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LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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Celebrate GFWC Advocates for Children Week

To raise awareness for GFWC's child advocacy efforts, Sunday, October 22 to Saturday, October 28, 2017 has been declared GFWC Advocates for Children Week. All GFWC Woman's, Junior, and Juniorette clubs are encouraged to participate by taking part in events related to the Juniors' Special Program. We hope this celebration motivates your club to start a new project or to repeat a previously successful one.

One example of a highly effective project in 2016 was **GFWC Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club's** (Illinois) support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. During Advocates for Children Week, the club collected items ranging from coloring books and crayons, art kits and supplies, to gift cards and personal items. All of these items were requested on the St. Jude Wish List by children undergoing treatment at the hospital.

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We cannot wait to see what creative and exciting projects will take place this year. Remember, GFWC has challenged clubs to upload photographs of their projects to the official [GFWC App](#). Each club which uploads a photograph will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win a \$100 gift card.



GFWC North Carolina Unites to Create a Legacy

North Carolina Director of Junior Clubs Heather Bolick understands the value of teamwork. For her Special Project, Heather has partnered with North Carolina President Dottie Jennings to create the “Focus on Federation, Building Our LEGACY” campaign. With the combined talents of all North Carolina clubwomen, they are twice as prepared to turn their dreams for GFWC North Carolina into a reality.

The Focus on Federation campaign celebrates what sets GFWC apart from other volunteer organizations. Among GFWC’s distinguishing characteristics are our efforts in the areas of membership and leadership, our unique concentration on Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, and our work in support of the Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children. North Carolina clubwomen have spent thousands of hours and raised thousands of dollars to help victims of domestic violence, and to promote the safety of children in their state.

In addition to advocating for increased volunteer work, Heather and Dottie have established a goal to raise \$125,000 to create

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

Cares and Concerns

We send our condolences to Past International President Jacquelyn Pierce on the passing of [Gordon John Demaine](#) on October 14. During their eight years together, Gordon and Jacquelyn traveled the world and did much to support our Federation. Gordon was an active member of GFWC and served as President of the GFWC Booster Club. He will be greatly missed.

Club Manual Update

To improve the utility of the [2016 -2018 Club Manual](#), the sections dedicated to the Community Service Programs have been updated. Each section now includes a listing of relevant, current Resolutions and a clickable link to the full 2017-2018 Resolution document.

Greet America’s Heroes on October 24

GFWC is committed to supporting our nation’s veterans and is proud that our members are major supporters of the Honor Flight Network, a national organization dedicated to transporting veterans to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C. GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea and staff will

a Legacy Fund that will ensure the financial stability of GFWC North Carolina. A benefit held in honor of GFWC International Past President Juanita Bryant was highly successful as was the sale of a jeweled starfish pin. By April 2017, North Carolina's clubwomen had raised over half of their goal, and are certain to exceed it given their determination and spirit.

As Heather explained, "While Woman's Club members and Junior Club members enjoy their own special identity, they identify first and foremost as clubwomen. At this moment in time, it felt appropriate to combine forces and support a statewide theme." By strengthening their numbers and their efforts, North Carolina clubwomen will create a legacy and continue to make a difference in their communities for generations to come.



A New Way to Support the March of Dimes

While traveling to GFWC events, Juniors' Special Program Chairman Deborah Allen was frequently asked, "How can my club support the March of Dimes?" In response, and with the help of March of Dimes Representative Meredith Repik, she developed a project to create blankets for babies born to military families. The blankets will be distributed during baby showers hosted by the March of Dimes as part of their Healthy Baby program.

welcome veterans from the Honor Flight of West Central Florida on October 24. We invite you to join us at 10 a.m. at the United States Air Force Memorial. The memorial is located at 1 Air Force Memorial Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

For more details, please call 202-347-3168 or email gfwc@gfwc.org.

Quick Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

**By GFWC Parliamentarian
Shirley Gomes**

WHICH MOTION TO USE:

To correct errors or deal with exceptions:

- Point of Order
- Appeal
- Call for Orders of the Day
- Suspend the Rules

To Interrupt or end a meeting:

- Adjourn
- Recess

To consider again:

- Reconsider
- Renew
- Amend

To amend:

- Insert
- Add words
- Strike out
- Strike out and insert

Acceptable blanket types include sewn, no-sew, knitted, crocheted, and quilted. You are only limited by your imagination! Chairman Allen has designed a [Blanket Tag](#) to attach to each blanket. The signed tags will let families know that GFWC clubwomen support our military and are proud to partner with the March of Dimes. A [GFWC Blankets for Babies Form](#) is also available to ensure your club is acknowledged for your wonderful contributions.

Chairman Allen is creating a no-sew blanket in honor of each GFWC Region. Photographs of her blankets will be added to the GFWC Pinterest Board. If your club creates an outstanding baby blanket for March of Dimes, send a photograph to pr@gfwc.org. We will post your idea to the GFWC Pinterest Board in hopes of inspiring other clubwomen to take part in this outstanding new project.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The next National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day (NTBI) will be held on Saturday, October 28. The event aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse.

