



# NEWS & NOTES

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February 15, 2024

## Join us for our Annual Women's History Month Celebration

**2024 GFWC Women's History Month Celebration**

*Federation Fashion:* an exhibition of GFWC International Past President gowns  
*GFWC History in Fifteen Objects:* A look at some rarely-seen artifacts from our collection. Presented by WHRC Librarian Joanna Church.

**March 6, 2024**  
**2:00–4:00p.m.**

GFWC Headquarters  
1734 N ST NW, Washington, DC 20036

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OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

*Light Refreshments will be provided*

Each year, GFWC hosts a celebration of Women's History Month. This free, in-person event is an annual favorite – and we'd love you to join us! Click the button below to register.

[Register](#)

**This could be you...**



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**International  
President's  
Annual  
Summer Trip  
Abroad**

International President Deb Strahanoski's  
2023 Summer Trip to Italy.

International President Marian St. Clair's  
2022 Summer Trip to England.

**Register  
TODAY  
for  
Best of  
Flanders  
2024!**

## **INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DEB STRAHANOSKI INVITES YOU TO ENJOY THE BEST OF FLANDERS!**

The 2024 GFWC President's Summer Trip, July 22-August 1, explores Holland and the northern region of Belgium, known as Flanders.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the cultures with your GFWC sisters. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register soon to participate!

For more information, download this [form](#). To register for the trip, complete and return the form to Discover Europe at 122 Island Street, Keene, NH 03431 or fill out a digital application [here](#).

[Register](#)

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## **GFWC President attends the 215<sup>th</sup> Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln**

On Monday, February 12, 2024, GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski attended a wreath laying ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial commemorating the 215th Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth. The US Navy Band performed, and the "The Gettysburg Address" was read by the President of the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia. President Strahanoski is a member of the Illinois State Society of Washington, DC, and participated in the

ceremony.



International President Deb Strahanoski and Convention and Meetings Committee Chairman Phyllis Skubic at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC.

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## Hotel Bookings for the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention are Now Open



[Book Here](#)

For room booking questions, please contact the Hilton Chicago at (312) 922-4400

### 2024 Convention Exhibitor Registration

We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to participate in the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention, June 27 - July 1, 2024, at the Hilton Chicago.

Please click on the button below to register as a GFWC Exhibitor.

After completing your information, you will be given the option to select a space and location on the Exhibitor Showcase Map. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. GFWC Members receive a discounted booth rate.

We look forward to you sharing your products and services with our members in Chicago.

If you have any questions, please contact Nishu Raina at 202-347-3168 ext.124 or [Nraina@GFWC.org](mailto:Nraina@GFWC.org).

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## 2024 GFWC Annual Convention Program Ads

Celebrate the special clubwomen in your life with a feature in the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention Program!

Ad submissions and payment are due April 1, 2024, to Candice Gill Design & Publications Manager, [CGill@GFWC.org](mailto:CGill@GFWC.org).

[Ad Commitment Form](#)



## 2024 Learning Gateway Series Webinars

*POP - Projects with Power, February 20, 2024, @ 7 p.m.*

Does your club need some sparkle and POP in the projects area? Join the GFWC Community Service Program Chairmen as they host a live 1-hour webinar to highlight unique projects from last year's award entries with the Community Connection Initiatives, Honorary Chairmen, GFWC Affiliate Organizations, and more. Incoming leaders, this webinar will bring some POP into your club calendars.

To register:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_q84WGzSRQie1MPPPq55YzQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q84WGzSRQie1MPPPq55YzQ)

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## An Update from Our International

# Affiliates

By Elaine Ko, International Liaison Committee Member

Our GFWC Liaison Committee, along with President Deb Strahanoski, members of the executive committee, and staff, Zoom with our international clubs every other month. Each committee member stays in touch with four clubs during the year. This past year has sadly seen our world in conflict, but these women have held fast and strong.

The GFWC Women's Club of Ukraine's President, Lora Pavlenko, writes of the war in Ukraine, which has divided millions of families. Their club, though scattered, tries to help the refugee women. There are 250,000 such women in Kyiv. These women have lost everything: homes, husbands, and children. The clubwomen collect food and clothes and have creative programs, including military psychologists.



The Korean General Federation of Women's Clubs includes over 20 clubs and an alliance with the Korea National Council of Women. They participate in the National Women's Conference, "Women Taking a Leading Role in addressing crises." They were actively involved in the 70th anniversary of the Korean War, of which I sadly have first-hand knowledge.

The Taipei International Women's Club of Taiwan raised over \$81,000 for donations to their charities. One charity gala, "Aloha Night," raised over \$40,000. Over 180 people attended the gala. Some of their charities are counseling programs, support for young people with newborns, scholarships for students, helping the blind, and conservation programs. A new committee for sustainability reflects the club's response to environmental challenges and meeting the needs of a changing society. They actively had seashore cleanup, planted trees, and took trips to learn about clean water, recycling, reusing, and rethinking. This club is always on Zoom sharing their work.



We hope all our international clubs will send delegates to our GFWC International Convention on June 28-July 1. In the meantime, our thoughts and prayers for peace are with all our clubwomen.

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# See What's Happening!

By Nancy Kaufman, Communications Committee Member

Do you know about the GFWC Advancement and Programs Facebook Page? Did you know that for the last three and a half years, the Communications & Public Relations, Membership, and Leadership Committee Chairmen have been posting regularly on a variety of topics from their committees as well as from the other Advancement Chairmen, CSP Chairmen, and Special Project Chairmen? This private page imparts a wealth of GFWC information with almost daily posts, hosts Teach It Tuesdays and holds Thumbs Up Thursdays once a month. The latter two delve into topics with more detail, and the daily posts posted include the top ten project winners in the various categories for starters.

The three Committee Chairmen have worked diligently to bring GFWC members various tips, strategies, and real-world tools that can be used to strengthen and grow our local clubs. The Monthly *Teach It Tuesday* and *Thumbs Up Thursday* segments consist of live mini-workshops, live video streams, interviews, and live Q&A, while the daily posts are meant to help support, inspire, and empower our membership. All topics and information stay on the page and can be accessed anytime.

Club leaders and officers are particularly encouraged to be part of this group, but all GFWC members are invited to join the page. You can also participate by sharing favorite projects and practices from local clubs, states, and regions. Now you know! So, search [GFWC Advancement and Programs](#) on Facebook to join and see what's happening! A few questions will need to be answered before joining, but after those are approved, you will be ready to see what's available.

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## **Volunteers in Action: GFWC Clarksville Women's Club (TN)**

Our social media feeds were lit up in red last week as GFWC clubs participated in National Wear Red Day, helping to raise awareness of women's heart health. Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death for American women, and the first Friday in February - American Heart Month - is set aside for raising our voices for research and education. Here are just three of the many clubs who participated!

Submit photos and a short story about the awesome things YOUR club is doing in the community to [PR@gfwc.org](mailto:PR@gfwc.org).



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