



NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

APRIL 6, 2023



2023 GFWC Annual Convention

[Register for
Convention](#)

[Book Your
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Modify Your Registration

If you need to modify your registration, please return to the event website, and press the blue 'Register' button. You will see the image below, but with the 'Myself' button greyed out. Please click on the 'Modify my registration' in underlined red font.



Now the Modify My Registration menu will appear; Choose which option best fits your needs:



- 1) Add to my registration**
- 2) Change what I registered for**

1) Select "Add to my registration" or "Change what I registered for"

- If adding to your registration or changing it, you can only add/delete events; you cannot change your attendee type (e.g., Derby Deal Pass or GFWC Member Attendee).
- Select "Confirm Selections" if adding or "Save & Continue" if changing.
- When you will reach the "YOU ARE READY TO CHECK OUT!" page click; "Proceed to Checkout" or "Cancel" to cancel the

changes. Then, follow steps to complete your check-out.



Louisville Marriott Downtown is almost at capacity!

If you still need to book your room, please do so as soon as possible. The cost per room (1-4 guests) is \$201 plus taxes.

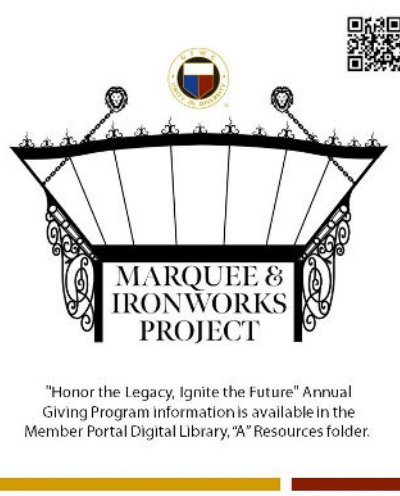
[BOOK NOW](#)

To make your reservations via phone, call 800-266-9432 or 502-627-5045 (local).

Please note that for Monday, June 12, the hotel is sold out of rooms.

Contact Nishu Raina, Events Manager, at NRaina@GFWC.org or 202-628-2478 if you:

1. No longer plan to use a room reserved for June 12. Be sure to provide your Marriott-issued confirmation number.
2. Would like to be added to the June 12 waitlist for a room at the Marriott.
3. If you have booked more rooms than needed, please contact Nishu to cancel so we do not lose the room from our block reserved for GFWC members.



"Honor the Legacy, Ignite the Future" Annual Giving Program information is available in the Member Portal Digital Library, "A" Resources folder.

Donate to the Marquee & Ironworks Project

Weathering the elements for the last 100 years has taken its toll on the ironwork that graces the front of GFWC Headquarters. The

Annual Giving Program focuses on restoring these iconic structures.

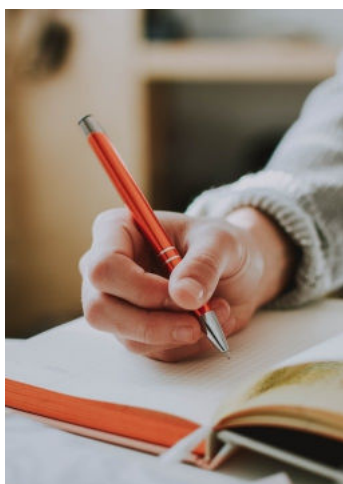
Help us Reach our Goal!

[view video here](#)

GFWC Marketplace Temporary Closure

A new GFWC Marketplace experience is coming to you in April!

The **GFWC Marketplace is closed temporarily** while we undertake a major renovation to the site. Stay tuned for a redesigned store, enhanced user experience, and new products for you to purchase for yourself and the clubwomen in your life. We will keep you up to date on our progress and announce the launch date of the new GFWC Marketplace in *News & Notes*.



Reminder: Applications for the Croly Award are Due April 30

Encourage all journalists you know who have helped advance women's rights to apply by April 30, 2023. The application form is available on the GFWC Member Portal. All journalists who contribute to newspapers, broadcast news programs (radio, television, and digital), magazines, or online publications, either on staff or in a freelance capacity, are welcome to apply.



Missouri State President's Project

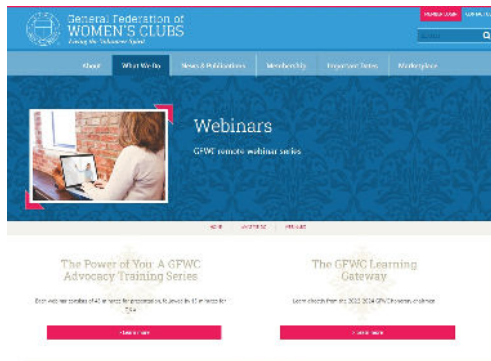
Wagons of Hope

by: Amy Boone, GFWC Missouri State President

The 2022-2024 GFWC Missouri President selected the theme: “GFWC: Building Dreams that Sparkle with Hope.” The fleur-de-lis is our symbol for this administration. In Missouri state history, the fleur-de-lis represents where the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers join and flow south.

With Missouri’s proximity to St. Jude in Memphis, TN, and the St. Jude Satellite facility in Springfield, MO, this state president selected St. Jude as the state project. A close family friend of this president has a son who is a St. Jude patient. She shared the importance of the red wagons for transportation of children staying at the hospital.

This friend helped set up an events page where donations could be made directly to the state’s St. Jude event. Missouri set a goal of \$10,000 to be raised for St. Jude. At this time, \$6,100 has been raised. Clubs across our state have developed creative projects to support this fundraiser. These donations will help families through difficult times by giving them hope for a bright future.



