



GFWC IL 5th-6th District

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Lisle Woman's Club

President message

Spring is almost here. I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather after the recent frigid temperatures. March is a fun month for LWC members as March 26th is our Bunco fundraiser at Bubblehouse. Buy your tickets now before it's sold out! You don't even need to know how to play; instructions will be given at the event. Invite your family and friends.

March is also the time to think about the LWC Barbara Roake Service Award. Please send your nominations to me by April 2, 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 2nd. 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

Vice President

This month's presenter will be Dawn Nader, who will take us through a variety of chair tai chi exercises. Because some of us are not as mobile as we used to be, Dawn will focus our attention on learning some tai chi moves that can be done in our chairs.

Lorna Tuner- Vice President

Recycling of Styrofoam has resumed at the Township Office on Indiana Avenue. I placed a call after receiving an email from Debbie Pawlowicz (thanks Debbie!) I would suggest if you have a large amount of Styrofoam that you inform the office. They may want you to drop it off at the garage for further pickup. Lorna

March

Feb	28-March 2 Lisle HS Mean Girls
1	Lead Seminar
2	Heritage Society - Abe Lincoln
5	LWC Meeting 6:30 social
	Library Meeting 7:00
5	GFWC Women's History Celebration
5	Bunco for Prevent Child Abuse
8-9	Wannemaker's Home and Garden Show
13	GG Ticket Committee
13	Art and Culture Craft night
14	5/6 District Bake Sale
15	Recycle Saturday
17	Book Club
20	GG Raffle Basket Committee
23	Open House GFWC IL Joliet 12:30 - 2:30
26	Bunco
27	GG Progress & Issues

April Child Abuse Prevention Month

2 LWC Meeting

5 Wear Blue

State Convention in Naperville April 24-26

More details to come!

Environment

Sustainable Saturday Recycling Event

The 2025 Sustainable Saturday Event is scheduled for **Saturday, March 15, 2025**, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Benedictine University Rice Center Parking Lot at 5700 College Road. Enter Benedictine off Maple Avenue west of campus not off College Road.

Items collected include: electronics, household batteries, bicycles, textiles, latex and spray paint, household items, and **Styrofoam**. TVs and monitors will be accepted for a fee from \$25-\$35 depending on size. For more information, visit the Village of Lisle website on [Sustainable Saturday](#).

If you are collecting other recyclables (corks, keys, bread tags, etc.) just give them to Lorraine at the next meeting. Thank You!

Composting:

Many of you generate your own compost pile that you use in your garden which is fantastic! However, if that is not an option LRS is offering food scrap collection which includes: (bread, cereal, coffee grounds, dairy, eggshells, eggs, fruits, grain, pasta, shells, vegetables) that can be added to your yard waste and placed in biodegradable bags. For more details see lrsrecycles.com.

Yard Waste Collection begins-March 19th.



Arts and Culture

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 13th. We'll meet at Bally Doyle's on Main Street in Downers Grove at 5:30 p.m. Look for the sign up at the March meeting. If you're unable to attend the meeting, send me an email or text and I can put your name on the list. Come celebrate with the Irish!

Also, be sure to keep an eye out for our next Craft night. We'll be planning one towards the end of March. If you have an idea, you'd like to share let me know.

Nancy Oij chairman

Book Club

March's book club will be on Monday, March 17th at the Lisle Library. We'll be discussing The Secret Life of Albert Entwistle, by Matt Cain. I do have a book bag for this month's book. If you'd like a copy, you can either contact me or pick one up at the March meeting. As always, the book club begins at 7 p.m.

Nancy Oij chairman

Save the Dates!
GARDEN GAIT
JUNE 8, 2025

GG Tickets Committee
Mar 13, 2025 6:30 pm
Lisle Library – Gingko Room

GG Raffle Basket Committee
Mar 20, 2025, 6:30 pm
Lisle Library Rm Oak Rm

Garden Gait Progress & Issues
Mar 27, 2025, 6:30 pm
Lisle Park District

GG Signs Committee
Mtg TBD

**Seeking volunteers for the Raffle Basket
Committee**

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

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

NEEDED:
New Garden Gait Chair for 2026/2027
Please contact me.
Garden hunting begins June 9, 2025!

