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April 5 - 6

2019 GFWC/IFC Annual Convention



**“Putting the Gold back
into the Golden Years”**

About The President's Project

My theme is “putting the gold back into the golden years”.

Some of our aging population have family support and the financial means to live the golden life comfortable and worry free, while others do not.

There are many in nursing home facilities left to live out their lives in a wheel chair or aided by a walker with little or no visitors, no one to show they care and are not forgotten. This is an opportunity for our clubs to visit these facilities, engage residences in conversations, do activities with and for them, and make them feel valued.

We also have the elderly living in homes where they may need assistance with paying heating bills, health insurance, prescriptions, medical visits, medical procedures, getting additional funds for food, and informing them about the local food pantries.

These elderly members of society could be our grandmothers, grandfathers, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, brothers or sisters. These are the people who took care of us, some even fought for our country; we should not turn our backs on them in their time of need. It is our

turn to step up and take care of them.

Once you involve yourself and your club with this type of service and see the smiles on their faces, you will be hooked to go back again and again.

INConnect the Alliance for the Area Agencies on Aging in Indiana can be called or looked up on line to see what services they offer. They provide general information on how we can access federal programming available for our aging adults in all states.

The fleece lap blanket project we will be doing at Convention will be a start and will be greatly appreciated by seniors in nursing homes and veterans in hospitals.

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.”

INconnectAlliance.org

1-800-713-9023

**Indiana’s Aging and
Disability Resource**



Greetings from Barbara



Greetings GFWC
Indiana club members,

Thank you for all of your energy, time, ambition and creativity you have expressed in your reports. Reports are now in the hands of the committee chairs. Now is the time for all to think about Convention in April. The information is attached in this edition of the Clubwoman. Look it over and please try to send representatives from your Club.

Why come to convention you may ask. Educational opportunities, networking with members from the state, having fun and the value of the human-to-human connections discussing the projects other clubs have done during the year. We promise you will laugh, you will be educated, you will meet friends and sisters in service from the entire State! This Convention we will also be discussing ways to publish your Clubwoman by email,

as well as on our website and by way of USPS. So, come and tell us how you feel about this very important change

The Board has been working feverishly on making this Convention different and hopefully exciting for you. Come and experience firsthand what has been accomplished.

The Special Service Project is making fleece lap blankets for our veterans in hospitals, those confined to wheelchairs and our senior citizens in nursing homes. If you are interested in participating we ask that you bring fleece material that is 60 inches wide so the material can be cut into 30 inch wide by 60 inch long pieces. 45 inch wide fleece by 60 inch long pieces can also be used for the blankets. If you are unable to make the purchase, but want to participate, you may enclose money and the material will be purchased for your club.

We plan to have a "Mad Hatter" party Friday evening with a Mad Hatter Hat contest. You can make or buy your hat for that evening. Prizes will be awarded in these three categories: the most creative, original and the funniest hat.

Remember to bring your entries for the Art Scholarship to be displayed in room 104 of the hotel.

Thank you and see you in April.

The Mad Hatter's Party



& Hat Contest Friday Evening

SATURDAY
Something BIG
is happening!
Shhh! No one
must know!
Be prepared!

CONVENTION GUEST SPEAKER



WENDY CARRIKER
GFWC Secretary

A dedicated clubwoman for 31 years, GFWC Secretary Wendy Carriker has served her community, district, state, region, and GFWC with passion and enthusiasm for the programs and projects supported by clubwomen everywhere.

Joining North Carolina's Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club as a newcomer to the community, she was quick to get involved, serving in all offices, including club president. Wendy then joined the Woman's Club of Mount Airy and is a charter member of the Woman's League of Mount Airy.

While State President, her emphasis was "Honoring the Past, Connected to the Future" and together with the State Director of Junior Clubs, she led the state to a successful special project, feeding and supporting food insecure children across the state of NC.

Wendy is also a volunteer at Victory Junction Camp, a camp for chronically ill children. Elected to serve on the Mount Airy City Schools Board of Education for the past 20 years, she has served as chairman since 2004. She is also a board member of NCASA (North Carolina Association for Scholastic Activities) and has served on the NC School Board Association Board of Directors. The owner of Wendy Jane Creations and Megan's Mutt Munchies, she stays busy creating and baking. She and her husband Chip have two daughters.

CONVENTION ART ROOM REMINDERS By Joan Carpenter

Convention is rapidly approaching, so I wanted to send you a couple of reminders.

