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2024 GFWC Annual Convention:

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LOS CABOS OR PUERTO VALLARTA**

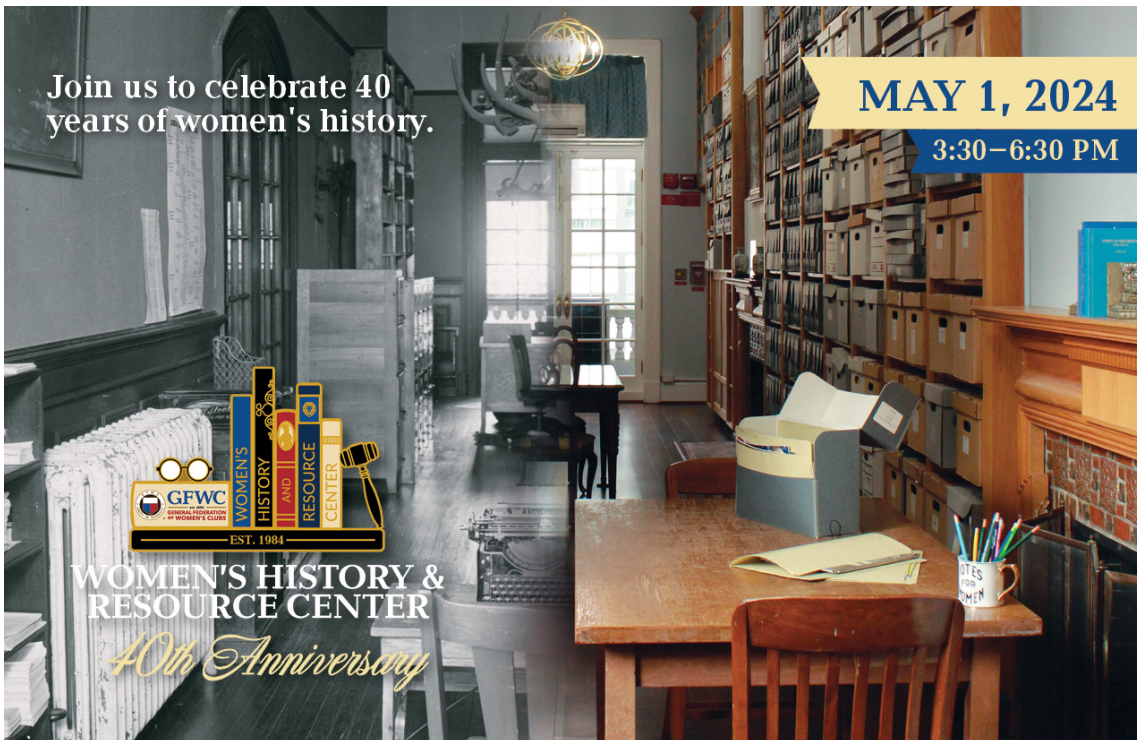


The 2024 GFWC Annual Convention Special Raffle is a trip for four to *Los Cabos* or *Puerto Vallarta*. You and your guests will stay five nights at a Four Star Beachfront Resort in a one bedroom, two bath suite that sleeps four. The cost per ticket is \$50. Get yours today!

To order your ticket, click: <https://square.link/u/sRmSL16F>

**Due to the limited number of tickets available, this opportunity is-offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that hotel reservations must be booked within 12 months and travel must take place within 18 months of receipt, respectively. Blackout dates: December 16, 2024, to January 9, 2025. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit "Gifts to Headquarters-Façade Restoration and Beautification Project."*

**Join us Next Wednesday to celebrate
the WHRC's 40th Anniversary!**



Women's History and Resource Center 40th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm

IN-PERSON EVENT at General Federation of Women's Clubs Headquarters -
1734 N Street, NW – Washington, DC 20036

Please join us at a special reception to celebrate the Ruby Anniversary of the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC). Founded on May 1, 1984, the WHRC has spent forty years preserving the history of GFWC clubwomen and ensuring that this legacy of community service is accessible to all. Help us commemorate this important milestone as we look forward to the next forty years!

This event will feature tours of our historic Headquarters (including the WHRC Archives and Library), as well as exhibits highlighting favorites from the WHRC collection.

Light refreshments will be served.

Music by Kristen Jepperson, Harpist.

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Cares & Concerns

With a heavy heart, we share the passing of Southeastern Region President Beverly Lassiter's father, [Lenny Wolfe](#). Condolences can be sent to Beverly at 2928 Deer Point Drive, Seabrook Island, SC 29455.

