

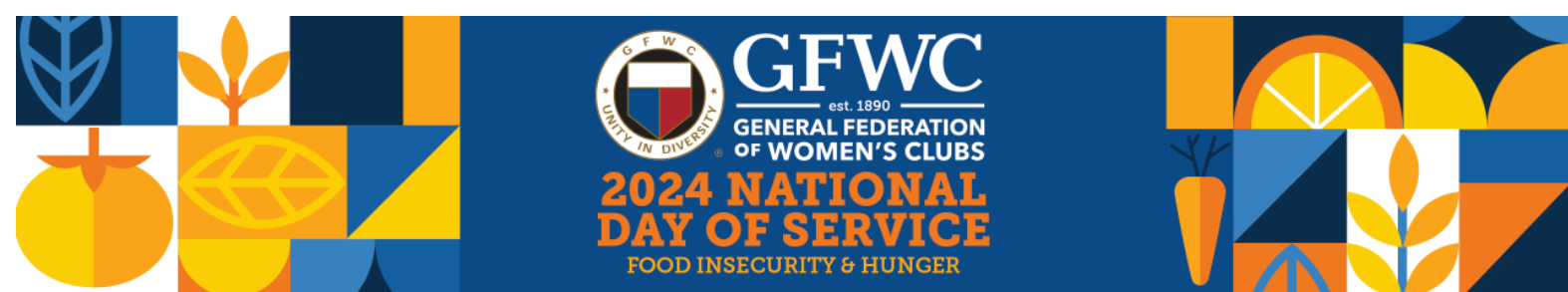


# NEWS & NOTES

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October 03, 2024



## Thank You!

*Together, we feed our communities*

I am absolutely amazed by the tremendous impact of the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service, as reflected on social media and other communication channels. Your strong dedication to volunteering and your generous donations of food, assistance in food pantries, work in soup kitchens, obtaining proclamations, and more are truly remarkable!

With over 1000 clubs, districts, states, regions, National Clubs, and International Affiliates collaborating on this unified focus for one day, GFWC has made an extraordinary difference in the battle to end hunger and food insecurity.

I ask that each group be sure to submit the GFWC National Day of Service Impact Report. More information is provided in this newsletter.

Congratulations GFWC! We are GFWC proud!

*Suzanne B Brazil*

Suellen Brazil  
GFWC International President

**[View Full List of Clubs Registered](#)**

**\* New Registrations as of Friday,  
September 27, 2024**

GFWC DISTRICT

GFWC Arizona Southern District  
GFWC Montana Eastern District  
GFWC Montana Western District  
GFWC Texas Capitol District  
GFWC Texas Pioneer District

NATIONAL CLUB

GFWC Jolie's Jigsaw Juniors

ARIZONA

GFWC Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club  
GFWC Roosevelt Neighborhood Women's Club  
GFWC San Tan Valley Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Safford

ARKANSAS

GFWC Sesame Club of Fordyce

CALIFORNIA

GFWC Highland Park Ebell Club  
GFWC Santa Fe Springs Women's Club

DELAWARE

GFWC Selbyville Community Club

FLORIDA

GFWC Port St Lucie Woman's Club  
GFWC The Pine Castle Woman's Club, Inc.

GEORGIA

GFWC Acworth Carrie Dyer  
GFWC Cochran Woman's Club  
GFWC Gordon Woman's Club  
GFWC Locus Grove Woman's Club  
GFWC Manchester Woman's Club  
GFWC Woodbine Woman's Club

ILLINOIS

GFWC Centralia Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC Centralia Juniors

KANSAS

GFWC Classics, Lawrence, KS  
GFWC Ladies Reading Club

KENTUCKY

GFWC Woman's Club of Central Kentucky, Inc.

