

GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
REPORTING/STATISTICAL FORM
January 1 through December 31

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Club Name GFWC - In Morris Woman's Club District 17

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Number of Members (Per the current GFWC Illinois Yearbook) 37 pd member comcast.net

SPECIAL PROJECTS	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Included?
GFWC Signature Project:						
Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention						
Community Service Projects						
GFWC Illinois Special Projects:						
Our Promise / Advoates for Children						
Community Service Projects						
Partnership Projects						
Prevent Child Abuse-America/Illinois	1	5	4		\$100.00	yes
St. Jude Children's Research Hosp						
March of Dimes						
TOTAL GFWC IL SPECIAL PROJECTS	1	5	4		\$100.00	yes

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Included?
ARTS						
Community Service Projects	1	11	96.0	\$75	\$75	yes
Partnership Projects						
N/A at this time						
Total Arts	1	11.0	96.0	75.00	\$0.00	75.00 \$0.00 yes
CONSERVATION						
Community Service Projects	6	37	60.5	\$186	\$9	yes
Partnership Projects						
The Nature Generation						
Total Conservation	6	37	60.5	\$186	\$0.00	\$9 \$0.00 yes
EDUCATION						
Community Service Projects	12	37	353.5	595	793	yes
Partnership Projects:						
Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership						
Illinois Leadership Seminar	1	1	3	250.00	-	yes
Total Education	13	38	358.5	845	\$0.00	793 \$0.00 yes
EPSILON SIGMA	Chairman			# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	# Books Read
OMICRON (ESO)	1 member attained Century level (100 books)			1	12	100

* Some of the same members participated in multiple projects.

Club Name GFWC-IL Morris Woman's Club

District 12

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Included?
HOME LIFE <i>Includes Domestic Violence work</i>						
Community Service Projects	15	24	981.25	\$1079.68	301.00	yes
Partnership Projects						
Canine Companions						
Easterseals						
Total Home Life	15	24	981.25	\$1079.68	301.00	yes
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH						
Community Service Projects	3	15	30	0	400	yes
Partnership Projects						
Heifer International						
Operation Smile International						
UN Foundation-Shot@Life						
U.S. Fund for UNICEF						
Total International	3	15	30	0	400	yes
PUBLIC ISSUES						
Community Service Projects	3	28	84	-	600	yes
Partnership Projects						
Sew Much Comfort						
USO	1	16	277	412	100	yes
Total Public Issues	4	37	361	412	700	

GFWC ADVANCEMENTS	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Spent	Narrative Included?
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS					
LEADERSHIP	12	101	210	\$491	yes
LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY					
MEMBERSHIP	12	37	212	\$448	yes

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Raised	Narrative Included?
Club Fundraisers	4	37	100	\$2289	yes
GFWC Endorsed Fundraisers:					
Flower Power	1	6	3	\$257	N
Terri Lynn Foods					
Total Fundraising	5	37	103	2546	

WOMEN'S HISTORY & RESOURCE CENTER (WHRC)	# of Projects	# of Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Included?

* Combined and interconnected

ARTS

GFWC-Illinois Morris Woman's Club

District 12

1 project, \$75 donation, 96 hours, 11 members participating

This year the club members brought art to the local Assisted Living community, Narvick House. Each month several members brought a craft to do with the residents. We began the month of January, doing one craft per month (with the exception of June due to a scheduling conflict at the Narvick House).

In January we did a snowman craft at the Narvick House. The residents loved having our members come and craft. Snacks and refreshments were served. Five Woman's Club member participated and 17 residents from the Narvick House created the craft. The total number of service hours was 7.5. Donations for the craft came to \$15.

In February the craft at completed at the Narvick House was a Valentine's Day project. The members had a wonderful and fun time crafting and getting to know the residents. Snacks and refreshments were served. 5 members facilitated the craft and 18 residents participated. The total number of service hours completed was 7.5 hours.

The craft completed at the Narvick House in March was a pot of gold painting and Easter chalk craft. The residents painted pots of gold with rainbows shooting from the pots. There was also time to created chalk pictures of bunnies for an Easter project. After the project, refreshments were served. 4 members facilitated the craft and 12 residents participated in the craft. The total number of service hours was 6.