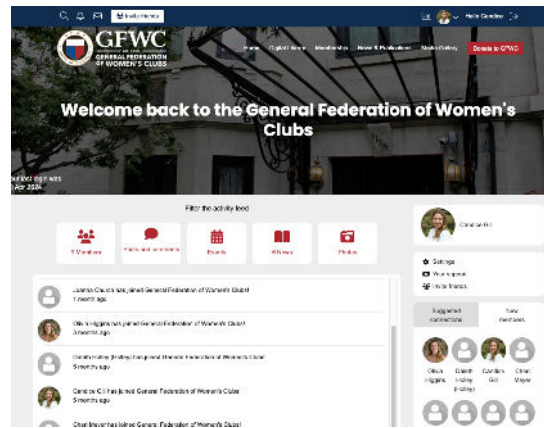
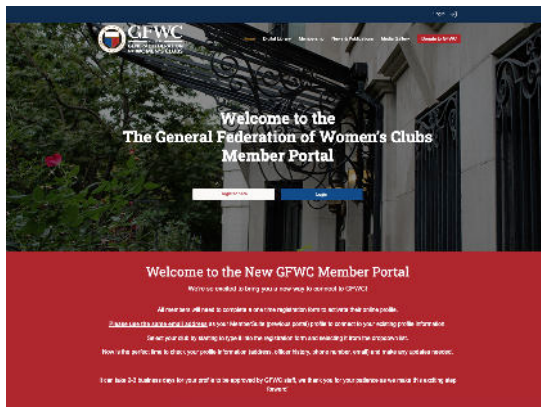
Two Girls from Chicagoland – Deb II meets GFWC International President Deb

Last week, GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski met her four-legged namesake, Deb II. The Canine Companion pup lives in the Chicago area with her trainer and visited Deb at her home between State Conventions last week. We wish her the best of luck in her training to become a certified service animal with Canine Companions.

Deb II will make a special appearance at the GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago in June.



The New GFWC Member Portal



Register now at memberportal.gfwc.org

Your current account information will be transferred to the new platform. All users will need to complete a one-time registration using their existing email on the new portal.

Please read this [SUPPORT GUIDE](#) for assistance in creating your profile, downloading files from the Digital Library, and updating your profile information.

It can take 2-3 business days for GFWC staff to approve your profile. We thank you for your patience, as we are experiencing a high volume of requests as we make this transition.

*If you do not see your club listed under your state federation during registration, please email gfwc@gfwc.org with your official club name and state federation so we can add it.

GFWC Resolutions, An Exciting Two Years

By: Mary C. Powell, GFWC Resolutions Chairman

GFWC Resolutions express our opinion on issues affecting us globally. They are our voice to the world and our call to action to our members.

The GFWC Resolutions Committee, a pivotal part of our organization, diligently met and adhered to the amended GFWC Standing Rules. They undertook extensive research, review, amendment, and creation of new resolutions across our four community service programs: Arts and Culture, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.

During this administration, it was exciting to see that many of the Legislation/Public Policy articles and newsletters reflected Resolutions on bills and pending legislation.

The GFWC Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs aligned 16 Resolutions with the many projects they worked on during this administration, fulfilling one of the Scavenger Hunt for Legislative/Public Policy requirements. Resolutions are listed at the end of each CSP and Special Program in the GFWC Club Manual.

The GFWC North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, in alignment with Resolution 170-020, submitted a State Resolution on diagnostic tools to detect breast cancer to the Resolutions Committee. Once approved, this resolution will guide our collective efforts in combating breast cancer. It's a testament to how our Resolutions directly impact the work of our State Federations and, in turn, our local communities.

Both of these State Federations used the Legislative Action Center to alert their membership on Bills pending in their respective legislatures, alerts which aligned with the GFWC Signature Program Resolution 110-020.

During meetings with the United States Coast Guard Museum Association, discussions centered around the Resolution on Military Sexual Assault, 110-040, and the many opportunities in our community service programs that align with the work of our newest resource in Civic Engagement and Outreach, the National Coast Guard Museum Foundation.

As we gear up for the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago, we invite you to actively engage in the Resolutions review process. Your participation will ensure that your voice is heard and that the Resolutions truly represent our collective stance on global issues. Resolutions are not just words on paper. They are our collective voice!



Legislative Corner

By: Juliet Casper, GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman

To encourage participation in the democratic process, this monthly column aims to inform members about current legislation and programs that are germane to the GFWC Resolutions. It also highlights important actions of Congress and the White House, and provides follow-up information about GFWC Legislative Action Alerts.

FY 2025 Appropriations Process Begins: President Biden's FY 2025 budget was released on March 11, starting the new FY 2025 appropriations process. Congressional hearings are being held, and GFWC has launched two alerts urging Congress to fund vaccines for children ([LAC Alert](#)) and to fund programs at the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services to provide services and resources to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, as well as prevention and education ([LAC Alert](#)). These programs are cost-effective and lifesaving. If you have not yet joined the [Legislative Action Center](#) and participated in these alerts, please do so now. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and we use this opportunity to join other organizations to urge support for these critically important programs.

