

# LISLE WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER



September 2021

## Message from the President

by Karen Burris

I am excited and humbled that you have chosen me as your next LWC President. I look forward to the next 2 years while I continue in the traditions of the 30 woman who held this position before me by keeping friendship, philanthropic principles and volunteer spirit alive and growing within our club.

I sincerely want to thank our outgoing President, Pat Briggs. Your leadership kept us going in such a resilient, positive manner; especially while coordinating in the uncharted pandemic territory you had to work with these past 2 years. Whether on a Zoom and/or in person meeting, you kept LWC running strong!

I also want to thank all LWC members for their help bringing our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Gait together this summer. Our success could not have happened without the whole club's efforts working together. We had the best year ever hosting 376 guests. We rose over \$11,500 before expenses. This greatly strengthened our budget helping us fulfill our philanthropic causes.

I'm happy to report that our Executive Board has been transitioning and working together well this summer preparing for our upcoming year. What a great group of women to work with and better yet, call friends.

**Nancy Oij, Vice President**  
**Eileen Briggs, Recording Secretary**  
**Pat Briggs, Treasurer**  
**Liz Sullivan, Corresponding Secretary**

Also to our Committee Chairs, I look forward to working together with you while we coordinate our volunteer and philanthropic efforts. If you have not yet signed up to volunteer through Lisle Woman's Club, I will have a list circulating at the General Meeting on Wednesday, September 1. See you there.

*Respectfully,*  
*Karen Burris*

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*"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."*

~Erma Bombeck

## Committee Updates

### Programs

Meetings are held at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Best to arrive by 6:30 pm to catch up with everyone. We will have hybrid meetings for the foreseeable future. This means some members will choose to meet in person and some will be joining us via Zoom. Our first meeting is Tues, September 1.

The link to Join the Zoom Meeting is:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87512127821?pwd=RVpWYitoOUZmU2tuZjArNzlybHlydz09>.

Anyone wishing to learn more about Programs or to join the committee, please call or text me at 630-531-3391.

*Nancy Oij*  
*Lisle Woman's Club Vice President*

## Fundraising & Development



Fundraising and Development is an essential part of our club! If you are energetic and like working with a small group, this is the committee for you. Contact me if want to join or just want to talk! 630-772-1504.

*Joanne Ehrhardt*  
*Fundraising & Development Chair*



## Garden Gait

GG falls under Fundraising & Development. It is our single largest Fundraising event. Everyone in the club gets involved. **Save the date for Garden Gait!**



*Eileen Briggs and Kelly Dixit  
Garden Gait Co-Chairs*

## Membership



September is here again. This means it's time for new membership forms and membership dues. Please fill out the attached form, even if all your information is the same. Also, please answer the additional questions regarding what you enjoy about LWC and Suggestions for LWC. Our club grows and thrives from our membership's input and creativity. Please give us your

thoughts!

Our annual dues are \$40 again this year. Please make checks payable to Lisle Woman's Club (LWC). There are two ways to pay this year: (1) At our Sept or Oct meetings (2) By mail, see form for address. We'd like to have all money collected by the October meeting. We hope to see you in person soon or via Zoom. Please call me at 630-730-4362 or email me at [kathy\\_palia@comcast.net](mailto:kathy_palia@comcast.net) if you have any questions or would like to join the committee.

*Kathy Palia  
Membership Chair*

## Education & Libraries



Projects in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program are designed to foster schools, in addition to other educational institutions and opportunities. These projects promote libraries, literacy, and the love of a good book. The Chairwoman of this committee typically runs the LWC book club. Please let President Karen

Burris know if you would like to be a member of this committee.

## Health & Wellness

To improve our well-being, we must address three key components: nutrition, disease prevention, and physical/emotional care. The committee works to increase awareness of each of these vital areas and to continue to advance them. Please let President Karen Burris know if you would like to be a member of this committee.



## Public Relations



Public Relations visited many businesses during our Garden Gait season. Because many businesses supported us during that time, let's support them whenever possible and mention you are a member and thank them. We were there for the ribbon cutting of the **Poundcake Bakery's** reopening at its new location. Bev always appreciates our support!

Please email me at [jojocool2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jojocool2@sbcglobal.net) or call me at 630-772-1504 if you'd like to learn more about the committee or to join!

*Joanne Ehrhardt  
Public Relations Chair*

## Website

Website falls under the Public Relations Committee and our new LWC website is up and running! The website will be continuing to change and evolve as the organization changes and evolves. Check it out at [www.lislewomansclub.org](http://www.lislewomansclub.org). There is a form attached to request changes to the website. If you have questions, please send them to either Eileen at [briggs1295@gmail.com](mailto:briggs1295@gmail.com) or to Nancy at [noij@emo.com](mailto:noij@emo.com).

*Eileen Briggs and Nancy Oij  
Website Co-Chairs*

## Environment—Eco Heroes

HELLO FELLOW ECO HEROES,

I hope to fill this space with useful environmental information that can be applied to our everyday lives and at the same time help Mother Nature preserve the natural beauty that we all enjoy on this planet.

Let's talk about **PLASTIC!** It is hard these days to go to the grocery store and find a product that is not sold in plastic. Something as simple as ketchup or mustard is hard to find except in plastic. Here is a disturbing fact: 700 million plastic laundry jugs end up in landfills and oceans every year!!!!

What does that do but create larger landfills and more toxic oceans. There are options out there. Yes, they may be a little more expensive and yes, they need to be ordered online, although most have free shipping.

What is the alternative? Earthbreeze, Blueland, Kind from Well Earth Goods, and Tru Earth to just to name a few. All these products are not only packaged in paper recyclable envelopes but also there is absolutely no plastic in dispensing the product. You may find that some of these companies also carry additional eco-friendly products besides laundry products.