In April, we made a May basket craft at the Narvick House. The residents made paper baskets and filled them with popcorn and paper vases filled with flowers. They were so excited to leave them at their friends and family's doors on May Day. After the project, residents snacked on leftover popcorn. 5 members volunteered their time and 19 residents created the craft. Three guests at the Narvick House also crafted. The total number of service hours was 11.

The craft completed in ^{June}~~May~~ was a vase of poppies at the Narvick House. The vases were made to commemorate Memorial Day and were made of tissue paper. After the craft, the residents made cards for service men and women. The residents were looking forward to warm weather and the summer months! After the project, refreshments were served. 5 members volunteered their time and 18 residents completed the craft. The total number of service hours was 8.

In July we created a 4th of July wreath at the Narvick House. The wreaths were made of red, white and blue fabric. The residents were so excited to hang their wreaths on their doors. After the project, refreshments were served. 4 members facilitated the craft and 17 residents participated in crafting. The number of service hours completed were 7.

The projected completed at the Narvick House in August was a cornhole game. This project was by far the favorite of the year! Residents painted the cornhole games and then made bean bags to accompany the game. Residents could then play the game with their friends and family. After the project, refreshments were served. 7 members volunteered their time and 20 residents participated in the craft. 20 service hours were logged for this project.

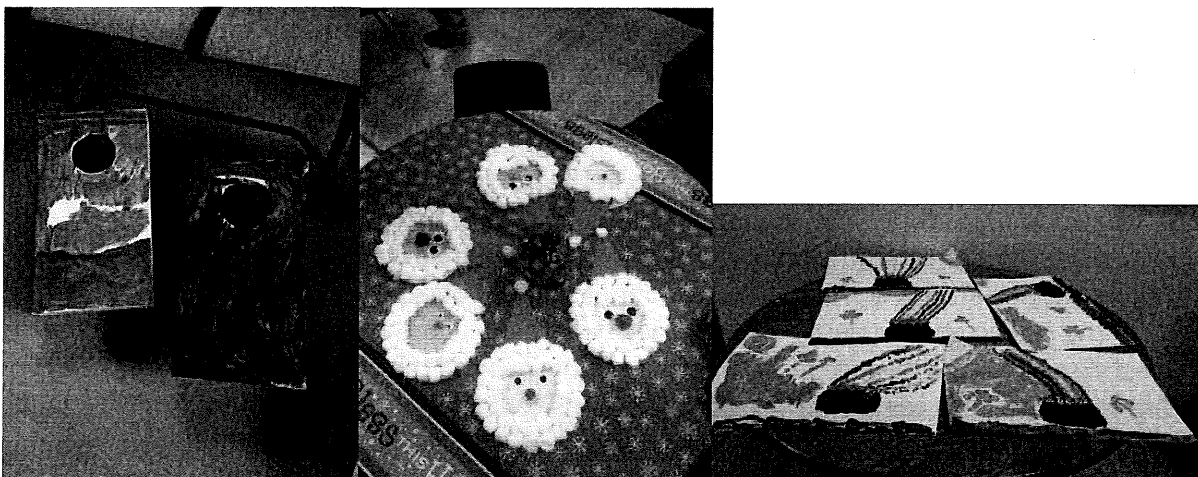
For the month of September we created a scarecrow craft at the Narvick House. The scarecrow was made of popsicle sticks, felt and construction paper. The residents were excited to talk to our members about the local Corn Festival taking place in town. After the project was completed, fruit and water were served. 5 members facilitated the craft and 16 residents participated in the activity. The total number of service hours completed was 7. Donations for the craft came to \$10.

For the month of October, we created a craft of a mummy jar at the Narvick House. The mummy jar was created with a mason jar and crepe paper. The residents had a wonderful time crafting and were excited about Halloween. After the craft rice treats and water were served. 4 members assisted with the project and 15 residents crafted. 10 total service hours were logged. Donations for the craft came to \$35.

In November we crafted gratitude turkeys for our craft at the Narvick House. We made a paper plate turkey that was painted and feathers were added. On the feathers, we wrote things we were grateful for. All of the residents were excited to see their friends and families during Thanksgiving and were looking forward to great food and desserts. After the craft, refreshments were served. 5 members helped with this craft and 14 members created the turkeys. 7 total service hours were logged. Donations for the craft came to \$5.

December's craft at the Narvick House was a Santa plate. The plate was constructed with cotton balls, red construction paper and googly eyes. The residents had a great time talking about their holiday plans and were looking forward to spending time with their friends and family. After the craft was completed, popcorn and water was served. 6 members volunteered their time for the craft and 13 residents participated. A total of 5 service hours were logged. Donations for the craft came to \$10.

