



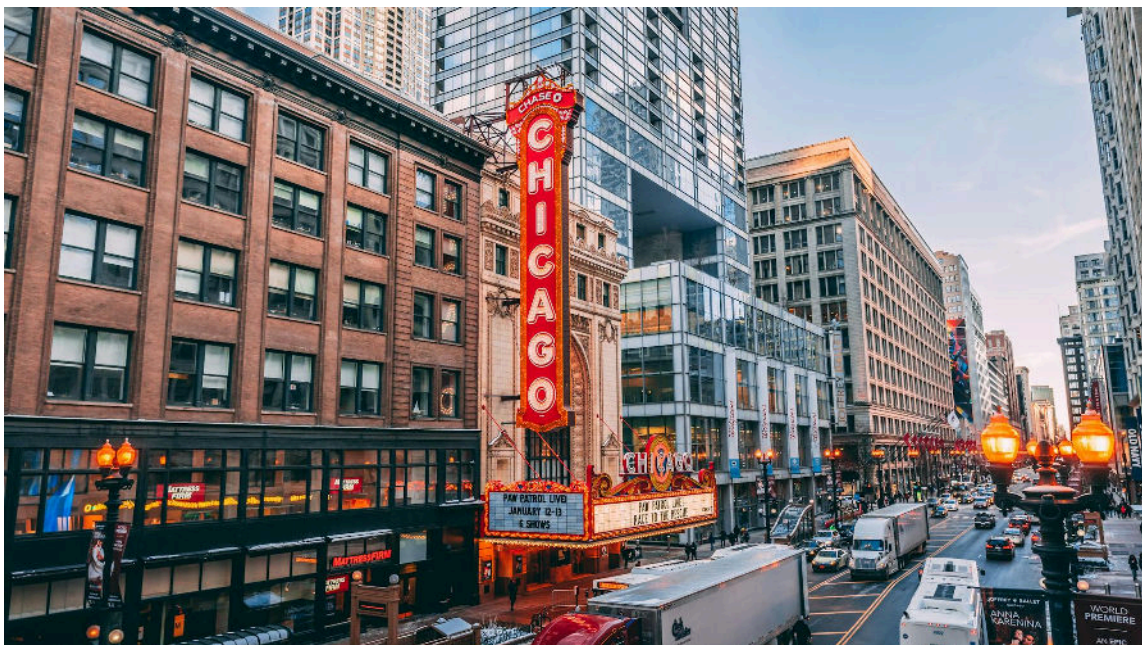
NEWS & NOTES

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June 13, 2024

2024 GFWC Annual Convention: Get Ready for Chicago!



Convention FAQs

Convention Facilities: All activities take place at the Hilton Chicago

- **Lobby Level** - Registration, Marketplace, and Welcome Station. Exhibitor Showcase (**Continental C**), Illinois room (**Buckingham**), all Breakfast and Lunches (**Continental AB**)
- **2nd Floor**- Business Session room including the Opening Flag Ceremony, Fundraising, and Closing, Installation Ceremony (**International Ballroom**).

Socials & Cocktail Hour (**Normandie Lounge**). State Night, Gala, and Installation Banquets (**Grand Ballroom**)

- **3rd Floor-** Workshops and Meetings (**various rooms**) and the Alabama room (**Astoria**)
- **4th Floor-** Boosters (**McCormick Boardroom**)

Guests: Guests must register and pay for events. Guests may not attend sessions or participate in any event for which they do not hold a ticket.

Meals: If purchased when registering, you will receive meal tickets in your registration package. Tickets must be shown at the door. Please note every seat in the ballroom has been assigned to a conference attendee. Table assignments are on the tickets.

Meal Requests for Dietary Restrictions: If you requested a special meal, please inform your server and show them the Dietary card from your registration package. **Please keep these for the entire convention as you will use them for each meal you attend.**

Table Numbers: All tables in both ballrooms have numbers. These numbers are meant to help you find each other, i.e., you can text your friends to say, "I'm at Table 18." If your ticket says OPEN SEATING, the event has free seating.

Windy City Raffle Prizes: Thanks to the generosity of members, great prizes will be given away on Monday, July 1st, during the morning business session. You may enter as many times as you wish for the prize of your choice using the boxes located at the back of the business session. You must present the ticket to collect your prize. Golden Ticket Opportunities can be purchased at Marketplace.

