

GFWC IL Morris Woman's Club

October 7, 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

*Minutes Accepted As Read (if corrections accepted as
corrected)*

7) Correspondence Report

8) Treasurer's Report

*If there are no corrections, this report will be placed on
file for review*

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

Jewelry Fundraiser

Educational Grant Applications

Dates to Remember

November 1-7: Remove pink ribbons and package for
next year

Saturday, November 2--Weighted Comfort Sewing, 9am

Monday, Nov 4--General Meeting, 7pm

Tuesday, Nov 12--Freezer Meals, 6pm at MCHS

Wed, Nov 13--Bingo, 1pm at Illinois Valley Industries

Wed, Nov 13: Narvick House Art Night, 6:30PM

Friday, Nov 15--World Kindness Day

Sunday, Nov 17--International Survivors of Suicide Day

Wed, Nov 20: Book Club at Sherwood Oaks, 11:30am

Tuesday, Nov 26--Salvation Army Bell Ringing, 4-6pm at
Walmart

Adjournment

Collecting

Education Labels

Stamps and postcards

Pop can tabs

Magazines (18 mo old or newer)

Thank You's

Narvick House Volunteers

Weighted Comfort Volunteers

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

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The meeting was opened by President Julie Erickson at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Club Collect and the Conservation Pledge. Twenty four members and four guests were present at Maria's for the fall banquet.

The Thought for the Day was shared by Vickie Sajnaj.

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as printed by a motion made by Kaileen Cummings, seconded by Penny Hexdall. Bonnie Carlson, Corresponding Secretary read a thank you for our participation during the Liberty Arts Fest from Julie Applegate.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read with an ending balance of \$3,452.40. This report will be filed for audit.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Education – Adrienne McKerrow reported that we have three applicants for the new grant money. 1. Funds for Washington, DC trip for students; 2. Morris Makers Program and 3. Transforming school tech devices. The teachers who applied for the grant used the automated form online. Decision on grants to be made at an upcoming date.

Home Life – The Touch-a-Truck activity will include a hand washing unit from Mr. Redford and a representative from IL Prevent Child Abuse. Remember, Weighted Comfort for Kids is looking for helpers the first Saturday of the month at the Grundy Area Foundation office.

OLD BUSINESS

- Flower Power Fundraiser orders have been delivered.
- Make a Difference Day will take place on Saturday, October 26 with the help of the Morris High School cheerleaders, collecting items at Jewel for helping women through New Beginnings.
- Take Back the Night activity is this Wednesday @ 4pm. We provide refreshments. Baked cookies/brownies must be individually wrapped.
- Volunteers are needed for the jewelry sale this Saturday @ Cal's, 8am-2pm. Members were reminded that we made \$490 on the purse sale.
- The meal for the November district meeting (November 16) is being chaired by Barb Hoffman @ 9am @ the Presbyterian Church. She's looking for volunteers for set up and food.

NEW BUSINESS

- Veteran's Day cards will be done by members at next month's meeting.
- Member Nilsa Sochan has been recognized by the Morris Daily Herald as a “Woman of Distinction.”

The meeting adjourned following dinner/meeting at 8:30pm.

Christine L. Perry, Recording Secretary

Morris Women's Club Treasurer Report 11/4/19

BEGINNING BALANCE		3452.40- 10/7/19		
Membership Dues	22 members @ \$34.00 & 1 @ \$35.00	+\$749.00		
Bunco Night		+\$420.00		
Cal's Printing	Raffle Tickets 50/50	-\$65.82		
Membership Dues	4 members @ \$34.00 & 1 @ \$35.00	+\$171.00		
Flower Power	Deposit	+\$691.00		
GFWC IL 12th Dist.	Membership	-\$912.00		
Touch A Truck	Michelle Mitchel	-\$76.57		
Touch A Truck	Winner 50/50	-\$717.50		
Touch A Truck	Deposit \$1435.00, Food \$180.00, & \$122.25 Donations	+\$1737.25		
Jewelry Sales	Deposit	+\$225.00		
Membership Dues	2 Members @ \$34.00	+\$68.00		
911 Address Sign	2 @ \$35.00	+\$70.00		
Midwest Signworks	Vinyl 911 Address Signs	-\$12.00		
Cal's Printing	5K Run Sponsor Forms	-\$31.34		
5K Run Sponsors	\$100.00 @ Brandt's Exc., FPCU, SOCO, Paisonos, Maria's, C.C. Dental	+\$600.00		
Membership Dues	1 Member @ \$34.00	+\$34.00		
Membership Dev.	\$140.05			
5K Balance	\$2090.76			
Bridge Club Balance	\$41.00			
General Acct. Balance	\$4130.61			
ENDING BALANCE	\$6402.42			

