



GFWC IL 5th-6th District

May 2025

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Lisle Woman's Club

President message

As we welcome May, all thoughts turn to Garden Gait! Please be generous with your time helping to prepare for and volunteering during the day of Garden Gait. GG is our major fundraiser for the year and a great time to get to know your fellow Lisle Woman's Club members better. Thank you to all those who are already working hard on Garden Gait 2025 and to those volunteering for the day of the event! If you have spare time but don't know how you can help, please ask Kathleen Palia.

And don't forget our year-end dinner, scheduled for June 4th. Thanks to Lorna Turner for her work keeping costs reasonable while providing us with tasty dinner fare. The Barbara Roake Award will be presented at the June dinner as will Anniversary Pins. Hopefully, most club members will be able to attend. May and June will certainly be busy, exciting months for us all!

Liz Sullivan
President
Lisle Woman's Club



May

- 7 LWC meeting
- 12 GFWC 5th/6th Annual Meeting, Oak Brook
- 15 Get together
- 19 Book Club
- 21 **Cinco de Mayo but not to celebrate "Cinco de May"**
- 24 Village of Lisle and COD are hosting a Japanese art exhibit that will run through September.

June

- 4 LWC meeting
- 8 Garden Gait



Vice President Lorna

As announced earlier, our end of year dinner will be June 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Brasi's pizzeria, 5328 Main Street in Lisle. The cost will be \$30, which included mini meatballs as appetizers, two different types of salads, pizza buffet, and Chicken Limone and soft drinks are provided in the cost. Beer and wine will be available to purchase and dessert will be provided. A sign up sheet will be passed around at this meeting for those that are interested in attending. PLEASE BRING CASH OR CHECK TO THE MAY'S MEETING ANY OTHER ARRANGMENT SEE LORNA.

Lorna

Get Ready for Our Annual Meeting & Raffle Fundraiser!

Our **Annual District Meeting on May 12th** is just around the corner, and we're thrilled to include a fun **raffle fundraiser** to support our ongoing projects! We're asking each club in the district to contribute by donating a themed raffle basket.

Need Inspiration? Try These Basket Themes:

- **Wine & Dine** – Wine, snacks, and gift cards
- **Self-Care Spa Day** – Candles, bath products, and cozy items
- **Family Game Night** – Games, popcorn, and movie passes
- **Coffee Lover's Dream** – Gourmet coffee, mugs, and syrups
- **Outdoor Fun** – Picnic gear and summer snacks
- **Cash is King** – Prefer to donate cash? That works too!

Next Steps:

Please email **Stacy Schroeder** at Stacyschroeder1128@gmail.com or text her at **630-507-3088** with:

- A description of your club's basket
- The name of the person delivering it on May 12
- Or, let us know if you need to arrange a drop-off or pickup ahead of time

Thank you for your creativity and support—we can't wait to see the amazing baskets you come up with!

With appreciation,

Carla Ammons & Stacy Schroeder

Fundraising Chairs, GFWC IL 5th/6th District

Volunteers Needed

We're reaching out to invite you to volunteer with CASA of DuPage at our upcoming **Golf Outing on Monday, May 19 at White Eagle Golf Club in Naperville!**

Whether you're a golf enthusiast or simply want to support a meaningful cause, we would love your help in making this event a success. Volunteers are needed for a variety of flexible shifts throughout the day. It's a fun and rewarding way to give back while supporting CASA's mission to advocate for vulnerable children in our community.

Volunteer Sign-Up: <https://volunteersignup.org/QPAT3>

Date: Monday, May 19

Location: White Eagle Golf Club, Naperville

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference. We'd be honored to have the support of your club!

