

GFWC IL Morris Woman's Club

May 6, 2019

Agenda

1) Pledge to the Flag

2) Collect

Keep us, O God, from pettiness;

let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding,

and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement

and always be generous.

let us take time for all things;

make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things in life that create differences, that in the big things in life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human's heart of us all;

and, O Lord god, let us us forget not to be kind.

3) Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country--its air, soil, minerals, forest, waters and wildlife.

4) Thought for the Day - Vickie Sajnaj

5) Introduction of guests and speaker

6) Secretary's Report

7) Correspondence Report

8) Treasurer's Report

9) Areas of Interest News (See Packet)

Business

In order to discuss a subject where there may be action taken, a motion and second should be made PRIOR to discussion (but not by President)

District 12--Conference info

Fund Raising

Membership

Other

Program

Ice breaker games

Dates to Remember

May 1-15--Mobile Meals delivery

Saturday, May 4--Weighted Comfort Sewing, 9am

Monday, May 6--Spring Banquet at Maria's, Drinks @ 6pm, dinner @ 6:30 pm

Friday May 10--National Children's Mental Health

Awareness Day

May 10-12 and 17-19--"Over the River and Through the Wood" at Morris Theater Guild

May 13-19--National Women's Health Week

Wednesday May 15--Book Club @11:30 Sherwood Oaks

Wednesday May 15--Narvick House Art @ 6:30pm

Friday May 24--GFWC IL Convention (Rock Island)

Collecting

White Oak POPS Program

Education Labels

Stamps and postcards

Pop can tabs

Smile Bag Items

\$1.25 for Shawnee National Forest

Gently used purses, jewelry and scarves

Magazines (18 mo old or newer)

Thank You's

Narvick House Volunteers

Weighted Comfort Volunteers

Adjournment



Thank you to

Ann Polson (Arts)

Nilsa Sochan (Conservation)

Adrienne McKerrow (Education)

Michelle Mitchell (Home Life & Superhero Fund)

Mary Lee Howard (International Outreach)

Penny Hexdall (Public Issues)

Cailey Walker (Fund-Raising)

Angelique Minnet (Social Media)

Kaileen Cummings (Membership)

and all committee members

GFWC-IL Morris Woman's Club Minutes

April 4, 2019

President Julie Erickson opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Club Collect and the Conservation Pledge. Twenty-three members were in attendance as well as two guests; Wendy Arnold and Laurie Stone.

Minutes were approved as corrected. A resignation was received and read from Dee Delloro; it was accepted with regret; also, read was a thank you from the nursing home for bingo days.

Vickie Sajnaj has volunteered to present the "Thought for the Day" on a monthly basis. Her first offering was a quote from Dr. Seuss.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$6,436.58, which will be filed for audit. Rose asked that we keep receipts for cleaner bookkeeping and billing.

President Elect, Kaileen Cummings, reminded members regarding the upcoming lavender wreath workshop @ 6 pm on April 15 at Exhibit. The cost is \$20.

Community Service Projects

Art – Dates were shared for several events, particularly local venues. Highlighted were the Quilt Guild Show in Channahon, Starved Rock Park Hot Glass, the Dean Martin Show, and the Arts of Life in Chicago. Also, the Narvick House Easter plaque project was displayed.

Conservation – Flower beds at the park and firehouse have been decorated for Easter. The group was reminded not to include flag stamps with those collected and \$1.25 individual donations to Shawnee National Forest have been collected.

Education – Have created a grant form for scholarship requests (GFWC-IL Morris Educational Assistance Program) and are working on starting a Juniorette Club at the high school this fall. Also, the club is collecting books for the "Little Free Libraries" for the locations in town.

Home Life – Michelle asked for simple short read adult books and bingo prizes for the nursing home. April is Autism Awareness month. Caroline mentioned a program where shoes in good condition can be collected to be given to "Souls for Soles." SuperHero Run info was shared and volunteers were asked to sign sheet for Saturday's run fundraiser and meet Friday @ 5:30 pm at FOE for traffic control information. Also, sign up for mobile meals delivery in May.

