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LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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Join GFWC Nebraska and Go Purple for Prematurity Awareness Month

When selecting a Special Project, Nebraska Director of Junior Clubs Tara Plasek drew on her own family's experiences. Having witnessed both her sister and niece struggle with medical issues resulting from premature birth, she knew that supporting March of Dimes was the cause closest to her heart.

March of Dimes' mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. In order to reduce premature births, they finance research and educate women on risk-reduction strategies. Throughout November, Tara and Nebraska's clubwomen will be using Prematurity Awareness Month as a platform to raise funds for the March of Dimes and bring needed attention to the health issues that can result from premature birth including cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities, chronic lung disease, blindness, and hearing loss.

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As a creative fundraiser, Tara has distributed empty medicine bottles to clubs across Nebraska with her slogan, *March of Dimes: Change for a Change*, attached. Each clubwoman has been asked to fill at least one bottle with spare change, and bring it to their November club meeting. Several members have already returned their filled bottles, and many have requested additional bottles to fill!

If you would like to join GFWC Nebraska's Junior clubwomen and recognize Prematurity Awareness Month, take advantage of the many [social media resources](#) March of Dimes has created. You can change your profile pictures to a World Prematurity Day graphic on Facebook or Twitter to help raise awareness, or sign up to automatically post a message of support and awareness to your social media community on November 17.

You can also get involved by going purple! Wear purple to represent the March of Dimes and prematurity awareness; light your clubhouse or home with purple; or get creative like Tara to inspire others to raise awareness by going purple. We thank Nebraska's Junior clubwomen for supporting the March of Dimes and bringing this issue to the attention of the national GFWC audience.



**Thank You for another Successful
Advocates
for Children Week!**

Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org and you're all set!

Cares & Concerns

We send our condolences to Past Colorado State President Jolene Robinson. Jolene's husband of 57 years, Clarence, passed away on October 14 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Patricia Budka Joins the GFWC Staff as Chief of Operations

On November 6, Patricia (Patty) Budka will begin work at 1734 N Street as GFWC's Chief of Operations. Patty brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in managing nonprofit companies to the role. She also exhibits great enthusiasm for the charitable work of our members and has a creative vision for how our organization can continue to prosper and grow. Please consider attending one of the many events scheduled to take place at Headquarters during the holiday season, so you may welcome Patty in person.

During GFWC Advocates for Children Week, clubs across the country sponsored incredible projects to help children. Each project catered to different needs children have, and all were a great success! For example, the **North Pinellas Woman's Club** (Florida) brought books for children moving into a Habitat for Humanity home and provided stuffed animals to be "reading buddies". The **Okeechobee Junior Woman's Club** (Florida) collected nonperishable items for the Backpack Program at their local school. The **Outer Banks Woman's Club** (North Carolina) prepared to purchase holiday gifts for families in need.

GFWC Headquarters learned of these amazing projects by reading posts to the official GFWC App as part of the Advocates for Children Week App Contest. We thank everyone who participated in the contest and congratulate the **Pioneer Junior Woman's Club** (Massachusetts) for winning the raffle. Please continue to use the GFWC App to announce your club's success stories, to post event photographs, and to invite your fellow clubwomen to attend fundraisers. The GFWC App is a great tool for publicizing your club!



Headquarters Happenings

Stop by Headquarters to see the GFWC Tennessee Barn Quilt Square display. Barn quilt squares are traditionally painted on barns or large displays, and hung in "trails" across the country. Barn quilt trails are typically community projects intended to draw attention to local landmarks and aesthetics. In the spirit of



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Quick Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian
Shirley Gomes

BOARD MEMBERS

community, each of the 42 GFWC Tennessee clubs were asked to paint a small wooden quilt square. The squares are designed to look like a shelf in a library, in honor of GFWC's historic work with public libraries. Clubs were also asked to use their square to represent different aspects of their club's history or of their major accomplishments. You can see GFWC Tennessee's beautiful work at Headquarters from now through January!

