



Hartford Happenings

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First things first -

Welcome to the new format of our newsletter! These changes are being made to make it easier to read on our website – scrolling through columns just isn't always the easiest to do. You'll also notice that the file is now in a .pdf format, courtesy of Shanna, which should make it easier for you to view regardless of what software you have on your home computer. Please let me know if you have any problem opening the file.

- Debby

Upcoming meeting –

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 4** – the day right after Labor Day and the first day of school for many in Hartford. The meeting will begin at 7:00 at the Sunnyslope Club House, located at 1574 Morning Glory Drive. See you there!

Accents a Great Success!

A big "Thank You" goes out to everyone who volunteered for Thursday's layout, Saturday's early morning "crunch" and throughout the remainder of the day on Saturday. We were well represented during the entire day. I feel this shows the community what a committed core of women our club is comprised of.

The weather cooperated, which added to another successful craft fair.

Thanks again,
Karen.

EMSC Pediatric Bag Update

- Debby

The August 8 issue of the *Hartford Times Press* carried an article announcing a \$500 donation made by the First Bank Financial Centre to the GFWC-WI Pediatric Bag project. First Bank designated the funds be used to purchase a ped bag for the Washington County EMS department. The article went on to describe in detail how the pediatric equipment bag can make a difference in a child's life. First Bank has been extremely supportive of projects sponsored by the Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club, which is most likely how they were inspired to reach out to Washington County as well.

All financial institutions are required by law to contribute financially to their communities. Wouldn't it be great if the other Hartford area banks were challenged to match the First Bank Financial donation? GFWC-WI Project Chairman Elizabeth Davy has a wealth of materials that you can use if you would like to approach YOUR bank on behalf of our club to suggest a matching donation! GFWC-WI holds a 501(c)(3) status and will provide the proper acknowledgement for any contributions made.

ACT in OCTober at Our Next Meeting...

Start thinking about who you can invite to our October meeting. Chairman Linda Hauser will provide us with details at our next meeting. However, these events are only as successful as we make them by inviting the right people. Who are these women? They could be your friends and family, but if you've tapped them out there are plenty of others. As our group grows, think about the other women you know. Is there a new business owner who might find value being part of the community? What about that new neighbor? How about your hair stylist?

Don't think of inviting people as asking them to give up one night each month. How many times have we said "You wouldn't want to go to my women's club meeting, would you?" in a hesitant voice? Of course they wouldn't if you phrase it like that! Remember - you are offering them the privilege of being part of the world's largest women's volunteer organization, and giving them the opportunity to make a difference in their hometown. Our Club has a great deal of clout in Hartford, and our membership is well-respected. We have the ability to change lives - what a powerful gift that is!

Happy Birthday to...

9/15 Peggy Stucker



Looking Ahead...

9/29 5th District Meeting, Beaver Dam
10/2 ACT in OCT event
10/12 Chandelier Ballroom Event
10/13 6th/7th/8th District Meeting, Appleton
10/19 Great Lakes Region Conference,
- 21 Fairview Heights, Illinois
11/6 Regular meeting
11/11 Great Hartford Craft Exposition,
Hartford Union High School

116th GFWC Annual International Convention

Theme: Empowering Women...One by One

According to GFWC Western States Region President Bobby Bjork, "It was pure magic [and at] this convention in Philadelphia, I felt that...sense of being a part of an international organization that is making a difference...one club or affiliate at a time." This year's speakers inspired club women across the country to go back and Empower Women in their own communities.

Marianne Pearl Speaking Out for Women Everyone



Portrait of Mariane Pearl, photographed at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City on June 14, 2007. ERIKA LARSEN / REDUX FOR TIME

Journalist Mariane Pearl was honored with GFWC's 12th Annual Jane Cunningham Croly Print Journalist Award for Excellence for her Global Diary column in *Glamour* magazine at the GFWC Convention in Philadelphia. The wife of Daniel Pearl, the journalist executed in Pakistan five years ago, Mariane accepted the award and spoke of her desire to unite women across the world.