International Outreach – Mary Lee made a motion and Kaileen Cummings seconded requesting the group create and donate 6-12 "smilebags" to give to children having cleft palates fixed by Operation Smile doctors. The motion passed and 25 bags will be organized. Also, meds bottles are ready to be mailed....a box is needed for shipping.

Public Issues – The Secretary of State currently has an emergency website for residents of IL. Go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to register. Also, discussed a back pack emergency card. Caroline has copies with ideal distribution being before school in the fall.

Fundraising – Cailey reported the Bunco fundraiser for the fall as a new member’s activity will be September 14 @ 6 pm at PMI. Members need to volunteer to set up/provide refreshments. A “Purse” (purse, wallets, scarves, etc.) fundraiser is being planned this summer during the time of the French Hens Market, maybe at Cal's, so save your items to donate! Also, a gum ball machine has been donated to for a raffle for the Education/school assistance fund; Ann Polson has agreed to fill the machine. A motion was made by Cailey and seconded by Ann Polson to sell tickets for the machine. Motion carried. Tickets will be \$5.

Old Business

Our website banner is in need of updates. Premiere Academy was contacted about the needs of the food box pantry and the club’s availability to keep it stocked.

New Business

- District 12 President Mary Lee Howard shared news regarding the District Awards Ceremony recently held and presented certificates to our club.
- Briefly discussed a project for Narvick House planting gardens/flower beds.
- “Not Bullying Hearts” were given to members to display for anyone to take.
- April is Prevent Child Abuse Month. Check the website for availability of flags to display at library.
- April 5 is the deadline for registration for state convention. Mary Lee will take any arts to be displayed.
- Angelique reported the scouts are done sorting plastic caps for the benches. The club has funds for four benches and four Little Free Libraries; some sites are yet to be decided. Caroline will attend the city committee meeting to present.
- Volunteers are needed @ MCHS on April 9 for Reality Store activity 11am-2 pm. Contact bfeece@morrishighschool.org.

The program for the evening was presented by Laurie Stone from Three Wells Clinic regarding the use of essential oils.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Christine L Perry
Recording Secretary

Morris Women's Club Treasurer Report 5/06/2019

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$6436.58 - 3/29/19	
Laurie Stone	speaker	-\$45.00	
Superhero Run	Cailey Walker Facebook ads	-\$192.76	
Bridge Club	deposit	+\$240.00	
Bridge Club	Patricia Bucholtz	-\$63.00	
Superhero Run	Eich's Sports/shirts \$2505.77, \$338.41	-\$2744.18	
Superhero Run	Liberty St. \$100, Ed Jones \$100, Darcy \$500, MDDP \$150.00	+\$850.00	
Nettle Creek Lavender	payment for Wreath event	-\$529.44	
Nettle Creek Lavender	PayPal income for Wreath event	+\$395.60	
Heidie Henry	PayPal income for Wreath event/donation for food	+\$4.85	
Race Roster	deposits: \$702.09, \$750, & \$1285.	+\$2737.09	
Jo Christenson	membership dues	+\$32.00	
Racing Expectations	Superhero	-\$923.00	
IVI	Superhero	-\$150.00	
Super Hero Run	payment for members shirt order	+\$210.00	
Thrush Services	Superhero Run porta potties	-\$85.00	
Super Hero Run	Day of Race \$480.00 checks \$705 cash	+\$1185.00	
Cal's Printing	Two invoices, \$26.40 & \$30.05	-\$56.45	
Mary Lee Howard	postage	-\$22.00	
Grundy Bank	checks	-\$34.94	
Membership Dev.	\$140.05		
5K Balance	\$4202.73		
Bridge Club Balance	\$391.00		
General Acct. Balance	\$461.57		
Literacy Fund	\$2050.00		
ENDING BALANCE	\$7245.35		

**GFWC IL Woman's Club
Art Committee News
May 2019**

Narvick House Art night was cancelled in April due to lack of help. Several regulars were not available. It is very important to have a new infusion of volunteers to come along side the faithful to keep this great service available to the residents and clients of Narvick House. There is a sign up sheet for Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. Please consider committing to this program. Your life will be brightened right along side the lives of the residents!