Districts-please bring your District Art Scholarship winners works to the Art Room during the times outlined in the Call. Be certain you have the 3 pieces of art, application form, letter of recommendation and letter of intent. All required elements must be submitted for the student to be considered.

Crafters-bring your prized crafts that you have made during the 2018 calendar year. Crocheting, knitting, painting, ceramics, quilts, etc. All forms are welcome.

Photographers-Bring your best photographs from 2018. **THE WORLD IN PICTURES** The categories are the same, Living Things, Scenes and Still Life. All photos are to be 8x10, mounted on a firm board 3/8" or under, no frame or glass. They can be horizontal or vertical and black or white. The back of each photo must show: Contest name• Photographer's name, email address, mailing address, & phone number• Name and State of sponsoring club• Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other notes about the photo• Arrow indicating top of photo.

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Same criteria as above with this info on the back of the photo:
Contest name• Photographer's name, email address, mailing address, & phone number• Name and State of sponsoring club• Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other notes about the photo• Arrow indicating top of photo. You can submit the same image for both contests, but they must be separate photographs.

Remember: If you win the state photography contests, the winners will be sent to GFWC and **CANNOT BE RETURNED**. Check the GFWC website for additional rules. Good Luck!



GFWC INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

OFFICIAL CALL

129th ANNUAL CONVENTION
APRIL 5 – APRIL 6, 2019
HILTON GARDEN INN
9785 North by Northeast Boulevard
FISHERS, INDIANA 46037

Administration Theme:
“Putting the gold back into the golden years”

This is your invitation to attend the 129 Annual Convention of the GFWC Indiana Federation of Clubs. This is an invitation to **ALL** club members and prospective members. Come to join your fellow clubwomen to celebrate your accomplishments and learn. All Second & Third Place awards will be announced during the day on Saturday. The First Place awards will announced Saturday night and photos of winners will be taken to be published in your Clubwoman.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Registration:

Friday, April 5 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, in the hotel lobby.
Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 AM– 9:00 AM, in the hotel lobby.

Art Entries Accepted:

Friday, April 5 beginning 3:00 PM– 5:00 PM
Saturday, April 6, 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 1st place photos in each of the 3 categories (***Living Things, Scenes and Still Life***) will be sent to GFWC for judging. Refer to the GFWC Program Book for all the details and criteria. Accepted in room 104.

Vendors/Mini Mart

Friday, April 5, beginning at 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in the lobby and hall outside the Garden Room.
Saturday, April 6, beginning at 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in the lobby and hall outside the Garden Room.

Memorials: DUE BY March 18

Please send your list of deceased club members from **April, 2018 to April, 2019** and information you would like to share to:

Barbara Reardon
9511 Calumet Street
Dyer, IN 46311

Requested attire for events:

Friday-Casual GFWC attire and a Mad Hatter Hat for the party
Saturday – Business Casual
Saturday evening –Denim and Diamonds Attire

FRIDAY SERVICE PROJECT: Fleece lap blankets - Read Greetings from Barbara for details (page3)

Hotel information, proposed by-law changes, and a Registration Sheet on pages 9, 10, 11

GFWC WOMEN IN ACTION

Women In Action. We don't meet in the winter because, well because it's just to dang cold. That doesn't mean we are sitting around twiddling our thumbs. We got our reports put together and sent out. We have been keeping up on current events and making sure we keep in touch with each other. One of our members has been tempting us by showing us pictures of her toes in the water at Ft.Lauderdale in Florida. We hope she will send some of that sun our way.

I had two spinal surgeries this winter. The first one was on my neck and the the second one was on my lumbar section. The latter didn't go as I expected and I'm now using a cane to get from one place to the other. So if you see me limping around you'll know why.

We held our cookie walk and this year we sold nut roll and strudels. We got coupons from Outback Steak House, Longhorn Steakhouse, the Family Video Store. Everyone had such a great time and all of our ladies really pitched in and came through for us. Our

newest member brought her tables for us to use, which was a great thing because the tables we normally used were unavailable for us.

During our Christmas party we installed 2 more new members. Past State President Lucy Devine did the honors and did a wonderful job of installing them. I can't wait

for March when we have our first meeting of the year. We will be meeting at the Masonic Lodge in Hobart. They were kind enough to let us use their facility for no charge. I'm sure there will

be some homemade cookies in their future!