MISSISSIPPI

GFWC Pontotoc Juniores Club

MISSOURI

GFWC Queen Anne

NEBRASKA

GFWC Heritage League of Lincoln

NEW JERSEY

GFWC Pompton Lakes Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant

NEW MEXICO

GFWC Hot Springs Woman's Club

NORTH CAROLINA

GFWC NC Past Presidents  
GFWC Spencer Woman's Club  
GFWC Whiteville Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC-NC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club

OKLAHOMA

GFWC Pa-A-Linn

PENNSYLVANIA

GFWC Junior Women's Club of Butler

SOUTH DAKOTA

GFWC Dakota Crystals  
GFWC White Lake Fortnightly Club

TENNESSEE

GFWC Brentwood Franklin Woman's Service Club

TEXAS

GFWC Heritage Club

WEST VIRGINIA

GFWC Marlinton Women's Club

WISCONSIN

GFWC Menomonie Woman's Club  
GFWC Monroe Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Greenfield

# Reminder: Complete the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service Impact Report

Thank you for all your hard work fighting food insecurity and hunger in the United States and around the world!

With over 1,000 groups participating, measuring our collective impact helps show the power of GFWC.

Please submit one GFWC NDS Impact Report Form per group before October 31, 2024. It is of primary importance that we gather data to show our total impact made by all GFWC groups engaging in our GFWC National Day of Service on September 28!

[Submit Form](#)

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## Support for Hurricane Helene Victims

GFWC leaders are saddened at the broad toll of Hurricane Helene and ask that you keep those communities and people impacted by the hurricane and severe weather accompanying it in your thoughts during this time.

The impact and devastation are broad. Many have asked how to assist. If you or your club would like to assist with relief in affected areas, please reach out to the GFWC State Federations and/or look on their website or Facebook group to learn of the most effective way you can help.

Thank you for your concern and desire to always support those in need. If you have been affected by these recent natural disasters, you can find resources at [www.disasterassistance.gov/](http://www.disasterassistance.gov/) that are specific to your area.

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## WHRC: From the Archives

The second of our new monthly blog series, “WHRC: From the Archives,” is now available! This month, read about the GFWC Unit for Overseas Service during World War I through the eyes of Freddie Hilp of Nevada – and get a little insight into how we acquire collections, including the recent discovery and donation of Hilp’s “Overseas Unit” pin.

[Read Now](#)





# New England Region

## Hopes and Dreams

By: Tina Smith, 2024-2026 New England Region  
President

What an honor to be the 2024-2026 GFWC New England Region (NER) President. As Region President, I saw an opportunity for our six states to make an impact together, all of us joining forces to make a difference. That is why I chose St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a GFWC Affiliate Organization, as my president's project.

My goal is to raise \$10,000 for St. Jude over the next two years. I have asked every club to donate a minimum of \$200, members to donate what they can, and to ask their friends and families to donate as well. Beth Perkins, of St. Jude, came from Memphis to present at our NER Conference. I have set up a St. Jude fundraising page for NER, and we have raised over \$3,000 already!

My 'pie in the sky' dream is for NER members to visit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, in March 2026. We surveyed members at the conference and had a very positive response. We hope to go to St. Jude, volunteer wherever needed, present a check to St. Jude, and do some Memphis sightseeing. How fun it would be for region members to share this experience together.

I am looking forward to the next two years and already feeling proud of our accomplishments. NER members have embraced my theme, 'BE BOLD! USE YOUR VOICE!' wholeheartedly. It is going to be a great two years.

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## Are Your Bylaws Updated?

By: GFWC Bylaws Committee

The first three months of the 24-25 club year have passed, and leaders have dealt with the most pressing matters. Now it's time to deal with the most important matter: the bylaws. If your club or state has not examined the bylaws in a few years, or if there have been changes in your organization's structure, now is the time.



