



GFWC/Iowa

Clubwoman Newsletter



*"Volunteering
From The Heart"*

Message From the President

Newsletter Fall 2008

Greetings Club Members,

The summer is quickly coming to a close and fall is upon us. I hope you enjoyed your summer and you are ready to get back into club work in full force.

Since the GFWC/Iowa state convention in April, your president has attended the GFWC Convention in Chicago and conducted workshops across the state with three other officers: Carma Bisinger, Kay Finneseth and Kay Basham.

We were happy to see familiar faces and meet club members for the first time.

The following GFWC/Iowa Winners announced at GFWC Convention:

Domestic Violence Awareness: Category three, \$1,000. Our state raised over \$13,000 dollars in 2007. We wish to thank Karen Martinek, the state Domestic Violence Awareness chairman for her leadership and work. The money has been sent to the domestic violence shelters in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and Waverly that were damaged in the recent floods.

Arts Department: GFWC World in Pictures

Category three, second place—Anne Olson, District One Phoenix Club, Muscatine.

Arts Department: GFWC Year in Pictures Calendar Contest

December—Pat Harms, Laurens Club, District Six.

Endorsed Fundraising: Uncle Al's Pecans

Category three, third place—Audubon Woman's Club, District Seven.

Betty Emrich, District One, the State and MVR Jennie Award winner, was honored at the GFWC Convention.

Gayle Hanna, District Two, GFWC/Iowa's Empowered Woman in 2007 was honored at the GFWC Convention.

Thank you for your work in GFWC. May you have a successful and happy club year as we all work together—*volunteering from the heart.*

Nell Rider, GFWC/Iowa President

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District is Liaison between State & Clubs—Carma Bisinger, GFWC/Iowa President-elect

The district is the liaison between the state and the clubs and the members. Attending the district conventions gives you an opportunity to gain information, learn more about the programs of GFWC and see old friends and meet new friends. The President, Nell Rider, and President-elect, Carma Bisinger, look forward to seeing you when you attend these meetings.

Please be looking for your “Call to District Convention” which will arrive in September.

Car pool with several members so we will have the best attendance ever.

The following are the dates and sites for all districts:

District 1 October 11th at Tipton-Tipton Senior Community Center

District 2 October 7th at Mt Vernon—St Paul’s Lutheran Church, 600—5th Ave S

District 3 October 8th at Cedar Falls—Cedar Falls Club House, 304 Clay St

District 4 October 4th at South English—Fire Station

District 5 October 9th at Boone—First United Methodist Church, 7th & Arden St

District 6 September 30 at Armstrong—Nazareth Lutheran Church, 401 5th St

District 7 October 2nd at Oakland—United Methodist Church

District 8 October 1st at Doon—Doon Community Center

**Attention: All Club Presidents
and Club Scholarship Chairmen**

Sheryl Axmear, Scholarship Chairman

The GFWC/Iowa Scholarship Packets will be sent out to each club president in October. Be sure to review the packets carefully; fill in the club information on the bottom of the Letter to the High School Guidance Counselor and on the back of the Scholarship Application. It is important that a club member writing the letter of recommendation for a student include the name of the sponsoring club. The deadline for the student’s applications to the District Scholarship Chairmen is March 1, 2009.

Please get the information to your local schools as soon as possible and encourage the Counselors to inform the students of these scholarship opportunities.

GFWC/Iowa has a long and proud history of supporting our youth by providing scholarships for those wishing to further their educations. We thank you for your support and ask that you continue to support these scholarships through donations and purchases from the scholarship sales tables at the district and state conventions.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for allowing me to represent the state of Iowa as your 2006-2008 GFWC/Iowa President.

It was indeed an honor and a wonderful opportunity for personal growth and learning. It was also, an opportunity to develop friendships, which I will value forever, with many of you across the state and fellow GFWC members across the country.

Thanks for your support and donations of time, energy and money to help improve our Iowan communities.

Keep up the good work.

