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September 12, 2024



THE GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY SERIES

GFWC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER FOR THE NEXT GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY WEBINARS PRESENTED BY THE 2024-2026 GFWC HONORARY CHAIRMEN.

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OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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Lynn Rosenthal, Suellen Brazil, and Stephanie Love Patterson



Kiersten Stewart, VP of Public Policy and Advocacy, Futures Without Violence

Celebrating New Leadership at the National Network to End Domestic Violence

On Tuesday evening GFWC International President Suellen Brazil attended the Welcome Reception for Stephanie Love Patterson, the new President & CEO of the National Network to End Domestic Violence. The event was hosted by Lynn Rosenthal, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs and Director of Sexual and Gender-based Violence Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health and Karma Cottman, Executive Director at Ujima, Inc: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community. Brazil enjoyed networking with the heads of many national organizations, all of whom are engaged in the battle against domestic violence and sexual assault. These groups focus on how collectively, change can be accelerated for these victims and families.

Thank You for Your Support of the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention Service Project

On behalf of the staff and board of Freedom House, I am writing to extend our heartfelt thanks for your extraordinary generosity. We are truly overwhelmed by the incredible support we have received from the GFWC club members. Your Annual Convention Service Project donations, including items with an estimated value of \$22,245, gift cards totaling \$360, and cash and website donations amounting to \$2,184, have made a profound impact on our organization. Each contribution is a testament to your kindness and dedication to our cause, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

Your generosity enables us to continue our mission and make a significant difference in the lives of the victims and families of domestic and sexual violence that we serve. We are inspired by your commitment and feel honored to have such supportive partners in our work.

Thank you once again for your remarkable contributions and for standing with us in our efforts!

With sincere gratitude,



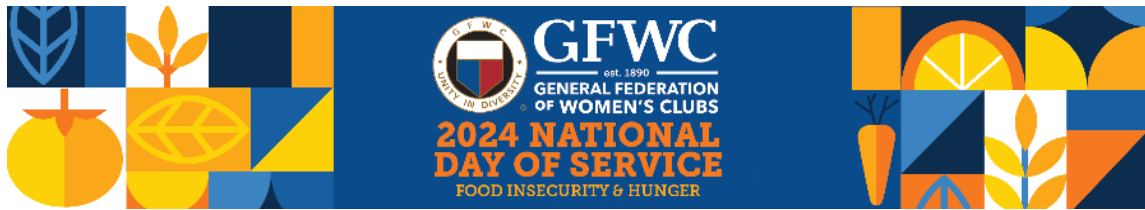
Trisha Schafer
Manager, Outreach & Facilities

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Cares & Concerns

With great sadness, we share the passing of Ann Nickerson, GFWC Connecticut State President (2000-2002).

Condolences may be sent to her family at:
Katherine Bond, 8 Mulberry Lane, Burlington, MA 01803



Nu Era Study Club, GFWC Missouri

It's Not too Late! There is Still Time to Register!

Join in the global effort for the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service

There are still two full weeks before Saturday, September 28. Your club can do a lot of planning in that time to take part in the GFWC National Day of Service.

You can contact a local food bank and volunteer. You can collect non-perishable food at a local grocery store or big box store and bring your haul to a local food bank or shelter. You can make sandwiches (add a piece of fruit and a bag of potato chips, and you have a meal!) for your local shelter. You can make snack packs for your local elementary school for kids who may need a snack during the day. There are so many things your club can plan to do.

Find more project ideas in the GFWC NDS Toolkit in the GFWC Member Portal Digital Library.

Register today to battle food insecurity with GFWC members across the nation and around the world on Saturday, September 28!

REGISTER NOW

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION OPTION: EMAIL

If you prefer to register by email, please send a message to GFWCNDS@GFWC.org to sign up for the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service.

Please include:

- Club Contact and Information
- Official Club Name
- Your State Federation
- Brief Description of the Club's Project, If Known (not required)

[View Full List of Clubs Registered](#)

Two state federations, 3 districts, 98 clubs, and 1 national club registered to join the GFWC NDS cause this week. This is a total of 913 registrants! If 60 join us this coming week, GFWC will meet last year's total. **If 86 join us** this coming week, GFWC will pass last year's number and reach 1000 state federations, regions, districts, and clubs working together on September 28, 2024.

