



GFWC IL 5th-6th District

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Lisle Woman's Club

President message

Hello April! April's birthstone is the Diamond, which is known for strength. As a matter of fact, the Diamond is the hardest natural substance on Earth. Its name comes from the Greek word "adamas," which means unbreakable. That is why Diamonds are often used in engagement rings. At one time, Diamonds were thought to be an antidote to poison and to protect against the plague. Congrats to those with an April birthday!

There was a recent email about the Barbara Roake Award. The deadline for the LWC Barbara Roake Service Award is extended until April 5, 2025.

A little more about the award, which is given in honor of our first Club President, Barbara Roake:

The Barbara Roake Service Award recognizes a Lisle Woman's Club member who has contributed to our club in different ways over her years of service. She may have volunteered her time to our many fundraisers and events, chaired a committee, served on the Executive Board, or all of the above. She is someone who has made a difference in our club and has made our club better because of it.

This annual award is for any LWC member, new or experienced. If there is a club member that you would like to nominate for this award, please email me your submission at sullivanliz1930@gmail.com by April 5th. Include the member's name and why you think she deserves the award. The Barbara Roake Service Award will be presented at the June end-of-year dinner.

Liz Sullivan
President

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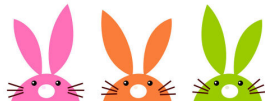
Child Abuse Prevention Month

- 2 LWC Meeting
- 5 Wear Blue
- 5 Blue Ribbon State Bunco
- Fundraiser Lockport 12 noon
- 5 Barbara Roake Award. Deadline to Liz
- 12 Savers Fundraiser Cancelled
- 17 Library paint scrolls 7:30
- 21 Book Club Library
- 22 Earth Day
- 22 Philanthropy meeting location TBA
- 23 BOD meeting 6pm Park District
- 24 Federation Day
- 24-26 State Convention in Naperville April
- 26 Earth Day Clean-up Community
- Park Rain date April 27th
- 29 Wreaths @ Brookdale

20-26 Volunteers in Action Week



Vice President



Shane Alden, a botanist, will be our April presenter and the subject will be "Identifying Edible Plants with the Wild Dryad". As discussed previously, Shane would like to spend 15 minutes "foraging" through the library's vacant lot just to the south of the building, so if you would like to forage with Shane and Liz, this will start at 6:45 and at 7:00 proceed to the library's meeting room to continue the presentation. I had previously provided a reading list of materials, should you be interested in reading up about foraging prior to the presentation.

Our June dinner, on June 4 at 6:00 pm will be at Brasi's pizzeria and the cost will be \$30. The menu will be mini meatballs as appetizers, two different types of salads, focaccia, a buffet of pizzas, and Chicken Limone. Soft drinks are included in the price, and beer and wine will be available to purchase. Dessert will also be provided. A signup sheet will be passed around at the May meeting, and I will be collecting checks at that time.

Lorna

Federation - State Convention

Ladies of the wonderful Lisle Woman's Club,
Be sure to read through the Spring 2025 issue of
GFWC ILLINOIS Clubwoman magazine. <https://gfwcillinois.org/> click on clubwoman magazine.
Inside this Special Convention Issue is information about our
129th Annual GFWC ILLINOIS Convention April 24 – 26, 2025
The registration form is on page 5.

Sign up today since the \$50 registration fee goes up after March 31st.

Meet 300 Illinois Club Women who volunteer their time just as we do. You'll hear the names of towns that you never knew when they get their projects recognized with a certificate and a smile filled photo.

For answers to your questions, tap **Brenda Hatch** or **Bea Fodor**. Attending the convention is a breeze since it is 30 minutes away in the Hotel Arista at Route 59 and Ferry Road in Naperville.

We may carpool on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. Sign up for at least one day to feel the power of our friends in the sisterhood that is the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

This year's theme is Inspire 2025: Strengthening Leaders, Engaging Members.

Since it is in our front yard, plenty of GFWC IL 5/6 District will be present to welcome the rest of the members from Illinois.

Bea



Celebrate Earth Day with a Community Park Cleanup!



Join us in making a difference this Earth Day!

The **Lisle Woman's Club**, in collaboration with the **Lisle Park District**, invites you to participate in our annual **Earth Day Community Park Cleanup** event! Together, we can beautify our local park and demonstrate our commitment to a healthier planet.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, April 26th, 2025 (*Rain Date: April 27th*)
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Location:** Community Park, 1925 Ohio Street (*In front of the Fitness Center*)

What to Bring:

- Wear comfortable clothes and gloves
- The Lisle Park District will provide thin gloves, trash bags, and all necessary equipment

How to Sign Up:

To make sure we have enough equipment, please send Lorraine an email at lorrainelk5@gmail.com. Walk-ins are also welcome on the day of the event! If you need service hours, we can provide verification of your volunteer work.

