

GFWC IL Morris Woman's Club

July 8, 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 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, forests, waters and wildlife.

4) Secretary's Report

5) Correspondence Report

6) Treasurer's Report

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

Fund Raising -- Flower Power

Liberty Arts Festival

Health and Home Life

Bunco Night, Sept 14, sign up to help

(do not change date)

Queen Projects

Other

Program

Summer Workshop

Dates to Remember

Walking Club @ 6 am--Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Monday, July 5--Summer Workshop @ PMI

Saturday, July 10--Weighted Comfort 9 am-1 pm

Wed July 17 Book Club @11:30 Sherwood Oaks

Wed July 17 @6pm Narvick House Art night

July 25-27 GFWC IL Leadership Seminars

Friday July 30 (scholarship) World Day Against Trafficking
in Persons

Collecting

White Oak POPS Program

Education Labels

Stamps and postcards

Pop can tabs

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

June 3, 2019

President Julie Erickson opened the meeting at 6:41pm with 11 members present for the planning meeting.

Minutes were approved as written with a motion made by Penny Hexdall, seconded by Caroline Cummings.

The treasurers reported Little Free Libraries have been purchased and a check for Reclaim13 (\$2,400) has been made leaving a balance of \$3,661.58, which will be filed for audit.

Community Service Projects

Conservation – Perennials have been placed in the community garden spots and the club adopted the Pollinator Pledge.

Home Life – A “touch a truck” event will occur August 31 @ the county parking lot across the street from the courthouse, 1- 3 pm.

International Outreach – Mary Lee announced an International potluck @ Exhibit for September meeting. Bring a dish representing your ethnic heritage.

Fundraising – The Gumball machine raised \$785 and was won by Penny Hexdall, who donated it back to club. Carthanas Inc NFP. Org has donated funds to our education scholarship fund. The Purse/Jewelry Sale has been a successful general fundraiser during the May 3 French Hens, at this point Purses (\$480) and Jewelry (\$100); we'll be doing more jewelry at the July event. Also, considering the GFWC Flower Power fundraiser this year.

Old Business

-Remember our Bunco Party, September 14 @ 6pm @ PMI.....invite your friends/potential new members.

-Keep an eye on grocery needs at the micro-pantries: county building and Premiere Academy.

-“Click for Babies”, baby caps website, check it out.

-PRO Mental Health Court picnic at the park Tuesday, June 18 @ 4:30pm, Chapin Park. Barb Hoffman has agreed to cook and we will provide games/activities.

-A motion was made by Penny Hexdall to clean the I&M Canal the 4th Tuesday each month @ 5:15p. Meet at the Calhoun St. bridge.

- Walk Club takes place MWF @ 6am, considering T&R @ 7pm. Contact Michelle.

New Business

- Wash & Dry laundering for homeless, vouchers and soap

- Unity Project with Prairie State Woman's Club on Prevent Child Abuse IL in October being considered
- District 12 November meeting to be scheduled in Morris this November
- Summer Seminar will take place July 27 @ Warrenville, "info for yearbooks" will be discussed
- GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference, September 5-8 @ Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- 125th GFWC-IL Anniversary Party @ Peoria Woman's Club in October.
- A motion was made by Cailey Walker to solicit funding from the VFW for a Little Free Library at Morris 54 Elementary School. And, perhaps at the Morris Library. Seconded by Wendy Dudek. Motion passed.
- Discussed our "Queen" dreams to beautify Morris. Some suggestions were: flower boxes on the canal bridge, public art, wind chimes, bicycles, etc. Bring ideas to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Christine L Perry
Recording Secretary

INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT INFO

July 30 – World Day Against Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes including forced labor and sex. The International Labor Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labor globally. This estimate also includes victims of human trafficking for labor and sexual exploitation. While it is not known how many of these victims were trafficked, the estimate implies that currently, there are millions of trafficking in persons victims in the world.

Every country in the world is affected by human trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit, or destination for victims. Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 per cent of human trafficking victims, the report states. In 2010, the General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, urging Governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat this scourge. The Plan calls for integrating the fight against human trafficking into the UN's broader programs in order to boost development and strengthen security worldwide. One of the crucial provisions in the Plan is the establishment of a UN Voluntary Trust Fund for victims of trafficking, especially women and children.

The Trust Fund facilitates effective, on-the-ground assistance and protection to victims of trafficking, through grants to specialized NGOs. In the coming years, it aims to prioritize victims coming from a context of armed conflict and those identified among large refugee and migration flows. It will also focus its assistance to victims trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation, organ removal, forced begging, forced criminality and emerging exploitative purposes (e.g. skin removal, online pornography).

The District Executive Committee will be meeting in August to begin planning the November District meeting which will be held in Morris. Morris should pick a NFP in Morris to be the recipient of the service project - donations of items and/or cash. The sooner I have that info the better so the EC can plan. I also need the date that Caroline reserved at the church.