**** New Registrations as of noon Tuesday, September 10, 2024***

STATE FEDERATION

GFWC Wyoming

GFWC Rhode Island

NATIONAL CLUB

GFWC Past State Junior Directors Club

DISTRICT

GFWC Texas: Alamo District

GFWC California: CFWC Foothill District

GFWC Virginia: Shenandoah District

GFWC CLUBS BY STATE

GFWC ALABAMA

GFWC Alabama Collinsville Study Club

GFWC Alabama River City Woman's Club

GFWC Crossville Woman's Club

GFWC The Athenaeum Club

GFWC CALIFORNIA

GFWC Aronos Research Club

GFWC Baldwin Park Woman's Club

GFWC Bonsall Woman's Club

GFWC Country Club of Washington Township

GFWC MARYLAND

GFWC Laytonsville Club

GFWC MASSACHUSETTS

GFWC Auburn Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Walpole

GFWC Past Junior State Officers Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Newton Highlands

GFWC MICHIGAN

GFWC Manistique Women's Club

GFWC MINNESOTA

GFWC Mawami Club

GFWC MISSISSIPPI

GFWC Quitman Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Booneville

GFWC NEBRASKA

GFWC Belvidere Woman's Club

GFWC Bennington Woman's Club

GFWC Horizon Woman's Club

GFWC Seward Woman's Club

GFWC NEW HAMPSHIRE

GFWC Concord Contemporary Club

Women's Club

GFWC Elsinore Woman's Club

GFWC Granada Hills Woman's Club

GFWC Hi-Desert Junior Women's Club

GFWC La Habra Woman's Club

GFWC Monday Afternoon Club (Willows)

GFWC Ojai Valley Woman's Club

GFWC Poway Woman's Club

GFWC Rancho Cucamonga Woman's Club

GFWC Rossmoor Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Antioch

GFWC Yorba Linda Woman's Club

GFWC COLORADO

Chalets GFWC

GFWC CONNECTICUT

GFWC East Hartford Woman's Club

GFWC Northeastern CT Woman's Club

GFWC DELAWARE

GFWC Clayton Century Club

GFWC FLORIDA

GFWC Capital City Woman's Club

GFWC Cedar Key Woman's Club

GFWC Girls on Fire

GFWC Lake Butler Woman's Club Inc.

GFWC Williston Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Tarpon Springs

GFWC GEORGIA

GFWC Augusta Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Civic Woman's Club of Milledgeville

GFWC Four Corners Woman's Club

GFWC Lafayette Juniorette Club

GFWC Maxey's Woman's Club

GFWC Suburban Woman's Club of Augusta

GFWC ILLINOIS

GFWC Antioch Woman's Club

GFWC Glendale Heights Junior Woman's Club

GFWC IL Junior Woman's Encore Club

GFWC Illinois Glenwood Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Lockport Woman's Club

GFWC Northwest Suburban Woman's Club

Oregon GFWC Woman's Club

GFWC IOWA

GFWC Friendship and Service Club

GFWC Granger Women's Club

GFWC Guttenberg Book Club

GFWC KANSAS

GFWC Wamego Study Club

GFWC KENTUCKY

GFWC Livermore Woman's Club

GFWC NEW JERSEY

GFWC Woman's Club of Rutherford

GFWC NEW YORK

GFWC Floral Park Woman's Club

GFWC NORTH CAROLINA

GFWC Dunn Intermediate Woman's Club

GFWC NC Junior Sorosis General WC

GFWC Northwest Guilford Woman's Club

GFWC OREGON

GFWC Oregon City Woman's Club

GFWC PENNSYLVANIA

GFWC Nazareth Woman's Club

GFWC RHODE ISLAND

GFWC Women's Club of South County

GFWC SOUTH DAKOTA

GFWC Brookings

GFWC TENNESSEE

GFWC Monday Club

GFWC Newbern Woman's Club

GFWC Tellico

GFWC TEXAS

GFWC Culture Club Sanderson, TX

GFWC Ingelside Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Kingsville

GFWC Woman's Club of Pleasanton

GFWC Woman's Thursday Club of Dublin

GFWC VIRGINIA

GFWC Bedford Woman's Club

GFWC Essex County Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Northampton Woman's Club