Want a closer look? Take a virtual tour of the hotel so you're ready to go on arrival!

VIRTUAL TOUR

NEW! Live Auction Items

A live auction is coming to GFWC's Annual Convention in Chicago this year! Experience the thrill of the chase as you bid on 3 incredible prize packages, LIVE!

Live Auction Item #2

ULTIMATE GIFT CARD BASKET

Donated By: GFWC State Presidents & GFWC State Directors of Junior Clubs

- \$400.00 – Amazon
 - \$125.00 – Starbucks
 - \$175.00 – Visa
 - \$100.00 – American Express
 - \$100.00 – Target
 - \$50.00 – Walmart
 - \$25.00 – Cracker Barrel
 - \$25.00 – McDonald's
 - \$25.00 – Cheesecake Factory
 - \$25.00 - Subway
 - \$25.00 - Dairy Queen
 - \$25.00 – Olive Garden
 - \$25.00 – Shell Gas
 - \$25.00 – Dunkin
 - \$25.00 – Michaels
 - \$25.00 – Panera
- Plus a GFWC embroidered toiletry bag and more!



Total Value: \$1,225

**Contribute to the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention
Service Project**

FREEDOM  **HOUSE**
Domestic & Sexual Violence Services

Freedom House Illinois is grateful to acknowledge the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) for their generous support. GFWC's decision to designate Freedom House Illinois as the beneficiary of the Convention Service Project at their upcoming Convention reflects a shared commitment to addressing and combatting domestic and sexual violence within communities. It underscores the significance of collaborative efforts in raising awareness, supporting, and advocating for policies that protect and empower survivors. If you cannot attend the Convention in June or don't want to travel with your donation, please consider making an advance donation using the Amazon Wish List link below. Members attending Convention can bring gift cards for donation; ask the Registration Table for the drop-off location.

Amazon wish list for GFWC

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/372QTOXC65P4?ref_=wl_share

For further information on Freedom House, go to their website at

<https://www.freedomhouseillinois.org>



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**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

KEEP THE REGISTRATIONS COMING... 76 NEW CLUBS

Another week of record-breaking registrations received with 76 new clubs pledging to sponsor a Community Service Project (CSP) to end food insecurity and hunger in their local areas.

The goal for the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service (NDS), to be held September 28th, is to double our collective impact on food insecurity/hunger. Last year's stats reflect about 290,832 pounds of nonperishable food collected, 40,000 volunteer hours, and \$276,832 in monetary donations, resulting in the preparation of over 241,672 meals.

To make a difference we need all of you to rally the GFWC troops to action. Registration for this year's event is ongoing. Visit <https://memberportal.gfwc.org/>, and follow the prompts. Then, click on the Events page to sign up. Simply select 2024 GFWC National Day of Service and you're on your way.

If more than one club is partnering on a CSP, you can register up to three clubs on the site. However, you will need to email Membership Director Melanie Gisler, mgisler@gfwc.org, the additional club names for your group.

Thank you for all that you do... Together we can end food insecurity and hunger!

REGISTER NOW

ALABAMA

GFWC Hueytown Study Club
GFWC Jacksonville Inter Se Study Club
GFWC Jubilee Woman's Club
GFWC Shades Mountain Women's Club

ARIZONA

GFWC Glendale Woman's Club

CALIFORNIA

GFWC Whittier Women's Club

FLORIDA

GFWC Blue Umbrella Club
GFWC Bradenton Woman's Club
GFWC Brandon Service League
GFWC Cocoa Beach Woman's Club
GFWC Jupiter-Tequesta Junior

MINNESOTA

GFWC Grand Rapids North Star Women's Club
GFWC West Suburban Women's Club

MISSISSIPPI

GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Petal
GFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce

MISSOURI

GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve

NEBRASKA

GFWC Geneva Women's Club

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Exeter Area GFWC
GFWC Concord Contemporary Club

