



GFWC IL 5th-6th District

October 2024

Lisle Woman's Club

Established 1963

**Publisher
Brenda Hatch**

President message

What lovely weather we're having this fall. I hope we all get out to enjoy it!

I want to thank all the members who organized and volunteered at the September 28th National Day of Service Food Drive to benefit the Lisle Township Food Pantry. I also want to thank all those members who donated. We are helping families receive the extra assistance they need to enjoy nutritious meals.

We will vote on the Proposed Budget at our October meeting. Members' participation in the budget process is important because the budget sets the goals and direction of the club for the year. In August, all officers, program chairs, and committee chairs were asked to submit requests for 2024/5 budget dollars to the Treasurer. All requests were compiled into the Proposed Budget and the Board of Directors voted to recommend the Proposed Budget to the general membership with minor changes. You should have received an email with the Proposed Budget attached. If you have not, please let me know and I will send it to you. Please review the budget and vote to adopt it at our October 2nd meeting.

Liz Sullivan President

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September 2024

28 Food Drive

October

2 LWC Meeting 6:30 Social 7pm Meeting

9 Communications and Public Relation meeting 7pm Joanne's house

14 LWC Joint Meeting with Girl Scouts 7pm

21 Book Club 7pm Library

30 Newsletter Deadline

31 Halloween

November

5 Election Day Get Out & Vote

6 LWC meeting 6:30 Social 7pm Meeting

Vice President

One, two, three strikes you are out! Our guest speaker will be Rebecca Tullock whose presentation will be "Peaches and Baseball". She will be acting as a member of the 1943 All American Women's Baseball League and giving us some insight into what it was like to be a female baseball player at that time, so wear your favorite baseball shirt and come out to the ballgame.

Lorna Vice President



Save the Date!

GARDEN GAIT

JUNE 8, 2025

Garden Gait (GG) is LWC's largest fundraiser.
In 2024 it raised \$12,590.

But GG is only successful with your help.
GG needs 45-50 functions fulfilled that day.
Thank you for those of you that volunteered last
year, especially those who worked the entire day.

PLEASE BE AVAILABLE TO HELP!

In addition, committees work at various times of
the year planning and preparing. Please join us in
our first planning meeting in January.

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

Kathleen Palia, Garden Gait Chair

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Pink or Blue? Is there a difference financially?

When picking out bike helmets for your children or grandchildren, would you even notice the pink helmet is more money than the blue helmet? What about disposable razors marketed to women that are pink in color? Did you know the men's version of toiletries and personal products are less money than women's personal care and feminine hygiene products? YES, they are! It's called the Pink Tax and it is news to me too, but companies have been doing it for years and getting away with it. "If you think you pay more for a haircut, dry cleaning and health care just because you're a woman, you aren't wrong. The so-called pink tax is alive and kicking, made worse by inflation, which hit a 40-year high in March. Prices for consumer goods excluding food and energy are up 6.5 percent year over year since then." AARP

The Pink Tax definition: The practice of taxing feminine products as "luxury items", while exempting other necessities from sales tax. This can have a disproportionate impact on women and girls from lower income households. Currently, 20 states charge sales tax on period products as of May 14, 2024. In the 450 periods in a woman's lifetime on menstruation, they will spend \$20 or more a month and \$9000 total on those products before tax. "The Pink tax also makes women pay more than \$2,300 for goods and services marketed to them at higher prices than similar goods and services marketed to men. (That comes to about \$188,000 over a woman's lifetime and about \$47 billion for all the women in California.) Kiplinger.

When it comes to feminine hygiene products, the Government considers them "medical instruments" and a "luxury" item, so this is why there is a monopoly of who produces these products and keeping the prices high. Period poverty affects 500 million worldwide. Period poverty refers to inadequate access to menstrual and feminine hygiene products and education. People who are not able to purchase tampons or pads, in many cases, stay home from school or work. Women also resort to using rags and diapers or just use these products for an extended time which puts them at risk for toxic shock, UTI's and yeast infections. The American Medical Association states that people who use feminine products longer than recommended could potentially lead to UTI's, toxic shock and severe reproductive health conditions.