GFWC Riparian Woman's Club

GFWC Western Fairfax County Women's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Smithfield

GFWC Woman's Club of Smithfield

GFWC Woman's Club of Tidewater

GFWC Woman's Club of Tidewater

GFWC WASHINGTON

GFWC Battle Ground

GFWC Camas Washougal

GFWC WEST VIRGINIA

GFWC Bluewell Woman's Club

GFWC Rupert Woman's Club

GFWC WISCONSIN

GFWC Burlington Woman's Club

GFWC Dodgeville Federated Woman's Club

GFWC Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club



Staying Connected

By: Nancy Kaufman, GFWC Communications and Public Relations Committee Member

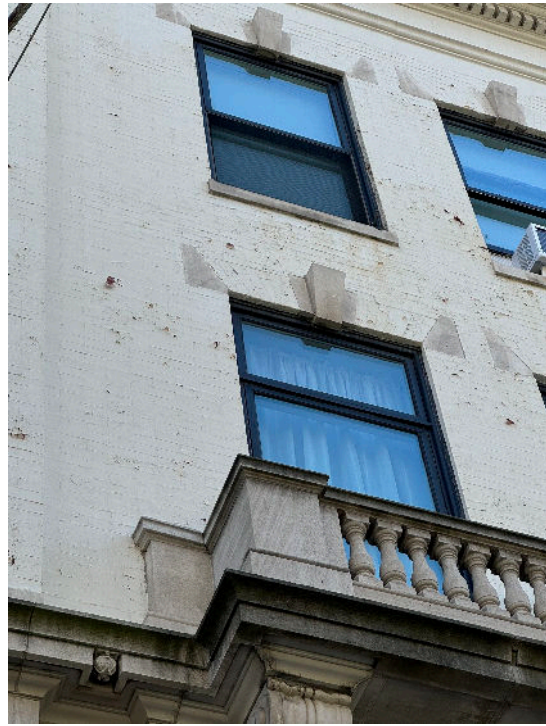
Connections and Communication can make all the difference when working with club members. Keeping our members connected to GFWC happenings and resources is essential to maintaining excitement and purpose about being a member. When communicating within your clubs, remember to **Educate** members by sharing *News & Notes*, promoting the GFWC Advancements and Programs Facebook Forum, liking the GFWC Facebook page, and referring to the *GFWC Club Manual* frequently. Educate them on the GFWC hierarchy and its impact on their State Federations and club.

Engage your members by reaching out to them using appropriate social media, and communication channels. A personal touch is always an invaluable tool.

Encourage the members who may not readily participate to become more active. Take the time to get to know your club members and learn how to motivate them. Strive to make meetings interesting and inspiring by connecting to them at a deeper level rather than merely imparting information or business. Entice them to become more involved.

Empower all the members of your clubs through support and recognition.

Remind them of their unique strengths when introducing ideas, asking for participation, or assigning tasks. Demonstrating thanks is easy and cannot be overstated. Even though many of us, as volunteers, do not require praise for all the things we do, a little appreciation or compliment always feels good inside. Share that our true strength is in our numbers and work. Build on these resources and ideas to connect with your club members.



GFWC Façade Beautification and Restoration

Help us restore the iconic façade of GFWC's beloved headquarters by donating to GFWC Headquarters Façade Restoration and Beautification Project. Your donations will allow us to restore the iconic white, front-facing exterior walls of GFWC's Headquarters buildings. 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.

Over time, the brick and stonework on GFWC's historic headquarters has deteriorated and needs major repairs. One of the main restoration projects will be tuckpointing the exterior of all three GFWC townhouses.



What is Tuckpointing?

We're so glad you asked. In the last hundred years, the exposure to weather and time has broken down the mortar between the bricks of our exterior walls. This allows water to creep inside and the paint to crack outside. Preventing further water damage is key to preserving our historic landmark for the next generation of GFWC members.

How will they fix it?

Professional masonry technicians will remove the crumbling existing mortar from

between each brick and then pipe (like icing a cake) new mortar to create a water-tight seal and improve the structural integrity of the walls.