Kathleen Palia, Garden Gait Chair



New Fundraising / Membership / Publicity Event

At the Garden Gait Marketing Strategy meeting, we discussed obtaining tables at businesses to advertise Garden Gait. Joanne successfully obtained a table at Wannemaker's Home and Garden Show on March 8 and March 9!

The opportunity will be utilized to publicize LWC and its events. Tickets for Garden Gait and Bunco will be available for purchase, and information on the Savers event will be available. Membership brochures will be handed out. A raffle to win a plant and two Garden Gait tickets will be held each day.

Volunteers are needed for the following timeframes.

Saturday 9:am to 1:pm and 1pm to 5pm

Sunday 10:am to 1:30 pm and 1;30 pm to 5 pm

Please email either Kathleen or Joanne with the shift you would like to work, and we will try to accommodate you. But we will need at least one person per timeframe, so we may ask you to work a different one.

This is a great opportunity to publicize LWC and its fundraisers!

Kathleen Palia

Joanne Earhart

Fundraising Chair

Public Relations

BUNCO General Event Information:

On Wednesday, March 26 at 6:15pm, the LWC will be hosting an evening of bunco, prizes & pizza at BubbleHouse Brewing Company in Lisle. A cash bar and the opportunity to purchase basket raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets will be available.

Tickets: Only \$25 pp for this FUN fundraiser! See flyer for sign up details.

Dessert & Veggie Tray donation: Looking for 2 of each for the event. Pick-up can be arranged.

To inquire about remaining tickets or to make a donation of the listed items, contact Barbara Akkeron at (312) 914-2978 or barbara.akkeron@bairdwarner.com. Thank you to all for supporting this fun fundraiser!



Bunco Game Night !

with the Lisle Woman's Club



Wednesday, March 26

Check-in & pizza begin at 6:15 pm - Games start at 7:00 pm

**At BubbleHouse
2121 Ogden Avenue, Lisle**

\$25 per person

Includes night of bunco, one raffle ticket, pizza & sweets.
Cash bar available.



The MOST Fun-Fundraiser. Cash Prizes!

Limited Seating! Reserve Your Spot Today!

Reserve online with a cc:

www.eventsprout.com/event/lwc-spring-bunco-event

or reserve your spot by mail with a check and all participant contact info to:
LWC, c/o Karen Burris 5336 Westview Ln, Lisle 60532

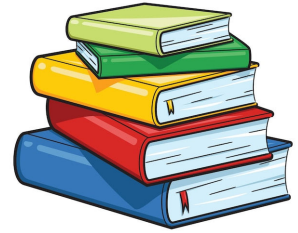


Questions: Barbara Akkeron (312) 914-2978
or lislewomansclub@gmail.com



Education & Libraries

BOOKS! YOU GOT'EM, WE WANT'EM



Three ways to give the books you want to part with a new purpose.

1. Please bring children's books to the meeting or contact Brenda for drop off information. We now have 6 locations to which we supply children's books.
2. Please bring adult books to the meeting. Until April 12, SAVER'S DAY, we will accept all adult books for donation to SAVERS. The club earns money on the total weight collected.
3. Please bring adult books to the meeting or contact Brenda for drop off information. We will once again be shipping books to Books 2 Prisons this spring and summer.

Luisa Buegler Chairman



Education & Libraries

The Lisle Library District (LLD) is pleased to collaborate with the Lisle Woman's Club in efforts to procure a new bench for the south vestibule of the library. As a founding body, the Woman's Club has a rich history of donating to the LLD. In 2008, the Woman's Club donated a beautiful bench that sits in the north vestibule.

The LLD has two sets of doors at each entrance: an exterior set, a small vestibule, and then another interior set of doors. The staff open the exterior set of doors each morning so that patrons can come in from bad/hot/cold weather and wait until the staff officially open the interior doors at 9:30AM.

This 2008 bench on the north side has served us well throughout the years – *and continues to do so!*

The LLD was fully renovated in 2023, adding the additional entrance on its south side. However, the south vestibule does not have any seating for patrons who may arrive early. Donating another bench for the south side of the building would be a wonderful gift. The LLD would affix a donation plaque (similar to the 2008 bench) indicating a Lisle Woman's Club donation.