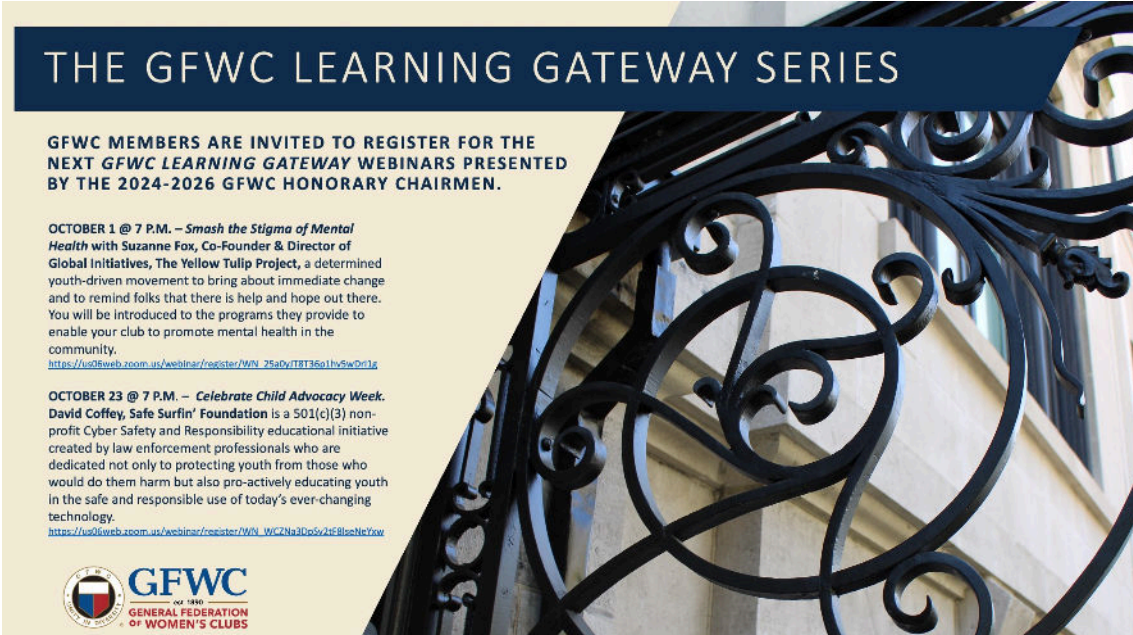
The Bylaws Committee must be formed in the manner specified by the current bylaws. When there is a choice, the committee should be large. Members of the committee should be fair and should include those with the specific writing ability required by this task. A professional parliamentarian may be involved either in drafting any proposed amendments or in overseeing the committee's work.

The bylaws in their current state must be compared to the current programs, projects, and procedures of the club/state. It is amazing how quickly things change.

Are all the officers and chairmanships in your bylaws? Is the dues amount correct? Does the quorum reflect the current membership? Do the bylaws have provisions for electronic meetings and/or voting? Do you have a dissolution clause that reflects the correct legal reference?

Once the proposed amendments to the bylaws have been written, they then go out to every member in **writing**. There is usually a one or two month advance notice to allow all members to receive a copy and have time to examine the proposal. Proposed amendments need a two-thirds affirmative vote from those present and voting in order to be enacted.

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**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.**

**OCTOBER 1 @ 7 P.M. – *Smash the Stigma of Mental Health* with Suzanne Fox, Co-Founder & Director of Global Initiatives, The Yellow Tulp Project, a determined youth-driven movement to bring about immediate change and to remind folks that there is help and hope out there. You will be introduced to the programs they provide to enable your club to promote mental health in the community.**  
[https://us08web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_75aDyITBT36o1h5wDr1j6](https://us08web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_75aDyITBT36o1h5wDr1j6)

**OCTOBER 23 @ 7 P.M. – *Celebrate Child Advocacy Week.* David Coffey, Safe Surflin' Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Cyber Safety and Responsibility educational initiative created by law enforcement professionals who are dedicated not only to protecting youth from those who would do them harm but also pro-actively educating youth in the safe and responsible use of today's ever-changing technology.**  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_WC2Na3D05y2tE8pNeY9w](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_WC2Na3D05y2tE8pNeY9w)

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The *Smash the Stigma of Mental Health* Webinar was so very informative and powerful for attendees.

Don't miss the next webinar! **Sign up today** to learn from 2024-2026 GFWC Honorary Chairman David Coffey.

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<https://bit.ly/gfwcgateway2>

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## Can't Find a President? Try This!

