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DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS

GFWC FLORIDA FEDERATION OF
WOMEN'S CLUBS
123RD ANNUAL CONVENTION
MAY 4-7, 2018
ROSEN PLAZA, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

GFWC *Florida*

Fiesta



Sheryl Molter, State Meetings Chairman
Candi Aubin, Assistant State Meetings Chairman
Hostesses

Saturday, May 5, Lunch, Districts 3 & 5
Saturday, May 5, Dinner, District 4
Sunday, May 6, Lunch, Juniors
Sunday, May 6, Dinner, District 14

Hello my friends,

We are excited to “Call” you to the 2018 GFWC Spring Convention on the weekend of May 4-7 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando. It will be “out with the old and in with the new” as we wrap up the 2016-2018 administration and install the 2018-2020 Executive Committee and Board of Directors. It is an exciting time!

Our theme for the weekend will be “**GFWC Florida Fiesta**” and will be centered around Cinco de Mayo (May 5th). Be colorful, be creative, have fun and help us celebrate all that you have accomplished this past year.

Hacienda Girls Ranch has asked that we provide a few supplies for Our Girls, so check out the list. Laura Zamjahn, Residential Manager, Hacienda Girls Ranch, will be our guest speaker on Saturday night and will bring us information on the impact our work at HGR has had on the girls these past two years. I can’t thank you enough for all you have done for this President’s Project.

We will recognize our LEADS graduates and Volunteers of the Year and choose the outstanding District Directors and Junior Directors. Awards, awards and awards will be given throughout the weekend and the Lois B. Perkins Leadership Achievement Award club will be announced; you won’t want to miss all the excitement.

As we come to the close of this two-year administration, I can't tell you how much each of you means to me. What an honor it has been to travel throughout Florida and be with so many of you at Annual District Meetings or at your special events. I will have wonderful memories for a long, long time.

I particularly want to thank those women who served on the Board of Directors for 2016-2018: club presidents, district directors, chairmen/committee members, past state presidents, and, especially, that wacky, wonderful, fun bunch I call the GFWC Florida Executive Committee. Thank you for being there for all of 2016-2018!!!

I can’t wait to see all of you at the GFWC Florida 2018 Spring Convention!
Living the volunteer spirit with you,

Mary C. Powell

President, GFWC Florida



GFWC Florida,

It’s time to finish up one administration and get re-energized for the next one. I know exciting things are coming up from our new leaders. This Convention is our time to celebrate all we have accomplished together before we begin a new chapter in GFWC Florida history.

Guardian ad Litem and I thank you for your support of the Director’s Project. But you are not done yet. Check out the “What to Bring” section for our last donation to Guardian ad Litem which includes small rolling suitcases and backpacks along with a journal. The sad reality is these children move from home to home many times and they carry what little belongings they have in trash bags. A journal also gives them a place to express their feelings and thoughts when they may have no one they can trust other than their guardian.

Take a few moments to review the tentative schedule in the call to Convention. You won’t want to miss the awards that will be given throughout the weekend.

Some of the junior highlights include:

- Junior Business Session - election of your 2018-2020 Junior Executive Committee
- Awards, awards and more awards
- Looking Ahead to 2018-2020 with Sharon and Shannon
- “District Dueling Desperadoes” Fun Night – Come do Cinco de Mayo with us in a district battle with themed games and music to celebrate the occasion. And yes, there will be prizes.
- “Angels Without Wings” luncheon - with awards AND the installation of your 2018-2020 Junior Executive Committee!

Also, don’t forget to bring a basket for junior fundraising! The theme is “Federation Fiesta” and can be interpreted however you wish. Your support over this administration of our Junior Special Program has been much appreciated.

Grab your sombreros and head for the border in May for the Fiesta!

Kelly Holmes

GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs

Thursday, May 3, 2018

3:00 pm GFWC FL Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, May 4, 2018

2:30-5:30 pm Arts & Crafts Registration
Registration/Meals Open
Vendor Tables Open
President's Project Table Open
Headquarters Table Open

3:00-4:00 pm Junior Executive Committee Meeting

4:00-4:45 pm Chairmen & Committee Member Meeting
District Directors Meeting
President's Project Committee Meeting
Elections Committee Meeting with Woman's Club Candidates

5:00-5:30 pm Reception for EC, JEC, GFWC/GFWC Florida Past Presidents, Past Directors of Junior Clubs, LEADS Graduates, VOY & CMS Candidates (Invitation Only)