Yours in federation,

Sandy Phillips

GFWC/Iowa Past President

District News

District I—Convention will be held Saturday, October 11th Meeting begins at 9:30am following refreshments and fellowship. Featured speakers include State President, Nell Rider, State President-elect, Carma Bisinger, Mayor Shirley Kepford and Community Center Director Travis Alden. High School Choir groups will be our entertainment. There will be department displays, goody bags for all and door prizes to win! Please feel free to come and enjoy the day with us!

Becky Fetterman, GFWC/Iowa First District Director

District II—District Two members are invited to attend our 99th Annual District Convention, October 7th. Registration & \$8 should go to Judy Finger, 2930 55 Ave, Vinton, IA 52349. Registration and coffee starts at 8:30am. Our speaker will be Laura Kraus, teacher at Cornell. She has an organic farm and is part of the sustainable agriculture system. She has an interesting story to tell. We urge everyone to wear a hat, maybe decorated, maybe Grandma's. Door Prizes too! Come spend the day with us in Mt Vernon!

Donna Flint, GFWC/Iowa Second District Director

District III—We are planning to celebrate the 100th 3rd District Convention in our "House of Friendship" on October 8th. Come to see our beautiful vintage house! Our entertainment will be by the drama Department from U.N.I presenting the play "House of Blue Leaves"

Donna Hoffman, GFWC/Iowa Third District Director

District IV—Registration for District annual Convention begins at 8:45am on October 4th with brunch at 9:00am. We look forward to GFWC/Iowa Leadership. The Program: Jane Bauer will share desirable traits of leadership, membership, and volunteerism with her handkerchief collection.

Fran Smith, GFWC/Iowa Fourth District Director

District V—District Convention is October 9th. Reservations of \$10 are due October 3rd and can be mailed to Mary Nerem, 1709 Timberlane Dr, Boone, 50036. Registration 8:30-9:30am. Coffee and refreshments served.

5th District Board met on August 20th in Indianola. We are all looking forward to the next 2 years.

We gave a one time \$100 scholarship in Bonnie Tighe's name to SWCC. The 5th District donated \$200 to the libraries that were affected by the 2008 flood. The Granger Club also sent a donation of \$100.

Karon Keefe GFWC/Iowa Fifth District Director

District VI—100th Sixth District Convention September 30th. Registration of \$8 for reservation - send to Joyce Hiney, 301 Columbian Blvd, Armstrong IA 50514 by Saturday September 20. Board meeting—9:00am for District Officers, Chairmen and Club Presidents.

Coffee and Registration—9:00am, Call to order—10:00am Silent Auction, memorial service and scholarship sales. Bring your club yearbook. Program: Glenn Henriksen—"Keyboard Artist/Recording Star"

Clara Eisenmann, GFWC/Iowa Sixth District Director

District VII—District Convention will be held at the Methodist Church in Oakland on Thursday October 2nd. Registration will be at 9:00am. The guest speaker will be Jan Hansen who is a Cardiac Nurse from the Heart Unit of Jenny Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs. Items will be available for sale to help finance the cost of hosting the 2010 GFWC/Iowa State Convention to be held in Carroll. Members please bring items to sell also.

Betty Nobiling, GFWC/Iowa Seventh District Director

District VIII—On Wednesday October 1, we will celebrate our 100th Annual Eighth District Convention. Registration, refreshments and fellowship at 9:30am. Call to order at 10:00am. Lyon and Dickinson County Clubs will be the hostesses. We look forward to hearing all Eighth District clubs present highlights from their past, exciting projects past and present, and their vision and goals for their future. We are also looking forward to having our GFWC/Iowa President Nell Rider and GFWC/Iowa President-elect Carma Bisinger as our guests. We celebrate our past. We look forward to our future. Together we make a difference!

