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July 11, 2024



From Behind the President's Desk

Dear fellow members,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you from my first week in Washington, DC, filled with excitement and a sense of deep honor as I assume the role of the 55th GFWC International President.

Service and personal development have been central to our mission for 134 years. Through these, lies the concept of the “circle of influence” – a dynamic sphere within which our actions radiate outward, touching lives and effecting change. Within this circle, as symbolized on our emblem, we find our power to transform, uplift, and inspire. As members of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, each of us occupies a unique position within this circle, endowed with the capacity to enact meaningful change and to leave an indelible mark upon the world.

As we embark on this new chapter, hold fast to the values that define GFWC—camaraderie, collaboration, and a commitment to transforming lives through volunteerism. Our potential for progress is limitless when we unite and advocate clearly with one voice. Let's be bold as we reimagine all that GFWC can become.

Educate, Engage, Empower: Living the Volunteer Spirit,

Suellen B Brazil

Suellen B. Brazil
GFWC International President



Elizabeth Varner Chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Cultural Heritage & NCGMA President Capt. Wes Pulver with GFWC International President Suellen B. Brazil and Kim Sekulow.

Admiral Linda Fagan, USCG Commandant is the first woman in American history to lead a military service.

GFWC International President Attends Congressional Breakfast to Celebrate Progress of the National Coast Guard Museum

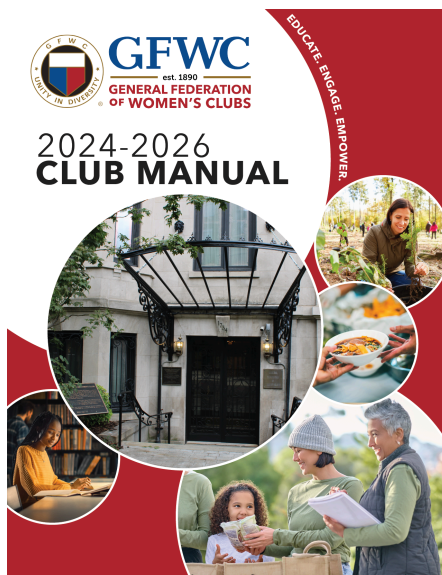
GFWC International President Suellen B. Brazil attended a congressional breakfast on Capitol Hill to celebrate the progress being made on the National Coast Guard Museum, of which GFWC is a proud supporter.

This annual breakfast is for industry, congressional, business, and association leaders. Earlier this year, GFWC facilitated a webinar for the National Coast Guard Museum to generate support and funding for its construction. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) is the only military branch that does not have a museum to honor its service members' contributions.

Those in attendance included the Connecticut Congressional Delegation (Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Murphy and Reps. Rosa DeLauro of District 3 and Joe Courtney of District 2); Board Chair Susan Curtin of the National Coast Guard Museum Association; former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater; Admiral Linda Fagan, USCG Commandant; President Wes Pulver of the National Coast Guard Museum Association; and staff.

All members of Congress provided remarks on the importance of the National Coast Guard Museum's existence and its role in preserving USCG's contributions and inspiring future generations. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT-03) provided closing remarks saying the project is "okay, in the House Appropriations Bill," much to everyone's delight.

Download the NEW Club Manual!



Read through this treasure trove of ideas, tools, and tips for clubwomen. This powerful resource is exclusively available on the GFWC Member Portal and includes information on Community Service Programs, Special Programs, Advancement Plans, GFWC Affiliate Organizations, awards, the administration calendar, and so much more.

[Download Now](#)

Make sure you've created a profile on our recently updated GFWC Member Portal to access important resources like the GFWC Club Manual and so many other essential documents.

Don't miss out on these files in the Digital Library:

- 2024–2026 Administration Logo
- 50 & 75 Year Member Pin Order Form
- GFWC National Day of Service Project Ideas
- GFWC Emblems in every color & variation
- Affiliate Organization Contact Info



2024 GFWC Annual Convention



2024 GFWC Annual Convention Memories

It's not just a photograph, it's a memory. Bring home all your sparkling memories from the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention. Click the button below to view official convention photographs.

Use code "**GFWC2024**" on your purchase of 10 or more digital images for a discount.

Thank you, photographer Laura Bergman of LoLoB Designs, and member of GFWC Cosmopolitan Woman's Club (MN) for your hard work capturing these beautiful images.