We had such a successful year volunteering at the Narvick House and will continue to serve in 2017. On average, we had 5-7 members volunteering their time to craft with 13-20 residents participating in the crafts. As noted, snacks and refreshments were served at the end of year craft for the residents to enjoy. New friendships have been made and fellowship was enjoyed by all!



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GFWC Illinois Morris Woman's Club/12th District

Number of Members - 28

Projects – 6, In Kind donated - \$9, Donated – \$186, Members -28, Hours 60.5

Stamps – Club members donated U.S & foreign stamps and postcards from their daily mail for the Audobon Society. The stamps need to be trimmed before sending to The Society where they sort and sell stamps to raise funds for land acquisition to protect habitats in Illinois.

14 Members; 3.5 hrs; Donated \$6.00; In-kind-0

Landscaping – There are 2 flower gardens that are taken care of through the year

Chapin Park – This is a larger garden area that also has a sign “decorated by The Morris Woman's Club. Through the year, it has been kept watered and weed-free. In the spring, annuals and perennials were planted for continued blooms. After the Frost, fall clean-up consisted of clearing annuals and adding more mulch to protect the perennials through the winter. Perennials added this year were lilies. Decorations were added per season.

4 Members; 35 hrs; Donated \$72; In kind-0

Firehouse Planter – This is a smaller garden that is across from the firehouse. Through the year it has been watered and weed-free. Springtime means planting annuals and a few perennials and adding mulch. After the frost, annuals were cleared and extra mulch added. Perennials were lilies. Decorations were added through the year to celebrate the holidays.

3 Members; 10 hrs; Donated \$45 In kind-0

County Animal Shelter – The club donated food, litter and towels. Our county Animal Shelter houses cats and kittens which are held for people to adopt. A member called and asked what is needed for the animals. An email was sent out to all members asking for items to be brought to a meeting. Items collected were new & used towels, cat litter and food. Due to time constraint, did not receive a big amount.

4 Members; 1.5 hrs; Donated \$31 In kind-\$2

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Number of Members -

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Butterfly Christmas Tree – The members of The Historical Society buy trees for the Annual Festival of Trees held during the Home for the Holidays Housewalk. Society members and different organizations decorate the trees for a silent auction for the public to bid on. This year our members decorated the tree using lights, garland and silk butterflies. There was an information sheet by the tree describing what plants are needed for monarch butterflies and how their migration stops are being destroyed. The person placed a winning bid of \$95.00. This money will be used by The Historical Society to support the museum where the public can visit and see historical items in our county and purchase blankets, postcards, small pictures that depict our area.

3 Members; 11 hrs; Donated \$32; In kind -\$7

Conservation Pledge – Our club recited the Conservation Pledge at the end of each meeting. At times, our guest speakers stay until the end of our meetings. The pledge shows our commitment to the natural resources.

28 Members; 30min Donated \$0; In kind -\$0

EDUCATION REPORT 1/1/16-12/31/16
GFWC-IL Morris Woman's Club/12th District
12 projects, \$845 cost, 353.5 hours, 37 members

January—The 2015 Speech Scholarship winner – Janelle Gaska and Samantha Cailey the 2015 ILS recipient spoke on the impact of their enrichment experiences. Janelle gave her contest speech. She had won many awards during the 2015-2016 school year in speech contests. **15 members, 15 hours, no cost or donation**

January—A photography workshop was offered by Sarah Peterson, owner of Dutch Girl Photography. The emphasis was on tips and tricks for digital photograph but also gave advice on phone photography. **22 members, 13 volunteer hours, \$45 donation**

February—Madi Mayberry from Morris Community High School (MCHS) was selected to attend the Illinois Leadership Seminar. As years past, the guidance counselors at MCHS make the selection based upon academic and extra-curricular activities, leadership experience and potential leadership skills. It is easier for the counselors to assess a student's potential and commitment due to proximity. The fee for the commitment is paid for by the club. The chairman is able to take care of this commitment. **3 volunteer hours were spent. \$250.**