Woman's Club

GFWC Miami Woman's Club

GFWC St. Petersburg Junior Woman's Club

GFWC St. Petersburg Juniores

GFWC Tampa Bay Woman's Club

GFWC Treasure Coast Women

GFWC Wesley Chapel Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Palatka

GFWC Woman's Club of Sarasota

GEORGIA

GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club

GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club

GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Club

GFWC Tifton Woman's Club

ILLINOIS

GFWC Illinois GFWC Impact Makers of Palatine

GFWC Illinois GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club

GFWC Illinois GFWC Naperville Woman's Club

INDIANA

GFWC Progress Club of South Bend

IOWA

GFWC Baldwin Woman's Club

GFWC Muscatine Phoenix Club

GFWC Solon Women's Club

LOUISIANA

GFWC Houma Junior Women's Club

GFWC Melville Woman's Club

GFWC Opelousas Woman's Club

MAINE

GFWC Outlook Club

MARYLAND

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Pocomoke City

GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel

NEW JERSEY

GFWC Woman's Club of Brick Township

NEW YORK

GFWC Woman's Club of Peekskill & Cortlandt

NORTH CAROLINA

GFWC Camden Women's Club

GFWC Fuquay-Varina Woman's Club

GFWC Garner Woman's Club

GFWC Greensboro Woman's Club

GFWC Outer Banks Woman's Club

GFWC Sedgefield Woman's Club

GFWC Statesville Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Southwest Guilford

OKLAHOMA

GFWC Twentieth Century Club

PENNSYLVANIA

GFWC Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.

GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club

GFWC New Century Club of West Chester

GFWC Woman's Club of Baden

RHODE ISLAND

GFWC Bristol County Women's Club

SOUTH CAROLINA

GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands

TEXAS

GFWC Granbury Woman's Club

VIRGINIA

GFWC Bel Air Woman's Club

GFWC Botetourt Town & Country Women's Club

GFWC Woman's club of

MASSACHUSETTS

GFWC MA Past State Presidents' Club
GFWC Needham Women's Club
GFWC Past Junior State Officers Club
GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club

Fredericksburg

GFWC Woman's Club of Hilton Village
GFWC Woman's Club of Loudoun
GFWC Woman's Club of Poquoson
GFWC Worthington Woman's Club
The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC

WEST VIRGINIA

GFWC Woman's Club of Hamlin



Hope for Justice

Hope for Justice fights the scourge of human trafficking around the globe. Our model is based on four pillars: preventing exploitation, rescuing victims, restoring lives, and reforming society. Founded in 2008, Hope for Justice has grown to become a global organization with programs in the U.S. and across multiple continents. We work directly with victims and survivors, here and around the world, while also campaigning for long-term change through our work with governments, law enforcement, businesses, and people just like you.

What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is a crime where someone is exploited for labor, services, or commercial sex. It is a type of modern slavery, which is an umbrella term

encompassing slavery, servitude, forced or compulsory labor, as well as human trafficking. Victims are unable to leave their situation of exploitation and are controlled by threats, violence, coercion, and deception.

It is happening all around us, with an estimated 50 million victims globally and more than 1 million people affected right here in the U.S. You might walk past or speak to someone who needs help without realizing it.

July 30th, 2024, is World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, emphasizing the urgency to end child trafficking, because 1 in 4 victims globally is a child. Amid crises like armed conflicts in different regions of the world, children are increasingly vulnerable, especially with the exploitation through online platforms. Addressing this requires urgent and comprehensive action, bolstering legislation, improving law enforcement, and allocating more resources.

Get Involved.

The Hope for Justice Affiliate Organization Guide in the GFWC Club Manual is the place to go to discover options for activities to support World Day Against Trafficking. Reach out to your Hope for Justice contact for assistance with a leader guide and instructions for implementing a live webinar with Q&A, or a learning module with craft project during your monthly meeting or community event.

[The Learning Academy](#) offers opportunities for your club members to gain insight and training at club meetings or at home (either online or instructor-led.)

Your club can also give directly to underfunded projects in different regions of the world through our Freedom Foundation. You can discover current needs by visiting the [Freedom Foundation website](#).

To find out more about our work or opportunities to partner with Hope for Justice, email amanda.jacobi@hopeforjustice.org or call 770-675-4580.