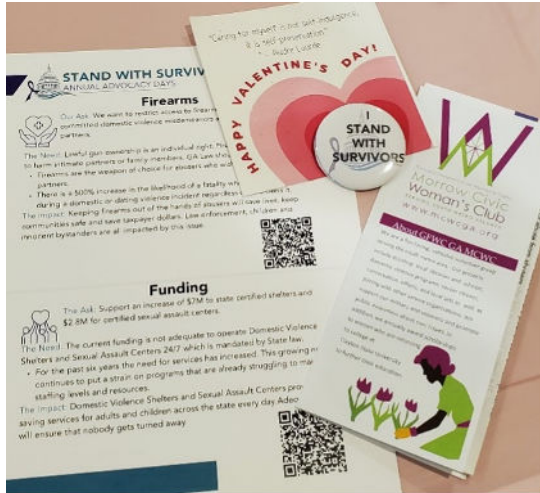
Kids Online Safety: In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, GFWC is urging Congress to enact the REPORT Act (Revising Existing Procedures on Reporting via Technology, S. 474, H.R. 5082), improving the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline by requiring reporting of child sex trafficking and enticement or grooming. The Senate passed the REPORT Act in December, and the House of Representatives is expected to consider the bill soon.

The Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA, S. 1409, H.R. 7891) creates a legally relevant "duty of care" requiring online apps and platforms to responsibly design their products in a manner that is safe for children. Please join GFWC in urging Senate leadership to bring the Kids Online Safety Act to the floor; the bill currently has 67 cosponsors. The measure is also moving in the House of Representatives. Please participate in the GFWC Legislative Action Center to support these bills ([LAC Alert](#)).

Foreign Aid: Congress finally enacted a foreign aid package following Iran's assault on Israel. The measure was approved with bipartisan support and provides funds to Israel, Ukraine, Taiwan, and humanitarian assistance for Palestinians in Gaza. President Biden signed the bill on April 24. GFWC has clubwomen in both Ukraine and Taiwan and a strong policy in support of NATO (140-190 Global Peacekeeping).

Legislative Superstars

You still have time to submit your GFWC Scavenger Hunt form to Juliet Casper, jcasper9200@gmail.com. Forms are due May 1st and can be submitted by a member, club, or state federation. Our Legislative Superstars will be recognized at the GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago during the Region Banquets. Today we feature GFWC-GA's "Leave Behind" sheets, and Hoover Service Club (GFWC-AL) members with their mayor.



HEALTHY CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER
GIVING VOICE TO WOMEN'S HEALTH

Regret (You Won't Regret Watching!)



Tuesday, May 14, 2024 | 7 – 8p.m. (EST)

Regret is a powerful emotion. Psychiatrist **Karen Swartz** delves into this emotion, its effect on us and how we can cope with the negative impact regret may have on our lives.



Karen Swartz, M.D.
*Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Myra S. Myers Professor of Mood Disorders*

REGISTER NOW for this complimentary monthly live webcast discussion between Johns Hopkins faculty physicians and moderator Kelly Geer Ripken, national chair of *A Woman's Journey*.

www.hopkinsmedicine.org/awomansjourney/webcasts.html

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Gold Pins

Celebrating 50 years of GFWC Membership

Nancy Honadel
GFWC-WI Past District Officers Club (WI)

Carol Jenney
GFWC Aurora Women's Club (NY)

Vicki Beilke
GFWC Stella Research Club (NE)

Elizabeth Ketner
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Sue Cooke
GFWC Women's League of Mount Airy (NC)

Bobbie Collins
GFWC Women's League of Mount Airy (NC)

Mary Planer

Gayle Lacey
GFWC Palomar District (CA)

Barbara Lerma
GFWC Palomar District (CA)

Carolyn Hensel
GFWC Palomar District (CA)

Beverly Almaroad
GFWC Jacksonville Women's Club (AL)

Ranae Cohely
GFWC Jacksonville Women's Club (AL)

Patricia Zachary
GFWC Sorosis Club of Springfield (MI)

Mary Osterhout

GFWC Women's League of Mount Airy (NC)

Pam Harrill
GFWC Women's League of Mount Airy (NC)

Bennie Burton
GFWC Women's League of Mount Airy (NC)

Virginia Nail
GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club (GA)

Judy Sochor
GFWC Cerro Gordo Woman's Club (IL)

Larena Floto
GFWC Franklin Grove Woman's Club (IL)

Judi Riess
GFWC Past President's & Officer's Club of 7th
District (IL)

GFWC Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.
(PA)

Sue Burgess
GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
(SC)

Margaret Luecke
GFWC The Women's Club of Madison (CT)

Nancy G. Schrap
GFWC-WI Past District Officer's Club (WI)

Angela Bubbenmoyer
GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township (PA)

Jane Shaw
GFWC Lubec Woman's Club (ME)

Maureen Plegel
GFWC Placentia Round Table Woman's Club
(CA)

Jan Steinleitner
GFWC Placentia Round Table Woman's Club
(CA)

Club Anniversaries

50 years

GFWC Newbern Woman's Club (TN)

130 years

GFWC The Woman's Club of Media (PA)

Volunteers in Action: GFWC Sokiko Women's Club (WA)



GFWC Sokico Women's Club members from Washington State planted blue pinwheels in Auburn, Washington, supporting Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness. If your club would like to recognize Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in your community, you can find resources at <https://www.childwelfare.gov/preventionmonth/>

Submit photos and a short story (4-8 sentences, who, when, what, where) about the awesome things YOUR club is doing in the community to PR@gfwc.org.



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