In the meantime stay safe and warm. Hold close to those you love and never let a minute go by that you're not thankful for. You never know when things can change. May the peace and love of our Lord be our umbrella on a rainy day!

Marianne McCombs
Club President



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GFWC Women’s Club of St. John is “On the Move”



Our club has given them financial support from money raised during our annual Bunco for Breast Cancer event. We have sewn heart shaped pillows for the Pink Ribbon Society, which are then distributed to cancer patients to help give them comfort while receiving chemotherapy treatments. We have also sewn seat belt strap covers used to ease the pressure for chemotherapy recipients across their chest.

Members from our club have attended and sponsored a table at the Pink Ribbon Society's Breast Cancer Awareness Tea, which is their biggest annual fundraiser, with 600 attendees.

Our club is honored to be able to help their wonderful organization give support to those affected by breast cancer.

Pink Ribbon Society Award

The GFWC Women's Club of St John was recently recognized for their support of the Pink Ribbon Society and given an award for their continuing support of the organization. The Pink Ribbon Society's mission is to give support to women of Lake, Porter, Jasper and Newton counties whose lives have been touched by breast cancer.

Painting Day at the Rape Crisis Center

Members of the GFWC Women's Club of St. John celebrated President’s Day (February 18) by painting the reception area and conference room for Fair Haven Rape Crisis Center, located in Highland, IN.

It is the only crisis center in all of Northwest Indiana, a nonprofit organization which provides support to women and families who are recovering from the effects of abuse and trauma."

Pictures capture Marilyn Marocchi and Bonnie O’Connor painting a wall with Fair Haven’s Director, Kelly Vates. The upper photo is Jill Lam, Marilyn Marocchi, Cynthia Sheffield and standing Colleen Hansen and Bonnie O’Connor all volunteers for this worthy project.



Why? You Ask

Why in the world should you attend the annual Indiana Federation of Clubs Annual Convention in April? The answer may surprise you! One of the reasons you should attend is because we need you, and we need to hear from you. Another reason is because you need to meet us and hear from us. The State Convention is a time to meet members from other clubs throughout the State. Did you know there is a club in SW Indiana that makes coloring books for children? There is a club in Central Indiana that goes by the name Hearts and Hands. We have the Progress club in South Bend and two Jr. Clubs in NW Indiana. Each of these clubs has their own way of making their mark in their communities. Are you looking for fresh ideas, want to see things through new eyes? Come to the State Convention April 5-6, 2019. Meet your sisters in service.

While you're visiting with each other and exchanging ideas you may be asked to support your IFC Board. Why do we need your financial support? After all you pay your dues! Why are we always having some sort of fundraisers? Glad you asked, because I'm

going to tell you. All of your officers drive to meetings, fly to conventions, attend various club meetings, where they buy your raffle tickets (oh did I say raffle, I meant to say opportunity drawings). Your officers use a lot of their own money to fill up their gas tanks, pay for their meals, their registration fees, for their airline tickets and all the while trying to keep track of where they are going, who they are seeing and remembering to smile, smile, smile! Your Board members are always here to listen to your ideas, answer questions and guide your clubs to even greater horizons. But they can only do that when they get your financial support. We want our leaders to represent us at the various events that take place throughout the year. The International convention is mandatory for your State President, she is expected to attend all the events; get there earlier and stay to the end. Your State Board members represent you at the Great Lakes Region Conference. They attend 4 board meetings throughout the year. They drive several hours and many miles to attend these meetings. None of these functions are free. We want our representatives to

do the best they can for us, so we should do the best we can for them. When you attend the Conventions buy some of the Fundraising items, join in on the 50/50 sales and purchase tickets for the opportunity drawings. To help defray some Convention costs for your club members to attend maybe your club could sponsor a fundraiser.

Your GFWC Indiana Federation of Clubs Board is here to serve you the members. They need your support. We hope that other Club Women to carry on the mantel of leadership but know that many do not step up because of the cost. We don't think that should cost your leaders their savings to represent us. So please attend the events your State is sponsoring, have fun engage with each other and do your best to support your Board and your sisters in service. We hope you will keep the fine leaders of your State in your Prayers and attend your State Convention.