BE WATCHING FOR THE DETAILS TO THIS ARTSY EVENT! CoGo Glass in downtown Morris will partner with our club for a craft night involving fused glass. There will be a few different projects offered ranging from \$15 and up to about \$50. Participants will be able to choose from things like bowls, pendants and garden picks. A sign up sheet will be available and requires a \$15 deposit since there are only 12 spots available. Sign up quick! This will be an awesome time! Bring treats!

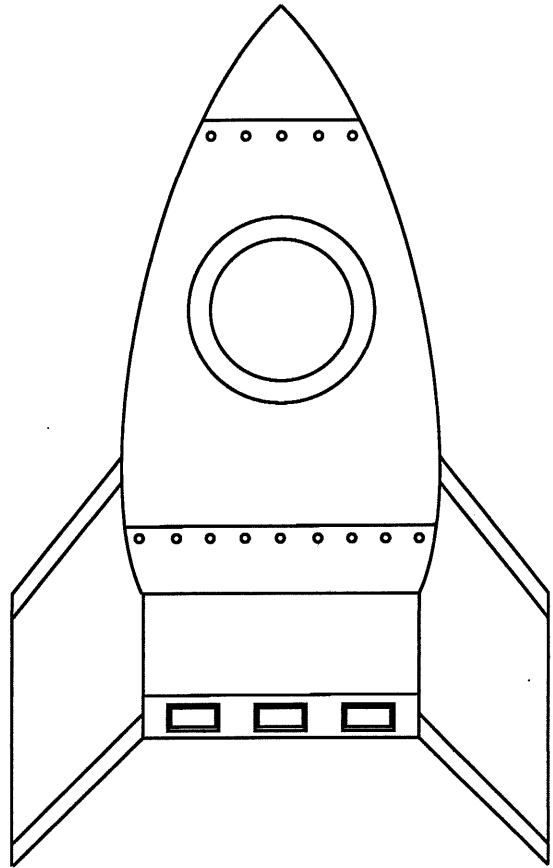
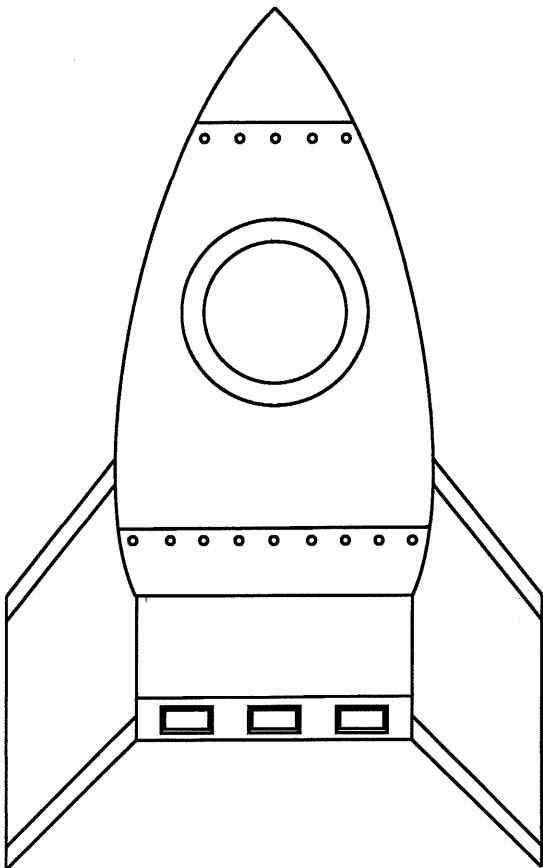
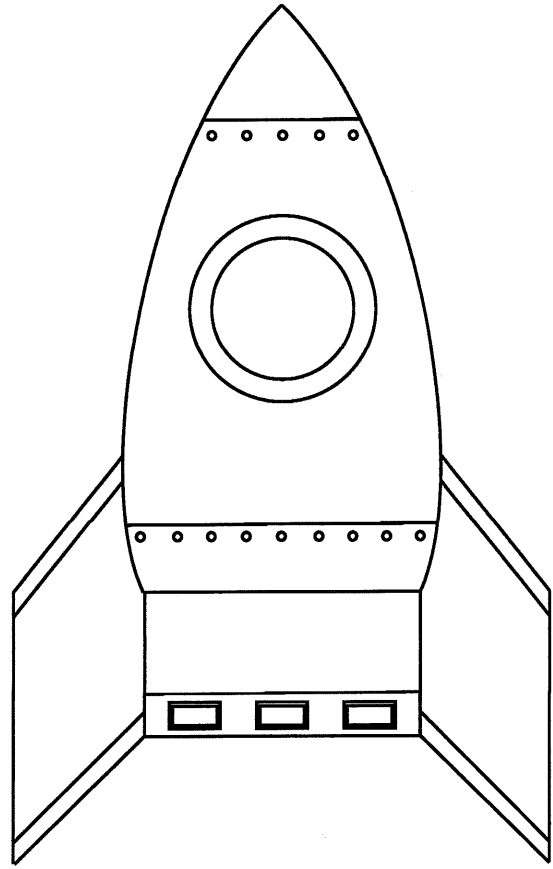
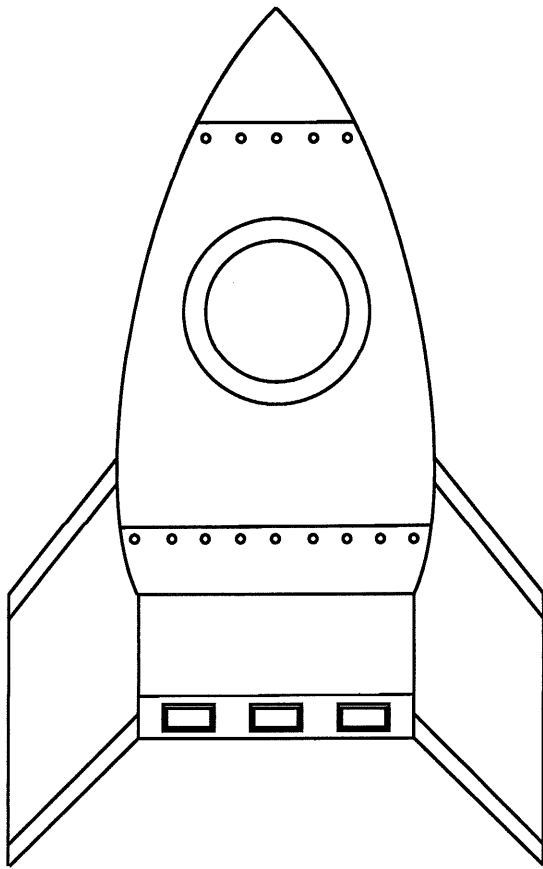
Please continue to collect Pennies for Art. Notice the bowl on the table! Details for this are still in the works.

