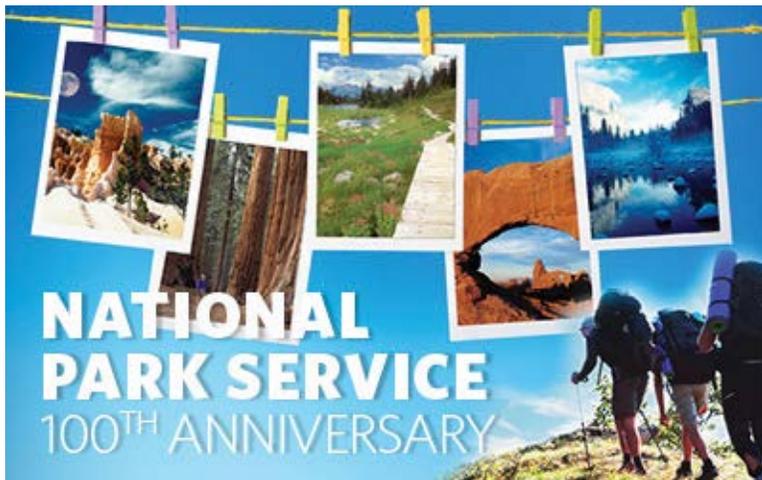


NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

News & Notes - August 25, 2016



Celebrate 100 Years of National Parks!

Today is the centennial of the National Park Service, the perfect day to celebrate GFWC's long history of promoting conservation. From the Grand Canyon to the Great Smoky Mountains, the United States is filled with breathtaking scenery. National Parks have so much to offer and play a vital part in preserving our natural resources. GFWC clubwomen were leaders in the creation of the National Park Service and bound together to advocate for places people could go to enjoy nature. International Past President Mary King Sherman (1924-1928) played such a prominent role that she was nicknamed "The National Park Lady." Thanks to the efforts of those who care about our environment, including GFWC clubwomen, there are now hundreds of parks nationwide available for you to visit.

In honor of the National Park Service centennial, learn more about how GFWC promoted conservation during the Progressive Era of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. WHRC Manager Alyssa Constad explores the history of GFWC's

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support for the National Park Service and our involvement in the conservation movement on the GFWC blog:

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You can also celebrate 100 years of National Parks by visiting a park near you! Visit <http://bit.ly/2bxefSv> to find a park and learn more about the National Park Service. Stay tuned to next week's *News & Notes* for a blog post by GFWC Conservation Chairman Angela Cutrera, who shares how you can celebrate the NPS Centennial and support national parks.



Honoring Sue Ann Stearns, South Central Region Jennie Award Winner

Sue Ann Stearns of Nogal, New Mexico is this year's South Central Region recipient of the GFWC Jennie Award. Sue joined the Carrizozo Woman's Club in 1970 and remains an active member over 45 years later. Sue's leadership led to the placement of the clubhouse on the National Historic Registry and the establishment of an apartment complex for low-income seniors. Read more about Sue's dedication to her community and the projects she has implemented over the years on the GFWC Blog: bit.ly/SueAnnStearns

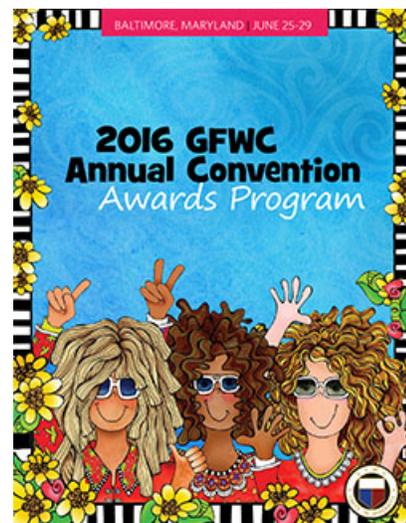
Recruitment Story: Woman's Civic Club of Jasper

Are you planning a new member recruitment event? If so, try following the example of the **Woman's Civic Club of Jasper** (Texas) who recruited 25 new members after hosting a Membership Expo. This successful event was the result of many hours of planning and advertising. All members created a guest list and mailed out postcards to invitees. The club also placed an open invitation in the local paper and individual members spread awareness of the event. At the expo, representatives from organizations the club works with were present, allowing prospective members to ask questions and

Simply provide your name, mailing address, email, and club name to GFWC Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org and you're all set!

