



NEWS & NOTES

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New Women's History and Resource Center Blog on GFWC.org

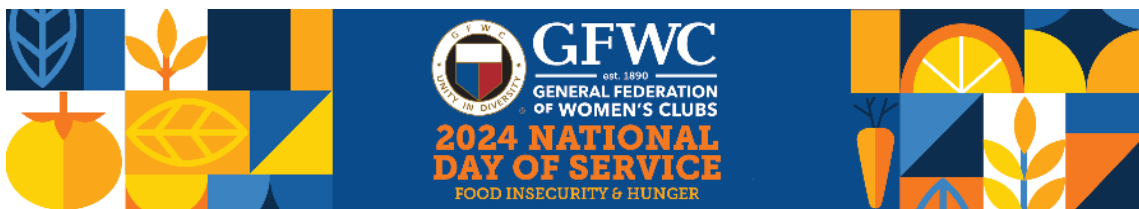
Head to the GFWC website for the first in our new monthly blog series, *WHRC: From the Archives!* For our inaugural post, we're taking a look at some examples of GFWC members *Living the Volunteer Spirit* throughout our history. Want to know what the "Saguache, Colorado club women" were working on, as shown below? Click below to read more and be sure to check back on the first Thursday of each month for more stories *From the Archives!*

[Read Now!](#)



Cares & Concerns

We send our heartfelt sympathy to the friends and loved ones of Martha McElhannon, GFWC Georgia State President (1990-1992), on her recent passing.





GFWC Hueytown Study Club - Alabama

GFWC National Day of Service (NDS)

Impact Reports

The second annual GFWC National Day of Service, September 28, is a few short weeks away. With that in mind, GFWC is turning its attention to the collection of data phase for the campaign. We are asking for impact data from all participants (regions, state federations, districts, international affiliates, and clubs) . *Your club and state federation may also report on the project separately for the yearly state statistics.* Be sure to take a few action shots to share on social media and remember to use **#GFWC24NDS** on all posts.

Specifically, GFWC is looking to gather the following data:

- How much food was collected in pounds?
- How many meals were prepared?
- How many volunteers participated?
- How many volunteer hours (calculated per person and added together)?

In addition, GFWC welcomes 69 new pledges to the campaign, bringing the grand total to 809 participants. Remember our goal is to surpass last year's count of 973 clubs. We're so close! Encourage GFWC sister clubs in your district and state to participate!

Together we can end food insecurity and hunger!

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.

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](#)

*** New Registrations as of noon
Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

GFWC STATE FEDERATIONS
GFWC Arkansas
GFWC Delaware

GFWC CLUBS BY STATE

ALABAMA

GFWC Alabama Les Belles Juniores
GFWC Double Springs Study Club
GFWC Sweet Home Alabama Volunteers

ALASKA

GFWC Deb's Dream Team (DDT)

ARKANSAS

GFWC North Little Rock Woman's Club
GFWC Stuttgart Woman's Club

CALIFORNIA

GFWC Culver City Woman's Club
GFWC El Segundo Woman's Club
GFWC Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club
GFWC Menifee Sun City
GFWC Redwood City Woman's Club
GFWC Rowland Heights Women's Club
GFWC Tracy Woman's Club
GFWC Upland Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Vista

DELAWARE

GFWC Federations Guild Association, Inc.
GFWC Roundtable Club of Wyoming-Camden

MISSOURI

GFWC Chautauqua

MONTANA

GFWC Bitterroot Woman's Club

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Exeter Area GFWC
GFWC Women's Club of Somersworth

NEW JERSEY

GFWC Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights
GFWC Woman's Club of Denville Rockaway Area

NEW YORK

GFWC Century Club of Amsterdam, NY

NORTH CAROLINA

GFWC A.L. Brown Juniorette Club
GFWC Kannapolis Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Kannapolis Woman's Club

OKLAHOMA

GFWC Tuesday Afternoon Ladies Club

PENNSYLVANIA

Covington Woman's Club of GFWC
GFWC Woman's Club of Perkasié

SOUTH CAROLINA

GFWC Women's Club of Greenville
GFWC York County Woman's Club

TENNESSEE

GFWC Henderson County Woman's Club

FLORIDA
GFWC Alachua Woman's Club
GFWC Capital City Woman's Club
GFWC First Coast Woman's Club
GFWC Lake Shore Woman's Club, Inc.
GFWC Tampa Bay Woman's Club
GFWC Tampa Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Macclenny
GFWC Woman's Club of Panama City

INDIANA
GFWC Munster Junior Woman's Club
GFWC North West Indiana Women's Club

KENTUCKY
GFWC Jackson Woman's Club

LOUISIANA
GFWC Lagniappe Woman's Club

MAINE
GFWC MIOSAC Club
GFWC Newport Woman's Club
GFWC Semper Fidelis Club
GFWC Winterport Woman's Club

MINNESOTA
GFWC Golden Valley Federated Women's Club
GFWC Nevis Area Women's Club

GFWC Music City Leaders Association
GFWC Stones River Woman's Club

TEXAS
GFWC Las Fidelis Study Club
GFWC Texas Presidents' Council
GFWC Woman's Club of Cotulla

UTAH
GFWC Bear River Valley Civic League, Inc.