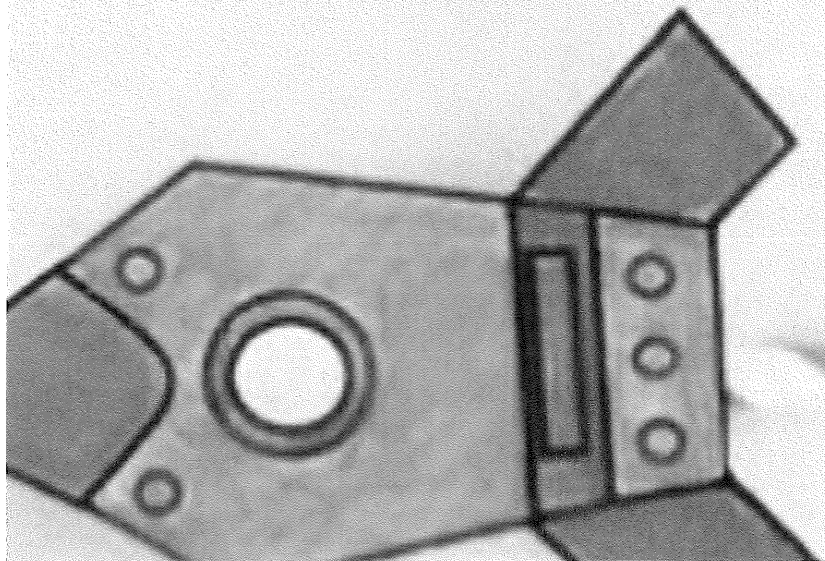
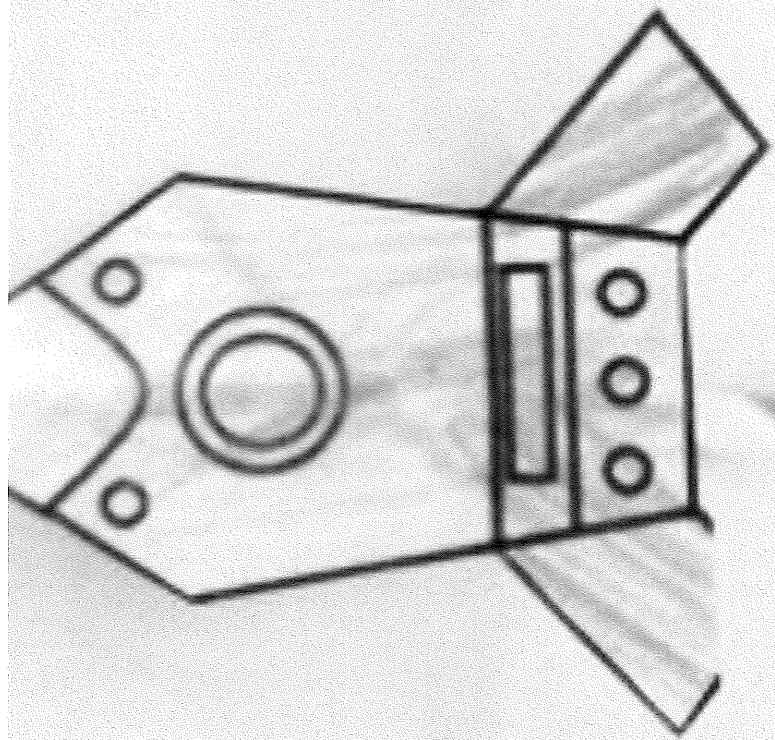
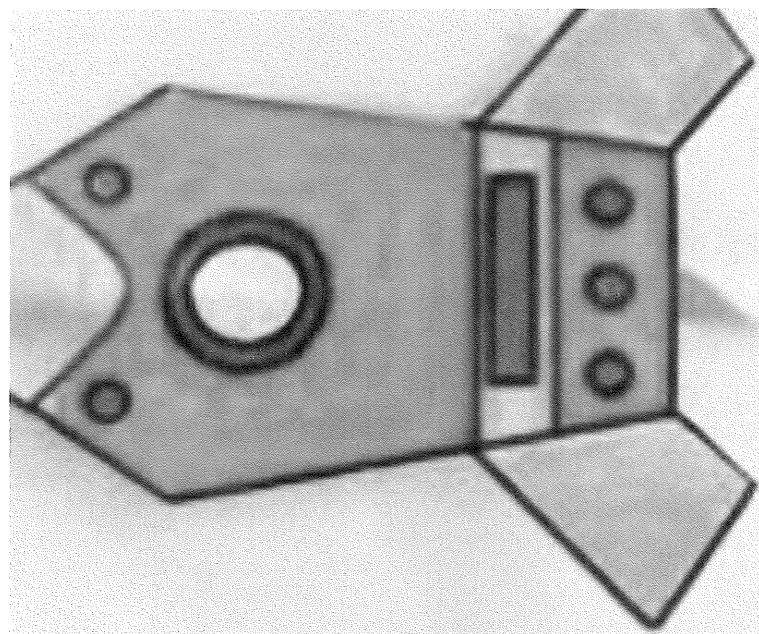
August Rush is playing at Paramount Theater in Aurora running through June 2. I have heard it is AMAZING! Get your tickets by calling 630-896-6666. This is a great theater opportunity with tasty food at nearby restaurants without the hassle of a trip to the big city! Take advantage!

