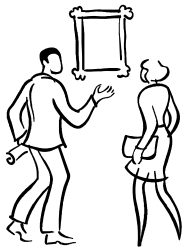




Hartford Happenings

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Support your Local Artists!



The Hartford Joint 1 School District is planning its first District-wide art show, which will be on display at the Suchow Family Art Gallery at the Schauer Arts and Activities Center. The art teachers have selected 50 works from each school. Please stop in the Gallery to see the displays, running from March 7-16. Admission is free. A reception for the selected artists will be on Sunday, March 9 from 1-3pm, prior to the performance of "Ferdinand the Bull". Look for Alex Tomlinson's collage!

Barb Pontow reports that the Helen Mears Art Contest entries will also be on display in the First Floor Lobby of the Schauer Center beginning March 8 and running through the end of the month. Winning entries will be displayed the 1st two weeks of April at the Hartford Public Library.

Stop in and see how talented Hartford students are!

Save the Date!

The Oconomowoc Juniors are inviting us to go out to dinner with them to honor GFWC Federation Day on Thursday evening, April 24.

More information to follow!

Happy Birthday to...

3/4 Tracie Black
3/16 Sue Lisko
3/20 Terri Burke
3/30 Karen Davis



Looking Ahead...

March 4	Regular meeting
April 1	Regular meeting
April 19	6 th District Farewell Convention, Sheboygan
April 24	Federation Day
May 6	Regular meeting
May 15-18	GFWC-WI State Convention Brookfield WI

State Convention Brookfield Suites, May 15-17

-Debby Tomlinson

First of all, thanks for approving the funds required by GFWC-WI Policy #32 to fund the Installation Reception at the State Convention. I promise those coordinating the evening are being prudent with their plans and not going overboard. As an added bonus, GFWC-WI Policy #33 (Installation Banquets) reads: "It shall be the policy that only friends, relatives and members of the clubs of the incoming President and Director of Junior Clubs may attend the Installation Banquet **without** paying the registration fee." The Installation Banquet, Ceremony and Reception will take place on Saturday evening, May 17. I would be extremely honored if all of you were able to attend the Installation events, especially since the convention is so close to home this year. I wouldn't be getting installed as Junior Director without all the support and encouragement you've given me over the years. Come share this special evening with me!

Naturally, it would be even more exciting if some of you could attend the entire convention too! The Board of Directors meeting starts at 2:00 on Thursday (everyone is welcome), and the evening's banquet will be a 50's Night – get out those poodle skirts and sweater sets! The Convention officially opens at 9:00 Friday morning, beginning with a general business session. Susan Whitestone of the Wisconsin Department of Justice will address issues concerning Missing Children. Friday noon will be the traditional Awards Luncheon, hosted by the GFWC-WI Juniors – that means you! Convention delegates will have time to cast their votes for the 2008-2010 officers. Our club is entitled to cast 2 votes in addition to mine and Terri's (as GFWC-WI Board members). This is the first year in a long time that there is more than one candidate for the offices of 1st and 2nd Vice President. Be sure to check out the candidates biographies in the upcoming issue of the *WI Clubwoman*, and help determine our future! Guests are encouraged to dress as "Clubwomen of the Past" OR "Clubwomen of the Future" for Friday night's banquet. That could mean a little blue suit, hat and gloves, or perhaps your PJs if you plan to belong to an on-line club in the future!

After an early Saturday morning Junior Board meeting (all Juniors are welcome) and more time for voting, we'll hear from Dr. Tom Brazelton, Chairman of the Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services for Children Program. A Very Special Surprise is planned for Saturday noon. At 2:00 PM officers of the newly formed districts will be installed in a special ceremony. Evening festivities kick off with a Social Hour at 5:30. The Installation Banquet begins at 7:00, and is followed by the Ceremony and Reception. Barb Pontow, 2008-2010 Junior Treasurer, will join me at the 2008-2010 Board of Directors meeting Sunday morning before we head back to Hartford.

For those of you who have never had the opportunity to attend a GFWC-WI State Convention, this is your chance to see the magic. These women, from all across Wisconsin, have done some incredible things over the years, and you'll get a much better feel for how powerful GFWC is. Registration forms and hotel info will all be in the *WI Clubwoman*. I hope to see you there!

GFWC-WI Winter Board Update

-Debby Tomlinson

Mother Nature certainly gave GFWI-WI a break from the snow for the Winter Board meeting held in Stevens Point February 15 and 16. Approximately 70 members gathered at the Ramada Inn and Resort for a jam-packed weekend of club business.

Friday evening GFWC-WI Junior Director Shari Hanneman and Leadership Chairman Kia LaBracke presented a wonderful workshop, "Breaking Down the Barriers to Leadership". They touched on real obstacles faced by members today, such as lack of time and funding, and offered practical solutions to the issues.

Saturday morning members got together within their new districts to complete the transition process. Hartford will be part of the new Rolling Hills District, along with clubs spanning south-central Wisconsin from Muskego all the way to Hillsboro. Although our bylaws are complete, we still need to fill a slate of candidates for office and be prepared to install these officers at the state convention in May.

Districts been directed to schedule their meetings in a central location in the future. Our group came up with a really innovative idea: we're exploring holding our first meeting next fall via video-conference! We're checking with a number of libraries to see who has that capability, and expect to be able to offer several locations for the meeting. What a great way to start off our new team – everyone agrees that we need to do whatever it takes to save time and money as we move ahead. Surprisingly enough, this idea was well-received by everyone in attendance.

Junior Director Shari Hanneman unveiled a new Junior Fundraiser (see more information elsewhere in this newsletter). She also had the privilege of introducing the 2008-2010 Junior Director Elect. The Junior Board members elected Michele Klages, president of the Oconomowoc Juniors, to serve in this capacity. Michele brings a great deal of enthusiasm and many fresh ideas to the role, and is looking forward to serving next term.

Thought for the Month

WOMEN'S REVENGE

"Cash, check or charge?" I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse. "So, do you always carry your TV remote?" I asked.

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

Preview our Exciting New Fundraiser!

GFWC –WI Jewelry

Presented by the GFWC –WI Junior Board

**Here's a sneak peak of
the new Junior
Fundraiser!**

**We're offering two
beautiful pins and a
necklace slide.**

**Complete information
will be posted on the
state website, [www.gfwc-
wi.org](http://www.gfwc-wi.org) within the next**



**Large Gold Pin \$25
2 3/4" long by 1" high**

"Did You Know?"

(Excerpt from the August 2007 Prevention magazine on-line newsletter article, "Helping Hands," by Camile Noe Pagan©)

"Volunteering doesn't just improve your mood, it also **boosts brain-power and strengthens your body**...Research suggests that the 65.4 million Americans who volunteer - 42 percent of whom are over age 55 - are garnering similar feel-good benefits. **'Volunteering keeps people mentally active: it keeps their weight in check, their heart healthy, and their memory sharp,'** says Sharon Brangman, M.D., chief of geriatrics at the SUNY Upstate Medical University at Syracuse (N.Y.). **'Essentially, it's a drug-free way to keep you feeling young...'** Brangman believes that charity work may help keep other ills at bay, too: **'Future research will focus on whether volunteering can reduce your risk of chronic conditions aggravated by stress, such as headaches and stomach problems.'** The results may help explain why several studies, including a 2005 report from Stanford University, have found that **people who volunteer live longer than those who don't.**"

There you have it! Do you need any more reasons to invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members to join a GFWC club?"

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