Watch Past Webinars Online

Watch previous webinars on the GFWC Website under the “What We Do” Tab on our website.

[WATCH NOW](#)

THE GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY SERIES

FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, GFWC MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY WEBINAR SERIES TO LEARN DIRECTLY FROM THE 2022-2024 GFWC HONORARY CHAIRMEN

MARCH 22 @ 7 P.M. – Advocacy Challenges: Overcoming Roadblocks and Building Coalition Support by Stephanie Pankas, Founding Partner of Strategic Strategist, Honorary Chairwoman for GFWC Juniors' Special Program

APRIL 18 @ 7 P.M. – Chocolate, Chardonnay, and Chanel - The Power of Personal Behaviors to Health and Wellness by Heidi K. Miller, Ph.D., Cancer Chemoprevention and Initiatives Moffitt Cancer Center, Honorary Chairwoman for Health & Wellness Community Care on Program

APRIL 25 @ 7 P.M. – Drawing Connections: Reunited Demands Equity by Venika Johnson Ilabator, President of the National Alliance for End Social Inequality, Honorary Chairwoman for GFWC Juniors' Special Program

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

To register for upcoming events, click on the titles below:

April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

[Chocolate, Chardonnay, and Chanel - The Power of Personal](#)

April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity

GFWC Resolutions that bring grassroots efforts to reality

by: Mary C. Powell, Resolutions Chairman

Do you read the news? Do you read the newspaper? Do you consider yourself up to date on current events? If you do, you will be excited to know we have Resolutions covering many of today's top stories. You can be proud that when issues are relevant; our organization focuses on those events and presents resolutions covering them.

In August 2022, during the GFWC Board of Directors Meeting, Rosie Hidalgo, a Special Assistant to the United States President and Advisor on Gender-Based Violence, spoke about the significant progress made in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which was reauthorized in March 2022. We have a Resolution for that, 110-020 Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention, and others specifically outlining most of the topics Rosie discussed.

In the recently published [2020-2022 GFWC Legislative Action Successes](#), attention is given to Military Sexual Assault. We have a Resolution for that, 110-040 Military Sexual Assault, seeking to support passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which aims to take sexual harassment cases outside the chain of command.

The Sexual Assault Survivor's Rights Act is important because it deals with evidence collection kits and access to information resulting from such kits. We have a Resolution for that, 110-050 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits. The Omnibus Appropriations bill would provide \$10 million to the Department of Justice involving the right to receive medical forensic examinations.

Resolutions are the heart and soul of our great organization, and it is truly exciting to be up to date on current events and know that we are part of so many activities affecting the lives of those around us and in the world.

**Make Plans
for Earth Day
2023**



by: Tina Neese,
Environment
Community Service
Chairman

Earth Day is the epitome of awareness in helping the environment. Each year since its inception in 1970, after an oil spill off the coast of California, earth-loving people join together to raise awareness and celebrate ways to help Mother Earth. On April 22, there will be many projects related to recycling, pollution, and deforestation taking place. Whether picking up trash or planting trees, we can positively impact the world where we reside. Learning about our carbon footprint during this time is helpful. Try driving less or riding a bike as one of the ways to reduce carbon emissions. Did you know the average commute in the United States is 26 minutes? New York and Maryland log the longest commutes, and North and South Dakota have the shortest. Nationally, fewer than 1% bike to work and 2% walk to work.

For Earth Day, clubs can plan projects in their local communities or host a celebration. Educate your community on ways to help the Earth at a local park. Or start a craft project that uses recycled materials. Host a fun walk using themes like tree hugger, pollution patrol, or green team. If raising money, donate to a local environmental cause. Connect with your local Clean & Beautiful initiative and local park or forest rangers to be a participant in an event. Scouting programs are a wonderful way to work with young people to offer an Earth Day event. Find ways to keep your water sources clean and share with local communities during April. Have a guest speaker at your monthly meeting to discuss various environmental issues.

Remember, Earth Day should be celebrated every day, not just April 22!

advocate
to **vaccinate**

Shot@Life - Advocate to Vaccinate

From March 20 - April 30, Shot@Life supporters around the country will *Advocate to Vaccinate*, speaking to their members of Congress and their communities about the importance of fully funding global childhood immunization programs, including UNICEF, CDC, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

All GFWC members are welcome to join the push to ensure #VaccinesForAll. Whether you have five minutes or an hour, there

are ways for you to get involved. [Sign](#) the latest petition to send a message to your congressional offices. See our [advocacy toolkit](#) to find out about other ways to use your voice this spring—such as calling your legislators, writing an article for a newsletter, or meeting with your congressional offices.

Shot@Life is a campaign of the United Nations Foundation that aims to ensure that children around the world have access to lifesaving vaccines. Through public education, grassroots advocacy, and fundraising, we strive to decrease vaccine-preventable childhood deaths and give every child a shot at a healthy life no matter where they live. Find out more about the partnership between GFWC and Shot@Life at shotatlife.org/gfwc.



Volunteers in Action: GFWC Michigan

On Sunday, April 2, fourteen GFWC clubwomen from Michigan, during their visit to headquarters, planted blue pinwheels in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Every year the GFWC Pierce Arrows purchase the pinwheels to help raise public awareness on child abuse. The clubwomen from Michigan planted dozens of blue pinwheels in support of this worthy cause. The GFWC District of Columbia club will help keep the display looking tidy and replenished all April long.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity to take bold action to better support parents and caregivers with access to resources to cope during challenging times.

To learn more and what you can do to help raise awareness in your local community, visit: <https://preventchildabuse.org>.



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