Our club has committed to the Creator's Village during the Liberty Arts Festival here in Morris. This takes place from 11 am to 3 pm on Friday, July 19 on the Grundy Court House lawn. Our project will be a straw rocket using a cutout of a rocket printed on card stock attached to two straws that the children will color and put together with volunteer and parental help. They will then be able to blow through one straw to send the rocket flying. There is also a sign up to help with this event. Please sign up for a time slot including the most convenient way to contact you - phone number for phone calls or texts or email addresses. I may not be in town to lead this event and am asking someone to step up to be responsible the day of the event. I will make sure all supplies are available, organized and ready to make the project.

Small Town Theatrics in Coal City has announced its first musical concert called Once On This Island The Musical. This will be June 29 & 30. Get your tickets! Small Town Theatrics will also be staging HAIR SPRAY the Musical from July 25-28. If you've never been to one of this group's productions, you are missing out! Go to www.smalltowntheatrics.org for more details and ticket information.

Template for Rocket to be already cut out.





Education

The education committee grant form is ready to be published. Thank you to everyone who provided input! Books are still being collected to replenish local free little libraries. We are working with Morris Community High School to start a Juniorette Club next school year.

International Outreach

May 15 – International Day of Families

Although families all over the world have transformed greatly over the past decades in terms of their structure and as a result of global trends and demographic changes, the United Nations still recognizes the family as the basic unit of society. The International Day of Families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting them. It has inspired a series of awareness-raising events, including national family days. In many countries, this day is an opportunity to highlight different areas of interest and importance to families.

The International Day of Families is observed on the 15th of May every year. Activities include workshops and conferences, radio and television programs, newspaper articles and cultural programs highlighting relevant themes.

Public Affairs

File for Life documents were provided at the Superhero Run registration.

Need to print additional Backpack Emergency Cards on card stock paper and distribute prior to school starting for the 2019-2020 year.

Suggested Projects:

Collect clothing (slacks/blouses/skirts/etc.) women need for interviews, conduct mock interviews, provide feedback on resumes.

Disaster preparedness, provide/collect items needed for disaster preparedness kits.

Honor Women Veteran's – Write thank you cards and distribute for Memorial Day.

Fundraising

Purse sale is happening! We are still collecting bag, scarves, wallets, etc for a sale to fundraise some working cash for the club. Julie is looking to sell the bags in front of Cals during a French Hens. More details to come!

We are selling tickets for a gumball machine raffle! All proceeds will benefit the MWC's educational grant. Thank you to Ann for filling the gumball and for your donation of the machine! Let's set a goal to sell \$20 in tickets by each member. Let's raise some money!

Don't forget, our first annual bunco tournament will be this fall! September 14th at 6pm. We need players as well as members to bring food, drink, and FUN! If you can help in any way, please sign up to volunteer!

Membership News

I want to give you some information so you know exactly what my walking club is. It involves traveling and there is a \$3 fee to participate. My club, Windy City Walkers, has 10 walks in the Chicago area. The majority of them are north. I do have a walk in Morris that starts at the hospital. Walkers have to register. There are written directions that take you around town, 10k and 5K, and back to the start. There is also a walk at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Wilmington) from May through September. The others are located in downtown Chicago, Frankfort, Geneva, Hinsdale Oak Brook and Wheaton.

The group is part of the American Volkssport Association - a national organization. There are walks all over the country and in Europe. <http://www.ava.org/>

I just wanted you to know that it's not just getting together and walking. It is, but there is the registration and fee.