Nancy Cord, GFWC/Iowa Eighth District Director

Please see Carma Bisinger's article on page 2 for dates and locations of District Conventions



GFWC/Iowa Department Awards 2007

Given April 11-12, 2008 at state convention

ARTS Arts in the community

1st Place:	Laurens Federated Women's Club
2nd Place:	GFWC/Iowa Yorel Club of LeRoy
3rd Place:	Akron Friendship & Service Club

CONSERVATION

Silver Department Award:	Martelle Century Club
1st Place—Resource Conservation:	Akron Friendship & Service Club
1st Place—Beautification:	GFWC Solon Women's Club

EDUCATION

Silver Department Award:	Guttenberg Book Club
1st Place—Lifelong Learning:	Guttenberg Book Club
1st Place—Literacy:	Guttenberg Book Club

HOME LIFE

Silver Department Award:	Bay View Club of Urbana
1st Place—Women's Health:	Bay View Club of Urbana
1st Place—Dollars and Sense:	Bay View Club of Urbana

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Silver Department Award:	GFWC/Iowa Castana Jr. 76'ers Club
1st Place—Reaching Out :	Galva Civic Club
1st Place—United Nations:	GFWC/Iowa Castana Jr. 76'ers Club

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Silver Department Award:	GFWC/Iowa Castana Jr. 76'ers Club
1st Place—Citizenship:	Akron Friendship & Service Club
1st Place—Community Safety:	Guttenberg Ingleside Study Club

GFWC News

GFWC is now publishing program bulletins online! For many years, these bulletins-written by program chairmen-have offered updates to the materials found in the GFWC club Manual, along with new ideas and resources to help clubs develop and implement strong projects. Publishing these bulletins online enables us to reach a wider audience and share great information with all members.

Our first online bulletin, written by GFWC Membership Program Chairman Patrice Booze, delves into the matter of membership, highlights the annual ACT in OCT recruiting event, and shares details about training that GFWC is providing to membership leaders.

8/14/08 GFWC online Newsletter

Club Reporting—Kay Finneseth, GFWC/Iowa First Vice-president

It is important for clubs to report to both GFWC and GFWC/Iowa. It's by your reports at GFWC level Iowa qualifies for awards. Thanks to the clubs that reported this past year, Iowa received \$1,000 for Domestic Violence Awareness. GFWC uses the information you send for assistance in program materials and awards to clubs throughout the United States. A list of awards is in your president's Club Manual under Administration.

For reporting procedures, please refer to page 20 in the Bluebook. Reporting is from January 1 to December 31. Reports are due by February 1, 2009 to both GFWC and GFWC/Iowa Headquarters. Please send in your club reports! Narratives are optional, but necessary if you want to receive one of the Silver Awards. Information about the silver awards can also be found on page 20 in the Bluebook. Remember a good narrative will include a brief description of the project. If you have any questions please contact me. Looking forward to seeing your report in February. **Contact me at: 515/386-2543 Email: ksfjkss@netins.net**

Leadership

Sandra Phillips, Leadership Chairman

As a leader, it is very important to have a positive attitude. Here are a couple of ideas to help keep the practice of praising your club members fresh, rewarding and meaningful.

1. Put four coins in your right pocket. Every time you praise a club member, move one coin over to your left pocket. Try to transfer the four coins at one meeting.
2. Make the first thing and last thing you do at each meeting positive-(Praise a club member for job well done or compliment a member).
3. Create a form with an alphabetized list of club members. Keep track of the members you praise at each meeting.

In this way, after 2 or 3 meetings, all members should have been recognized for their efforts. Take a new form and start over the next 2 or 3 meetings.

Role play Meeting Meddlers at your meeting-Prior to a meeting, give some of the club members specific roles (**listed below**) to play, all of which can help to make the meeting a more positive experience. During the meeting, ask all participants if they felt that anything seemed different from usual. Solicit answers and then let everyone know that you had previously conspired with a few of the participants to make the meeting more positive and upbeat. You may or may not want to identify the Meeting Meddlers.

Leadership activities taken from "The big book of leadership games" by Vasudha K. Demming*

Leadership Role Playing: Make a copy of the following roles and secretly give each role to a different club member. Feel free to modify for your particular club.

Your role during the Meeting: At least twice during the meeting praise someone (for offering an idea, for being well-spoken, etc.)