On Wednesday, **November 8, 2017** at 4 p.m., GFWC and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF will be sponsoring a movie screening of the documentary *Not My Life* at GFWC Headquarters. Filmed on five continents and in a dozen countries, *Not My Life* takes viewers into a world where millions of children are exploited through an astonishing array of practices including forced labor, domestic servitude, sexual violence, and child soldiering. Challenging though it may be, *Not My Life's* message is ultimately one of hope. Victims of slavery can be set free and go on to live happy and productive lives. Those who advocate for slavery victims are growing in numbers, and are increasingly effective.

Every year, the historic GFWC Headquarters is transformed into a holiday wonderland, complete with a floor-to-ceiling Christmas tree, traditional holiday décor, and a buffet of delicious treats! This year we invite you to once again join us in celebrating the season at 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036 on **Wednesday, December 6** from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m..

Legislative Action Corner

Opioids

President Trump officially declared the opioid crisis a Public Health Emergency. The 90-day declaration directs federal agencies to better use their funding to fight the opioid problem, but no new funds were provided at this time. The executive action allows for expanded access to telemedicine, including services involving remote prescribing of medicine commonly used for substance abuse or mental health treatment; allows

How many club members are on your Board? None! Except as your bylaws may provide!

IF your club is to have an executive board the bylaws must specify the number of board members, and how they are to be determined. Bylaws should define the board's duties and powers, and should provide for meetings of the board. An executive board commonly consists of club officers together with chairmen of standing committees. Some boards include directors, managers, or trustees. Again, only as your club bylaws may provide; and when so established, the board has only such power as is delegated to it by the bylaws or by vote of club membership referring individual matters to it.

The board operates under the club's bylaws and general parliamentary law. Business is transacted in large boards according to the same rules of procedure as in other deliberative assemblies. In smaller boards, (a dozen or less) rules may be less formal. For example, a member when seeking to obtain the floor may raise a hand rather than standing to be recognized and may be seated while making a motion. In any case, a board can transact business only in a regular or properly called meeting of which every board member has been notified.

There is an increasing preference, especially in the case of small boards, to transact business at electronic meetings. See Robert's Rules of Order NR, Chapter IV, Section 9, for particular

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to quickly make temporary appointments of specialists to respond to the crisis; allows the Department of Labor to issue dislocated worker grants for those impacted by abuse; and allows for the shifting of resources within HIV/AIDS programs to help people eligible for substance abuse treatment. Last year, Congress passed the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act to improve prevention, treatment, recovery, overdose reversal, and our law enforcement efforts. GFWC supported this legislation.



Marketplace: GFWC Vest

This polyester vest is lightweight, soundless, and water resistant. The armholes feature Lycra binding for added mobility while the back features concealed vents for added ventilation. Full-zip front, stand collar, front hand pockets and shock cord drawstrings at the hem provide extra wind protection.

Contoured lines offer a fitted, feminine look. The black vest also features the GFWC emblem, embroidered in white on the left chest.

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types of business meetings and specifications for electronic meetings.



Halloween Projects

We thank the many clubs and clubwomen that alerted GFWC Headquarters to their Halloween-themed fundraisers. The spooky photographs and stories were a delight to read! We especially enjoyed hearing from the **GFWC Georgia Service Guild of Covington** who held their annual Halloween party for children at the Project Renewals Battered Women's Shelter. The children and their mothers clearly enjoyed trick or treating at the different stations set up by the Service Guild's members.

Pictured are Service Guild members Peggy Hawley, Donna Sneed, Jean Jensen, Kathy Rhoades, and Paula Wilkins.

In the News

GFWC Tennessee recently held a banquet to support Operation Song, a local non-profit that works with veterans

to turn their stories into music. The event's keynote speaker was Heather Johnsen Wagner, who in 1996 became the first woman to guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. President of GFWC Tennessee Linda Hershey said in a press release, "As one of the founding states of the oldest civic women's group in the U.S., and given our strong support of veterans through various projects across Tennessee, we felt Heather embodied the very spirit of our members." Learn more about Heather and the GFWC Tennessee fundraiser by [clicking here](#) and watching news coverage from *Fox 17 Nashville*.

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