International convention is wrapping up today, so not sure if I'll have any info from that by then or not. After 5 days of early am to late evening events/meetings/trainings they're usually wiped out.

Have a great day!
Mary Lee



**GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs
SUMMER SEMINAR July 13, 20, & 27, 2019
"Reach Out Connect!"**



The State Officers and State Committee members are looking forward to connecting with clubwomen from across Illinois at the Summer Seminars held three consecutive Saturdays in Southern Region, Central Region and Northern Region. Presenters will share all the new information from GFWC in the Community Service Programs, Advancement areas and Special Projects. Don't miss out! Attendance awards will be given to the Club and District that has the largest number of members present per capita. Save the date so you can connect at a Seminar near you! See tentative agenda on the back of this page.

REGISTRATION: 9:30-10:00 am

SEMINAR: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

SOUTHERN REGION – SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

Registration Deadline: July 5

1st United Methodist Church, 127 W. 4th St., Vandalia, IL

CENTRAL REGION – SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019

Registration Deadline: July 10

Eureka College, Cerf Center, 300 E. College Ave, Eureka, IL (follow the signs)

NORTHERN REGION – SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019

Registration Deadline: July 17

IBEW Local 701, 28600 Bella Vista Parkway, Warrenville, IL

Complete this registration form and include the names of each person for whom reservations are being paid. Please use the reverse side if you need additional space. The registration fee includes your resource materials, lunch, presentations, and more!

\$30.00 PER PERSON (Add \$10.00 for late registration)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC ILLINOIS

Mail to: GFWC Illinois - 5 East Van Buren Street, Suite 208, Joliet, IL 60432-4224

Register online at: gfwcillinois.org/events

Please circle date attending:

Southern Region July 13th

Central Region July 20th

Northern Region July 27th

Name: _____

Club: _____

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Club: _____

District: _____ Number of Reservations: _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

THE 2019 SUMMER SEMINAR TEAM IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

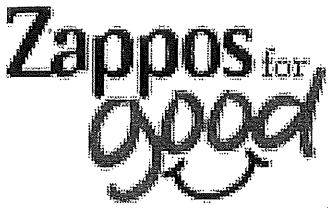
AGENDA SUMMER SEMINAR 2019

9:30 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:30	Welcome Greetings Recognition of first timers
10:30 - 10:55	Break out session I Arts (Choose one) Conservation President Training Membership
11:00 - 11:25	Break out session II Home Life (Choose one) Education New Member Orientation Communication & Web site
11:30 - 11:45	A Safe Place for Every Child
11:45 - 12:00	Legislation
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:20	125 th Anniversary
1:20 - 1:40	Domestic Violence Awareness
1:40 - 2:10	Breakout session III Public Issues (choose one) International Outreach Secretary Training Treasurer Training
2:10 – 3:00	Region Specific Activity

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Morris Women's Club Treasurer Report 07/03/19

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$3661.68 - 6/03/19	
Carthanas Inc.	Education Fund Donation (Bridge Club)	+\$315.00	
Speech Camp	Education Fund (Bridge Club)	-\$665.00	
Gumball Raffle		+\$755.00	
Purse & Jewelry Sales		+\$580.00	
Membership Dev.		\$140.05	
5K Balance		\$1702.73	
Bridge Club Balance		\$ 41.00	
Literacy Fund		\$895.33	
General Acct. Balance		\$1867.57	
ENDING BALANCE		\$4646.68	



*Be the kindness
you want to live in.*



Zappos for Good, alongside our partners, have assembled some powerful and sustainable options for helping others. But we can't do it alone. That's where YOU come in. Collect your new and gently shoes, band them together in pairs, and ship them off to Soles 4Souls using Zappos pre-paid shipping labels. More info at ZapposforGood.org.

How It Works

Follow this easy 1-2-3 step process to help strengthen and support our heroes of tomorrow.

1. Box

To send new or gently used shoes to Soles4Souls, box up your items in any box you have around.

2. Print

Log into your Zappos account, or create one, and print your special **prepaid** shipping label. Please keep in mind that you can only ship from the continental United States.

Have multiple boxes? We love that! Print as many unique shipping labels as you need for the items you have.

3. Ship

Attach the label to each box, and drop the boxes off at any UPS Store.

How many boxes can you send? Every box matters! You can send as many boxes as you like. We just ask that you keep each box under 50 lbs, and use multiple boxes with separate labels if your items are over 50 lbs.

SOLES 4 SOULS

WEARING OUT POVERTY®

Soles4Souls Talking Points and Statistics

Mission Statement

Soles4Souls creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world.