Your role during the meeting: Use only positive verbs. Avoid such words as can't and won't. Instead, phrase things positively (can, will, etc.)

Your role during the meeting: Be an enthusiastic cheerleader. Find opportunities to make emphatic statements such as "We can do that!" or "That would be great!"

Your role during the meeting: Bring an unexpected treat-cookies, chocolates, fresh fruit, specialty drinks, or the like.

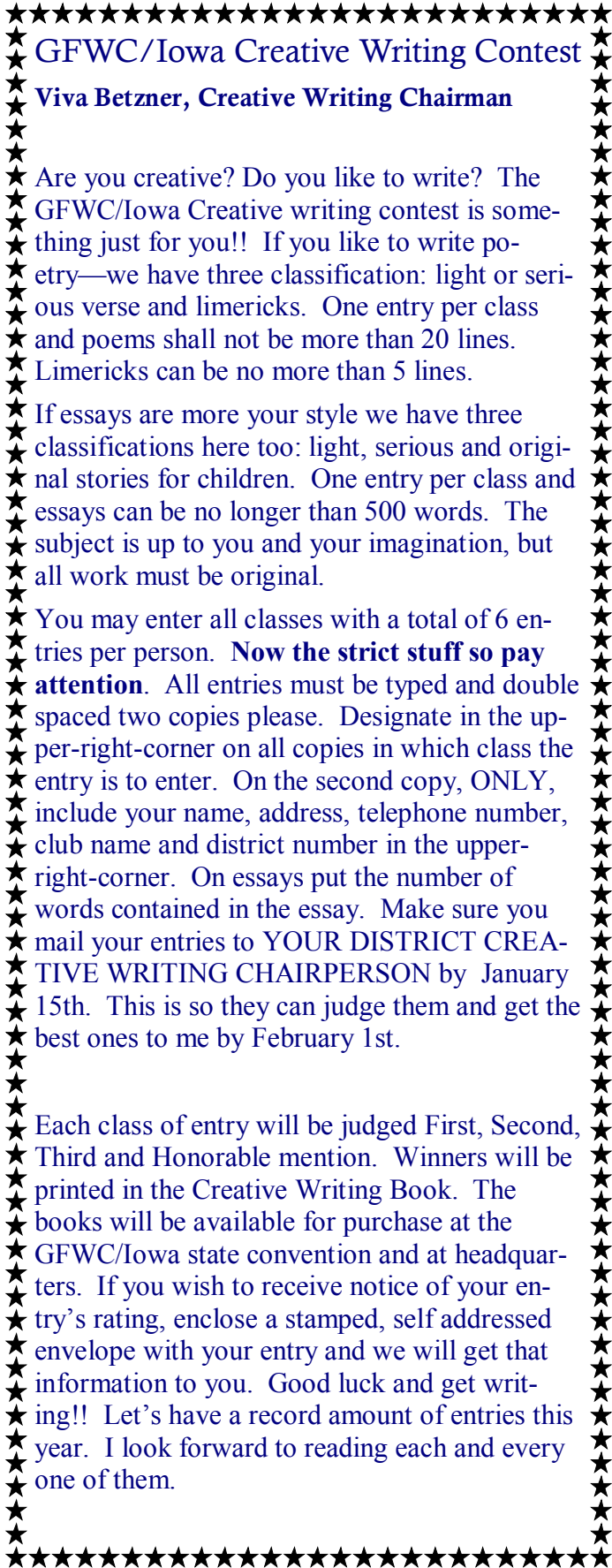
Your role for the meeting: Before the meeting, without being seen, clean and tidy the room. Put some flowers in a central location in the meeting room. *

Endowment

Club officers please remember to contribute to the Endowment fund when you are making your club budget for the year. This is one way of helping with expenses of IFWC. The interest rate is so low we all need to chip in and help the state through this time.