Warm regards,

Christin Wolf

Development Associate CASA of DuPage

County 630-335-7161

Environment Committee

Here is a summary of our **recyclables** that we collect and the location they are sent to for recycling:

Items	Where you can take them	Ultimate Recyclable Location
Pop Tabs	LWC Meeting-Susanne Murray	Ronald McDonald House
Bread Tags	Library south Entrance box or LWC Meeting-Lorraine	SCARCE
Crayons	LWC Meeting-Lorraine	SCARCE
Corks	LWC Meeting-Lorraine	ReCork
Styrofoam	Lisle Township	DART
Eyeglasses	Lisle North Entrance Box	SCARCE
Glue Sticks	LWC Meeting-Lorraine	SCARCE
Highlight Markers	LWC Meeting-Lorraine	SCARCE
Keys	Library south Entrance box or LWC Meeting-Lorraine	SCARCE

**Leadership is not
about being the best.
Leadership is about
making everyone
else better.**

—Amazing—



**Don't be a Boss!
Choose to be a
Leader!**



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**GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

Spring 2025

Leadership Chairman - Karyn M. Charvat

We always talk about the importance of filling the leadership pipeline, but how do we do that when members don't want to step forward into new roles? In order to answer that question, first ask yourself why YOU did! What made you want to serve as a committee chair? Club President? District Director/Chairman?

Some would say it is just a feeling...but many of you will say, "I never thought I'd be chairman or President, etc." Right?

The truth is...you DID think about it. And you decided you would go for it. And I say - GOOD FOR YOU!

Now...think back to when you first said YES and what you thought the role would be..... WAS IT? Of course not! It was completely different, I'm sure, because I know that every day, leadership challenges are going to come for you. From all sides, around every corner, even from within.

In fact, leadership—true leadership based on honesty, authenticity and meaningful relationships—takes guts. The kind of leadership that inspires others, serves others, and points them toward a greater purpose and vision outside themselves and for the betterment of the organization. But at the end of the day - leadership is not about YOU. It is about those you lead. And as you lead your members down the happy road of federation, there are bound to be some potholes. Twists and turns. But there are also going to be the most beautiful vistas. Stunning sunsets and the most brilliant of rainbows. But only after the storms of course!

Because that is what leaders do....they lead us through the storms. Through the challenges. They pitch in and tackle challenges right alongside you.

Now, with every challenge comes an opportunity. It's a chance to learn about yourself, improve your skills and self-correct.

Allowing yourself the grace to own your missteps and get everyone back on track - that kind of emotional intelligence is so critical to effective leadership.

Why? Because no one is perfect! At least I haven't come across anyone yet that is in my 54 years of life! So stop thinking you aren't "ready" or "good enough" to serve in a higher role. The biggest challenge we face in leadership is ourselves and the negative self-talk we feed ourselves!

Yes, there are plenty of external forces that can throw obstacles in your path. But most often, it's our own thoughts, feelings and ways of reacting to situations that can create some of the biggest hurdles in leadership.

So that's where we need to start, with the internal leadership challenges we're all likely to face. Once you get a handle on that, you will be much better equipped to encourage others to follow your lead and step up into leadership roles.

Understanding their hesitations and where they may stem from is half the battle.

Now let's chat about how to fill that leadership pipeline! **HINT - IT TAKES WORK! AND TIME!**

The time to work on filling your leadership pipeline is the minute you install your current board. Yes - that's right! You need to be thinking about WHO IS NEXT UP TO BAT! Because a year flies by very quickly and more often than not, you'll find yourself scratching your head once again come nomination time, asking why no one stepped up.

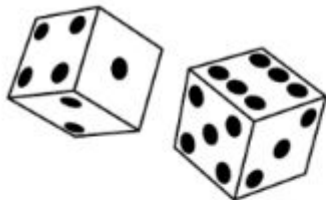
You should ALWAYS be looking for members to step up into leadership - not just at a particular time of the year. ALL YEAR! Be open to seeking out those who you feel would be an asset to the organization in the future. And then SHARE THAT

SENTIMENT! Tell them you think they'd be a wonderful President elect. Or a District Chairmen, or Membership Chair! If there is interest, start to mentor that individual so they are more comfortable with the role. If people understand the duties and responsibilities more thoroughly, they are more apt to accept a nomination or nominate themselves. But leaving them to read a job description with no pre-mentorship leaves you open to challenges. And an empty slate.