According to the 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.5 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. The majority of prescription drug abusers report they obtain drugs from friends and family. Removing our old prescription drugs from medicine cabinets, kitchen drawers, and bedside tables reduces accidents, thefts, and the abuse of these medicines, including opioid painkillers that accounted for 20,808 drug overdoses in 2014.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has established a [website](#) that will help you locate the collection site nearest you. Most sites will be accepting donations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. local time.

- Substitute

Other:

- Read Papers
- Withdraw A Motion
- Raise A Question of Privilege

For complete details on any of the motions mentioned, please refer to the index of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition*.



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Take-Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. Please consider taking part as an individual or club.

Legislative Action Corner

Opioids

On October 5, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee held a hearing on the federal response to the opioid crisis. You can watch the committee hearing here: <https://www.help.senate.gov/hearings/the-federal-response-to-the-opioid-crisis>

On October 11, the House Energy and Commerce Committee heard more than 50 members of Congress testify to the impact of opioid addiction in their communities. Last year, Congress passed the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, which provides grants to states to support prevention, treatment, recovery, and education efforts around the opioid crisis. The law also expanded access to overdose reversal drug naloxone. As part of the 21st Century Cures Act passed by Congress, \$500 million in supplemental funding to address opioid abuse also was approved last year.

The pending FY 2018 appropriations process rejects proposed cuts to agencies that would carry out the goals of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act and the 21st Century Cures Act.

On October 17, President Trump's nominee to be the nation's drug czar as head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Representative Tom Marino (R-PA), withdrew from consideration. This action followed CBS's "60 Minutes" and *The Washington Post's* stories that he received significant campaign contributions from drug companies and pushed legislation, which purposefully made it harder for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to pursue enforcement actions to combat opioids.

Diabetes

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The Benefits of Membership

GFWC members are eligible to receive discounts on goods and services, insurance, and travel. National companies such as Budget, TNT Vacations, and VPI Pet Insurance are offering significant price reductions to GFWC clubwomen. For instance, **GFWC Members can save up to 80% on over 93,000 products at Office Depot.** Shop online or in any Office Depot or OfficeMax store. Enjoy FREE next-day delivery on online orders over \$50! [Click here](#) to shop online or print off a FREE Store Purchasing Card.

Vote in the GFWC Shares Poll

The holiday season is fast approaching, and that means it's time for fun treats and traditions. Tell us if you have any holiday season charity traditions, and your responses might be included in the November + December edition of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/623JTH6>

On October 11, Congress approved [S. 920](#) to create a National Clinical Care Commission focused on diabetes. The panel is authorized to make recommendations on various federal health prevention programs, federal efforts to support clinicians in providing care, federal education and awareness activities to prevent and treat the diseases, and methods for outreach and dissemination of education and awareness materials. The bill now goes to the president's desk for signature. It is rare that a new federal policy panel is dedicated to a particular disease; however, diabetes plays a tremendous role in federal health care spending.

The [GFWC Legislative Action Center](#) is a powerful tool for GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. Track bills, contact your local representative, and take action on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions. [Click here](#) to visit the Legislative Action Center and enroll to receive updates.

Partner Spotlight: HOBY

Thousands of schools across the country have received the 2018 HOBY Registration Kit to register their 10th grade students for the State Leadership Seminar. All 70 Seminars will take place nationwide between May and June 2018. Students return from HOBY with more self-awareness, confidence, and skills to lead and serve others.

Join the hundreds of clubs that have supported HOBY, either through student sponsorships, volunteerism, and/or gifts-in-kind. Fulfill a Seminar's wish lists of supplies or download our donation form to give in any amount. All donations go toward making a difference in the lives of our youth.

Starting January 10, 2018, parents and HOBY Partners will be able to register students directly for the Seminar. Contact Sunshine Navarro Shively at 818-851-3980 x321 or shivelys@hoby.org for more information or to connect with the high school student your club sponsored last spring.

Attend the GFWC Headquarters Screening of *Not My Life*

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.

If you plan to attend the movie screening, please RSVP to Director of Membership Services and Programs Melanie Gisler at mgisler@gfwc.org.

In the News

The **GFWC Woman's Club of Safford** (Arizona) announced they will be taking part in a new charitable activity called the Backpack Project. The Backpack Project aids the Arizona Department of Child Safety in their support of foster children by providing necessary items such as hygiene supplies. Club member Mimi Loveridge described her participation by saying, "Everyone has something to give; I have time and a



Marketplace: GFWC Sweatshirt

The 1/4-zip pullover style of this Sport-Tek® sweatshirt is versatile enough to be worn alone or as a layering piece. The open hem and set-in sleeves keep them feeling

unrestricted. Made with 9-oz 65/35 ringspun combed cotton/polyester material. Features GFWC logo embroidered in white on left chest. Available in sizes S-4XL for \$30 each at the [GFWC Marketplace](#).

love for children.” Read the complete *Eastern Arizona Courier* article by [clicking here](#).

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