Sincerely, **Mary Axon, Endowment Chairman**

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GFWC/Iowa Creative Writing Contest

Viva Betzner, Creative Writing Chairman

Are you creative? Do you like to write? The GFWC/Iowa Creative writing contest is something just for you!! If you like to write poetry—we have three classification: light or serious verse and limericks. One entry per class and poems shall not be more than 20 lines. Limericks can be no more than 5 lines.

If essays are more your style we have three classifications here too: light, serious and original stories for children. One entry per class and essays can be no longer than 500 words. The subject is up to you and your imagination, but all work must be original.

You may enter all classes with a total of 6 entries per person. **Now the strict stuff so pay attention.** All entries must be typed and double spaced two copies please. Designate in the upper-right-corner on all copies in which class the entry is to enter. On the second copy, ONLY, include your name, address, telephone number, club name and district number in the upper-right-corner. On essays put the number of words contained in the essay. Make sure you mail your entries to YOUR DISTRICT CREATIVE WRITING CHAIRPERSON by January 15th. This is so they can judge them and get the best ones to me by February 1st.

Each class of entry will be judged First, Second, Third and Honorable mention. Winners will be printed in the Creative Writing Book. The books will be available for purchase at the GFWC/Iowa state convention and at headquarters. If you wish to receive notice of your entry's rating, enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope with your entry and we will get that information to you. Good luck and get writing!! Let's have a record amount of entries this year. I look forward to reading each and every one of them.

Juniors' Special Project—Kay Basham, GFWC/Iowa Juniors' Special Project Chairman

Juniors' Special Projects are encouraging ways to support children and mothers in your community. Many of the projects listed in the Juniors' Special Project section of the GFWC club manual can be implemented into existing club projects. This area is not just for junior clubs, it is for all clubs. I am pleased to serve as the GFWC/Iowa Junior's Special Project Chairman. Please support and report in this project area. I look forward to writing the state report to send to GFWC headquarters.

This summer I was invited to a GFWC friend's lake house located in another state. When I arrived I was greeted by two wonderful juniorettes. We played cards together, attempted Hillbilly horseshoes and made a trip to Wal-Mart. We all went out in the boat and they convinced me to try tubing behind the boat. I was determined that if they could stay on the tube and not fall off, so could I. I stayed on, but was reminded that I wasn't a juniorette the next morning when my arms were so stiff I couldn't get them above my head. It was worth all the pain for this fun and rewarding memory! This experience reminded me of how much we all gain and grow from working with a juniorette club. GFWC/Iowa used to have juniorette clubs, please consider sponsoring one in your community again.

Membership Dues—

A reminder that the GFWC/Iowa Membership dues deadline is approaching. Your dues and membership lists should be sent to GFWC/Iowa Headquarters by October 15th. Dues are \$21 per member. \$15 of this goes to GFWC and \$6 remains with GFWC/Iowa. All club treasurers were sent letters with instructions in August. Club Presidents, please follow up with your treasurers and lets all get our membership dues in on time this year. If you have questions, contact GFWC/Iowa Headquarters. 515/276-0510 or gfwciowa@aol.com

Summer Workshops

GFWC/Iowa Workshops were held across the state July 21-25th.

Host cities were Manchester, Richland, Osceola, Westside and Primghar.

174 club presidents and members attended along with GFWC/Iowa

Officers. Money was raised for scholarships from sales at the meetings.

Thank you for everyone who hosted and participated.



Summer workshop at Westside: Back Row—Diane Pieper, GFWC/Iowa President Nell Rider, Betty Nobiling-7th District Director.

Front Row—Carma Bisinger, GFWC/Iowa President-elect, Kay Basham-GFWC/Iowa 2nd Vice President and Kay Finneseth-GFWC/Iowa 1st Vice-president.