In closing, first examine the reasons why you decided to take your leadership path, then look at what members would serve the organization well as the next leadership team. Tell them you believe in them and the qualities they bring to the club and be their mentor for the remaining months until elections and installation. And before you know it, you'll have a healthy pipeline, ready to serve your club well into the future!

BRENDA'S COMMIT:

I find if the District and /or Club President don't share this information then we might lose-out in a PROSPECTIVE NEW LEADER



Ticket Order Form

GFWC Northwest Suburban Woman's Club



Poplar Creek
Bowling & Banquets
2354 W. Higgins Rd.
Hoffman Estates

Raffles & Split the Pot

3 for \$5
10 for \$10
Wingspan—\$20
(Cash only)

Let the Good Times Roll!

Bunco Fundraiser

Friday, May 16

6:00 pm — Doors open

7:00 pm — Play begins!

\$25 donation

Ticket must
be purchased
in advance.

Sorry, No Door Sales

*—If ordering by mail,
please send check.*

*—On-line ordering
accepts credit card.*

Join GFWC Northwest Suburban Woman's Club for an evening of bunco, raffles, and fun! This event will benefit the non-profit organizations we support in our community. Lite snacks, beverages (coffee, tea, pop) and a dessert table are included in the ticket price. Cash bar and waitress service are available. GFWC Northwest Suburban Woman's Club is a 501c3 organization.

Mail to: GFWC Northwest Suburban Woman's Club, PO Box 681583, Schaumburg, IL 60168

Make checks payable to: **GFWC NWS**

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Coming with friends? Order for all! Number of attendees in your group _____

Bunco Entry Ticket Donation

• \$25 each # of attendees ____ x \$25 \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

An email confirmation will be sent.

Tickets will be held at the Check-in Table.

Questions? Please contact Carly Dillard—gfwcnorthwest2018@gmail.com

**Scan this QR code to order
your ticket on-line!**



3/3/2024



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Philanthrope

Catch "The Wave" at COD

On May 24 the Village of Lisle and COD are hosting a Japanese art exhibit that will run through September. We've been asked to be sponsors with them. We are going to have a table there promoting Garden Gait with cards and seeds and handing out water. The event will be right but the fountain on Main Street between DPG and Prairie Walk Dentistry. It runs from 10am to 12pm. Main Street will be closed to traffic to make it safe. We need a few good women to help out.

Contact me if you can help though I will be passing around a sign up sheet.

Thanks Joanne



Bottles, Barrels and Brews

This year the Chamber of Commerce is not having Uncorked this year but instead Bottles, Barrels and Brews from 3pm to 7pm. We will do shifts. So, there will be spirits as well as beer and wine. It is on August 16 on Saturday. We will need 8-10 ladies who want to have fun.

Contact me if you can help though I will be passing around a sign-up sheet.

Thanks,

Joanne

Philanthropy picked 6 students for scholarships this year. Of the students 4 were from Lisle Senior High School, 1 was from Downers Grove North and 1 was from Naperville North. One of the Lisle students was chosen for an extra acknowledgement. This year one of our past presidents Pat Abelson passed away. We reached out to her daughter for a few words to help us know a little more about Pat. This is what she sent:

Thank you for honoring my mom in this beautiful way! In her words, she'd be flabbergasted! Please let me know if this works or if you're looking for something different:

"In her 43 years as a Lisle resident, Pat Abelson poured her love and commitment into her community through her participation in the Lisle Woman's Club. After raising her two kids and seeing them off to their post-high school endeavors, Pat dedicated her time and energy into many LWC activities, including the scholarship program. Having graduated from high school at age 16, Pat couldn't attend college but instead immediately entered the workforce. But she knew the value of higher education in opening doors to brighter futures. If she were here with you today, she'd be honored to congratulate you on your achievements and would proudly present you with this scholarship on behalf of Lisle Woman's Club. She'd give you a high five, tell you to abandon your fears, to embrace new opportunities, and to spread your wings and fly! Congratulations!"

If anyone is able to record the presentation or take pictures, I'd love to see it!

