



# Potpourri

*GFWC Illinois Antioch Woman's Club Newsletter  
June 2017*

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## Upcoming Events

### June 16 Golf outing at Antioch Golf Club

18 holes Golf with lunch--\$55  
Dinner (catered by Eddie Bauer--\$45  
Both dinner and golf---\$95

For tickets call Jean Johnson or Peggy Kellen

### June 28 Thank You Luncheon at Lehmann Mansion

11:00 Social Hour 12:00 Lunch  
RSVP to Lynne Fletcher by June 15  
Check for \$25 made out to GFWC-IL AWC  
Craft workshops after lunch: Bring a flower pot to  
sponge paint with Jean Johnson, or sign up for  
framed flower design using Zentangle Doodling  
with Jean's daughter, Laura

### July 4 Antioch Parade

Volunteers needed! Contact Lynne Fletcher for info

### July 12 Picnic in the Park

Centennial Park in Antioch 11:00-3:00  
Bring a dish to pass; we will bring the chicken  
RSVP to Lynne Fletcher by July 1

The GFWC Illinois Antioch Woman's Club meets on  
the second Wednesday of every month from Sept-May  
at 11:30 AM at the

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
24300 W. Grass Lake Rd. Antioch, IL. 60002  
847-395-1660

June-July-August TBA



## President's Corner

*Lynne Fletcher*

Ladies, we have much to discuss. I'll touch on a few things here, more at the Thank You luncheon, and even more at the Fall luncheon.

Please read Cindy's article regarding convention. Great job capturing the flavor of the events.

- 1) We need volunteers for the 4th of July parade!
- 2) Grant writing. Does anyone have grant writing experience? Would anyone like to learn? Let me know and we can either learn from someone with experience or learn together as neophytes or both?!
- 3) Awards. Please attend the Thank You luncheon for award information.
- 4) I would like to discuss several new endeavors for the club such as Meals on Wheels, stopping Human Trafficking (a Unity project), April is PCA Month and there's more...

...that we can discuss over the course of the next several months.

Enjoy your summer and I hope to see you, if not at the Golf Outing then at the Thank You luncheon, ideally at both!

Light, love and Laughter,  
Lynne



## Membership/ Mentoring Program

*Karen Batterman*

Congratulations to the following members who celebrate milestone anniversaries in 2017.

- Betty Schroeder – 25 Years, joined in 1992
- Lorraine Oren – 10 Years, joined in 2007
- Jeannine Leonhart - 10 Years, joined in 2007

**Reminder:** If you have any changes to your contact information or if you want to change your membership status, please email me ([KarenBatterman@gmail.com](mailto:KarenBatterman@gmail.com)) by June 30 so we have accurate, current information for the 2017-2018 Membership Book. If you do not have email, please mail your changes to Karen Batterman, 442 Winsor Dr, Antioch IL 60002.

### 2016-2017 Membership Contest Results

Membership contest results are in! Congratulations to Carole Becker (new members/free dues) and Betty Chornoby (most guests/free lunch).

Special THANKS to the following members and a big WELCOME to the new members they sponsored:

1. Carole Becker & Debbie McCameron
2. Lu Belli & Diana Fox
3. Diana Fox & Patti Norton
4. Maureen Fremgen & Judy Melind
5. Susie Lancaster & Dianne Hosken
6. Mary Kay McNeill & Kathy LaBuda
7. Barbara Moore & Kris Moore
8. Anna Stornello & GiGi Shore

### Dues are due!

If you have not paid your 2017-18 dues please do so ASAP!

Mail to Carolyn Van Patten, 23578 W. Briar Terrace, Antioch, IL 60002

### Don't forget our golf outing on June 16!

This is the biggest fundraising event of the year--the bottom line is--our 2017-2018 budget is dependent on this event. Please consider attending and invite your friends and relatives to attend with you.