Domestic Violence Statistics—Provided by Heidi Huisman,
Domestic Violence Special Chairman - from dviopiowa.org

- In the United States a woman is battered every 9 seconds. (American Medical Association 1991)
- Between 20,000 and 44,000 Iowa women suffer abuse in their homes every year. Between January 1990 and April 1997, at least 66 women in Iowa were murdered by a husband or boyfriend.
- Of the 66 Women that were murdered, 29 were known to have left their partner. Six were killed while leaving. Two were killed in front of a law officer and two were killed in child visitations.
- There are 7 animal shelters for every 1 domestic violence shelter in Iowa (Bureau of Animal Welfare, 1995)

FRIEND Program—Marcia Heronimus, FRIEND Special Chairman

Soon we will be starting another Club year and the schools will be starting their Fall schedules. NOW would be GOOD time for Club members to help the reading program in the local school by “volunteering” to listen to students read or to read to the students through the FRIEND program. This program has reached many students in the past and our members know how to be a FRIEND!

If you enjoy spending time with children or adults, have a love of learning and reading, gain satisfaction from helping others grow and prosper.....then be a FRIEND volunteer! Be a FRIEND-make a FRIEND-and make a difference! Share the joy of reading!

Each Club President should have a copy of the Bluebook for this administration; the directions for the FRIEND program can be found on page 33. If you have questions, please contact me.

Put a smile on a student’s face and yours by participating in this great program and then REPORT your volunteer hours and number of students to me by Feb. 1, 2009.

Marcia Heronimus
802 I Avenue
Grundy Center, IA 50638
319/824-3777
kebord@gcmuni.net

**Domestic Violence—
Heidi Huisman, Domestic Violence Special Chairman**

I trust that everyone is geared up for the new 2008-2010 Administration. I am a member of the Dyersville Federated Women’s Club and I thank President Nell Rider for appointing me as Chairman for the Domestic Violence Department.

I would encourage each club to look at the Domestic Violence Awareness Program in the Special Project section of the Club manual. If at the very least, please be aware of domestic violence! There are several suggestions in what your club can do in this area. There are awards given annually for clubs recognizing their efforts in this area. Be sure to send in your reports to GFWC/Iowa and GFWC due February 1, 2009.

This summer, GFWC/Iowa provided monetary support to 3 shelters affected by the Floods of 2008.

Is there something you can do locally?

Check out www.dvpiowa.org

Would you like to read some riveting stories? This April at the State Convention, one our guest speakers was Katie Thompson, an author and victim of domestic violence. She shared her own story as well as touched on a few of the 31 stories which she has compiled into a book. To read these stories and find out information about the release of this new book, check out www.31book.info

You can contact me at 563/543-8035 or E-mail: huisman5@hotmail.com



While attending the GFWC Board of Directors meeting, GFWC/Iowa clubwomen took part in GFWC Day on the Hill in Washington D.C., Friday September 5, 2008. Visiting the offices of both Iowa Senators. Outside Senator Harkin’s Office: Gayle Hanna, Nell Rider, Marcia Heronimus, Sue, Hass, Sandra Phillips, Sheryl Axmear and Kay Basham

Children and Domestic Violence

Child witnesses of domestic violence are victims of child abuse at a rate 1,500% higher than the national average.

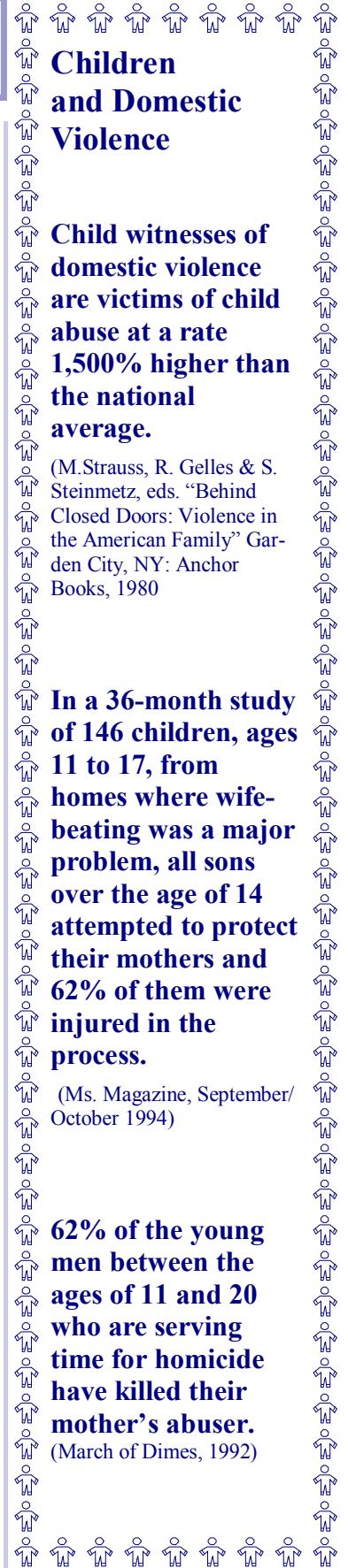
(M.Strauss, R. Gelles & S. Steinmetz, eds. “Behind Closed Doors: Violence in the American Family” Garden City, NY: Anchor Books, 1980