Hugs and warm regards to you and the LWC crew,
Heather (Pat's Daughter)

Joanne LWC

Arts and Culture

May is a busy month for Arts and Culture. We begin the month with our Lisle Elementary School 5th Grade Art Contest. The theme for the contest this year was "YOU and your favorite things." We wanted to create enthusiasm and awareness of themselves, and the fun and creativity involved in Art. This year we had thirty-two entries. The Best in Show Winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate which will be presented at our May 7th meeting. The winner will also be presented with an award by the Mayor at the May 19th Village Board meeting. The artwork will be displayed at the library from **May 8th to 23rd**. Stop by and see all the creative artwork these fifth graders have submitted.

Next on our calendar, is a get together on Thursday, **May 15th**. Enjoy an evening chatting with old friends and making new ones while creating an artistic vase from repurposed glass containers. We'll be meeting at DPG Real Estate Agency in downtown Lisle from 7 to 8:30 pm. We're joining with membership on this event and opening it up to nonmembers. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of art, refreshments, and friendships. Be sure to register at the May meeting or contact Nancy Oij before **May 12th**. Space is limited so hurry and sign up. See attached flyer for details.

Our third event this month is a dinner outing to El Gran Agave on **Thursday May 21st**. **NOTE THE NEW DATE!** We're a little late celebrating Cinco de Mayo but not to celebrate "Cinco de May." We'll be meeting at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at the meeting or let Darcy know if you'll be attending. See the flyer for details.

Nancy Oij

BOOK CLUB



As always, book club is the third Monday of the month (**May 19th**) and meets at the Lisle Library at 7 p.m. This month's book is London's Number 1 Dog Walking Agency, by Kate MacDougall. This book is available in a book bag. If you would like a copy of the book,

CONTACT NANCY OIJ.

New Date !!

Let's get the word out that it's "Cinco de may" time! Club member's are getting together for a dinner outing on **May 21st** at 5.30 pm. At the **El Gran Agave** for an **early Cinco de mayo**. 1650 Maple Ave. We need the final number by ~~April 25~~ **May 16th**. Darcy has a room on hold. And the waitress will do separate checks and drink specials for us.

And we are going to open it up to bring Someone with you.

Contact: Darcy
Home: 630.353.1750
Mobile: 630.432.0060
Email: darcydooda@hotmail.com

pageborders.org

Save the Dates!
GARDEN GAIT
JUNE 8, 2025
May Meeting

Entry Tickets and Raffle Tickets will be sold/distributed to members. Bring cash/checks/credit card. Any tickets not picked up at the meeting will be mailed to you for you to sell. The proceeds for the tickets or the unsold tickets must be returned to Kathleen by June 7, preferably at the yearend dinner on June 4.

If you need more tickets to sell, contact Kathleen.

Volunteers are needed! Nancy Burke will circulate the sign-up sheet to fill all positions needed during Garden Gait. Because of the reduced membership, only one LWC member will be a garden greeter per shift. Ask your husband, sister, friend, daughter to volunteer to keep you company. Members will be called in May until all positions are filled.

GG yard signs will be distributed to members at the May meeting.

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

Volunteer to ensure another year of success!

NEEDED:

New Garden Gait Chair for 2026/2027
Please contact Lucy Matune or Kathleen.

Kathleen Palia, Garden Gait Chair



Save the Dates!

GARDEN GAIT

JUNE 8, 2025

DATES

Tickets sold at businesses May 1.

Banners erected throughout Lisle May 1(ish)

General Membership Mtg May 7

Final issues wrapped up (see Page 1)

Raffle basket donations due May 9th to Liz.

All ads, garden descriptions, donor lists, vendor lists, and other information must be submitted to Kelly Dixit by May 9th for the booklet.

Raffle basket assembly dates at Liz's house.

May 17 1-5 pm and May 23 1-5 pm

Need volunteers!

French Market May 31st 7:30 am to 1 pm

Pre-entry & raffle basket payments or unsold tickets returned to Kathleen at yearend dinner or her home by June 7th.

Kathleen Palia, Garden Gait Chair