February—Kayli Olson was selected as the recipient of a summer enrichment scholarship to art camp at Eastern Illinois University (EIU). This scholarship has been offered in the past for music, art or speech. It is based upon student interest. The teachers in this area solicit student involvement and select the recipient of the scholarship. In the past \$200 scholarships were offered in all three areas, but in 2015 due to the higher cost of the camps, a decision was made to pay for one full camp scholarship since it was more difficult to get three students interested as cost was sighted for inability to attend. **2 volunteer hours and \$485 of club donation.**

May—Since 2013-14, the club has assisted in providing a graduation for the students attending the Grundy/Kendall County alternative education program called Premier Academy. Each May (19) the club provides light refreshments and acknowledgement of the accomplishment of this school population. **6 members, 8 hours and \$50 worth of in-kind contributions.**

July—Liberty Street Arts Festival—Members spent time manning a tent to interact with children creating art projects and teaching them about art appreciation. **4 members, 20 volunteer hours, \$50 spent.**

November—A small workshop was offered by 1 member on gratitude journaling. Since one of the seven characteristics for success is gratitude, this opportunity for reflection was quite educational. **1 member organized the event for 9 volunteer hours. In-kind contribution of \$68 with 20 members present.**

November—A "Freezer Meals for Two" workshop was offered for people wanting to learn how to prepare frozen meals. MCHS allowed the club to use its Foods room for the event. **11 members, 44.5 volunteer hours, cost \$500 in-kind contribution.**

December—The club made the decision to assist MCHS with a project called Redskins Helping Hands. Too often students come to school without proper nutrition and clothing. MCHS does not qualify for free and reduced breakfast, so the staff at the high school had been band-aiding the situation by providing breakfast items at their own cost. The club made the decision to assist the program with one means being fund raising. A raffle of a donated gumball machine was implemented between Thanksgiving and December 23, raising \$746 towards the

program, which will provide breakfast items for one academic year. **10 members participated for 40 volunteer hours, cash \$746 and in-kind donation \$175.**

December—With an emphasis on mental health during the holidays, the club not only offered a fun holiday activity but had a speaker in about holiday blues. **12 members participated for 13 volunteer hours. No cost.**

Monthly—The MWC Book Club meets at a local restaurant, sharing lunch and discussing the book of the month. The club has been active for eight years. Members take turns recommending books in a variety of genres. The monthly date is announced at the regular meeting, on the website, and in newsletters. **4 members, 144 hours plus 960 hours of reading time.**

Monthly—Quotes each month are provided by 1 member. They are thought provoking and provide much needed reflection. **1 member, 50 volunteer hours**

Epsilon Sigma Omicron – **1 member – attained Century level (100 books) no cost to club.**

Health & Home Life Report 1/1/16 – 12/31/16
GFWC Illinois Morris Woman's Club/12th District

Number of Members – 31

Total Projects – 15 Total Members Participating - 24 Total Hours – 981.25
Total \$ Donated - \$1079.68 Total In-Kind Donations - \$301.00

1- Nursing Home Birthday Cards – Wrote, decorated and delivered birthday cards to residents of 2 local nursing homes. Timely monthly. Cards are bought and/or donated by club members and written by chair and committee members. Here are many who do not receive mail and some who are not remember on their birthdays with cards. Residents benefit by knowing they are in caring community. It brings joy, brings back memories and stimulates conversation. It also gives recognition to the club. 194 birthday cards were delivered between the 2 nursing homes.

Members participating: 6 Hours: 10.25 \$ Spent: \$0 In Kind Donation: \$59.00

2- Nursing Home Christmas Cards – Wrote, decorated and delivered Christmas card to residents of local nursing homes. The club chairperson asked the activity directors to send recipients names to club chair in early December for mid-month delivery. Cards are bought and/or donated by club members. Residents display the cards in their rooms, on doors or carry them around to show others. For most it is very exciting to be remembered at Christmas and gives recognition to the club. 211 cards were delivered

Members participating: 3 Hours: 13.5 \$ Spent: \$0 In Kind Donation: \$110.00

3- Greeting Cards to Members – At our Fall Banquet members were asked to give their birthday date to the chair. Birthday cards were sent out to members. Members also phoned the chairperson with request to send a member a get well or sympathy card. The chair or a committee member wrote and sent cards upon notification. Members appreciate knowing others are concerned. Cards and stamps purchased by the chair. 12 cards sent

Members participating: 3 Hours: 3 \$ Spent: \$5.30 In Kind Donation: \$12.00

4- Park Pointe Healthcare Bingo Party - Sponsored a bingo party for nursing home residents in winter. Members donated prizes and 4 members assisted residents to play bingo. The event entertained 33 residents who enjoyed the prizes, the stimulating atmosphere and company of members.