Thank you for your support,

Marianne McCombs
GFWC/IFC State Treasurer

HILTON GARDEN INN



**9785 North by Northeast Boulevard
Fishers, INDIANA 46037
317-577-5900**

Room Reservation for Indiana Federation of Clubs

Cutoff Date is March 14, 2019

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

**Reservations Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM (Central Time)
800-774-1500 use group "GFWC2" or online at:**

<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/I/INDFHGI-GFWC2-20190404>
Group Code: GFWC2

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. Free Internet Access**

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

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

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

PROPOSED BY-LAW-AMENDMENTS
TO BE PRESENTED AT CONVENTION

ARTTICLE IV. DUES AND FINANCES

Section 3. Monies D.

Current Bylaws: Two (2) of the above persons shall be present when the safety deposit is opened.

Proposed to strike.

Rationale: IFC no longer has a safety deposit box. Assume originally was to store certificates of deposit (CDs). Now that all CDs are digital, the expense of a safety deposit box is unnecessary.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

New Section 4. Resignations

A. If a member who has accepted an office finds that they are unable to perform it, they should submit their resignation. A resignation is submitted in writing, addressed to the Secretary or appointing power; alternatively, it may be submitted during a meeting either orally or in writing.

B. If an officer fails to perform her duties for a period of three months, the office must be declared vacant by the IFC Executive Board.

C. Officers may be removed from office at the pleasure of the membership as provided in the parliamentary authority.

Rationale: Current bylaws do not have any provisions for how resignations are to be submitted.

Current Section 4. Vacancy E.

If an officer is incapacitated, unable, or fails to perform her duties for a period of three months, the office must be declared vacant by the IFC Executive Board.

Proposed to strike.

Rational: This provision is included in the new Section 4. B

Section 4. through Section 8. To be renumbered 5-9 due to the insertion of a new Section 4.

GFWC INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

REGISTRATION FORM
 GFWC IFC 129th Annual Convention
 April 5 – April 6, 2019

		TOTAL
Early Bird Registration Fee	\$20.00	\$ _____
*Late Registration Fee Additional	\$10.00 (after March 18)	\$ _____
Friday Dinner Sun-dried Tomato Chicken	\$30.00	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch Roast Beef/chicken salad buffet	\$25.00	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner Herb Crusted Prime Rib au Jus	\$36.00	\$ _____
Service Project Donation	\$5.00	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

Prices include meeting room rental, taxes and gratuity

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

Kimberly Meyer
 7884 E Hendricks County Road
 Mooresville, In 46158
 Phone number: 317-997-3104

Deadline for Meals and Registration must be postmarked by March 18, 2019.

***If mailed after March 18, 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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 to protect
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Book Review

ESO CORNER

Review by Lucy Devine, GFWC/IFC E.S.O. Regional Readers

Hope Callaghan was born and raised in West Michigan where the winters can be bitterly cold and sometimes seem to drag on forever and reading is a way of escape. Living in NW Indiana where the winters are the same, reading has become my form of escape.

The difference ends there as Hope now lives in Florida with her husband and is the proud mother of three children. When she's not doing the thing she loves best – writing books – she enjoys cooking, traveling and reading.

I have read all 15 books of the “Cruise Ship Mysteries” and just finished 21 books in the “Garden Girls Mysteries” (book #22 is in the writing stages). The Garden Girls Christian Mystery Series is set in the cozy little town of Belhaven, Michigan. After the death of her husband Gloria Rutherford, finds herself lonely and bored. She decides to form the Garden Girls Club with a few of her girlfriends with the intent to help the local “shut-ins” to bring them fresh fruits and vegetables from their gardens.

In book #1 a body is found behind the town’s elementary school and Gloria puts on her amateur sleuth hat and with the help of

the other Garden Girls, the mystery is solved. Each book has a new murder to solve and one of her friends finds themselves involved and asking Gloria for help. In all her books, beside the mystery there is romance and travel. Hope takes you to various locations and her descriptions have you feeling like you are there.

Hope’s love of cooking is shared and at the end of every book the recipe for one or more of the delicious foods is included. I have tried a few of the recipes. Hope has gathered all her favorites and put them in a book as well. I purchased the book and I can’t wait to check them out.

In 2019 I have begun a new journey with a new group of characters in “Road to Savannah”. I am already reading book 5 in the 11 book series with a promised 12th book in the makings.

What I like best about Hope’s books is that you can find them in audio, kindle and written formats so that everyone can enjoy them. She has her own website and can also be found at Amazon.com. Whichever series you choose I guarantee you won’t want to stop until you have read them all.