Women who are on the SNAP card/food stamps, are not allowed to use it for feminine hygiene products and are also taxed on these high-priced items. Viagra, an erectile dysfunction medicine is NOT taxed in any state except Illinois. Rogaine, a product for hair loss, is exempt from taxes in eight states and doesn't require a prescription. Viagra is government funded (\$41.6 million/year). US Dept. of Defense spent \$41.6 million on Viagra and \$84.24 million on drugs for erectile dysfunction.

So, what can we do about the discrepancy? Female shoppers need to become more discerning. That means getting educated about pricing disparities and going out of their way to find the best product for the price, regardless of the packaging. It also means speaking up if they spot unfair pricing. Complaining on social media, as well as to consumer associations, local politicians and to the company, is a powerful way to express displeasure.

Health and Wellness Yvonne Hammond



Treasure's Report

Greetings, All,

The final step of this year's budget process – a vote by the general membership - is **on deck** for our October meeting.

We definitely do not want the business portion of the meeting to go into extra innings because Lorna has prepared a program about historic baseball that is certain to be a grand slam. We want as much time as possible to enjoy that!

I **pitched** the budget recommended by the Board of Directors - along with supporting information - to all of you. **Please refer to my email dated Friday, September 20.** I hope you have had a chance to **take a swing** at it. I requested and fielded questions in advance, so we don't expect any **curve balls** at the meeting.

There is still time to call me or email me with questions – please don't hesitate, and please do so before the meeting.

Thank you very much, Lorna Turner and Kathleen Palia. They will **pinch hit** for me at the meeting as I am not available to be in attendance.

Cathy Cawiezel

Treasurer

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Book Club Art

Book Club meets on the Third Monday of each month at the Lisle Library. At our October meeting, we'll be discussing the book *Educated* by Tara Westover. We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, contact Barbara Green or Nancy Oij.

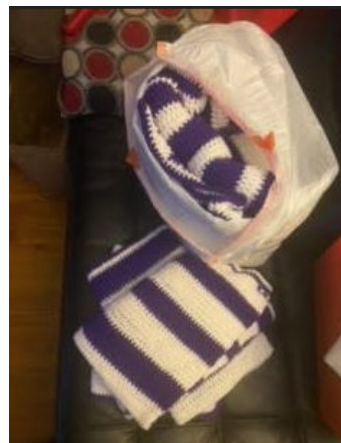
Arts and Culture

Arts and Culture is planning an Octoberfest dinner on Saturday, October 19th at 4 p.m. Look for more details and the sign-up sheet at our October meeting. Hope you'll join us.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Oij

Alzheimer's disease is a brain disorder that gradually destroys memory and thinking skills, and is the most common cause of dementia in older adults. We were asked by Emily (Lorna's daughter) if we could make 11 purple and white lap blankets for the patients with Alzheimer's. We were able to complete them in little over 2 weeks. Villa St. Benedict is having a week on September 28th.

Brenda and Sandy H.



Federation Report

Saturday, September 7, 2024

GFWC Illinois 5th/6th District Board of Directors Meeting

In attendance from **Lisle Woman's Club** were:

Karen Burris

Darcy Durkee

Bea Fodor

Liz Sullivan

Lorna Turner

Introduction of Board members for 2024-2026:

President Gerri Eck,

Dean of Chairmen Val Kazich

Secretary Marie Mueller

Treasurer Susan Haa

Director of Junior Clubs Samantha Figueroa

Jr Director Elect Lindsay Parmele

Parliamentarian Diane Addante

Other great dedicated board members may be found online at: gfwcillinois56.org

Karyn Charvat introduced guests Nital Patel and Michelle Rollins who spoke of the Alzheimer's Association which is the newest affiliate added to the GFWC roster of groups that has our national support.

Samantha Figueroa and Lindsay Parmele presented The Unity Project among General clubs and Junior clubs which is the participation in the Sunday, Sept 15, 2024

Walk to End Alzheimer's stepping off at North Central College in Naperville, IL.

Dean of Chairmen, Val Kazich announced a Zoom meeting for **Sat Nov 2 from 9-11:30 a.m.**

about the writing of annual reports. This helpful information is for all the clubs.

President Gerri Eck announced that the next 5/6 District Board of Directors' meeting will be on **Monday, November 11, 2024** at the Naperville Woman's Club Clubhouse.

The defederation of the Woodridge Junior Woman's Club was read, accepted and approved with regret. After final paperwork is completed, the defederation of the Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club will be voted upon.