She took time to talk with GFWC staff about her mission:

Why did you become a journalist? I've always had a genuine interest in people. Journalism is a tool to connect people.

You won the Croly award for your Global Diary columns in Glamour magazine. Tell us about your column. I feel very privileged as a journalist to bring the stories of some amazing women across the world doing such amazing things. In one story, I reported on a Ugandan woman who lost her parents to AIDS and then became a doctor and is now helping to heal people of her country. Readers responded to this and have sent her money. Bringing these stories of empowering women is so important to me.

The movie based on your book, A Mighty Heart, debuted in June. What's next for you? I have many journalistic projects that I want to pursue, some of which I have already started. I will continue with the Global Diary column in *Glamour* for another year. Currently, I am working on a column featuring women who have been raped on reservations in South Dakota. After all my travels, and talking with women, I see a need for a network – a global network – to bring women together. I want to connect women to help them empower one another. I hope to launch a website that will be a platform for women to share ideas and interact.

What did you think of GFWC clubwomen? Wow! I felt so privileged to stand before them to accept my award. I have always been amazed by the courage and spirit of women in America.

Read Mariane Pearl's Global Diary column in *Glamour* magazine, or at www.glamour.com/news/globaldiary.

This article was excerpted from the *GFWC Clubwoman* magazine, August-September 2007 issue.

Ever wonder how the Junior Clubs came into being? Here's a little history for you!

The following article, written by KATE KITKA, GFWC PUBLIC POLICY DIRECTOR, was published in the *GFWC Clubwoman* magazine, August-September 2007 issue.

“Accomplishing Something, Not Merely Existing”

JUNIOR PLEDGE

I Pledge My Loyalty
To The Junior Clubwomen
By Doing Better Than Ever Before
What Work I Have To Do,
By Being Prompt, Honest And Courteous,
By Living Each Day, Trying To
Accomplish Something,
Not Merely Existing

Accomplishing something, not merely existing. Since the establishment of the GFWC Junior Membership, Junior clubwomen have done just that – accomplished something. Juniors never fail to bring their devotion, energy and spirit to everything they do, from the Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Youth, to the many program areas of the Federation.

Juniors were recognized officially at the national level in 1922, when a GFWC Junior Membership Committee was established by the Board. In 1928, the participation of Juniors in the GFWC Convention confirmed that Juniors were here to stay. Since the 1930s, the Juniors have actively contributed to GFWC programs as well as a variety of Juniors' Special Projects.

Beginning in the 1952-1954 administration, a Director of Junior Clubs was elected and served as a representative of the Junior membership on the GFWC Executive Committee. By 1976, the GFWC Board of Directors included the GFWC Junior Director, State Directors of Junior Clubs, and Junior chairmen of departments.

As of May 2007, GFWC has more than 10,000 Junior members in more than 400 clubs in 25 states. Junior clubwomen today often have young children at home, work full time in their careers, and yet still manage to donate time, money, energy and spirit to GFWC.

The Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children encourages members to become active advocates for children by working to protect them from harmful situations, encourage healthy lifestyles, prevent substance abuse, and prevent youth suicide. For example Emergency medical Services for Children (EMSC) benefits from the help of several clubs who work tirelessly to equip local ambulances with color-coded bags containing medical equipment designed specifically for children.

GFWC at every level benefits from the training, experience, and commitment that Junior clubwomen bring to the organization. The dedication of Juniors to volunteering, to our Federation, and to each other is a tribute to the foremothers whose wisdom and vision encouraged “the forming of clubs composed entirely of young women.” [*Charlotte Emerson Brown, GFWC's first President, 1890-1894*]

Share those recipes!!!

