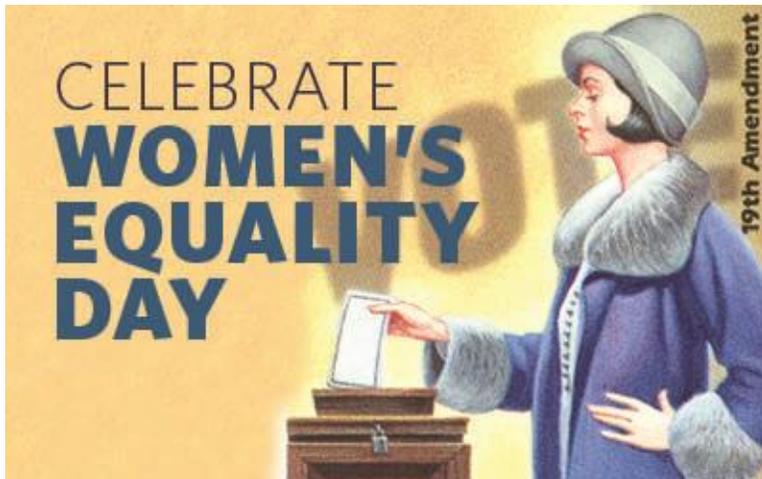


# NEWS & NOTES

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## Celebrate Women's Equality Day

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment was officially certified, granting women the right to vote. This historic day marked the culmination of the women's suffrage movement, which began in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York. In 1971, Congress designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day, giving us the opportunity to celebrate the passage of the 19th amendment and remember the strong women who fought so hard for many of the rights we often take for granted today.

Next Friday, we honor these suffragists who marched, picketed, and spoke out for the right to vote. We are also proud that GFWC played an important role in the women's suffrage movement, with clubwomen such as Julia Ward Howe and Frances Elizabeth Willard serving as prominent leaders in the fight for women's equality.

It's hard to believe that women received the right to vote less than 100 years ago, and have made true strides as doctors, politicians, teachers, and more since this time. Although women have truly come a long way in this country, there is still more



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that needs to be done. GFWC will continue to advocate for women's equality and ensure our voices are heard. Whether attending events such as the United State of Women Summit, encouraging Congress to pass Equal Pay laws, or remembering our history by visiting the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, clubwomen are committed to breaking the glass ceiling. On August 26, let the world know about the great work that clubwomen are doing on a daily basis. For more information on Women's Equality Day, visit <http://bit.ly/2aUBUQP>.

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## Community Improvement Program Award International Affiliate Winner—The American Women's Club of Toronto

After researching a number of local charities, The American Women's Club of Toronto (Canada) decided to support New Circles Community Services by providing both monetary contributions and clothing donations. Powered by volunteers, New Circles is an innovative agency that distributes clothing and offers educational programs to three economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in Toronto. Nearly 75 percent of the people seeking assistance from the agency have resided in Canada for less than five years—the vast majority are refugees.

The first New Circles project the club chose was the Prom Boutique. Volunteers were generous in their donations of prom wear, helped to organize a contribution of toiletries from Proctor and Gamble, and assisted teens in selecting the perfect dress.

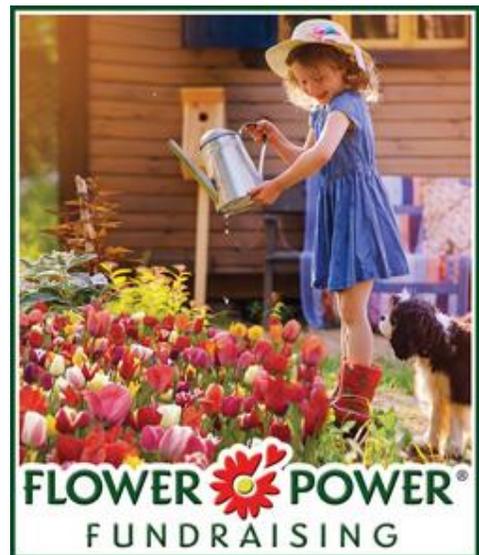
Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at [kgarlick@gfwc.org](mailto:kgarlick@gfwc.org) and you're all set!

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## Cares & Concerns

We wish to express our condolences to GFWC Georgia Past President and Past Southern Region President Pat Swan who lost her husband **Jerry Swan** on Sunday, August 14. Services for Mr. Swan will be held on August 21. Additional details regarding the service may be found by visiting the following website: <http://bit.ly/JerrySwan>

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## Grow Your Fundraiser

What other program provides you with the gratification of running a successful fundraiser that supports your cause, the pleasure of planting bulbs, the joy of watching them grow and the satisfaction of beautifying your community!

After that initial success, the club began supporting additional New Circles programs. Today, the club gives 15 percent of their dues and holds at least one large fundraiser each year to benefit the organization.

When asked what the long-term benefits of the project were the club stated, "The opportunity to work in an environment that respects and values each person has a lasting effect on the volunteers as well as those we assist. We look forward to the 100th anniversary of The American Women's Club of Toronto... and will continue to do our best to illustrate American kindness to those from abroad."



### **Honoring Sandra Roberts, Middle Atlantic Region Jennie Award Winner**

Sandra Roberts, a member of the Village Improvement Association of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, is the 2016 Middle Atlantic Region recipient of the Jennie Award.