Art

Beauty and the Beast will be at the Paramount. New Morris Theater Guild Production in December. Auditions for Theater Guild for 2020 production.

Conservation

- Chapin Park and Firehouse: Spring Flower bulbs were planted in both gardens. Christmas and Winter decorations will be added in time for the Home for the Holidays events.
- Stamps: Please remember no flag stamps or lower value stamps. Don't forget larger value stamps and picture postcards are appreciated. What we have collected this year will be sent out at the end of December.
- Birds and the Bees: Please keep the food and water fresh for the birds.
- Please don't rake up all your leaves. Keep some on your garden for mulch and to give the insects a place to hibernate. Also, don't cut down your plants this fall. Leave the plants for birds to eat the seeds or insects to hibernate. Leaving your plants uncut can give your garden some unusual winter appeal.
- ****Reminder: Final Yard Waste Collection for the season is the last week in November****
- Animal Shelters: 2 Dog Beds were received to be given to Mazon Just Animals. If you have any comforters and/or blankets you do not want any longer, please consider bringing them to Nilsa or I. We will take them and the dog beds to Mazon Just Animals and Grundy Co. Animal Shelter which will help keep our furry friends warm this winter.

International Outreach

The final project for International Outreach for 2019 was the celebration of World Teachers' Day. 4 trays of 4 doz. plus cookies each were delivered to MCHS - 1 for each of the 3 teachers' lounges and 1 for the office staff. In addition, 70 pencils, attached to a note, (see below) were left for the teachers. (66 total teachers). Thanks to Cailey, Chris, Nilsa and Ann for baking; to the committee (Lisa & Cyndy) for all of their help and to Julie for delivering everything!!

Education

Education Committee is working with the Morris Public Library to host an Ugly Sweater event in December. Woman's Club is looking to provide refreshments, supplies for creating an ugly sweater ornament, and books for the winners of the ugly sweater contest. Looking for an early date in December (12/4 or 12/11). Please sign up to help with event or donate items for the event. Adrienne will contact you when date gets finalized.

Second Step Childcare in Morris needs our help! They could use some equipment for indoor and outdoor recess. Please consider donating balls, jump ropes, or indoor games for kids (infant-12). Black Friday or Cyber Monday sales could bring them some great finds!

Morris Makers is looking for donations for their STEM clubs. Please consider donating any of the following: cotton balls, toothpicks, plastic containers, craft sticks, and legos. There have been three

submissions for the Educational Assistance Program, please review the submissions and the recommendation from the Education Committee. (Table is below)

Proposal	From	What	Supplies/Monies Needed	Timeline	GFWC Ed Chair Proposal
1	District 54 DC Trip	13 students are going to the DC trip from May 1 to May 3.	Any monetary donation	By December, trip must be paid by February.	Donate \$20 per student attending the trip. Total Donation \$260
2	District 54 STEM "Morris Makers" Ashlee Geiss	STEM Supplies for 6-8 program that will also help "tech" clubs.	Cotton balls, toothpicks, plastic containers, marbles, craft sticks, etc., as well as Lego's for our older students. Any monetary donation.	Anytime. They used up a \$1000 grant they had from last year with supplies purchased.	Monetary donation of \$200 and will try to collect additional supplies by January and re-evaluate monetary donation.
4	Nettle Creek 1:1 tech support	Move to utilizing 1:1 beyond the classroom for STEM friendly programs	Marbotic Learning Kit \$99.95 and Tiggy Learning Blocks \$89.95 (for younger ages) and a collapsible green screen \$119 (older grade levels).	ASAP	Donate \$308.90 for the purchase of the three items listed.