If you would like to help protect GFWC Headquarters from water damage, please donate to the GFWC Façade Beautification and Restoration Fund.

[Donate Today](#)



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New to Marketplace!

GFWC Podium Banners

\$30.00

Give your meetings that professional and official look with this updated GFWC Podium Banner! Use it on podiums during speaking events or hang one on the wall behind you during a Zoom meeting with officials for easy brand recognition in photos.

The banner is 14 x 20 inches and is GFWC Blue with gold tassel cords and a white GFWC logo.

Check it out along with other GFWC items in the [GFWC Marketplace](#).

Tiny Costumes with Big Impact

By: Suzanne Hooser, GFWC Juniors' Special Program Chairman



Advocates for Children's Week (October 20-26) is fast approaching along with those yearly ghosts and goblins. Why not consider teaming up with March of Dimes and making Halloween costumes for NICU babies? Parents of these little ones are scared, stressed, sleep-deprived, and overwhelmed. You can lift their spirits by providing a handmade gift and giving them the opportunity to participate in this tradition of dressing up your baby for their first Halloween. All the instructions and patterns are found in the GFWC Member Portal. Just search "**March of Dimes**." If you plan to donate them to a local NICU, be sure to call the NICU site ahead of time to confirm they will accept your GFWC club gift. If not, mail them directly to March of Dimes, identifying it as a GFWC donation. Phone numbers are provided in the March of Dimes information packet on the Digital Library to find your nearest NICU Center with the help of the March of Dimes.

Here are some additional suggestions for celebrating the Halloween season: You can participate in or organize a Trunk or Treat event, donate food or snacks to food banks, or while taking your children or grandchildren around the neighborhood, consider trick-or-treating for UNICEF. Children in shelters often do not have an opportunity to trick or treat, nor do they have costumes. Providing party supplies and treats to your local shelter or sponsoring a party would be a great way to bring awareness to your community about your club and the importance of Advocates for Children.



It's That Time of Year for Canine Companions' DogFest

Don't miss the ultimate event of the season! 🎉🐾 Party with us at DogFest, a celebration of #servicedogs and the transformative impact they have on people with disabilities!

Open to all ages (and all furry friends), it's a full day of fun with tail-wagging activities, from agility courses and puppy meet-and-greets to mouthwatering food from local vendors - just to name a few! Plus, thanks to Eukanuba being Canine Companions' National Presenting Sponsor of DogFest, you're sure to have a doggone good time!

📍 Discover details and register: canine.org/dogfest

- Washington State - September 12
- Dallas/Fort Worth, TX - September 14
- North Central (Ohio) - September 15
- San Diego, CA - September 21
- Long Island/Northeast Region, NY - September 21
- Houston, TX - October 5
- Washington, D.C. - October 5
- Northwest (Northern CA) - October 19

#caninedogfest #celebration #event #dog #doglover #outdoorevents
#servicedog #LeadWithIndependence #eukanuba



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities for St. Jude

As a volunteer, you are part of an incredible legacy of caring and commitment—a legacy that not only made St. Jude possible but continues to help fund the research and treatment that is a constant beacon of hope for families with desperately ill children. You and your fellow volunteers make it possible to **execute thousands of events, build invaluable community relationships, and spread the word about St. Jude to raise much-needed funds.** If you are interested, please register in our volunteer management system.

Please go to: www.fundraising.stjude.org to sign up. Make sure you check that you are a member of GFWC! More to come next week!

With gratitude,
Beth Perkins

**Volunteers in Action: GFWC Bay State
Contemporary Club (MA)**



The GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club of Massachusetts members met on August 27 at GFWC MA Headquarters in Sudbury. The goal was to complete the tying of blankets for children going into foster care. Eight blankets were previously completed by members, leaving 14 to be created to meet their goal of bringing 22 hand-made blankets to the New England Region Conference this weekend.

Eighteen women from across the state of Massachusetts, scissors in hand, joined to work on this project. They used two different methods to make these kit blankets; cut and tied and sewn and cut. Success was achieved in their two-hour time window.

We want to feature YOUR club! Send us a short story and 1-2 photos of your club in action for an opportunity to be featured in News & Notes. Please send your full club name, State Federation, and 100 words on your project to PR@GFWC.org



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