Windy City Walkers has monthly walks as a club. Another club is having a walk on April 20 in the Bloomington area, the Constitution Trail. The next walk for Windy City Walkers is May 4 in Downers Grove.

MAY 2019 CONSERVATION

Chapin Park and Firehouse: Spring and Easter Decorations have been taken down. Our Daffodils are blooming.... Spring has sprung.

Stamps: Please remember no flag stamps or lower value stamps. Don't forget larger value stamps and picture postcards are appreciated.

Birds and the Bees: If you have hummingbird feeders, it's ready to get them out. Remember, they don't need red dyes to attract them to the feeders. Since it's customary to plant after Mother's Day, don't forget to plant items that will attract the Bees and Butterflies. And as always please keep the food and water fresh for the birds.

I & M Canal Clean-up: It's time to start our monthly clean-up of our section of the canal.

Taken from GFWC Illinois 125th Anniversary Celebration handout:

CELEBRATING OUR LONGTIME PARTNER SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST

Shawnee National Forest has been a service project of GFWC Illinois since April 1934, when the first 20 acres were planted as a 'memorial forest'. Clubwomen then and now have found this an ideal method of honoring or remembering members, past presidents, friends and relatives.

The goal is to donate a significant sized tree near the acreage dedicated to GFWC Illinois, add a new marker commemorating our 125 Years of Volunteer Service, and donating at least one bench to the park, made out of recycled plastic.

WE ARE ASKING EACH MEMBER TO DONATE \$1.25

There will be separate donation form available in the Treasurer's Packet, on the website or by contacting GFWC Illinois Headquarters: (815) 724 - 0195

The \$1.25 donation tally can be viewed on the "Shawnee Tree" which will be found on the GFWC Illinois website later this year: www.gfwcillinois.org

Leaves will be added to the tree as donations are received. We hope to have a tree 'full of leaves' by June 2019. The goal is to have the commemorative tree, marker and bench in place by our official anniversary dates in October 2019.

Please donate. If you have already have done so, THANK-YOU!

**HOME LIFE
OVERVIEW OF APRIL 2019**

- Birthday cards were sent to Park Pointe, The Gardens of Park Pointe, Regency Healthcare Centers and Club Members. Thank you Vivi Sargent and Donna Weaver for keeping up with this project.
- Weighted Comfort for Kids Sewing Party was a success. The next date is June 1st. Thank you to Mary Lee for leading this and to Nilsa for always being there to help. Anyone that would like to help with snack see Mary Lee.
- Mobile meals May 1-15. I need help with delivering meals on May 13, 14, and 15. Please sign up or contact me.
- St. Vincent Table May 30th. I need someone to donate a gallon of 2% milk.

2019 EVENTS

MAY 1-15 MOBILE MEALS
MAY 30th. ST VINCENT'S TABLE
OCT TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
NOVEMBER 13TH @ 1PM IVI BINGO

SUPERHERO FUN RUN

Thank you to all who helped in anyway with this years run. You helped make this a record setting year. The 2019 race was very successful. We had 202 runner which broke our record of 159. We had \$1900 in monetary sponsorships. Waiting for a few final bills but looking at around \$2500 to be donated to Reclaim13. We have our committee meeting later in May to make final decisions on the 2020 race. I will announce the 2020 beneficiary at the June meeting.

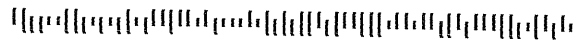
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Tuesday: The Day to Give Thanks

Take a moment each week to celebrate how living GFWC's volunteer spirit has benefited you. Or recognize another clubwoman for a recent success or breaking new ground in her community. Follow GFWC's Facebook page, **@GFWCMembers**, to participate! Each month, GFWC will seek feedback about a particular membership theme. Simply reply to a Facebook post with your positive GFWC experiences (and an action-oriented photo if you have it) to spread the word as far as possible about the value of belonging to GFWC!