In a 36-month study of 146 children, ages 11 to 17, from homes where wife-beating was a major problem, all sons over the age of 14 attempted to protect their mothers and 62% of them were injured in the process.

(Ms. Magazine, September/October 1994)

62% of the young men between the ages of 11 and 20 who are serving time for homicide have killed their mother’s abuser.

(March of Dimes, 1992)





GFWC/Iowa State President Nell Rider, Marcia Heronimus , Gayle Hanna GFWC Iowa Past State President and Husband Denny Hanna and GFWC/Iowa Past State President Sheryl Axmear at the 2008 GFWC/Iowa State Convention

CREATIVE ARTS

GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

PHOTO Contest

DEADLINE - February 1, 2009
and February 1, 2010

Photo of club at work on a project.

Photos must be taken during the contest year - January 1st-December 31st annually.

The state winner will be sent to GFWC Headquarters to be judged.

Entries may be black and white or color photos.

Size must be at least 10 x 12 inches but no larger than 14 x 16 inches including matting.

The back of each photo must have an arrow drawn indicating the top.

Entries should be sent to the Gayle Hanna, Creative Arts Special Chairman

- **Gayle Hanna, Special Chairman**

Smile you're on candid camera!!! Do you take a camera with you wherever you go?

Let's get some spectacular pictures taken this year! There are four contests available to our membership.

The newest contest::

GREAT STATES UPDATE - Each state will be able to provide a winning photo that represents their state and will hang proudly in GFWC headquarters. Winning state photos will be exhibited at the GFWC Annual International Convention in 2010

No GFWC awards will be given.

A YEAR IN PICTURES - Calendar Contest

Photo to be considered for the 2010 and 2011 GFWC calendar.

THE WORLD IN PICTURES - Natural History, scenic or human interest pictures.

GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION- Photo of club at work on a project.

General Rules:

The same image may be submitted to multiple photo contests, but separate photos must be entered into each contest.

Photos will not be returned. Contest Guidelines for the Four contests are in this newsletter.

Contact me if you have questions. Good luck!

GREAT STATES UPDATE - Deadline is February 1, 2010**Guidelines:**

The photo should represent the entire state. Judged on how well the photo represents the state and the artistic merits of the photo itself.

Photographers must be dues-paying member of active GFWC Clubs

Horizontal photo -No vertical pictures—Color Photo—May originate from digital format.

No larger than 14 x 16 inches including, corrected matting. (Change from bluebook)

Photos should not contain a visible date stamp.

Information should be firmly attached to the back of the photo including: :Name of state

Name of photographer, Description of location.

Only the state's name and photographer's name should be on the mat.

Framing and glass will be provided for the winning photo.

Please send your photo to: Gayle Hanna , GFWC/Iowa Creative Arts Special Chairman

SEND:

**THE WORLD IN PICTURES ENTRIES
VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION PHOTO ENTRIES
GREAT STATES UPDATE PHOTO ENTRIES**

**TO: Gayle Hanna
P.O. Box 264 Guttenberg
IA 52052-0264**

SEND:

**A YEAR IN PICTURES CALENDAR
CONTEST PICTURES TO:**

**TO:
GFWC Headquarters
1734 N Street NW
Washington, DC 20036 -2990**

THE WORLD IN PICTURES: DEADLINE - February 1, 2009

Open to Iowa club members in good standing, amateurs only.