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Congratulations to the 2024 Jennie Award Winners



GREAT LAKES REGION

Paula Schlice, GFWC Wisconsin

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

Mindy Goss, GFWC Delaware

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION

Sue Hass, GFWC Iowa

NEW ENGLAND REGION

Jennifer Nowak, GFWC Massachusetts

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Lynn Long, GFWC Texas

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

Vicki Ross Bechet, GFWC Tennessee

SOUTHERN REGION

Susie H. Malone, GFWC Alabama

WESTERN STATES REGION

Diane Bell, GFWC Colorado

Your 2024-2026 GFWC Executive Committee



Congratulations to the officers elected in Chicago!

Left to Right: Juliet Casper, Treasurer; Mary Beth Williams, Second Vice President; Wendy Carriker, President-elect; Suellen Brazil, International President; Jolie Frankfurth, First Vice President; Dr. Susan Gettys, Secretary; Shannon Bailey, Director of Junior Clubs

Thank you GFWC Illinois and GFWC Alabama



Thank you to our gracious hosts, GFWC Illinois, for creating a fun and successful 2024 GFWC Annual Convention. State Night was a roaring good time!



Thank you GFWC Alabama for your work hosting a stunning Installation Banquet, ceremony, and reception. We certainly started this administration off with a celebration!

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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

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WHOPPING 132 NEW GFWC NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE REGISTRANTS

GFWC is pleased to report that 132 new registrations have been received. GFWC welcomes all of you to the roster and extends its gratitude for your continued support!

This week GFWC has some notable firsts to highlight:

The first GFWC International Affiliate to register is **GFWC Aruba**. Another first to register as a Region is **GFWC Middle Atlantic**; and for State Federations—**GFWC Montana** on June 14; and for Districts—**GFWC Tidewater District**. We thank each one of you for leading the way!

To date, the total count for registrations comes to 327. With 11 weeks left to register, GFWC needs all of you to rally the troops to get us to 1,800 participating clubs. Last year a total of 900 GFWC clubs participated. To challenge ourselves GFWC doubled that number. Help us make an even larger impact on food insecurity and hunger in local communities nationwide.

If your club has not registered, please do so today!

To register, 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 project, 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.

REGISTER NOW

List reflects new registrations for the weeks of June 27 and July 5, 2024.

INTERNATIONAL

* GFWC Aruba

NATIONAL CLUB

*GFWC Legacy Club (First national club to register)

REGION

* GFWC Middle Atlantic Region

STATE FEDERATIONS

GFWC Alabama

GFWC Arizona

* GFWC Montana

GFWC South Dakota

DISTRICT

* GFWC Tidewater District

*Clubs Registered by State *As of July 11, 2024*

KENTUCKY

GFWC Benton Woman's Club

GFWC Bettie Carter Morgan Woman's Club

GFWC Leitchfield Woman's Club

GFWC Monticello Woman's Club

GFWC Morehead Woman's Club

GFWC Morgan County Woman's Club

GFWC Prestonsburg Women's Club

GFWC Radcliff Women's Club

GFWC Suburban Woman's Club of Lexington

GFWC Woman's Club of St. Matthews

MARYLAND

GFWC Civic Club of Oakland, MD

GFWC Woman's Club of Glydon

GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster

MASSACHUSETTS

GFWC Ousemequin Club

MICHIGAN

GFWC Caledonia Women's Club

GFWC Gun Lake Area

GFWC Lake Orion

GFWC Pigeon Area Woman's Club

ALABAMA
GFWC Legacy
GFWC Panorama Study Club
GFWC RCHS Juniorette Club
GFWC Woman's Literary Club of Leeds

ALASKA

GFWC Anchorage Women's Club

ARIZONA

GFWC Cherry Blossom Juniorette Club
GFWC Desert Jade Woman's Club
GFWC Tempe Woman's Club

CALIFORNIA

GFWC Aronos Research Club
GFWC Beaumont Woman's Club
GFWC Chula Vista Woman's Club
GFWC Danville Women's Club
GFWC El Monte Women's Club
GFWC HOPE
GFWC Imperial Beach Woman's Club
GFWC La Mesa Woman's Club
GFWC Lakewood Women's Club
GFWC Mira Mesa Women's Clubs
GFWC Ojai Valley Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Antioch
GFWC Woodland Hills Woman's Club
GFWC Yorba Linda Woman's Club

