

# NEWS & NOTES

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## GFWC Board of Directors Attends 2016 Day in D.C.

GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea, the Executive Committee, and the 2016-2018 Board of Directors unleashed their volunteer power on our nation's capital as part of the second annual Day in D.C., spending last Friday exploring all that this exciting city has to offer.

The day started with a briefing at the U.S. Department of State, where members learned about initiatives related to GFWC's work in communities around the country. Sara Mahoney of the Secretary's Office of Civil Rights spoke about how the State Department is promoting gender diversity. As supporters of women's equality, clubwomen were thrilled to hear from Stephanie Foster of the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, who spoke about global empowerment of women and girls. Next, Anna Patrick of the Office of Global Trafficking in Persons spoke about efforts to end human

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trafficking. GFWC then heard from Kathy Johnson, who spoke about the upcoming opening of the U.S. Diplomacy Center. Special thanks to all the speakers, Susan Stevenson, and Eileen Place for welcoming GFWC to the State Department.

Following the informative briefing, members headed to GFWC Headquarters for lunch and a tour of the house on N Street. It was then time to learn more about the place many of GFWC's advocacy efforts are focused—The United States Capitol. Here, clubwomen enjoyed a video and a tour of the symbolic center of democracy. Members then made their way to the Library of Congress, gathering for a group photo and admiring the library's design.

This year's Day in D.C. was filled with learning and fun as clubwomen were reminded of just how big an impact their actions make when it comes to advocating for laws protecting women and children. As we continue to make our voices in Washington heard, it's important to remember that although we are making great strides, we have only just begun.

While the Day in D.C. gave members the opportunity to learn valuable information that will aid their volunteer and advocacy endeavors, it was just one part of the Board of Directors meeting. Leaders spent an additional two days discussing the organization's goals, planning for the year ahead, and listening to influential speakers. Two of the presenters, CEO of the National Network to End Domestic Violence Kim Gandy and Kristen Moore of Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund, spoke on issues of relevance to GFWC's Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention.

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## Cares & Concerns

We wish to express our sympathy to GFWC Colorado Past State President Linda Palmgren for the loss of her mother. Please keep Linda and her family in your thoughts.

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## GFWC Conservation Chairman Shares Ways to Promote National Parks

Last week, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service and examined GFWC's role in its creation. Since our founding in 1890, clubwomen have been committed to conserving our natural resources and protecting the environment. Today, clubs across the country continue this legacy of preservation, organizing creative conservation projects that help keep our planet beautiful. This week, see how you can Find Your Park! Angela Cutrera, the 2016-2018 GFWC Conservation Chairman, writes about how you and your club can support our nation's beautiful National Parks in a post on the GFWC blog: <http://bit.ly/2c2evzT>



## Honoring Kathy White, New England Region Jennie Award Winner

GFWC is proud to recognize Katherine (Kathy) White as the New England Region winner of the Jennie Award. Kathy has been a member of the Winterport Woman's Club in Maine since 1982.

She has led the club in several projects, including the restoration of a historic building, collecting socks for domestic violence shelters, and organizing the Winterport Community

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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 you plan projects for the upcoming year. The *Club Manual* is changed to reflect current information. Documents that have been updated recently include:

- Statistic & Award Entry Forms
- Education Community Service Program
- Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children
- GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

You can download the latest documents from <http://bit.ly/GFWCClubManual>.

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## Updated ESO Reading List Available on GFWC.org

The 2016-2018 Reading List for Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is now available

Fund Drive to benefit a local cancer center. Kathy is a dedicated volunteer who is described as someone who truly *Lives the Volunteer Spirit*. Read more about Kathy on the GFWC blog: <http://bit.ly/KatherineWhite>

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## Women's History Resource Center: Whatzit

September's Whatzit is a beautiful wooden and cast iron dictionary stand. The stand was produced by Josiah Anstice & Co Inc., and still has the original production sticker. Located in Rochester, New York, Josiah Anstice & Co produced a variety of household items, from meat and vegetable

cutters, to mixers and dictionary stands. The company was in existence from the late 19th century through the mid-20th century, but this stand most likely dates to the 1930s. If you have any further information on this dictionary stand, please email me at [aconstad@gfwc.org](mailto:aconstad@gfwc.org) or give me a ring at [202-347-3168 ext. 137](tel:202-347-3168). Thank you!

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In the U.S., human trafficking has been reported **in all 50 states**, — a source, destination, and transit point for trafficking victims.

## Partner Spotlight: U.S. Fund for UNICEF

While many may believe that human trafficking only occurs outside the United States, the unfortunate truth is that human trafficking has been reported in all 50 states. Anyone can be a

on GFWC.org! [Click here](#) to view the addendum of suggested books.

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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](mailto:pr@gfwc.org) with the subject line "Region Conference Photos" 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:

<https://www.pinterest.com/generalfederati/>.

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## In The News

**Leitchfield Woman's Club** (Kentucky) has received media attention for their upcoming "Shop Local – Hometown Fashions for Fall." The goal of the event is to provide a low cost but high impact marketing opportunity for local merchants to showcase their fashion inventories. Proceeds from the fashion show will go towards providing scholarships for area high school students. Read more about the project by [clicking here](#).

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victim of human trafficking, regardless of age, gender, or ethnicity. The products we buy and use every day are often made by forced, slave, or child labor. Learn more about U.S. Fund for UNICEF's End Trafficking project, which aims to raise awareness about child trafficking and mobilize communities to take meaningful action to help protect children, by clicking this link: <http://bit.ly/GFWCEndTrafficking>

Please contact Mansi Mehta, Manager of Civil Society Partnerships at the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, at [mmehta@unicefusa.org](mailto:mmehta@unicefusa.org) for resources to fundraise, educate, and advocate for the End Trafficking Project!

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