5:30-8:00 pm Dinner On Your Own

6:00-7:45 pm Dinner Honoring EC, JEC, GFWC/GFWC Florida Past Presidents, Past Directors of Junior Clubs (Invitation Only)

6:00-8:00 pm JPC Dinner/Meeting (off-site)

8:15-10:00 pm Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting
New Clubs/Resignations, Brianna Schroeder, Juniorette Director, Ratification of 2018-2020 District Directors/Junior District Directors
Junior & Woman's Clubs Community Service Program Awards

10:15-11:45 pm Junior Suite Open House

Saturday, May 5, 2018

7:30-9:30 am Registration/Meals Open

8:00-8:45 am First Time Attendees Workshop

8:00-10:00 am Arts & Crafts Registration

8:00 am-5:00 pm Vendor Tables Open
President's Project Table Open
Headquarters Table Open

8:15-9:00 am ESO Breakfast/Awards (Members Only)

8:30-9:45 am Junior Business Session (Voting Members MUST BE Registered by 8:15 am)
Director's Project Awards, Honor Score

9:45 am-5:00 pm Junior Fundraising Table Open

9:00-10:00 am Juniorette Advisor Meeting

9:00-9:45 am Parliamentary Workshop

10:00-Noon Arts & Crafts Judging

10:00-Noon Opening Business Session
2018-2020 Candidate Presentations
Club Anniversaries, CIP Awards
Junior & Woman's Club Membership Awards
Joyce Johnston Junior Membership Increase Award, Judy Lutz Federation Interaction Award, Teddy Hulse Jr./Jr. Interaction Award

10:00 am-2:00 pm Juniorette Planning Committee Meeting

10:00 am-4:00 pm Internet Café (Closed for Lunch)

11:00 am-4:00 pm Registration/Meals Open

12:15-2:00pm **"Cinco de Mayo" Luncheon**
*2018 LEADS Graduates (Reserved)
*2017 Volunteer of the Year Nominees (Special)
Arts & Crafts Awards, Scholarship Awards, Jennie June Education Scholarship, 2017
*Charlotte Meeds Smith Nominees (Special)

12:45-3:30 pm Polls Open for Voting

2:00-2:45 pm Past GFWC Florida President's Club Meeting
*Reserved/Special Seating

Saturday, May 5, 2018 (continued)

2:00-5:00 pm Arts & Crafts Viewing

3:00-3:45 pm Looking Ahead to 2018-2020

4:00-5:00 pm Business Session/Joint Awards
Legislation & Public Policy
Newsletter/Yearbook/Website,
Communications & PR,
Gail Hill Smith Marketing, Domestic Violence, Programs Awards

5:00-5:30 pm Arts & Crafts Pickup

5:30-6:00 pm Reception Honoring EC, JEC, GFWC/GFWC Florida Past Presidents, Past Directors of Junior Clubs, Charities & President's Project Chairmen (Invitation Only)

5:30-6:15 pm Social (Cash Bar) Ballroom

6:15pm Processional Forms
EC, JEC, Past GFWC/GFWC Florida Presidents & Directors of Junior Clubs, District Directors & Junior District Directors

6:30 pm **"GFWC Florida Fiesta" Banquet**
(Cocktail Attire)
Unity in Diversity Award, Outstanding DD & Ginny Winsemann JDD Award
Outstanding Chairman Award
Guest Speaker, Laura Zamjahn,
Residential Manager HGR
Charity Donations

Immediately Following "Dueling District Desperadoes" Fun Night**Sunday, May 6, 2018**

8:00-9:00 am Meditation

8:00 am-5:00 pm Vendors Open for Shopping

9:00-10:00 am Registration/Meals Open

9:30-11:15 am Business/Joint Awards Session
Leadership, Fundraising, Nancy Crawford Leadership, Youth Leadership Awards
Election Results

11:45 am-1:30 pm **"Angels Without Wings" Junior Luncheon**
Guardian ad Litem presentation
One Voice for Children Club Awards & Grants,
Mary Ann Taylor Award, Outstanding Junior Chairman Award, Emmy Awards
Mary Clark Award
Installation 2018-2020 GFWC Florida JEC

2:00-3:00 pm 2018-2020 Junior Planning Committee Mtg.