The Lombard Service League is hosting a luncheon on Sunday, December 1st, 2024 at 11 a.m. at The Carlisle. \$45.

Glendale Heights Juniors and Carol Stream WC is having a Goose Chase fundraiser.

Glam Witches Night Out by Naperville Juniors, October 17 at The Matrix Club. \$85

Lombard Juniors invites all to their popular Candy Cane Pub Crawl Fundraiser.

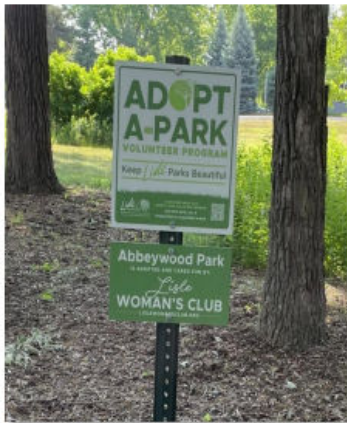
Bea Fodor Federation Chairman

GFWC International Convention that was held in Chicago. Two of our member's volunteered and had an great time. Bea and Darcy I am sure they will share their experience with you if you ask.



LISLE WOMAN'S CLUB

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



WHO WE ARE

Environment Committee

Advocates for our community's well being and that of Mother Earth to ensure a sustainable future for all.

Our committee has adopted Abbeywood Park in Green Trails and partakes in regular cleanup efforts and spearheads an annual cleanup initiative at Community Park.

Moreover, we are committed to recycling various materials including Styrofoam, corks, bread tabs, pop tabs to name just a few.

We are also eagerly looking to collaborate with local businesses to explore and enhance eco-friendly practices.



COLLECTABLE ITEMS AND END USE

Pop Tabs

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE-HELP KIDS WITH MEDICAL NEEDS

Bread Tags

SCARCE*-(DANIELLE CARES) PLASTIC PARTS ON WHEELCHAIRS

Crayons

SCARCE-REMOVED TO MAKE CRAYONS FOR CHILDREN W/ SPECIAL NEEDS

Corks

RECORK-REUSE CORK FOR SOLES ON SHOES; BULLETIN BOARDS, ETC.

Styrofoam

DART-RECYCLES INTO NEW PRODUCTS

Eyeglasses

LION'S CLUB-DONATE TO THOSE IN NEED

Glue Sticks

SCARCE-(NEW)-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Highlight Markers

SCARCE (NEW) / STAPLES (USED) FOR SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Keys

SCARCE-SCRAP RECYCLER-MONEY GOES TOWARD ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Aluminum Cans

ADOPT-ANIMALS DESERVING OF PROPER TREATMENT

*SCARCE - School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education www.scarce.org

Contact us and we will pick up your collectables:
Dot: mombattle@hotmail.com
Lorraine: lorrainek5@gmail.com

State-Wide GFWC IL Conference Can you find the three of us!



Combatting Domestic Violence Thursday, September 5-- Dupage County Educational Series hosted by Patty Gustin, NWC member and DuPage County Board Member for District 5. The series will feature Judge Ann Celine Walsh, who will discuss pressing issues related to domestic Violence and the tools available to combat it. At the NWC Clubhouse, 6pm.



THE GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY SERIES

GFWC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER FOR THE NEXT **GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY** WEBINARS PRESENTED BY THE 2024-2026 GFWC HONORARY CHAIRMEN.

OCTOBER 1 @ 7 P.M. – *Smash the Stigma of Mental Health* with Suzanne Fox, Co-Founder & Director of Global Initiatives, **The Yellow Tulip Project**, a determined youth-driven movement to bring about immediate change and to remind folks that there is help and hope out there. You will be introduced to the programs they provide to enable your club to promote mental health in the community.
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_25a0vJTB36p1hV5wDrt1g

OCTOBER 23 @ 7 P.M. – *Celebrate Child Advocacy Week*. **David Coffey, Safe Surfin' Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Cyber Safety and Responsibility educational initiative created by law enforcement professionals who are dedicated not only to protecting youth from those who would do them harm but also pro-actively educating youth in the safe and responsible use of today's ever-changing technology.
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Unlock expert insight in these webinars from 2024-2026 GFWC Honorary Chairmen.

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<https://bit.ly/gfwcgateway2>

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<https://bit.ly/gfwcgateway1>