- Debby

Several members have been inquiring about the great food we shared at our August Potluck meeting. I personally would love to make that awesome pretzel dip! Please email your recipes to me and I'll put them in the next newsletter. To start you off, here's the recipe for the cucumber bites, courtesy of my new favorite meal planner, Kraftfoods.com!

Cream Cheese 'n Herb Cucumber Bites

Recipe Rating: ★★★★★

Prep Time: 10 min

Total Time: 10 min

Makes: 4 servings

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1/2 cup shredded carrots, divided

1/2 cup PHILADELPHIA Chive & Onion Light Cream Cheese Spread

2 medium cucumbers, cut in half lengthwise, seeded

REMOVE 2 Tbsp. of the carrots; set aside. Mix remaining carrots with the cream cheese spread until well blended.

SPOON evenly into hollowed-out cucumbers.

SPRINKLE with the reserved carrots. Cut each cucumber half into five pieces to serve, if desired.

KRAFT KITCHENS TIPS

Family Fun

Let the kids make cucumber "boats" instead! Just fill the cucumber shells with the cream cheese mixture as directed. Then, add snow peas for the sails. Decorate with other cut-up fresh vegetables as desired to resemble colorful sailboats.

Substitute

Prepare as directed using PHILADELPHIA Roasted Garlic or Jalapeno Light Cream Cheese Spread.

To finish these off, I always sprinkle a bit of the Market Day Gourmet *A Salt for All Seasons* across the top. It adds just that extra bit of zest!

Leadership Opportunities Available in GFWC-WI

- Debby

This fall clubs will be busy setting up the workings of the new districts. As you know, the Hartford Women's Club will be joining up with a dedicated group of women from nearby clubs: Beaver Dam Woman's Club, Boscobel Woman's Club, Deerfield Woman's Club, Dodgeville Woman's Club, Fort Atkinson Jr. Woman's Club, Hillsboro Woman's Club, Woman's Club of Hartland, Muskego Woman's Club, Oconomowoc Jr. Woman's Club, Oconomowoc Woman's Club, Woman's Club of Pewaukee, and Waukesha Jr. Woman's Club.

One of the first jobs to be tackled will be writing the bylaws for the new districts (GFWC-WI has provided a template to help ensure consistency across the state). A nominating committee will be formed to work with club presidents to develop a list of candidates for officers for the 2008-2010 administration. Finally, those candidates are needed! Perhaps you can be a part of this process.

Because we're basically rebuilding our districts from the ground up, this is a great time to get involved. We are joining forces with some strong Junior clubs, and this is our chance to be part of the teams that will be making the decisions. For example, Junior club women often work outside the home or have children or teenagers with all their complications. Attending a meeting on a weekday just isn't feasible. Plus, when we do attend meetings, we want to know that the information provided is valuable to us before we agree to give up a Saturday. Our input is extremely critical at this point. By working together up front, we can implement new ideas that will position us to gain additional members in the future.

If you've ever wondered why Barb, Terri, Shanna and I bother to attend these other meetings, consider getting involved at this time. Positions at the district level are less involved than those at the state level, and give you a chance to meet other enthusiastic club women. Once you've made friends around Wisconsin, you look forward to seeing them at other state meetings. It's also a wonderful way to build some of your own leadership skills, whether you think you've had them before or not!

On another note, GFWC-WI President Elect Marianne Potter will soon begin the process of filling the various board positions for her administration. These include department and program chairmanships as well as more administrative positions coordinating scholarships and awards, Membership and Public Relations. At the same time, there will be a number of Junior Board positions that I'll need to fill as well. Serving in any capacity really gives you a close-up look at the incredible impact GFWC makes. If you'd like more information on these positions, please let me know. Our Hartford Club focuses almost entirely on the local community, and we make a huge difference here. Multiply that by the 90 clubs in Wisconsin, and think of how fewer than 3,000 women are changing lives every day.

Please consider being part of the fun! You can start by registering to attend the 5th District Meeting in Beaver Dam on Saturday, September 29. I hope to see you there!