



DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER

“SHINE YOUR LIGHT ON OTHERS THROUGH GFWC”

NEW GFWC MO 9TH DISTRICT OFFICERS

GFWC District 9 officers were announced for the 2016-2018 bienneum. From left - Joan Duncan, President; Geneva Melcher, Treasurer; Sue Koch, Corresponding Secretary; Amy Boone, Recording Secretary; Anne Hutson, Second Vice President. Judy Gustafson will serve as Parliamentary Advisor and Jeanette Heavin (who was unable to attend) will serve as First Vice President.



Club representatives reported on their activities over the past year.

DISTRICT 9 SOPHOMORE PILGRIMAGE CREATES MEMORIES

Another great year for 35 sophomore students in the 9th District area who attended the 82nd Pilgrimage to Jefferson City, April 11 and 12. Students and chaperones arose early to board the tour bus starting in Kennett and traveling north through Festus where the last student boarded. Students enjoyed a lunch at Westminster College, toured the Churchill Museum and the Missouri Highway Patrol Museum. They shared dinner with their local state representatives at the Capitol, followed by a trip for ice cream before returning to the hotel. The next day the students toured the Capitol, Governor’s Mansion and Supreme Court followed by lunch with 150 more students from across the state as they listened to several speakers from State Offices. A special thank you to our clubs who sponsored students and to the chaperones led by Anita Jo Brogden from the GFWC Adelphian Civic Club and those from the GFWC Woman’s Club of Ste. Genevieve.



Delicious food was provided for members and guests attending the convention.



Author Maija Devine, keynote speaker, presented her book, [The Voices of Heaven](#).

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STATE CONVENTION

JEFFERSON CITY

May 12 - 14

GFWC of Missouri

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GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Baltimore, MD

June 26-29

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MVR CONFERENCE

Excelsior Springs, MO

September 22-25

SPRING DISTRICT 9 CONVENTION

The Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve rolled out the welcome mat for 76 members and 3 guests decked out in black and gold at the beautiful Audubon's Restaurant on April 2. Members who registered early for the convention received \$5 in Fleur de Lis bucks from the Welcome Center to spend in stores and restaurants in Ste. Genevieve. They had the honor of 3 GFWC MO state officers in attendance: Janet Ryan, President-Elect, Pat Mertens, Vice President; and Judy Gustafson, Corresponding Secretary and President of 9th District. Author Maija Devine gave a lively presentation on her childhood in Korea and her book, The Voices of Heaven. Members were able to purchase an autographed copy of her book. Entertainment was provided during lunch by local musician and singer, Gene Operle.

Our generous members raised \$175 for Shot@Life by bidding on the creative baskets donated by district clubs for the Silent Auction. A lovely framed antique quilt and a quilted teddy bear, donated by the Cape Girardeau Scope Club, raised \$176 for Missouri Girls Town. The Dollar table netted almost \$100 for the local food pantry.

Thirteen club presidents/representatives gave reports on their club's activities for the past year. Many District 9 clubs were presented certificates for GFWC MO state



District 9 Woman of the Year 2016 award presented to Pat Mertens. Sue Koch received Honorable Mention.

awards including Honor Roll Reports with lots of volunteer hours. The 2016 Woman of the Year Award for District 9 was presented to Pat Mertens, GFWC Mina Sauk Club, for her extraordinary service to her club, GFWC MO and her community. Sue Koch, Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve, received an honorable mention for her service to GFWC. Lots of lovely attendance prizes were won by attendees. A guest, Marsha Cale, enjoyed our convention so much that she became a club member before leaving. Judy Gustafson closed the convention donating a "Shine the Light on Others Through GFWC" lantern to the lucky winner, Georgia Honermann.

Thank you to District 9 officers and members for your last two years of dedication and service to GFWC and to your communities. It has been a privilege and honor to get to know you and to serve as your district president. I am excited to see what each club will do in the next two years as Joan Duncan becomes your new District 9 president. May the rest of 2016 bring you the best health, great memories and many more friendships through GFWC. *Judy Gustafson*

NEW MEMBERS FOR DISTRICT 9

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF STE. GENEVIEVE: Gail Beyatte, Marsha Cale, Sandy Flippo, Konnie Lea, Carol McDonald, Judy Schilly, Allyson Schnieder, Jeanne Tucker and Shawna Womack.

GFWC MINA SAUK CLUB (Ironton): Vicki Branstetter, Tiffany Hickman, Holly Martin Huffman and Lucretia Whited.

At right: 2016 District 9 Sophomore students in front of the Supreme Court with the Capitol building in the background for the 82nd GFWC Sophomore Pilgrimage.