New Project for Your 'Gifts to Headquarters' Donations

By: Shelli R. Fehr, GFWC Annual Giving Program Chairman

Thank you to all who have made monetary contributions to the General Federation of Women's Clubs since July 1, 2022, when the Annual Giving Program kicked off. Among other projects, your donations helped domestic and sexual abuse survivors continue their education, celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Women's History and Resource Center, and restore and repair the GFWC Headquarters ironworks at the front entrance. Heartfelt appreciation goes to you for your continued support of our parent organization!

Since the front entrance iron works marquee repairs have been completed, GFWC has identified the next project needed to keep our historic building in tiptop shape. Your Gifts to Headquarters will go towards the "GFWC Headquarters Façade Restoration and Beautification Project," with the goal of restoring the iconic white front-facing exterior walls of GFWC's beloved Headquarters buildings. Over time, the brick and stonework that gives our Headquarters its grand and elegant appearance has deteriorated and needs major repairs. Restoration work will include stripping existing paint, cleaning and sealing, mortar and stonework repair, repainting, and more. This restoration will not only enhance the beauty of our Headquarters, it will also protect the historic interior spaces and collections and secure the buildings' long-term structural integrity.

There will be a manned table outside the business session room where you can make your personal, club, district, state, or region donations to this fund. Or you can personally hand your donation to GFWC International President Strahanoski during the designated time specified in the convention program. With your donations to the “GFWC Headquarters Façade Restoration and Beautification Project,” we will be able to welcome visitors and Clubwomen to our beautiful Headquarters for the next 134 years. “Honor the Legacy, Inspire the Future!”

[Donate Today!](#)

Florida Clubwoman May Mann Jennings Selected for FL Women's Hall of Fame



GFWC Florida clubwomen have been working since 2019 to have May Mann Jennings, GFWC Florida Past President (1914-1916), inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. After much perseverance, she was finally selected to be honored alongside other influential Florida women.

May Mann Jennings, circa 1901. From the State Archives of Florida, the Florida Photographic Collection.

May Mann Jennings was a remarkable woman throughout her long life. She stayed involved, made a difference, and led the way for many. Her ongoing commitment resulted in the preservation of natural resources and an enhanced quality of life for not only women but for all of us who, to this day, benefit from the success of her endeavors. Her conservation work, especially in the Everglades, was her most impressive deed, but she led successful fights also for political and educational reform, better public health, and gains in women's rights.

How to Find Your Target Audience

By: Bette Kuboushek, GFWC Communications and Public Relations Committee Member

When you are planning a club event, and you want to make sure the right people know about it, who do you target? Is it your neighbor, dentist, book club, or someone you work with? All these could be your target audience. But how do you narrow it down to get the word out to just the right people?

A typical target audience would be the local organizations or partners you work with. If you are planning a fundraiser, be sure to invite the organization that will benefit most from your donations and include how your donations would benefit them.

When reaching out to local folks, remind them what you do to improve their lives, such as maintaining a flower bed in the park or stocking their neighborhood Little Free Library. They will relate to your projects and be more likely to support them.

Do you want to approach a business for assistance with a project? If so, you need to do some background work and learn about their mission and history. Incorporate what you learn into your meeting with them, along with your club's mission and history.

Find groups online with which you can share information and invite them to a meeting or to help with a project, such as mom groups or town sites.

Whichever way you choose to "target," be sure to customize your information to each group. You can include all the general information, but change details to fit the target audience. For a mom group, emphasize that you meet during the day or provide child care. For a business, include that a speaker might be available to talk to their employees about the club/projects.

Cares & Concerns

GFWC is saddened to learn of the recent bereavements of two Board members.

[Jeanne E. Gibbs](#), mother of 2022-2024 GFWC Alabama President Jan Greer and herself a GFWC club member, died June 8th. Condolences can be addressed to 2082 Forest Lakes Lane, Sterrett, AL 35147.

[Shirley Ann Weers Lewis](#), mother of GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Committee member Kathy Huggins, passed away on June 11th. Condolences can be sent to 6630 Michael Circle, Papillion, NE 68133.

Volunteers in Action: GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club (GA)



GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club Environment CSP members donated over six pounds of fresh blueberries—including some they picked themselves—to the Lilburn Cooperative Ministry, a local food bank and assistance program.

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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