## Public Issues

*Sheila Eisen  
Maria Schwartz*

We expect several hundred people to attend the community-wide garage sale this summer. If you would like a booth, check with either Sheila Eisen or Maria Schwartz to see if there are any spaces available. Also, **please spread the word** to any of your bargain-hunting friends and/or relatives. We are planning on this being a yearly event and want to have an excellent start this year. Thanks! **Please see the flyer included in this newsletter.**



## Art Committee

*Judy Schieck*

A grateful thank you to every cookie baker that so generously donated time & energy for the Student Art Show in April.

Thank you everyone: your efforts are greatly appreciated. This goes double for the staff & the club members who were so helpful & generous with their time & energy. Thank You All! Without your assistance the show would not happen.



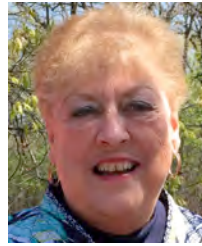
## Conservation

*Karen Noland*

My sincere thanks to the seven hard working gals who showed up on June 3rd to help me with our Adopt-A-

Highway cleanup. They are Sally Rodgers, Betty Chornoby, Ellen Hansen, Candy Luzar, Nancy Zitkus, Maureen Fremgen and Maria Schwartz. Great job, ladies!

Please mark your calendars for our next cleanup on Saturday, October 7, 2017. We need more participants to make it easier on all.



## Domestic Violence

*Nancy Morici  
Andrea Macek*

I spoke with A Safe Place. They are desperately in need of NEW bath towels; they are almost out and can't accept any new people until they have them.



They have not received state funding in over a year. They were promised \$500K in the new budget for this year and it never happened. Several shelters south have closed due to the cuts. They are trying to just keep their head above water, so they have had to cut some services and staff. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. They typically get 35 to 50 women with children in emergency every month for their 90 day program, and they house 40 women and 120 children in permanent housing until they transition to their own, which is usually a year or two.

Other items needed most are: NEW XL-Twin Sheet Sets & Pillows.

So if at anytime someone would like to donate over the summer, please just drop the items off at my office in town. Keep your receipt for your tax write off; just tell me the value for our club. Remember, these items must be NEW.

My office is located in my husband's Country Financial office at:

906 Hillside Avenue  
Antioch, IL 60002

Typically someone is here from 8:30 to 4:30 pm

Thank you,  
Andrea Macek

By the way, our donations to Safe Place totals were

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Items collected:               | 460       |
| Total In-Kind Donations Value: | \$1626.00 |
| Drop Off Slips                 | \$ 250.00 |
| AWC Total In-Kind Donations:   | \$1875.75 |



## Education Committee

Maureen Fremgen  
Mary Kay McNeill

### We Are in Good Hands

Our Club awarded scholarships to very bright, resourceful students from Antioch Community High School and Lakes Community High school. At the Antioch Community High School Senior Honors & Awards night, the following scholarships and awards were given out:

\*Antioch Woman's Club Scholarship (\$1,500) was awarded to Mallory Andre who plans to enroll at the University of Missouri-Columbia and major in Photojournalism.

\*Antioch Woman's Club Vocational Scholarship (\$1,000) was awarded to Amy Reiser who will be attending the Milwaukee School of Engineering majoring in Architectural Engineering.

\*Antioch Woman's Club Laura Walker Scholarship (\$1,000, only year for this scholarship) was awarded to Monica Breen who will be attending the College of Lake County to complete her General Ed. Requirements and transfer to a four year university to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education.

\*Antioch Woman's Club Jacquelyn E. Vos Scholarship (\$1,000, last year for this scholarship) was awarded to Karla Toman who will be attending Indiana Wesleyan University majoring in music education.

\*In addition, sophomore student, Tyler Crum, was awarded the Illinois Leadership Seminar to attend training in June.

\*Outstanding Senior Boy and Girl awards were given to Stanley Liu and Amy Reiser.

At Lakes Community High School *Honor's Night*, the following scholarships and awards were given out:

\*Antioch Woman's Club Scholarship (\$1,500) was awarded to Eric Swidler who will be attending Purdue University majoring in Computer Engineering.

\*Antioch Woman's Club Lillie Petty Scholarship was awarded to Brooke Kennedy who will be attending the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and majoring in education.