Boilerplate

About Soles4Souls:

Soles4Souls disrupts the cycle of poverty by creating sustainable jobs and providing relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. Headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, the organization repurposes product to supply its micro-enterprise, disaster relief and direct assistance programs. Since 2006, we have distributed more than 30 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries and generated over \$250 million in economic impact. A non-profit social enterprise, Soles4Souls earns more than 70% of its income and commits 100% of donations to programs. Visit soles4souls.org for more information.

Short-Term Relief (NEW shoes and clothes)

Free distribution: Soles4Souls works with over 1,200 non-profit partners to distribute new shoes and clothing, donated by retailers and manufacturers, to people in need and in times of disaster. We receive shoe and clothing donations from corporate partners, and then work with non-profit partners including homeless shelters, after school programs, international relief and disaster relief organizations to get shoes and clothes to those who need them most, all around the world.

How it works:

- Brands, retailers and manufacturers donate new shoes and clothing to Soles4Souls, that are then distributed to our vetted non-profit partners all over the world.
- We rely on these non-profit partners to help reach people living in poverty or in the aftermath of natural disasters. These organizations are an essential link in our distribution chain, as they assure that our product gets delivered into the hands of their community members that need it most.

Long-term Solutions (GENTLY-WORN and new shoes and clothes)

Job Creation/Micro-enterprise: In places like Haiti, Honduras and parts of Africa, a steady job with a sustainable income is extremely hard to find. Many live in extreme poverty, meaning families live on less than \$1.90 per day.

Soles4Souls' micro-enterprise model is designed to create real economic change in developing nations. We utilize new and gently-worn shoes as a resource to help people with an opportunity to start and sustain a small business (a micro-enterprise) of their own. The income earned allows entrepreneurs the ability to purchase necessities like food, shelter and education for their families. This is a powerful and sustainable way for people to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

How it works:

- We receive new and gently-worn shoes and clothing through various donations such as individuals, church groups and manufacturers and sell them to qualified micro-enterprise non-profit partners. (The program helps fund the operations at Soles4Souls, allowing us to continue our mission of providing free shoes to those in need and supporting thousands of micro-entrepreneurs.)
- Our qualified partners sell the shoes and clothing to micro-entrepreneurs with a small mark up.
- Entrepreneurs prepare the product and sell for a profit margin.

Did you know?

- Since 2006, Soles4Souls has distributed more than 30 million pairs of new and gently-worn shoes in 127 countries around the world to help provide relief and create economic opportunities.
- Soles4Souls has kept more than 42 million pounds of shoes and clothing out of landfills.
- We work directly with over 1,200 domestic and international non-profits to distribute free shoes and clothing to people in need and in times of disaster.
- The World Bank estimates that 767 million, or 1 in 10 people around the world, live on less than \$1.90 per day. 385 million are children.¹ Many don't have access to a sustainable job or resources to provide for themselves. Meanwhile many simply can't afford adequate shoes and clothing and are left vulnerable to disease. Children often don't meet uniform requirements in order to attend school and are at risk of falling behind and unable to receive an education.
- On average, Americans throw away 70 pounds of textiles (shoes and clothing) per person, per year.² That adds up to 21 billion pounds of unnecessary waste added to our landfills. The EPA estimates that only 15% of clothing and footwear in the U.S., is recycled, leaving the remaining 85% in our landfills.³
- In many developing countries, walking is a primary mode of transportation. Each day millions face the dangers of cuts, fungus, contaminated soil and insect bites that lead to infection, disease, amputation and death. Providing safe, sturdy shoes could help end this cycle.
- In the United States, 12.7% of the population lives below the poverty line according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2016 estimates.⁴ When we can help provide a pair of shoes, we're helping bridge the economic gap. For these families, a new pair of shoes provides dignity and hope.

¹ <http://www.worldbank.org/en/understanding-poverty>

² <http://weardonaterecycle.org/index.html>

³ <https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/textiles-material-specific-data>

⁴ <https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2017/demo/p60-259.html>

Flower Power Fundraising

Why is our fundraiser so unique?

- A green and unique alternative that appeals to all
- 50% profit on every sale you make
- Orders ship free to your organization
- Personalized Websites for online ordering, orders ship directly to your customers
- No minimum order
- No up front cost
- No risk
- Free sales tools
- All products are 100% guaranteed
- Expert help every step of the way

Important Information:

- Last day to order Spring sales tools is April 1
- All Spring orders must be returned to us by May 1
- Last day to order Fall sales tools is September 15
- All Fall orders must be returned to us by October 15
- Last day to order Holiday sales tools is October 15
- All Holiday orders must be returned to us by November 15
- Shipping Fees: Direct to the door shipping fee is \$6.00 per order (via personalized group website.) Free Shipping of your Master Order to your organization.

Contact information:

- Call us at **1-888-833-1486** or email us at **info@flowerpowerfundraising.com**