affectionately known as the “bookworm” of the family. Hope now lives in Florida with her husband. When she’s not doing the thing she loves best – writing books – she enjoys cooking, traveling and reading books.

I have enjoyed reading her **Cruise Ship Cozy Mysteries Series.**

This 12 book series follows the main character Millie Sanders, a heartbroken senior sleuth, who lands the job of a lifetime as the assistant cruise director aboard the mega passenger cruise ship, “Siren of the Seas.” Each book has a new mystery that Millie seems to be in the center of. Captain Armati, Cruise Director Andy, Ships Chef Annette, Ships Gift Shop employee Catherine “Cat” and Millie’s roommates, Sarah and Danielle, are just a few of the characters you will meet as you set sail for their many “Ports of Call.”

In book one Millie is closing up her house in Michigan, leaving her family and friends behind and beginning her first day of adventure on the high seas. It doesn’t take long, after receiving her badge and checking in for duty, before Millie finds herself in the middle of a murder investigation.

Each book has a new mystery that always seems to involve Millie or one of her friends. The author’s description of the ship and landscapes of each port has the reader feeling like they are right there. There is even a new romance for Millie. I’m saying no more because I don’t want to spoil it for you.

The books are easy reading and each one has been written so that they can be read alone, or in sequence. I have been reading the books in kindle version and will be sad to finish the last of this sequence. Luckily I have other adventures with other characters to enjoy, from this author.

These books can be found in paper, kindle and audio formats. Beside a great mystery, the reader is treated to a recipe that is featured in the storyline, at the end of each of her books.

Our Favorite Club Project

GFWC Fayette County ESO

By Tric Heepe

Our June meeting is traditionally our Field Trip meeting. We close out the spring with something fun and something everyone will enjoy. This year was no different. One member, who, in addition to being a mother of 3, a full-time teacher, and a part-time realtor, is also an accomplished leaded glass and art glass instructor. After a delicious dinner and short club meeting, we met in her barn for some fun.

With the assistance of her 9-year-old daughter Kathryn, Kristen instructed us in the basics of making glass jewelry. She demonstrated the many ways to arrange the various sizes, colors, and shapes and how they react when fired. Both teachers worked with each of us as we picked through thousands of pieces of glass and tried pieces this way and that way on our larger glass piece that serves as the foundation. Both Kristen and Kathryn were

encouraging and helpful. They cut pieces for us and let each of us build our own pieces. Everyone was talking, sharing, and oohing and aahing.

As we finished our masterpiece, we carefully laid them on a large piece of cardboard with our name. After the meeting, Kristen fired each of the pieces and attached them to necklaces. We waited for our September meeting to see the finished pieces and were amazed at our beautiful necklaces and as we examined our friends' necklaces, we asked when can we do it again?

Kristin donated the materials and only asked that we each donate \$10 to the club.

Below is a picture of the club members of the Fayette County ESO and one is of three generations of GFWC: Club members Rosalyn Marschand, daughter Kristen, granddaughter Kathryn





HILTON GARDEN INN
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Room Reservation for Indiana Federation of Clubs

Cutoff Date is March 14, 2018

Room rate may not be available after this date. Please call in your

Reservations Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
(Indianapolis Time)
800-774-1500 use group "GFWC" or online at:

http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/I/INDFHGI-GFWC-20180413/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

PLEASE HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE PRIOR TO MAKING RESERVATIONS

1. Arrival Date
2. Number of Nights
3. Number of Persons in the room
4. Room Type Requested
Queen Beds (2 beds per room)

Room Rate: Single/Double; are all \$139.00 plus 12% for taxes.
At this location breakfast and Happy Hour are not included.

There is a limited amount of special ability accessible rooms, including hearing. If you require one, please make your room reservations as soon as possible.

Free Internet Access

Reservations must be made by phone or **online at the link above.**

DO NOT MAIL checks, cash or credit card numbers to the hotel.

GFWC INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

REGISTRATION FORM GFWC IFC 128th Annual Convention April 13 - April 14, 2018

TOTAL

Early Bird Registration Fee \$20.00		\$ _____
*Late Registration Fee Additional	\$10.00 (after 4/1/2018)	\$ _____
Friday Dinner	\$27.00	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	\$20.00	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner	\$36.00	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

Prices include meeting room rental, taxes and gratuity

Enclose check payable to **GFWC Indiana Federation of Clubs** and mail to:

Marianne McCombs
GFWC IFC Registration Chairman
4526 - 16th Street
Hobart, IN 46342
Phone: 219-384-6163

Deadline for Meals and Registration must be postmarked by April 1, 2018.

***If mailed after April 1st, the late registration fee MUST BE INCLUDED.**

Please print clearly. **Please copy FORM for each member attending:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

IFC Position _____ Phone: _____

Club _____ Email: _____

District _____ My Club requests _____ (free) fundraising tables

Dietary restrictions: _____

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ESO Joyce Wargo Reading Club

ENCOURAGING READING of ALL AGES

The ESO “Window Designers Three” arrived at the library on a cold & snowy February morning, unpacked their display items consisting of books, club scrapbooks, various signs, grocery bags filled with (empty) egg cartons, cereal boxes, etc., ribbon & fabric, pillow case dresses, a small rocker & our 5 foot long blue & white vinyl club banner.

With ladder put in place, the trio got to work. One “designer” climbed the ladder & crawled inside the display case, hoisting the banner across the back wall. Next we designed the window and decided what goes where. Can our banner be seen by people entering the library, do we use this prop or that? Are we conveying our message that we’re a reading club first, with members who enjoy doing various service projects? Are we portraying our service projects clearly and reaching the public’s interest to perhaps encourage someone to attend one of our meetings?

The designers were optimistic that our message, “ESO encourages reading of all ages” would resonate with adults & encourage children to read by

influencing their desire to read & love books, because to quote the renowned Dr. Seuss, “The more things that you read, the more things you will know; the more things that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

A pocket/container holding our club’s brochures, was attached to the wall next to the display case. We’re hopeful that anyone wanting more information will take a brochure, perhaps bringing in a potential new member. It all came together beautifully, vibrantly colorful & loaded with visual information.

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