This is no ordinary **Pencil**

This pencil has been prayed over
with you in mind.

Keep this pencil in your desk
or in your back pack and
when you are:

-Sad

**-Having a bad day
- Or just having trouble
doing your work**

You can hold this in your hand,
close your eyes and know
that God is always there
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**What's Happening In
Home Life & Superhero Run
11/3/19**

A look at the October Events

- Take Back the Night was a great time as always. Thank you to all the bakers that helped and the ones that came and helped out at the event.

- Touch A Truck was an awesome event. It drew a big crowd and was a very successful. Thank you to everyone that sold 50/50 tickets, we sold \$1435 in tickets. The 50/50 winner was our own Chris Perry. The beneficiary of the raffle is a Scholarship for a GAVC Criminal Justice Student. There is a scholarship committee that is made up of members and non members. They will carefully evaluate each entry to determine the winner. Thank you to everyone that helped with this.

- Habitat Lunches We have already served 6 of these. These are meals for the volunteer construction workers during the building of their 5th house on the old paper mill property on North Street. Club members have helped as well as many local restaurants.

November Events!

• IVI Fall Bingo November 13th

I am looking for volunteers to help at bingo and with snack.

• Sewing Party November December 7 @ 9-1

Weighted Comfort For Kids

Thank you to Mary Lee for leading this and to Nilsa and Vivi for always being there to help.
Anyone that would like to help with snack see Mary Lee.

• Habitat Lunch's

Making lunch for the volunteer construction workers during the building of their 5th house on the old paper mill property on North Street. I am looking for some volunteers to make and take food on Saturdays.

• Brightening the Day with a Card

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.

2019

**NOVEMBER 13TH @ 1PM IVI BINGO
DECEMBER 9TH @ 4PM - 8PM SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**

2020

**JANUARY 29TH @ 2PM PARK POINTE BINGO
FEBRUARY 13 GROUNDWORK LADIES VALENTINE'S ME DAY
MARCH 5TH ST. VINCENT TABLE
APRIL 18TH SUPERHERO RUN
MAY 1-15 MOBILE MEALS
MAY 20TH @ 1PM IVI BINGO
JUNE 3rd @ 2PM REGENCY CARE BINGO
OCTOBER 8TH ST. VINCENT TABLE
OCT TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
NOVEMBER 13TH @ 1PM IVI BINGO
DECEMBER SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING - TBA**

SUPERHERO RUN

The run preparation is well on the way. The date will be April 18, 2020 and PCA Illinois is the beneficiary.. Please clear your calendars and sign up to help a few hours that day. It takes a lot of people to make it successful.

Thank you!

Michelle Mitchell 815-341-8640

These are the scholarships provided by GFWC Illinois:

- Lorado Taft Art Scholarship (\$1000) (Supported through Pennies for Art.)
- Arthur Grant Smith Drama Scholarship (\$1000)
- Hamilton Ridge Music Scholarship (\$1000)
- Lincoln Lodge Vocational Scholarship for Boys (\$1000)
- Illinois Cottage Park Ridge Vocational Scholarship for Girls (\$1000)
- Vina A. Miller Scholarship (Conservation 2019) (\$1000)
- GFWC Illinois Native American Scholarship (\$750)
- GFWC Illinois Cultural Exchange Scholarship (\$500)

Scholarships are not limited to high school graduates. All ages of potential students are welcome to apply. Past applicants and/or winners may reapply. Students at parochial /private schools as well as schools in nearby communities that are not served by a local GFWC Illinois club may apply.

The applications should be available in schools later this month. If they are not, or the school is not served by a club, students should contact our education chair.

Thank you

Calvary Baptist Church for partnering with us to make this event possible. Thank you for the bounce house and popcorn machine and many volunteers.