Members participating: 9 Hours: 13 \$ Spent: \$70.14 In Kind Donation: \$

5- IVI Bingo – Sponsored 2 bingo parties for Illinois Valley Industries which employs physically and/or mentally challenged persons. Once in the spring and once in the fall members donated drinks, refreshments and prizes and enjoyed assisting clients play bingo. 76 clients loved the company, were delighted with the “great” prize selections and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Members participating: 13 Hours: 31 \$ Spent: \$262.35 In Kind Donation: \$20.00

6- Mobil Meals-Delivered 2 meals, lunch (hot) and evening (cold), each of the 15 days in the month of May. Worked with local program coordinator to determine number of routes and number of drivers needed along with frames and learned regulations/responsibility. Set up calendar. We needed drivers for 3 routes per day except 1 on week ends when families help their beloved ones for a total of 35 routes. Explained needs and program at the 2 month prior to event and requested volunteers to sign up to deliver. This is a community nutrition program necessary to meet the needs of our elderly, home bound, ill and those with special needs who without it could not stay in their homes, The client's needs change, thus numbers change daily. Meals are picked up at the hospital, delivered in cold and hot packs delivered back to the hospital for the next day use. Some drivers chose to have help to drive while they prepared for the next stop. Routes are set up so it is just over an hour in entirety.

Members participating: 17 Hours: 49 Cost: \$411.25

7- Run The Beat - Morris Police sponsors a 5K run with the beneficiary as Grundy County Special Olympic. One of our members were addressed by Morris Police Department to help with traffic control with recognition for Woman's Club.

Members participating: 1 Hours: 3 \$ Spent: \$0 In kind donations: \$0

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8- Rhythm of Our Youth - Morris Hospital has created a new cardiac screening program, called Rhythm of Our Youth (ROOY). Working in collaboration with area high schools. Morris Hospital asked a club members to work at a few of the events. Volunteers help serve refreshments, help assist with giving the test or the registration process.

Members participating: 1 Hours: 32 \$ Spent: \$0 In kind donations: \$0

9-Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing - Department chair contact Grundy County We Care inquiring if Morris Woman's Club could help out my ringing the bell a few hours during the holiday season. We were assigned 4 nights, due to weather we were only aloud to do two nights. In those two night we collected \$600.53.

Members participating: 5 Hours: 11 \$ Spent: \$0 In kind donations: \$0

10- I Care Presentation at April Meeting- Department chair contacted I Care International, Inc to come educate our members of the need for used glasses. Two speakers from I Care attended our February meeting showing us films of just exactly what they do over in foreign country for people in need of eye care. A \$45 donation was made to I Care International, Inc for the presentation they gave us.

Members Participation: 18, 4 guest Hours: 27 \$ Spent: \$45 In kind donation: \$0

11- Why You? Ovarian Cancer Speaker – Vice President asked a local Ovarian Cancer survivor to speak at a membership rally that was held in September. The speaker gave a very informative speech and handed out informational brochures.

Members participating: 17 Hours: 9 \$ Spent: \$45 In kind donations: \$0

12 - 3 R's Magazines and Card Fronts (Recycle-Remember-Reinvigorate) – Department chair was asked by local nursing homes for new and/or used magazines and card fronts. The department committee sorts and delivers the magazines and cards to the two local nursing homes A total of 45 magazines and 33 card fronts.

Members participating: 6 Hours: 3.5 \$ Spent: \$22 In kind donations: \$100

13 - Take Back The Night – Our club has been working with Guardian Angels Community Services for several years. Guardian Angels sponsors a Take Back The Night event in Grundy County every year. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month which is he base of Take Back The Night Event. Our club graciously offers to supply refreshments for the event.

Members participating: 9 Hours: 19 \$ Spent: \$111 In kind donations:

14 - Breaking Away – This is another program with Guardian Angel Community Services. Breaking Away is victims that are not ready to leave their current situation. Therefor they are given a phone with a number to call if they need to be placed in a safe environment. When a victim calls they are calling a phone that is given to a volunteer that is giving their time 24/7 for a month. This year one of our club member stepped up and took this challenge on. We are hoping for a few more volunteers to do this next year.