By: Shelli R. Fehr, GFWC Leadership Committee Member

If a club struggles to find a permanent president for an administration term, adopting a “president of the month or quarter” method could be an effective solution. This divides the responsibilities of leadership among different members, allowing for shared governance and preventing burnout. Each month/quarter, a different member steps into the role of president, giving the member the chance to develop leadership skills and gain experience in overseeing the club's business and activities.

This approach has several advantages. First, it promotes inclusivity and teamwork, as members take turns leading and contributing new ideas. It also allows members to understand the complexities of the president's role without the long-term commitment, which can attract individuals who may be hesitant to take on full-time leadership. Rotating leadership ensures a steady flow of fresh perspectives, helping the club remain dynamic and innovative.

Additionally, this method can serve as a trial period for members who may later be willing to take on a more permanent leadership position. It fosters a culture of shared responsibility, ensuring that no single person bears the entire duty of running the club.



While it requires clear communication and coordination, a president of the month/quarter system can provide an effective interim solution when a club cannot secure a president for an entire term. The only need for GFWC is that one individual must be the club's contact with their district, state, and national organization until a permanent president is elected.

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Hello Friends,

It was so great to speak at and meet so many wonderful club members at the New England Region conference in September!

I wanted to share with you information on how you can donate directly to St. Jude as well as provide you information to include with mailed donations. I want to make sure that you are given credit for all of your generosity! First, you can donate online via check or credit card by visiting [www.stjude.org/gfwc](http://www.stjude.org/gfwc). If you need to mail in gifts, please send them to:

ALSAC/St. Jude  
ATTN: Exchange Room – Jackie Harris  
501 St Jude Place  
Memphis, TN 38105

Please note the following on the memo line or if a group of checks attach a note:  
GFWC - FOZ0159DO25 ZNEOOZ250159

If you have any questions, you can always reach me at 901.216.1148 or [beth.perkins@alsac.stjude.org](mailto:beth.perkins@alsac.stjude.org)

With deep gratitude,  
Beth

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## GFWC History in the News



MRS. STELLA C. STIMSON

The most recent issue of Smithsonian Magazine features the story of Stella Courtright Stimson, a suffragist and GFWC Indiana leader who fought against political corruption in Terre Haute in 1914. Thank you to the GFWC members who made sure the WHRC saw the article! Read about Stimson's work [here](#)—and if you see GFWC history in the news, please let us know!

[whrc@gfwc.org](mailto:whrc@gfwc.org)

Photo from *Indiana and Indianans: a History of Aboriginal and Territorial Indiana and the Century of Statehood* Vol. 5 by Dunn, Jacob Piatt

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## Shot@Life Measles Campaign

Measles is one of the most contagious diseases and kills more than 136,000 people, mostly unvaccinated children, each year. With routine vaccination programs disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, millions of children in low-income countries have been left vulnerable and unprotected. Global measles cases doubled between 2021 and 2022 and are continuing to surge in 2024, putting children's health and futures at risk.

Learn how your club can help at:

<https://fundraise.unfoundation.org/campaign/gfwcs-measles-mission-with-shot-life/c579916>

Download the One-Page Flyer in the GFWC Digital Library by searching "Measles Mission"

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## **Volunteers in Action: GFWC Woman's Club of Raleigh (NC)**

The GFWC Woman's Club of Lacey's Domestic & Sexual Violence/Awareness & Prevention group met to create trick or treat goodie bags for children living in transitional housing due to domestic violence in their homes. Members collected various items to fill 10 adorable trick or treat bags to bring smiles to children this upcoming holiday. The bags included: stickers, candy, craft projects, a festive Halloween gnome, gum, chips, ghost lollipops, a drink box, pencils, granola bars, play dough, & gel pens.

During October, prioritize recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month in your club and projects that align with the GFWC Signature Program. Please send us photos and a short story about how your project is helping victims and survivors of domestic violence.

*Please send your full club name, State Federation, and 100 words on your project to [PR@GFWC.org](mailto:PR@GFWC.org)*

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