\*Lakes Outstanding Senior Eagles were awarded to Maddie Johnson and Emily Muller.

An excerpt taken from a thank you card written by our Vocational Education Scholarship winner: *...I will be continuing my education as a Freshman at Milwaukee School of Engineering. I will be studying Architectural Engineering and I plan on working with green energy and different energy conservation techniques in my future career. I will also be playing basketball on their division three basketball team. My goal is to get my masters degree in five years and thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal. By awarding me the Antioch Woman's Club Vocational Education Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me....Amy Reiser.*

Thank you Club Members. Enjoy your summer knowing we have helped inspire our future leaders!

## Card Ambassador

Norma Lucansky



As your Card Ambassador, it is my responsibility to send out cards expressing sympathy, get well wishes, etc. to club members who have lost a love one, had surgery, required hospitalization for an illness, are suffering an illness at home or just need a little tender loving care due to a difficult time they are having in their lives.

Because of the size of our membership, I have to depend on all of you to keep me informed when a member should be sent a card and for what reason. After receiving the information and a card was sent, I will let you know that it has been taken care of.

I would prefer receiving an email: [neluc@basta05.com](mailto:neluc@basta05.com); however, you can also tell me in person or call me at 847-395-7666. Donations of extra cards are always welcomed.

Thank you for your support!



## Book Club

Mary Kay MacNeill  
Barb Mitzel



Book Club will be meeting on September 28, the last Thursday of the month, at the Senior Center at 12:00 pm. Don't forget to bring a sack lunch.



## Guess what happened at convention?

Cindy Erexson

Lynne Fletcher, Mary Kay McNeill, Candy Luzar and Cindy Erexson attended the 122nd Annual GFWC Illinois Convention in Lisle, Illinois on May 18-20, 2017. GFWC Illinois State President, Phyllis Skubic's, theme, "Anchor Aweigh", was carried out throughout the convention. We certainly heard the words, "Ahoy Matey" and "Let's Set Sail" more than once throughout the course of the three days.

To paraphrase President Phyllis Skubic's words on Thursday, "At the state convention, we are all Federation sisters with the districts across the state of Illinois. We need to continue to create unity between the Generals' and the Juniors' clubs as we work together toward common goals for our community, as well as on state, national and international levels.

It's certainly true that sitting in the convention room with such great group of women from all across the state really helped us put our Antioch club in perspective. While we are the largest club in the state, AWC is just one club of 12 clubs in the 10<sup>th</sup> District. There are 25 districts in the state of Illinois consisting of about 200 clubs and almost 6000 members.

Thursday's meeting included bylaw amendments and let me tell you ladies; they are thorough! For example: Strike 'and' and insert a comma (,) and insert, after addresses, a comma (,), phone numbers and email addresses. Yes, we voted on changing a comma. These meetings can get quite tedious, but details matter!

It is great to be assigned tables with members from different districts to find out what they are doing in their clubs and to get to know them. Trivia nights seem to be quite popular fundraisers. Maybe we could change up Game Day? The Palos Park Woman's Club from District 3 sold signature spots on a quilt, which won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Arts Show. Tenth District's, "A Starry Night" painted a pig that was decorated for the Pennies for Art contest, won 1<sup>st</sup> place, and was at the front of the Piggy Parade through the lunch tables. Cindy Erexson's Giraffe sculpture won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Lynne Fletcher can finally have her Christmas present!



## Fundraising

### June 16--Dinner and/or golf

18 holes Golf with lunch--\$55

Dinner (catered by Eddie Bauer)--\$45

Both dinner and golf--\$95

Also: silent auction and raffle



Our Fundraising Committee needs your support!

Spread the word to your neighbors and friends that you DO NOT have to be a golfer to come and enjoy our Silent Auction and Catered Dinner by Eddie Bauer at 5:30 pm!