Luisa Buehler Chairman





Board Approves New Standing Committee Philanthropy – High Impact

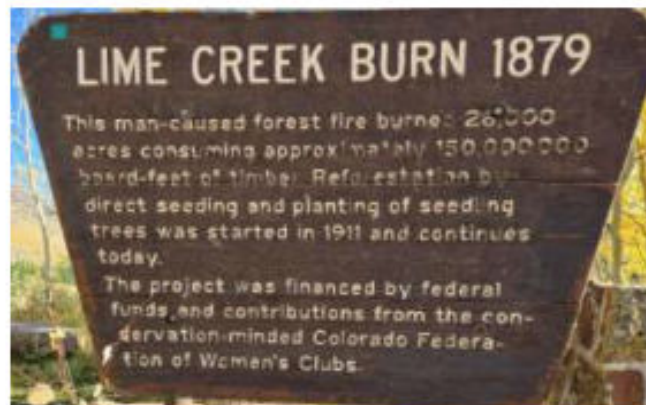
For some years I've contemplated how the Lisle Woman's Club might be encouraged to envision and implement larger-scale initiatives that fulfill GFWC's mission of "community improvement by enhancing the life of others through volunteer service." I've been inspired not only by our Club's origin story of starting the Lisle Library, but by other Clubs' accomplishments I observe in my travels – more on that below.

With the unanimous support of the Finance Committee, I proposed the addition of a new Standing Committee, "Philanthropy – High Impact," to the Board at our meeting February 26. I am pleased to report it was approved and will be staffed starting in the term that begins August 2025.

The committee will be comprised of the chair, the chair of Civic Engagement, the treasurer, and up to four other club members. The chair of Fundraising will serve ex-officio. The chair and the four members will serve staggered 4-year terms to offer continuity of leadership for projects that take time to bring to fruition.

Project ideas will be solicited from all club members. A two thirds majority vote will be required for the club to commit to a concept. The possibilities are endless! Let's dare to dream!

Cathy Cawiezel, Treasurer



- Left: The historical marker for the Dahlonega Mint, which operated from 1838 to 1861 during the Georgia Gold Rush, was donated by the Dahlonega Woman's Club on the centennial of the mint's starting operation.
- Above: The contributions made by the Colorado Federation of Woman's Clubs to assist in reforesting the 26,000 acres burned by a man-made forest fire in Durango, Colorado in 1879 are acknowledged on this historical marker.

Help End Period Poverty

LWC -Health & Wellness

Menstrual products are prohibitively expensive for millions of women worldwide. One in four American teens and one in three adults struggle to afford period products, especially teens of color and lower-income households. Our theme this year will be focusing on helping ease that burden by making donations to several organizations which support advocacy efforts to remove taxation on menstrual products and to increase access to those products.

We are collecting period products to donate to Hesed House in time for our March meeting. Members can drop off their filled bag to my (Yvonne Hammond's) door and to Kathleen Palia's door before March 1st. Hesed House is the second-largest homeless shelter in the State of Illinois, and the largest shelter outside of the city of Chicago. As the area's largest Comprehensive Homeless Resource Center, people receive support related to housing, support systems, life skills, legal issues, physical/emotional abuse, mental/physical health, and much more.

Below of is a list of what we are collecting:

- Tampons
- Sanitary napkins
- Bladder control pads
- Menstrual cups
- Panty liners
- Disposable period underwear



Members can pick and choose from this list what they want to add to the grocery-sized bag. Hesed House is requesting Tampons especially.

Thank you all for your help!



Civic Engagement and Outreach

Hi everybody,

It has been suggested that we go to Brookdale to help seniors decorate wreaths with spring flowers to put on the doors of their units. We have about a dozen wreaths, but we need some artificial flowers and ribbon. Please let me know if you think this is something you are interested in doing. We would need 3 or 4 people to help, and it would be during the day. Please let me know your thoughts.

Lucy Have a Great Day!

Fundraising

There have been various questions about the **Savers fundraising** activity, so I visited their new location to get a clearer vision of what they are accepting. I asked specifically about magazines, and I was told they do accept them. In addition, they accept:

Luggage

Jewelry

Small electric appliances (no dishwashers, refrigerators, etc.)