COLORADO

GFWC Southwest Region Woman's Club

DELAWARE

GFWC Delmar New Century Club
GFWC Village Improvement Association

FLORIDA

GFWC Brandon Service League
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Jacksonville, Inc.
GFWC Madeira Woman's Club
GFWC Miami Springs Woman's Club
GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club
GFWC Northwest Florida Service Group
GFWC Orange Park Woman's Club
GFWC Palm Beach Gardens Women's Club
GFWC Ruskin Woman's Club
GFWC Sebastian Woman's Club
GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club
GFWC Temple Terrace Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Village Improvement Association of Green
Cove Springs
GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach
GFWC Woman's Club of Plant City
GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart
GFWC Women's Club of Inverness, Inc.
GFWC Women's Club of New Tampa

GEORGIA

GFWC Dallas Woman's Club

MINNESOTA

GFWC Black Duck Tri Sigma
GFWC Starbuck

MISSISSIPPI

GFWC Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro

MISSOURI

GFWC Northland Women's Club

NEW HAMPSHIRE

GFWC Hudson Women's Club

NEW JERSEY

GFWC Franklin Woman's Club
GFWC Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club

NEW YORK

GFWC Aurora Women's Club

NORTH CAROLINA

GFWC Warrenton Woman's Club

OHIO

GFWC Great Friends Working Cooperatively
GFWC Junior Women's Club of Barnesville
GFWC Montgomery Women's Club, Inc.
GFWC Northwest Woman's Club

PENNSYLVANIA

GFWC East Petersburg
GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club
Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC

RHODE ISLAND

GFWC of Cranston

SOUTH CAROLINA

GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
GFWC Women's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

SOUTH DAKOTA

GFWC Yankton Women's Club

TENNESSEE

GFWC Clarksville Women's Club
GFWC Valamont Women's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Hendersonville

TEXAS

GFWC Austin Federated Woman's Club
GFWC Eleanor Brackenridge Literary Club
GFWC History Club of Whitesboro
GFWC Lake Area Woman's Club
GFWC North Texas Woman's Club
GFWC Stephenville 20th Century Club

GFWC Millen Woman's Club
GFWC Winder Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Civic Club of Jasper
GFWC Woman's Monday Club of Corpus Christi

ILLINOIS

GFWC Bloomington Normal Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Downers Grove Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Joliet Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Plainfield Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Zion Woman's Club

INDIANA

GFWC IFC ESO Regional Readers

IOWA

GFWC Adel Women's Club
GFWC Iowa Creston Bancroft History Assembly

KANSAS

GFWC Modern Pioneers
GFWC Sunflower Sisters
GFWC Waterville Shakespeare Club

VERMONT

GFWC Poultney Woman's Club

VIRGINIA

GFWC Mary Ball Woman's Club
GFWC Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club
GFWC Ravenswood Civic Club
GFWC Roanoke County Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Hampton Roads
GFWC Woman's Club of Newport News
Henry Clay Woman's Club of GFWC

WASHINGTON

GFWC Elahan Woman's Club
GFWC Sokico Woman's Club
GFWC Takoma

WEST VIRGINIA

GFWC WV Sissonville Woman's Club
GFWC WV Woman's Club of Dunbar

WISCONSIN

GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Hartland
GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

* Denotes first in category to register.



July 30, 2024, World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

Hope for Justice fights the scourge of human trafficking around the globe. Their 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. They work directly with victims and survivors, here and around the world, while also campaigning for long-term change through their 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 US. You might walk past or speak to someone who needs help without realizing it.

July 30, 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. Civil society, the private sector, and communities must collaborate to raise awareness, advocate for policy reforms, and increase funding for organizations fighting to end human trafficking.

Get Involved.

The GFWC Club Manual – Hope for Justice Affiliate Organization Guide 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.

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 website <https://hopeforjustice.org/freedom-foundation/>

Exclusive GFWC Member Discount



Unlock summer savings with Avis and Budget's Summer Sale! Use your General Federation of Women's Clubs membership from July 1st to August 15th to receive up to 35% off PLUS a complimentary upgrade when you pay now.

Don't miss out on this hot deal – book your summer exploration today!
Get your members-only offers sent directly to your phone by texting GFWCABG to 833.344.0228.

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