Three Categories –

- 1.Natural History: flowers, animals, insets, birds, trees, and similar natural scenes.
- 2.Scenic: vistas, landscapes, seascapes, snow scenes, bridges, parks, mountains, farm land and similar scenes
- 3.Feature: Human interest pictures including people, events and other features

One entry per category

All photos must be taken during the contest year-January 1st-December 31st annually.

Entries may be black and white or color photos.

Size must be at least 10 x 12 inches but no larger than 14 x 16 inches including matting.

The back of each photo must have an arrow drawn indicating the top.

Send entries to Gayle Hanna, Creative Arts Special Chairman

A YEAR IN PICTURES - CALENDAR CONTEST: DEADLINE –The photo must be submitted to GFWC Headquarters by May 1, 2009 and 2010.

Photographers' must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.

Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually

Clubs are encouraged to submit a horizontal, calendar appropriate photo.

Photos must be taken during the contest year January 1st-December 31st.

Photos may be taken using film, or digital cameras.

Digital photos cannot be submitted by e-mail

Date stamps should not appear on photos

All entries will be considered. Judges will look for ones particularly suitable for calendars and relevant to particular months or seasons.

Photos must be horizontal color prints.

Size of entry (including matting) must be at least 10 x 12 inches but no larger than 14 x 16 inches.

All others will be disqualified. No frames or glass. Photos must be matted.

The back of each photo must have :

An arrow drawn indicating the top.

GFWC category name Photographer's name e-mail address and phone number

Name and state of sponsoring club

Brief caption giving location and situation of the photo

Photo title

Twelve images will be chosen by independent judges.

The photograph should be **sent directly to GFWC Headquarters** by May 1st 2009 and 2010

By submitting your photo to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

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**We had a winner for the 2009
calendar – December pictures,
“Winter Lunch for Masked Guest”
by Pat Harms of the GFWC/Iowa
Laurens Federated Women’s Club.
Congratulations!**



GFWC/Iowa Clubwomen attended the GFWC Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday, September 7, 2008. Left to right: Kay Basham, Sandra Phillips, Sheryl Axmear and Gayle Hanna.

GFWC/Iowa Web Site New and Improved

**The GFWC/Iowa web site is being updated.
Please take a look!**

www.gfwciowa.org

Scan the pages looking for links to additional information that is not listed on the “main menu”.

There are individual pages devoted to the six departments. If you are a Department Chairman and want material or web links added to your Department web page, let me know.

This is your web site and keeping it current and interesting is an ongoing process.

You can email questions or suggestion right from the “Contact Us” page listed on



Seven GFWC/Iowa members and three GFWC/Iowa Boosters attended the Mississippi Valley Regional Conference in Minot, North Dakota September 12-14th. Left to right: Nell Rider-GFWC/Iowa State President, Sandra Phillips-Past State President and husband John, Lorraine Livingston, Karen Kielsmeier and husband Dennis, Gayle Hanna-Past State President and husband Denny, Sheryl Axmear-Past State President, and Carma Bisinger-GFWC/Iowa President-elect.

***Work together in GFWC—
Volunteer From The Heart***

GFWC/Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs

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E-mail: gfwciowa@aol.com

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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gfwciowa.org

**2007 Department Program
Area Statistics**

Grand Total: Includes Arts, Conservation, Education,
Home Life, International Affairs, Public Affairs

Number of Projects: 805

Number of Members Participating: 6,416

Numbers of Hours: 37,934

Amount Donated: \$75,577.

2007 Special Project Statistics

Grand Total: Includes Advocates for Children,
Leadership, Membership, Fundraising, WHRC,
Empowering Women, Domestic Violence.

Number of Projects: 254

Number of Members Participating: 2007

Number of Hours: 3,494

Amount donated: \$36,762