Lamps

Furniture (tables, chairs, etc.)

Bath room accessories (towels, shower curtains, towel racks)

Shoes

Games, puzzles, tricycles

Books

Albums

CD/DVD/VHS

Pots, pans, crockpots

Glassware, thermoses, Tupperware

Office supplies

Arts and Crafts supplies

Vases

Clothing, men's, women's and children's

Candles

Seasonal items

Baskets

Wooden sign

Figurines

Keep in mind that they have to be items in good condition and what you might buy. Books and magazines need to be boxed, clothing in bags. I have been asked about breakable items, and they will accept those and use your own discretion on how you wrap them to prevent breakage. We are still working on the details about a collection spot. Thank you.

Lorna Tuner



GFWC INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE UPDATE

By: Dianne Foerster, GFWC International Liaisons Committee Member

GFWC currently has 21 International Affiliate Clubs in fifteen countries, with over 3,200 members. The first international club originated in Bombay, India, around 1891, and a club in England began about the same time. Many of the clubs were started by women who were American citizens, whose families were relocated due to work or who wintered in these countries and held dual citizenship.

Did you know that a country roughly the size of Massachusetts is home to five GFWC clubs? Belize boasts three Women's Clubs and two Juniorette Clubs. The Belize City Women's Club, the Belmopan Women's Club, and our newest affiliate, the Sugar City Sistaz, proudly support the General Federation of Women's Clubs' mission in their part of the world. Additionally, we are fortunate to have two active Juniorette Clubs, Belize City Juniorettes and Suga City Juniorettes, where leadership skills are not only encouraged but actively demonstrated.

During the holidays, the Belize City Women's Club collected gifts for neighborhood children to ensure a joyous Christmas. They organized a party with Santa as a special guest. Leadership development is strongly emphasized and working. The club's president, Emily Carrillo, is a former Juniorette.

In March 2025, a group of GFWC members will visit Belize. The group will partner with the GFWC Belize clubs to deliver programs on mental health and healthy eating in schools, participate in service projects with the Juniorettes, and conduct an all-day workshop entitled "Celebration of Women" designed to uplift, encourage, and empower marginalized women in an impoverished community.

Brenda Hatch



LISLE 202
flower sale

The Flower Sale is now open!
DEADLINE TO ORDER: March 15, 2025
Order pickup day is Saturday, May 3, 2025

ORDER NOW

BEST SELLERS - 10" HANGING BASKETS



WAVE PETUNIAS **MILLION BELLS**

Your support helps Lisle High School students get scholarships from the Lisle HSO.

CPA Joanne Ehrhardt

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!**



BAKE SALE

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Friday, March 14, 2025

The district will be participating in a bake sale at the Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 located at 908 W Jackson in Naperville during their annual Fish Fry. 100% of the proceeds from the bake sale will be retained by the 5th/6th District and will be donated to Wreaths Across America (WAA). WAA is a non-profit whose primary activity is distributing wreaths for placement on veterans' graves in military cemeteries.

National Wreaths Across America Day in 2025 will be on Saturday, December 13. It is a day to honor veterans and their families. The event's mission is to "Remember, Honor, and Teach".

The Fish Fry takes place from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. We will have a table set up to showcase our desserts. The VFW serves about 300 people each week during their fish fries.

That is a lot of desserts, so start thinking about your favorite recipe.

Details will be discussed at the Winter Meeting on February 26, 2025, at the Lisle Library and in the March district newsletter.

There will be sign-up sheets at the Winter Meeting. We are anticipating needing about 30 members to sign up to bring desserts. And 8-10 members in total to work one of two shifts the night of the event.

It should be a fun time and a great way to promote GFWC.

Don't bake? – No worries -store bought treats are a favorite too.

Can't make it to drop off your items? - No worries there either – we've got you covered. We can meet somewhere on Thursday to do a pick-up: or on Friday the Naperville Woman's Club clubhouse will be open for drop-off from 10 am to 3 pm.

Any questions please contact: Nina Casey, Civic Engagement & Outreach Chair at nccasey1@comcast.net or at 214-763-9512.