I recently began using Blueland for my dishwasher dispenser tablets. They also have no plastic covering. The tablets themselves contain no petroleum, artificial dyes, artificial fragrances, no parabens, no ammonia and no phthalates. I find they are just as good as Cascade or Finish. Additionally, Blueland sells hand soap tablets and dish soap powder which can be dissolved in a refillable container. Another bonus in using these products is most of them are giving back with your purchases by either planting trees, cleaning our waters, or some kind of environment friendly act.

Here is another scary fact. We are eating a credit card's worth of plastic each week and 90% of the water we drink and the food we eat contain microplastics. Plastic has been found in 100% of marine turtles, 59% of whales, 36% of seals and 40% of seabird species examined. **By 2050, scientists predict that the ocean will contain more plastic by weight than fish!**

So let's all pledge to do "just one small thing" to help the planet. Next time I will give you more ideas about things we can all do to help Mother Nature. Also, thank you all for bringing in your Styrofoam, bread tags, etc.

*Dot Battle  
Environment Chair*

## Environment—Recycling

Please don't forget about recycling! We are currently collecting:

- ◆ Pop-tops
- ◆ Eyeglasses
- ◆ Sunglasses
- ◆ Bread bag tags
- ◆ Gym shoes
- ◆ American flags
- ◆ Eyeglass cases
- ◆ Hearing aids
- ◆ Hearing aid batteries
- ◆ Clean styrofoam containers
- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Cords (phone, computer, etc.)
- ◆ Keys (household, luggage, car)
- ◆ Wine corks
- ◆ National Geographic magazines
- ◆ Clean snack and candy wrappers



*Dot Battle  
Environment Chair*

## Civic Engagement & Outreach

We are hopeful that we will be participating in another year of collecting scarves for the homeless Veterans who have given so much for their country in Operation Stand Down. We have a call in to the head of Veterans Affairs and hope to have more info at the September meeting.

Some of the other projects we are looking to continue will be Holiday dinner for the Lisle Food Pantry as well as Christmas gifts for children in need also donated to the Lisle Food Pantry. They are always so appreciative of our help.

Another project that we hope to continue working on is the Mothers Day Gift Bags for Lisle Food Pantry. Of course more information will follow on each of these projects as the time gets closer.

I am looking for some ladies that would love to help work on these worthwhile projects. All help is greatly appreciated. Its also a great way to meet and work with new ladies you may not have had the opportunity to get to know.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping me or if you have any service projects you think might be worthwhile and fun for us to try. There is always someone in need.

Looking forward to a wonderful year with you ladies!!



*Mary Kilroy  
Civic Engagement & Outreach Chair*

## Arts & Culture



We are looking for any members who would like to help us with this committee. So far, we plan to have the Writing Contest for the Junior High students and we are hoping to do a collaborative project with the Lisle Library. You do not have to be artistic to join us (trust me we are not!). Just come and have some fun!

Pat's email: [patbriggs@att.net](mailto:patbriggs@att.net) and  
Lorna's email: [lornaturner@comcast.net/](mailto:lornaturner@comcast.net/)

*Pat Briggs and Lorna Turner  
Arts & Culture Co-Chairs*

## Federation Representation

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. <https://www.gfwc.org/>

GFWC is divided into regions, with Illinois being part of the Great Lakes Region. GFWC Illinois is a philanthropic organization dedicated to enhancing the effectiveness of its member clubs' service to local and international communities; community improvement; and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.



<https://gfwcillinois.org/>

GFWC Illinois is divided into various districts with Lisle Woman's Club belonging to the 5th District. Recently 5th District hosted their annual meeting, where LWC was well represented. LWC contributed a wine-themed basket which was raffled off during the "Paddles Up" auction. LWC members also generously donated to the "drive-through baby shower" for veterans. As the LWC 5th District Representative, I'll be keeping our club updated on all 5th District Activities.

*Lorna Turner  
5th District Representative*

## About AmazonSmile: Support Lisle Woman's Club at No Cost to You

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support Lisle Woman's Club every time you shop, **at no cost to you**. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop AmazonSmile, you'll find the **exact same low prices**, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate .5% of your eligible purchases to LWC. There's also **no cost to LWC** and you don't need to be an Amazon Prime Member. You may want to spread the word to friends and families who want to support LWC. Ideas for getting the word out include using email, social media posts, links, etc. Make sure to let friends and family know before the Holiday Shopping Season!





**2021**

**September 11 @ 9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

GFWC ILLINOIS 2021 FALL CONFERENCE

DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington, IL

[https://gfwcillinois.org/event/gfwc-illinois-2021\\_statewide-fall-meeting-2/](https://gfwcillinois.org/event/gfwc-illinois-2021_statewide-fall-meeting-2/)

**October 6 — LWC General Membership Meeting**

**October 7 @ 5:00 pm - October 10 @ 2:00 pm**

GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE 2021

DoubleTree by Hilton, Lisle/Naperville, IL

<https://gfwcillinois.org/event/great-lakes-region-conference-2021/>

**November 3 — LWC General Membership Meeting**

**November 15 — LWC Executive Board Meeting**

**November 19 — LWC Board Meeting**

**December 1 — LWC General Membership Meeting**

**December 8 — The Holiday Open House**

GFWC HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, DC

hosted by GFWC International President Marian St. Clair, will welcome you into the historic GFWC Headquarters to experience a bit of holiday magic!

**2022**

**January 12 — LWC General Membership Meeting**

**June 12 — Garden Gait!**

**June 25-28 — GFWC Annual Convention**

2022 Annual Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana

**July 20-29 —The Best of Britain**

Join International President Marian St. Clair for the "Best of Britain"

**June 2021 Member Dinner**  
**We had a Great time...hope you were there!**



**Birthdays**