Members participating: 1 Hours: 744 \$ Spent: In kind donations:

15 - Me Day For Groundwork Clients – Groundwork is a small group of woman that meet weekly with a counselor at Guardian Angles. Department chair spoke to Guardian Angels coordinator asking if our club could sponsor a Me Day in November for the groundwork clients. The coordinator thought it was a great idea. We provided the group with lunch, fellowship and manicures and pedicures.

Members participating: 17 Hours: 13 \$ Spent: \$107.64 In kind donations:

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH 1/1/16-12/31/16
GFWC-IL MORRIS WOMAN'S CLUB/12TH DISTRICT
3 projects, \$0.00 cost, 30 hours, 15 members

January-December—Buttons were collected to be sent to international locations for underprivileged people without fastenings. The club is still collecting but has not collected enough yet, though they have contacted several organizations and one business in town that collect and distribute clothing requesting buttons from clothes going to a clothing recycler. **1 member, 15 volunteer hours**

April-December—The club had I Care in to speak with the group. Afterwards, one business in town that sorts through storage crates agreed to take all glasses found to I Care for their efforts. Over 40 pairs of glasses were donated. **1 member, 10 volunteer hours, \$400 in-kind contribution**

October-December—The club is collecting nickels to purchase a flock of chickens or a group of rabbits through Heifer International. **15 members, 5 volunteer hours**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS 1/1/16-12/31/16
GFWC-IL MORRIS WOMAN'S CLUB/12TH DISTRICT
4 projects, \$412 cost, 361 hours, 44 members

January-April—The bulk of the efforts in the public affairs area was in the development of a fund-raiser for the USO. The previous year had been spent trying to work with other organizations in town to create a talent/variety show, which never seemed to be able to fully materialize. At the January planning meeting, a decision was made by the committee to try and operate a fun run/5K to raise money and awareness of the USO. The event was set for April already, so the group had challenges to meet the deadline. Weekly meetings were established to pull the event off. A goal was set to get 100 runners to this first event; 149 registered and ran. The group worked with the city, the police, the schools, the nonprofit fund recipient, the FOE, the county, the Morris Downtown Development Partnership (to get on their run circuit), and local running clubs. A website, gmail, and Facebook were all established as well as places to organize the actual registration of the event. The group had to get the course certified and a timer selected. To make the event fun, the theme of superhero was decided upon, allowing not only running but a carnival atmosphere where prizes were given for costumes as well as place. Categories had to be defined for running classes and countless volunteers had to be found for safety sake. The task at hand seemed insurmountable at times, but the club was able to pull off the event planning in less than four months, raising \$1500 for the USO after expenses. The club was so excited at the result, that it decided to use this fun-raiser every year for a targeted group (2017 will be Easter Seals) and after discussions with running clubs added a half-marathon to the event as the timing and geographic area for one is perfect. The committee has met monthly since May. **16 members participated, 277 volunteer hours, \$100 in-kind contribution, \$412 spent, \$1500 to recipient; 149 runners.**

March—Representative John Anthony spoke at the March meeting and discussed the history of some of the bills he advocated. **16 members present, 24 hours, no cost.**

September—A basket was created and delivered for the annual PCA event in Springfield. **5 members, 4 volunteer hours, and \$100 in in-kind contributions.**

October—A self-defense for women's workshop was sponsored by 1 member, who is an assistant Will County prosecutor and domestic violence awareness advocate. It was published as open to the public and had nationally acclaimed instructors contributing at the event. **There were seven members present and 15 non-members. There were 56 volunteer hours and \$500 in-kind contributions.**

LEADERSHIP &
COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
1/1/16-12/31/16
GFWC-IL MORRIS WOMAN'S CLUB/12TH DISTRICT
12 PROJECTS, \$491 COST, 210 HOURS, 37 MEMBERS

Administratively, there were several steps taken to provide a long term presence for the club. One area identified as a difficulty was the changing addresses of officers, so the club voted to get and maintain a P.O. Box at the Morris Post Office. **2 members, 3 volunteer hours, cost \$60/year.**

Another step in developing a more permanent institutionalization of the club, so that correspondence is not only sent to personal email accounts, was creating and using a Gmail account for the general club as well as the newly developed fun-raising event: morriswomansclub@gmail.com; superhero5kmwc@gmail.com; all email is also sent to this location as an archive source. **2 members, 2 volunteer hours, no cost to the club.**

