



Hartford Happenings

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Club Christmas Party

The Club Christmas Party will be held during our regular meeting beginning at **6:30 on Tuesday, December 4** at the Sunnyslope Community Center, 1574 Morning Glory Drive. Dinner (including dinner, dessert, tax, tip and coffee) will be catered by the Kettle Moraine Eatery, at a cost of \$22 per person.



Dress in your holiday finery and remember to bring a "White Elephant Christmas Gift" to share.

Helen Mears 7th - 8th Grade Art Contest update

Barbara Pontow

7th & 8th graders from Central Middle School & St Kilian's School will be participating in the Helen Mears Art Contest.

The artwork will be on display in the lower lobby of the Schauer Center from March 7 - 28. Following that, the "winning" entries will be displayed at the Hartford Library from March 31 - April 17. Those pieces of artwork will then be taken to Sheboygan for the 6th District Spring Convention to be held on April 19th.



Just an "FYI"----last year Eric Crye of Central Middle School received an honorable mention at the District level.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

A Sneak Peak from GFWC Headquarters...

To quote GFWC International President Jackie Pierce, "At one time, popular opinion had it that women's clubs were really card groups made up of wealthy society matrons. Not for the first time, popular opinion had it wrong! As members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, you are well aware that the work done by woman's clubs across the world is significant and has a real impact on communities, states, and countries, and clubwomen can point to libraries, legislation, and a legacy of community service to prove it!

In order to turn popular opinion on its head, GFWC is implementing a new outreach campaign to confirm that "Hats, gloves, and bags are still part of our tradition." Of course, the irony is that the hats aren't always feathered and the gloves aren't always white—they are usually hard hats and work gloves, used in service to the communities where our more than 100,000 members live and work. It's time for GFWC to share a new vision of women's clubs and their members with the world!"

We can't share any details at this time, but watch for more information beginning in the December/January issue of the Clubwoman magazine. We're excited about this new marketing campaign, and expect that it will be sure to motivate and energize GFWC members, as well as capture the attention of community members and media contacts. Full details will be revealed at the 117th Annual International Convention in Chicago.

GFWC 2008-2010 Incoming Board Orientation

Debby Tomlinson

I spent November 8-11 at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel just outside of Washington, DC with 200+ incoming State Presidents, State Directors of Junior Clubs and GFWC Board members. What an amazing group of women!

GFWC President-elect Rose Ditto and GFWC Director-elect of Junior Clubs Missy McCoy presented an extremely well-prepared program, outlining their goals for the 2008-2010 administration. Each incoming group of GFWC Board members met individually with their respective leaders, paving the way for a smooth transition in Chicago in June. Imagine taking on a new job, and actually getting a blueprint of what's expected from you! And a resource manual! Rose and Missy didn't miss a trick.

Best of all was the opportunity to get to know the other incoming Directors of Junior Clubs. Seated with me in the photo are Teresa Sanford (IL) and Julie Vugrinovich (OH). Each state operates differently, and GFWC is helping us build a strong network for ideas – and friendships!



After business sessions each day, we had the opportunity to visit GFWC Headquarters to tour "our" home at 1734 M Street, as well as take an evening trolley tour of DC, visiting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the White House, the Korean Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial and the Iwo Jima Memorial.

Exciting things are coming your way – hang on to your hats!

File of Life-----Good Response at EXPO

Barbara Pontow

Thank you for the "great spot" the File of Life had during EXPO-----right between the pancakes & the Lady Lions!!! Many stopped to find out about the File, & most were interested in obtaining one or more. A total of \$94.00 was collected that day.

Just a brief review of the project since it started:

Current income	\$667.00
Current expense	(\$947.30)

Cost to HWC	(\$280.30)

Programs have been presented to/at the following:

Condo associations at Sunnyslope, Serenity & Hartford Square
Hartford Senior Friends
Senor living facilities at Washington Heights, Harthaven & Parkview

Additionally the File has been made available to the cardiac patients at Aurora & the Albrecht Free Clinic.

Booths at Accents & EXPO have helped "spread the word" about the File. Channel 11, during their Focus on the Community segments, airs a File of Life "interview". The Booster runs "reminder to update" ads periodically.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Great Hartford Craft Exposition a huge success!

Looking Ahead...

12/4 Christmas Party & meeting
Sunnyslope Comm. Room
6:30 PM

12/15 *Late Night Catechism*
3:00 PM Schauer Center

12/25 *Merry Christmas*

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

Hartford Christmas Committee

Please remember to bring your donations for the Hartford Christmas Committee to the December 4 meeting.

(In case you've forgotten...)

2007 GFWC Reporting Statistics



Hours Activity/Project

State President's Special Project: Domestic Violence

_____ Aug 7th meeting with Kay Salewske

Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children

_____ EMSC PED bags

_____ Hartford Christmas Committee

_____ Special Olympics (golf sponsorship - Apr 3rd meeting)

Arts in the Community

_____ Schauer Center (Guys on Ice)

_____ Schauer Center (Late Nite Catechism)

_____ Chandelier Ballroom (October 12th event)

_____ Helen Mears Art contest

Education: Literacy

_____ Scholastic Half-Price Book Sale

Education: Lifelong Learning

_____ Scholarship program

Home Life: Helping Hands

_____ Albrecht Free Clinic (Apr 3rd meeting)

Public Affairs: Community Safety

_____ File of Life project

_____ Identity Theft (Oct 2nd meeting)

Fundraising

_____ Accents (envelope stuffing, mark the park &/or gym for craft fairs, staffing
_____ Expo the fairs, chairmen: vendor calls & planning)

Membership

_____ Act in Oct meeting

Anything else??? (use separate page if necessary)