Cares & Concerns

We wish to express our condolences to GFWC Texas past state president (1986-1988) **Carol Silvus'** family, friends, and Federation Sisters. Mrs. Silvus passed away on August 7. To read her obituary, please visit <http://bit.ly/CarolSilvus>



NOW AVAILABLE! 2016 GFWC Annual Convention Awards Program

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

get to know the club's impact on the community. The club's membership committee greeted each attendee with membership forms and club information. The expo aimed to make guests feel welcomed and needed. Lunch and entertainment was provided, resulting in a fun event for all. This event resulted in 25 new members, bringing their overall club membership to 73. Congratulations to the Woman's Civic Club of Jasper on your new members! Consider hosting a similar event in your community, and remember to fill out the "Go Fish for Members" [recruitment form](#) that is due September 1, 2016.



Shot@Life Works to Erase Polio

GFWC International Outreach and Community Service Project Partner Shot@Life is working ensure that every last child is protected from polio by challenging supporters to participate in Race to Erase this fall! Thanks to the work of Shot@Life's UN partners, the world has made great strides towards ending polio and the disease has dropped 99.9% since 1988. Now more than ever, we need to act.

We want to engage GFWC clubwomen in polio eradication efforts and that's why we're challenging each and every one of you to get out there and help us defeat polio for good.

What's Race to Erase? It is a 5K Run or Walk (or any other event you desire) completed by YOU in the countdown to World Polio Day on October 24, 2016. Starting in late August, Race to Erase will challenge supporters to stand up to help

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Submit your Region Conference Photos!

Region Conference Season is almost upon us, which means it's time to get your camera out and start taking some good photos! As you snap away memorable pictures of your fellow clubwomen, remember to send them to the GFWC Communications Department to include on our Pinterest Page! Please email photos to pr@gfwc.org with the subject line "Region Conference Photos"

protect kids from polio and eradicate this debilitating disease by fundraising and advocating to your members of Congress.

Register on the Race to Erase page by either starting a team, joining a team, or signing up as an individual. If you have any questions about getting involved, please contact saud@unfoundation.org.

Polio is fast, but we can be faster. It's that simple.



GFWC Virginia Juniors Support Camp Easterseals UCP

For decades, **GFWC Virginia Juniors** have supported Camp Easterseals UCP in New Castle, VA. The camp provides children and adults with disabilities recreational and therapeutic programming including; horseback riding, canoeing, swimming, arts and crafts, and more. Camp Easterseals UCP is a fully accessible camp facility built to accommodate campers with a wide range of special needs.

Beginning with its inception in 1956, Virginia Juniors have contributed to make improvements at the camp including the construction of the central building named "Federation Lodge," a heated pool, a dormitory, and a Speech Therapy Center to name just a few. During the 2004-2006 Administration alone over \$70,000 was raised to assist with maintenance of the camp.

Fundraising efforts have continued across the state with the Junior Woman's Club of Hopewell's "Letters to Santa" fundraiser, GFWC Worthington Woman's Club's provision of a campership, and most recently the "Kiss the Moose" volunteer

and include the name of the conference in the body of the email. Be sure to follow GFWC on Pinterest if you haven't already:

www.pinterest.com/generalfederati/.

In The News

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club

(West Virginia) was featured on the local news for their Brown Bag Project. The goal of the project is to ensure that children, who need extra nutrition on weekends and school vacations, receive enough food to eat. Twice a month club members fill 160 brown bags to be distributed Friday mornings to area students. Learn more about the project by [watching the video](#).

day for Juniors. Activities at the volunteer day included registering campers, helping with luggage, and talking with parents and campers. You can learn more about GFWC Virginia's support of Camp Easterseals by reading a recent feature on the [Easterseals' website](#).



Marketplace: 2017 Buy A Day Calendar

Have you ever wanted a day all to yourself? You can have your own day, literally, with the 2017 Year in Pictures

Calendar. GFWC offers members the opportunity to "buy a day" in the calendar. Purchase a day for yourself, a friend, your club, and/or your State Federation. It is the perfect way to recognize special people and events, and share them with the GFWC community.

Guidelines:

- Last day to Buy A Day is September 30, 2016
- Please choose the day you would like to purchase from the drop down menu above.
- Please include your message (example: Happy Birthday Ashley! Love, Nina).
- One message per day; 50 character maximum; text only; no graphics or clip art.
- The 2017 Year in Pictures Calendar will be featured as a bonus pull-out in the November+December issue of *Clubwoman Magazine*.
- One copy of the November+December *Clubwoman Magazine*, featuring the 2017 Year in Pictures Calendar, is included with purchase.

- Everyone who purchases a day will be acknowledged in the GFWC 2017 Year in Pictures Calendar.

Please be aware that days that are sold out are unavailable for purchase. Days are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by date/time reservation and payment received. If you purchase a day that has already been purchased, GFWC will contact you to choose an alternative day. Visit the GFWC Marketplace to purchase a day: <http://bit.ly/24VoJG6>

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