The third aspect to further institutionalize the club was to pay for and develop a website through weebly. At first the free version of weebly was used, but the club found out that people could not google the club with a .weebly.com attachment, so the decision was made to purchase and maintain a domain name: morriswomansclub.org. **2 members, 40 volunteer hours, \$80 for three years.**

The club further utilized the Facebook page more often by more people to advertise the programs, passions, and events of the club. **30 members, 50 volunteer hours, no cost to club.**

The club decided to develop a modern logo. Three designs were brought to membership, and the favorite was selected. All three designs were used to make blank note cards that could be used by any member. Business cards were also created to be handed out by members, and postcards were created to use to invite people to events. **30 members, 25 hours, in-kind contribution of \$100.**

In November, it was discovered that one of the club's events could not be operated unless the club had liability insurance coverage. After contacting state and determining that GFWC affiliation did NOT come with an option for liability insurance, the club decided to purchase annual coverage for all programs and events to protect its members as well as any participants, outside volunteers, and facilities utilized. **2 members, 5 hours, \$266/year.**

The club also participated in multiple training options in order to enhance its working knowledge of GFWC and to assist in further development of the 12th District:

- District President – 4 mo., Board Member – 4 months, District President & Vice President
- District Convention/Installation – **9 members present, others helped with food. 57 hours, plus committee time (4 for 2 1/2hrs + 10 hours)**
- Located and retrieved lost club scrapbooks – **1 member 3 hours**
- Located and had evaluated the lost club silver tea set—**3 members for 4 volunteer hours**

- May 2 - Installation conducted by Patti Kuchar – **5 members, 1 volunteer hour, \$30**
- Thank you to out-going officers chairmen – **15 members, \$55**

MEMBERSHIP 1/1/16-12/31/16
GFWC-IL Morris Woman's Club/12th District
12 Projects, \$448 donation, 212 volunteer hours, 37 members

There has been a large focus on membership over the last couple of years. The club made a goal of 50 members. There was a growth of six members in 2016. The following are some events and ideas used for membership growth.

January—Pot Luck & Game Night with game gurus John and Sue Ellsworths taught two new games. **10 participants, 22 hours, \$25, 1 new member joined 3/7/16 from event**

February—Sip & Paint with Ray Grossi from The EXhibit Fine Arts Center & Gallery allowed use of their space and facilitated the event. The event had a dual purpose: increase membership for the club and increase awareness for the new non-profit arts center. There was an introduction from the President of the EXhibit as well as from MWC. Information was handed out on both organizations. **12 members present with 13 nonmembers participating, 56 volunteer hours, \$420 cost \$20 per person charge to cover expenses. Wine, soft drinks and snacks provided. \$43 donated to EXhibit Fine Arts Center**

April—Morris Theatre Guild production of "A Fox on the Fairway" – **2 members attended, cost \$24, 5 volunteer hours**

April—**2 members completed orientation. 3 members – 6 hours**

May—**2 members were inducted into the club – 3 members 1 hour**

May—A membership banquet favor was created with a garden theme for the spring and fall banquets, one for each member and guest attending. The garden gloves were paired with a packet of seeds and a silk flower, tied with a ribbon with an attached note that said: "Friends are flowers in the garden of life. Bring a friend to MWC and help our garden grow." **1 member, 8 volunteer hours, cost \$45.**

May banquet and meeting—Fourtitude, a Sweet Adelines group performed – **30 members, 15 hours Cost - \$55**

June—Picnic in the Park – **6 members, 1 guest – 14 hours no cost to club**

Summer—With an emphasis on attracting more members, the events in the calendar were divided into three categories: Social, Service, Scholarship and identified as such in the annual booklet. **2 members, \$75, and 50 volunteer hours**

August/September—Post cards with the new logo were sent out to members to have them invite someone to the Ovarian Awareness event held in September (see HHL). Over 100 post cards were distributed with 3-4 new members acquired from it. **30 members, 20 volunteer hours, \$80 spent**

October—May 2017—To create camaraderie among members, a secret pal system was developed. **22 members participated, 5 volunteer hours spent organizing it, \$25 spent.**

December—The meeting had a cookie and ornament exchange. A fun game was played to distribute the ornaments and cookies were exchanged after the meeting. There were **17 members present, 10 volunteer hours, and \$100 in-kind contribution.**