3:00-4:00 pm Registration/Meals Open

4:00-5:00 pm Installation Rehearsal

5:45-6:30 pm Reception for 2018-2020 GFWC Florida Executive Committee & Guests (Invitation Only)

5:45-6:30 pm Social (Cash Bar) Ballroom

6:45 pm Processional Forms, 2016-2018 EC, JEC

7:00 pm **"Smiles Make the World Go Round" Installation Banquet** (Formal attire)
Lois B. Perkins Leadership Achievement Awards
Installation of 2018-2020 GFWC Florida Executive Committee
Closing Business Session
Adjournment Sine Die

Monday, May 7, 2018

8:00-8:45 am Registration for 2018-2020 Board of Directors

9:00-11:00 am Breakfast & Post Convention Board of Directors Meeting



Laura Zamjahn was born and raised in a suburb of New Orleans, Louisiana where she graduated from St. Mary's Dominican High School, received her BA in Psychology from Louisiana State University and her Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of New Orleans. She worked as a Counselor, Program Director and eventually the Executive Director of Grace House of LA over an 8 year span. In 2003, she moved to Florida where she worked as a High School Guidance Counselor at Florida Air Academy, a Community Counselor with Ramsay Counseling Center and then joined Hacienda Girls Ranch in 2007. While at Hacienda, Laura has served in the capacity of a Counselor, Program Supervisor and for the last 9 years, the Residential Program Manager. When not working, she can be found at either of her girls' school, actively involved in their extra-curricular activities.

What to Bring and What to Wear

"Hacienda Girls Ranch"

Needs: Family Size shampoo, conditioner, body wash and deodorant, Regular and Super tampons with plastic applicators and Regular and Super "thin" pads.

Bedding: "New" twin sheet sets, comforters and pillows.

GIFT CARDS: Suggestions would be varying increments of \$10 to \$25, to Walmart, Publix, fast food restaurants, Applebee's, Chili's, Ross, Charlotte Russe, Bath and Body Works, etc.

What to Wear:

Friday: Casual/Club Shirts

Saturday Day: Business Casual

Saturday Evening: Cocktail/Dressy Dress

Sunday: Meditation/Church Attire

Sunday Day: Business Attire

Sunday Evening: Formal

Monday: Casual/Travel Attire

- **Junior Fundraising Basket.** The Theme is Federation Fiesta and you can interpret this however you wish.

-**Guardian ad Litem donations**

- Small rolling suitcases or good quality backpacks for transporting the children's belonging from home to home. They can be plain, or kid themed for any age or gender.
- Journal in the suitcase or backpack for the children to write in. Children often have no one they can trust other than their guardian and this gives them an outlet to express themselves.

DEADLINE FOR MEALS/CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS **APRIL 13, 2018**

Registration fee is \$45 for each member attending if postmarked by **APRIL 13, 2018**.

If postmarked after 4/13/18, registration fee will be \$55 with no meals available.

On-site Registration is \$55, with no meals available.



MEAL COSTS

Saturday, May 5	ESO Breakfast (Members Only)	\$27.00
Saturday, May 5	"Cinco de Mayo" Luncheon	\$42.00
Saturday, May 5	"GFWC Florida Fiesta" Dinner	\$51.00
Sunday, May 6	"Angels Without Wings" Junior Luncheon	\$38.00
Sunday, May 6	"Smiles Make the World Go Round" Installation Banquet	\$52.00
Monday, May 7	Post Convention Board of Directors Breakfast	\$32.00

NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 13, 2018

Mail Registration/Meals Form and payment to:

Dara Bergdoll, Registration/Meals Chairman

17650 N.E. 60th Street

Williston, FL 32696

Cell: (352) 843-3008

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**Make checks payable to:
GFWC FLORIDA**



- Visit gfwcflorida.org and click **MALL** tab to order meals on line using PayPal/Credit Card. No PayPal account is needed to use a credit card. You go to PayPal and choose pay by credit card. Please remember to check items in your shopping cart and remove those you do not want.

☛ For our members' financial safety, **ONLY** personal/club check will be accepted via **USPS** for Registration/Meals payments.

☛ For credit card and/or PayPal payments, please visit "**MALL**" tab on www.gfwcflorida.org.

NOTE: Registration Form must still be emailed or mailed to Dara Bergdoll, regardless of payment option.

Rosen Plaza

**9700 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819**

Room Rates:

\$165.00/night for single or double;

Each additional:

\$20 per person

Plus applicable taxes.

Deadline for group rate is:

"Thursday, April 12, 2018"

Please make sure to indicate you are with:

"GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs"

when making reservations.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

To make hotel reservations directly with the Rosen Plaza call:

(407) 996-9700 or Toll Free (800) 627-8258

OR

To make your reservation online, copy & paste this Link ↓ to your browser.

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OR

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Otherwise \$13 per day**