BBQ & Baker for being at the event and donating a portion back.

Morris High School Art Department Delta Phi and Mrs Vicich

Mayor and city councils for approval of our event

Sheriff Briley and staff for allowing us to use their property and clearing the parking lot for the landing of the lifestar helicopter. Deputy Wojtczak assisted in getting the Swat Bearcat

Morris Public Works for setting up tent, tables and chairs and for bringing the street sweeper to the event

Morris Fire Department for bringing the firetruck and ambulance for the kids to enjoy and for chief steffes for assisting in the landing of life star.

Casey Beeler for setting up Life star to be a the event

Morris Police Department for having a K9 unit there.

Thank you to all the owners and drivers for making this event successful and bring your vehicle's out...

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\$35 Per Guest

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Please RSVP by November 8th

(815) 726-3377 x225 or ldoherty@wgmedclinic.org

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GFWC Illinois Coal City Junior Woman's Club



*Celebrating 68 Years of
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Birthday Celebration & Open House

Sunday, November 17th

United Methodist Church

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

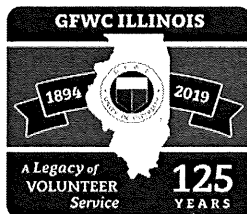
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We hope to see you on the 17th of November



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Nilsa Sochan

Giving back to the community that
is close to her heart

By Jeanne Millsap

Nilsa Sochan has always had a heart for children.

Growing up, she planned on being a teacher. When that didn't pan out, she babysat and then worked at Morris Community High School as a janitor, hall monitor, parking lot attendant, study hall monitor, lawn mower and ticket-seller for the school's sporting events.

She worked at the high school for 27 years and retired in 2010.

"I loved that job," she said. "I've always loved kids. I really miss it."

And there a lot of people who miss her. Retired teacher Judy Miller is one.

"She was our mom, sister, friend to everyone - teachers, students, staff, and parents. As a new teacher, uncertain of my ability, I would hear her greeting, 'Good morning, teacher,' and know that it was her highest compliment. It was her reassurance that she had faith in me and helped me feel more confident. As years went by, her friendship was a constant encouragement and day-brightener." Miller said.

Miller said the students loved Sochan. One year, she said, a student gave her his school photo. Sochan put it on her door. Soon after, every student wanted to be on that door, and it quickly became covered with their photos.

"She loved all the students whether they were popular or not, perhaps especially the ones who didn't quite feel like they fit into a group," Miller said. "She would love and encourage them to feel better about themselves. My son jokes that she probably loaned half of the students lunch money at some point. She was unfailingly upbeat and caring. She made MCHS feel like family."

Sochan's caring heart might have begun with inspiration from her parents, who volunteered their time helping the homeless and the needy. Her sense of empathy grew when



her family moved from Puerto Rico to the United States, leaving her homesick for her friends, other family members and her home country.

Making special friends here helped her adapt to her new life. She was grateful for them and learned important lessons through their friendships.

Morris resident Cindy Hecht and her mother Linda Pecka said Sochan has a heart of gold, and is a great friend to many.

"She has done so much for me and my mom as friends," Hecht said. "But it's more about the community. She's been a part of so many things that help the community. She lives for doing what she does, helping others."

Sochan fills her days in retirement by helping others and giving back to the community that she holds close to her heart. She delivers meals to the homebound for Mobile Meals and is a dedicated

volunteer at Morris Hospital. She also sells tickets at Morris football games, volunteers with her church, Bethlehem Lutheran, and is a member of the Morris Women's Club, where she makes weighted blankets and picks up trash along the river, among other community service.

Every Sunday she visits Reagency Care of Morris, a rehabilitation and long-term care facility, with her brother Luis. They visit with the patients, help feed them, and do whatever they can to connect with the patients and help the staff.

"It makes me feel good to help others," Sochan said, "maybe I can make people happy so that they feel good."

Hecht feels that Sochan is worthy of recognition for all she has done for others and the community. "If you ever need her, she tries to help." Hecht said, "It's plain and simple she is a Woman of Distinction."

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