For tickets call Jean Johnson 847-546-8766 or Peggy Kellen 847-395-5214



Friday morning's meeting included a review of resolutions that the GFWC Federation supports-- legislation pertaining to work done on a national level on topics such as Quality Nursing Home and Long Term Care, Child Foster Care, Gun Control, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency and Traumatic Brain Injury Prevention, and Human Trafficking. The theme for the Junior's meeting held on Friday afternoon was "Designing Better Lives." GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs, Jolie Frankfurth, spoke after lunch and emphasized planning with purposeful action, recruiting and attracting new people to help with our philanthropic causes, and remembering to take time to celebrate our achievements and accomplishments.

\Friday afternoon a workshop was held to assemble packages for the T-shirt Project for Homeless Veterans. Thanks to everyone who contributed donations for this project – 195 t-shirts, 65 body washes, 63 disposable razors among other items.

Friday night, all members from 10<sup>th</sup> District enjoyed a delicious dinner together at Maggiano's Restaurant. This was another opportunity to share and exchange ideas.

Saturday's session included a talk about grant writing as a means of generating income for our organization. Resources and information regarding grant writing were distributed. Two speakers discussed the work being done concerning human trafficking challenges in the state of Illinois. Two Juniorette clubs--Plainfield Junioresettes and Naperville Junioresettes--were added to the GFWC Federation. It was great to hear about the Children's Research Foundation and the work being done at Easter Seals.

I've been here three days and have thoroughly enjoyed exchanging ideas and making new friends, but I am totally tired of sitting in a chair for hours on end and have eaten way too much chicken! Now it's just old to hear them tooting their own horns and talking about how everything we do is important....blah, blah, blah. Hey, what a minute. It is important! We are important!

One of my favorite quotes that Phyllis shared:

"Individually, we are a drop. Together, we are an ocean."

PS. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication. We certainly need new and inventive ideas for new projects and fundraisers. If we want to keep our club vibrant and relevant, we need the support and cooperation of every member. I guess you'd like to know which awards we won this year.... See you at the Thank You Luncheon!

## Benefits of Belonging

Nearly 100,000 members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs are united in their dedication to volunteer community service. While diverse in age, interests, and experiences, all clubwomen are united by a desire to create positive change in their communities.

With roots in local communities and branches around the world, GFWC members enjoy opportunities to learn from and share with one other at district, State, Region, and international meetings, seminars, and conventions. Operating under the broad umbrella of community service, GFWC clubs are able to assess the needs of their individual communities, consider the abilities and interests of their members, and focus their projects and programs in areas that satisfy the needs of both. Program guidelines, materials, and resources provided by GFWC and State Federations assist clubs in serving the needs of their communities effectively and efficiently

## Belonging to a GFWC club provides the opportunity to:

- Contribute to the quality of life in your neighborhood and community
- Gain a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction in doing good
- Participate in interesting, informative, and inspiring programs
- Explore and sharpen skills that can lead to professional advancement
- Expand your network of contacts— professional and personal
- Build lifelong friendships
- Have fun!



## Let's Have a Picnic!

July 12<sup>th</sup>  
11:00-3:00  
Centennial Park  
601 Anita Street  
Antioch

### Join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship!

Bring your own beverage and a dish to pass.  
We will bring the fried chicken.

Please let **Lynne Fletcher** know by July 1  
if you are planning to attend  
[mrsf22898@aol.com](mailto:mrsf22898@aol.com)  
or 847-838-6460.



Antioch Woman's Club presents a



To benefit OPEN ARMS MISSION FOOD PANTRY

AUGUST 5, 2017 Saturday 8AM -2PM

WILLIAMS PARK (just east of Antioch Public Library)

\$20 donation for a 10x10 space in the pavilions

Vendors keep all profits

For more information, or to reserve your space thru PayPal

Please email: [antiochcommunitysale@gmail.com](mailto:antiochcommunitysale@gmail.com)

or

Send a donation check to:

"Open Arms Mission" c/o Antioch Woman's Community-wide Sale  
PO Box 282, Antioch, Illinois 60002

Donation bins will be available for non-perishable food, paper products and cash contributions for OPEN ARMS MISSION

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