VIRGINIA
Covington Woman's Club of GFWC
GFWC Bent Mountain Woman's Club
GFWC Buena Vista Woman's Club
GFWC Clifton Community Woman's Club
GFWC James River Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun
GFWC Woman's Club of Arlington
GFWC Woman's Club of Fairfax

WEST VIRGINIA
GFWC Williamson Woman's Club
GFWC WV Woman's Club of Cross Lanes

WISCONSIN
GFWC Beloit Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Northern Lights District

“Help, I Have an Overbearing Leader in My Club”

By: Suzanne Simmons, GFWC Leadership Committee Member

Do you have a president who doesn't delegate? Do you know a chairman who micromanages? Have you ever met someone you can't please no matter what? We all have. The trick is to figure out how to work with them. The GFWC Leadership Committee is ready with ideas to help.

- Step #1: Approach with empathy. Start a conversation expressing appreciation for her hard work. This may make her open to hearing your concerns.
- Step #2: Engage her by asking for guidance and clarity of expectations. Empower her by showing you want to learn under her mentorship.
- Step #3: Is it me? Evaluate your behavior. Are you part of the problem?

- Step #4: Offer to develop job descriptions and form a committee to help. Defined roles allow others to take on leadership tasks in a controlled, organized manner.
- Step #5: Suggest assisting with smaller aspects to build trust. Show you are reliable, meet deadlines, and stay on task.
- Step #6: Discuss the benefits of shared leadership. Emphasize how empowering others benefits the club. Frame the idea as a way to strengthen the club and provide future leaders.

Always maintain your professionalism. Never lose your cool.

If the issue cannot be resolved it may be necessary to contact a GFWC Mediator. Mediators have the experience and knowledge to help you work through any situation. Contact Membership Director Melanie Gisler at 202-347-3172 or MGisler@gfwc.org for more information. All information shared is confidential.



Legislative Update

Alzheimer's Bills Move Forward: On July 30, the Senate unanimously passed two bills supported by GFWC through the Legislative Action Center: the National Alzheimer's Project Reauthorization Act (S. 113, H.R. 619), and the Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act (S. 134, H.R. 620). Alzheimer's is currently ranked as the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S. and nearly seven million Americans are living with the disease. GFWC is proud of its new affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association and our support for critically important federal legislation.

Firearms and Domestic Violence Are A Deadly Mix: In late June, the United States Supreme Court ruled 8-1 in the case of U.S. v. Rahimi affirming that individuals subject to a domestic violence restraining order are restricted from legally possessing a firearm. Civil protection orders are a critical piece of safety for many domestic violence survivors around the country. The National Network to End Domestic Violence and the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence filed an amicus brief in the case and lifted first-hand accounts from survivors and their loved ones to demonstrate how abusive partners use guns to control, intimidate, terrorize, and often kill their victims, and how protective orders are important for survivor safety. Ruth Glenn, President of Public Affairs for the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the National Domestic Violence Hotline, spoke to the GFWC Board of Directors in September 2023 about her life as a survivor of gun violence by her husband and her advocacy work to impact public policy.



Holiday Open House Room Bookings

Courtyard Washington, DC Dupont Circle

Book accommodations for the GFWC Holiday Open House on **Wednesday, December 4, 2024.**

Last Day to Book: Saturday, November 2, 2024

Dates available: December 2-6, 2024

Courtyard Washington, DC Dupont Circle for \$174 per night

[Book your group rate for the General Federation of Women's Clubs](#)

The 2nd Annual GFWC National Day of Service

By: Vicky Ann Trimmer, Civic Engagement & Outreach Chairman



September 28, 2024, is the date! The call to action has been issued! Join GFWC members from across the country to Help Us End Hunger. The need is NOW. The time to act is NOW. GFWC members desire to help—NOW. Food insecurity and hunger impact millions of lives. It does not discriminate. Women, men, infants, children, teenagers, college students, and the elderly all suffer from the lack of sufficient food resources.

No one should ever go to bed hungry or wake up not knowing when or if their next meal is coming. No child should ever say that the best part of school is lunch because they don't eat when they aren't in school.

Hunger and health are directly connected. Food is necessary for brain development and retention of mental acuity.

Food insecurity is caused by a lack of resources or food unavailability. Every can of tuna fish, box of mac n' cheese, or bottle of juice helps. Together GFWC can make more food available.

Every club; small, large, rural, or urban, can easily participate. GFWC has many resources in the Member Portal to assist your club with planning and marketing your event. A special logo, poster, and proclamation are all designed and ready.

Registration is easy. Simply log into the GFWC Member Portal (<https://memberportal.gfwc.org>) to register your club.

“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” ~ Mother Teresa

Volunteers in Action: GFWC Bradenton Woman's Club (FL)



In August, the GFWC Bradenton Woman's Club, a member of GFWC Florida, was brimming with School Spirit. The objective was to ensure teachers and students had what they needed for a successful new school year, and members did not disappoint! The club generously donated 96 backpacks distributed to students at the city's Saturday market. Additionally, members contributed \$750 worth of school supplies and hygiene products to three local schools and a Salvation Army shelter, aiding homeless children in the community.

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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