#ThankYouTuesday



YOUTH LEADERS ARE THE ANSWER

BY TAMI SEEGER, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Youth have been at the forefront of many of the United States' biggest cultural and political turning points. From the Little Rock 9 to the Parkland students of March For Our Lives, young people consistently question and push to improve the status quo. Many of our Founding Fathers, including Alexander Hamilton and Nathan Hale, were in their early twenties. What if we became proactive in fostering leadership skills in our young people? That's just what Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) does.

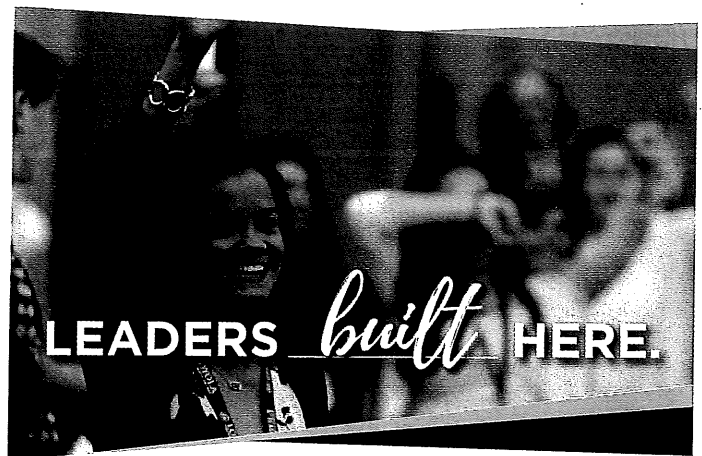
Since 1958, HOBY has provided transformative leadership development training to more than 500,000 high school students in the U.S. and abroad. HOBY's flagship program, the Leadership Seminar, is a 3-4- day experience for high school sophomores to engage in leadership development activities, collaborate with students from throughout the state, and explore leadership from three perspectives: individual, group, and society.

HOBY prepares young men and women for a lifetime of leadership—from taking a position as a student leader at school to starting a non-profit in their community and everything in-between. Leadership skills, such as goal-setting, problem-solving and sound decision-making, are not just necessary for leaders but critical for success in today's world. When youth leaders have a greater understanding of the problems others face, they bring a fresh perspective on how to affect positive change while also achieving higher college completion rates, pursuing higher career aspirations, and increased self-esteem.

GFWC has been a long-time partner with HOBY, empowering youth in communities across the U.S. GFWC members support HOBY seminars and work with schools to sponsor students to attend the Leadership Seminar. Because of GFWC, young people across the country develop leadership skills to better solve community problems and enhance their civic participation. Historically, GFWC has worked with schools and volunteers directly to send students to HOBY. If your club has a working relationship with a local HOBY site, please continue that relationship as it could determine whether a school is able to participate in the program.

Introducing Community Nominations, New in 2019

HOBY now accepts registration nominations from community organizations and partners, such as GFWC, seeking the HOBY experience for their youth. HOBY has permitted such registrations on a limited basis for years as many schools nationwide do not participate in HOBY. HOBY is excited to provide this avenue for more students to get



involved—an excellent option for any young person with leadership potential.

Students who attend a HOBY seminar:

- Identify and solve problems in the community.
- Develop a strong sense of self.
- Become life-long leaders and servants of their communities.

You may already know a standout sophomore to send to HOBY. But if not, consider creating a selection process. Consider in-person interviews or an essay contest describing the most rewarding and challenging aspects of being a leader in your school and community, whatever works best with your club. Leadership ability surpasses gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. While young leaders often have excellent academic records, selections should not be based exclusively on GPA. Please consider leadership potential when making your selection as well as outstanding communication skills, critical thinking, creative problem solving, strong decision-making, sensitivity to others, charismatic personality, courage to speak out, and interest in community service.

The Registration Portal for Community Nominations is live on HOBY's website! Give students in your community the opportunity to attend a HOBY State Leadership Seminar. Due to the selfless efforts of volunteers and the involvement of community partners like GFWC, more than 10,000 students participate in HOBY programs annually. All it takes is one person to say, "I believe in your power to make a difference."

Visit www.hoby.org.community, email registration@hoby.org, or call 818-851-3980 with questions about Community Nominations.