**Let's come together to make our Community Park cleaner
and greener this Earth Day 2025! 🌍❤️**



Book Club

This month's book club will be at the Lisle Library on Monday, April 21st. We'll be discussing Still Life by Louise Penny. This book is available in a library book bag. If you would like a copy of the book to read, contact Nancy Oij



Save the Dates!

GARDEN GAIT
JUNE 8, 2025

Two months until Garden Gait!
Volunteers are collecting donations for raffle baskets, Ads are being solicited, vendor applications are being processed, tickets being sold.

But more volunteers are needed!
Sign committee, French Market, Day of the Event and other functions. Volunteer to do more than one committee... Volunteer for the day of event.

Garden Gait raised
\$12,700 in 2024 and \$10,500 in 2023.

Volunteer to ensure another year of success!

Potential new feature this year:

DuPage Art League plein air artists may be painting in the various gardens. Details are being worked out with the Art League.

NEEDED:

New Garden Gait Chair for 2026/2027
Please contact me.

Garden hunting begins June 9, 2025!
A garden in August doesn't reflect what they have blooming in early June. Gardens need to be seen early and signed by end of summer.

Kathleen Palia, Garden Gait Chair



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Entry Tickets and Raffle Tickets will be sold/distributed to members at the Apr and May mtgs.

Volunteers for working the day of Garden Gait will be signed up starting in April.

Pre-sale Tickets available via Event Sprout April 1.

Need volunteers to work French Market with Bea on May 31.

Sign Committee

Yardsigns will be distributed at the May meeting.
Need volunteers (husbands/sons too) to erect GG banners in various locations the first week of May.
Need volunteers to erect signs the day of GG and remove the day after.

Deadline for Booklet information is May 9th. Kelly Dixit will once again create the booklet for us.

Sign up to volunteer at Naperville Woman's Club Artisan Fair on June 28 & 29 to reciprocate their GG volunteering.

Thank you for your participation to ensure the success of LWC's largest fundraiser!

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Women's History Month ~ Jane Cunningham Croly

(Jennie June)

Born on December 19, 1829, in Harborough, Leicestershire, England and died on December 23, 1901 at age seventy two.

Journalist Jane Cunningham Croly, a pioneer in her profession, was also the founder and driving force behind the American club women's movement. She was the founder of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Croly, a working journalist in a male-dominated world of newspapers and magazines, was probably the nation's first syndicated woman's columnist. Her column, "Jennie June," went to an array of newspapers around the East and South. She became an editor at the New York World in 1862 and continued her column.

In 1868, when the New York Press Club refused admission to women to hear a special program by Charles Dickens, Croly founded Sorosis, a club for women. Croly was a staunch believer in equal rights for women, although not an active suffragist, believing that the more important task was to lift women throughout all levels of

society, and all reforms would evolve naturally.

When she convened a national convention of women's clubs in 1889 (the General Federation of Women's Clubs was organized there), she set in motion the power of a vast, previously untapped and unorganized sisterhood of capable American women that would reshape American society. from the National Women's Hall of Fame.



Federation Day and Volunteers in Action Week April 20-26, 2025

On April 24, 1890, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) was born, uniting 63 clubs in a powerful mission. Federation Day is our time to celebrate 135 years of impact! As Julia Ward Howe said, "It occurred to them that union is strength!" Let's come together, raise our voices, and honor our amazing legacy during Volunteers in Action Week, April 20-26. Join GFWC staff and friends in Washington, DC, as we celebrate our incredible journey and the 130th Anniversary of Federation Day-April 24, 2025! Together, we are unstoppable!



GFWC IL Advocates for Children state

partnership for the past 40+ years is Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. To support PCA IL, we are hosting a Bunco event fundraiser on Saturday April 5th at 12:00 PM at Lockport Moose.

Come join us in a fun filled afternoon of Bunco, raffles, and friendship while we raise funds to support PCA IL in their mission to raise awareness for the prevention of child abuse.

Loretta Revesz

GFWC IL Advocates for Children Chairman

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



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PRESENTS

**BLUE RIBBON
BUNCO**

**APRIL 5TH, 2025
12:00PM**

**Tickets- \$25
At Door-\$35**

**Lockport Moose
Lodge #1557
118 E. 10th St.
Lockport, IL**

**Food and Drink
Self-Pay**

**Raffles
& Cash Prizes!**

**TO SUPPORT
PREVENT CHILD
ABUSE ILLINOIS**

**12:00 DOORS OPEN
12:00 FOOD AND
DRINKS
1:00 GAMES START**

**TICKETS AT
GFWCILLINOIS.ORG
OR SCAN HERE!**

