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GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
**2024 NATIONAL
DAY OF SERVICE**
FOOD INSECURITY & HUNGER
SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

**TIME TO
REGISTER!**

REGISTER ON THE NEW GFWC MEMBER PORTAL
MEMBERPORTAL.GFWC.ORG

USE THE **EVENTS** PAGE

Registration for the GFWC National Day of Service – September 28, 2024 – Begins today in the New GFWC Member Portal

Registration for the GFWC National Day of Service (GFWC NDS), September 28, 2024, begins today on the new GFWC Member Portal. To register for the 2024 GFWC NDS, members must first create a profile in the GFWC Member Portal (new profiles are approved within 1 to 2 days) and then go to the **EVENTS** page to register their group.

The GFWC NDS Tool Kit and the GFWC NDS Press Kit resources are available in the Digital Library and on the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service event page.

Need Help? Read the [How to Register for 2024 GFWC NDS Support Guide](#)

REGISTER NOW

CREATE A NEW PROFILE

All users will need to complete a one-time profile 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 during 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.

Registration for the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention has been **EXTENDED!**



Due to High Demand, we have extended registration for the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention to Tuesday, May 28. We hope you will join us!

REGISTER NOW



2024 Convention Pin

Collect your 2024 GFWC Convention Commemorative Pin! Pins will be available for \$10 at the Convention Registration table.

Purchase your Golden Ticket raffle entries!



Entry tickets can be purchased online, during Convention registration, or on-site in Chicago.

This opportunity is open to all clubwomen; winners do not need to be present to win.



The Windy City Raffle

Are you looking forward to trying your luck at the Windy City Raffle this year? Our amazing prizes are donated by clubwomen just like you! The best donations are the kind you would love to win yourself!

Donation Forms are due this Saturday, May 25.

Raffle Donation Form



Discover How Your Donation Anchors the Legacy of Bravery

By: The National Coast Guard Museum Association

During World War II, Florence Ebersole Smith Finch risked everything to undermine Japanese occupation forces and aid American prisoners of war in the Philippines. Being half-Filipino, Finch was able to disguise her American connections and evade detection while smuggling vital food, medicine, and supplies to prisoners of war and sabotaging Japanese resources.

Arrested in October 1944 for her brave acts of resistance. Finch was imprisoned until being liberated in February 1945, at which point she moved to New York and enlisted in the Coast Guard Women's Reserve. Her commendable bravery in the Philippines became known to her superiors who awarded her with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, making her the very first woman to receive this recognition. Additionally, she was awarded the Medal of

Freedom after a former POW from the U.S. Army – coincidentally, her former supervisor – gave testimony of her courageous acts, which saved his life as well as the lives of many other prisoners of war. In 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard immortalized her legacy by naming a building in her honor at their Sand Island, Hawaii base. Though Finch passed away in 2016 at the age of 101, her remarkable story of wartime valor lives on as inspiration.

The National Coast Guard Museum Association is honored that the General Federation of Women's Clubs has chosen to support the construction of the Museum as their nationwide Civic Engagement and Outreach Initiative. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us to preserve heroic stories like Florence's for generations to come.

[Let's stand together](#) to honor the past, present, and future of the U.S. Coast Guard. Your support is not just a donation—it's a tribute to those who serve with valor.

Note: when making your gift, please utilize the [GFWC-specific giving link](#) (or otherwise mention GFWC) to ensure your generosity is recognized as part of the Federation's collective fundraising effort.

TicketsatWork – Save up to 60% on theme parks, concerts, movie tickets, and more!



Still making plans for the Memorial Day holiday? Look at what theme parks and attractions tickets are available in your area or wherever you plan to be this weekend. You can click on a state, see featured offers, and purchase directly from this page. Go to this GFWC/Ticketsatwork link to start your planning today:

[All Theme Parks & Attractions - TicketsatWork](#)

It is easy for you to join:

1. Visit:
<https://www.TicketsAtWork.com/>
2. Click Become A Member
3. Click Company Code
4. Use the company code created for



Volunteers in Action: GFWC Caledonia Women's Club (MI)

GFWC Caledonia Women's Club members invited Heidi Vanderwal, owner and creator of Crowned Free, to speak at its May monthly meeting.

Crowned Free empowers women to become social entrepreneurs by selling clothing, jewelry, and accessories at pop-up shops, styling friends, and spreading the passion to put an end to human trafficking.

Crowned Free provides survivors with employment and vocational skills they can use to provide for themselves and their families. It also donates a portion of its profits to organizations across the country that work to rescue and rehabilitate survivors.

Human trafficking is the world's second-largest criminal enterprise behind narcotics and generates \$9.5 billion in the U.S. annually. Traffickers target their minor victims through chatrooms, clubs, social media, friends, malls, and on the street.

The women's club increased its awareness and was informed of some of the signs of human trafficking - the first step in identifying survivors. This increased awareness can help save lives.

More information on Crowned Free can be found at CrownedFree.com.

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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