Sandra is an advocate for the children and families of West Rehoboth, an underprivileged community, and has led the club in several successful Community Improvement Programs. Learn more about Sandra's incredible work on the GFWC blog: <http://bit.ly/SandraRoberts>

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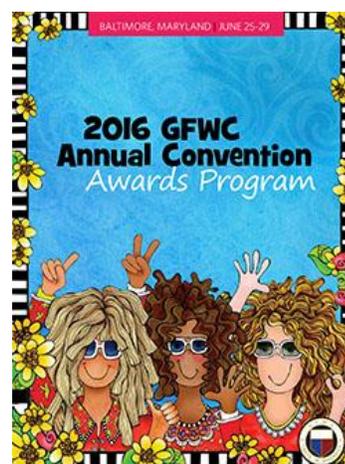
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Congratulations to all of the 2016 award winners! To download the complete program, click the following link: <http://bit.ly/GFWC2016Awards>

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### **2016-2018 Club Manual Updates**

We hope you have found the 2016-2018 *Club Manual* to be a great resource as



## Headquarters Happenings

GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea and Kim Gandy, President and CEO of the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), met to discuss the shared goal of supporting victims of domestic violence and empowering survivors to build better lives. GFWC joined NNEDV and other advocacy groups to urge Congress to pass VAWA in 1994 and multiple reauthorizations since then. Organizations are starting to plan for the next VAWA reauthorization and GFWC will once again be a strong advocate for women and families. NNEDV represents 56 U.S. state and territorial coalitions, provides training and assistance, and is co-founder of the Global Network of Women's Shelters. NNEDV President Gandy shared the most recent census, their communication tool describing the families impacted by domestic violence. The census revealed that in a single day local service programs assisted 66,581 victims; answered 20,267 hotline calls; and provided prevention and education courses to 23,389 individuals. While our work is not done, both GFWC and NNEDV continue to make strides to improve the lives of women and children through volunteer service and advocacy initiatives. Visit the NNEDV website, [nnedv.org](http://nnedv.org), to learn more about the network.

## From Henrietta Belcher-Stack, GFWC Membership Chairman

After recruiting new members all summer, the beginning of the club year is upon us, which means it's time to submit the "Go

you plan projects for the upcoming year. The *Club Manual* is regularly updated to reflect current information. You can download the manual and view a log of recent changes by visiting <http://bit.ly/GFWCClubManual>.

## Casting Call for "The Wall"

Are you a fun and outgoing person who is always smiling? Do you love trivia and live for a little competition? If so, you would be a perfect candidate for "The Wall", a new game show coming to NBC. Representatives from "The Wall" specifically reached out to GFWC looking for potential candidates because they want deserving, volunteer-oriented contestants with a big heart and even bigger personality! Contestants compete in pairs of two for the chance to win millions of dollars. So grab your best friend, sibling, spouse, son—whoever you always have a great time with—and apply today at [www.thewallnbc.com](http://www.thewallnbc.com). Let's show the world how enthusiastic clubwomen can be!

## In The News

**GFWC of Tallahassee** (Florida) recently promoted their annual garage sale on the local ABC affiliate. Susan McLeod, Garage Sale Chairman, spoke eloquently of the club's intent to donate all proceeds back to the community. One of the charities benefiting from the sale will be the 2016-2018 Florida

Fish for Members" [recruitment form](#) due on September 1, 2016. Remember not to assume that new members will automatically have the skills necessary to fully participate in club activities. As clubwomen, we have a responsibility to offer educational programs that teach new recruits the rich history of GFWC and our clubs. Planning a New Member Orientation is a great way to show members what GFWC is all about. **Read more about planning a New Member Orientation on the GFWC blog:** <http://bit.ly/2bkFGqK>

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President's Project Hacienda Girls' Ranch, a shelter for up to 45 girls ranging in age from 10-17 years old. Watch the video by [clicking here](#).

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## Partner Spotlight: Operation Smile

GFWC and Operation Smile are working together to change children's lives by launching The Campaign for Children's Smiles, a yearlong, \$150,000 fundraising campaign to sponsor an Operation Smile medical mission! This is an ambitious goal and we need your help to achieve it.

Hundreds of children are waiting. They are depending on us to provide the surgeries their families could never afford. So as you plan for the year ahead, we ask every club to commit to raising the funds needed to meet this goal.

GFWC has supported Operation Smile since the beginning. Clubwomen raise funds, hold supply drives, and do sewing projects. Many also volunteer their time as doctors, nurses, medical records specialists, and more! We are very grateful for this partnership, and we know we can count on you this year!

We will update you as more details become available. Please contact Bonnie Keuhne with any questions:

[bkeuhne@operationsmile.org](mailto:bkeuhne@operationsmile.org)

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## Marketplace: 2016-2018 Administration Pin

Looking for a great way to celebrate the new administration? Why not do so with our *Living the Volunteer Spirit* 2016-2018 Administration pin! This magnet-backed pin

features raised surfaces, vibrant colors, and includes the new *Living the Volunteer Spirit* logo. Pins are \$5.00 and can be found in the [GFWC Marketplace!](#)

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