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Halloween Treats to Benefit Communities and Clubwomen

On Halloween everyone is ready for a bit of ghoulish amusement and it is a perfect opportunity to fundraise for much-loved causes. Clubwomen across the country are getting into the spirit by hosting haunted houses, by trick-or-treating for UNICEF, and by inventing their own spooky fundraisers to help those in need. Here are three scary good ideas your club could replicate next year:

Members of the **GFWC Coal City Junior Woman's Club** (Illinois) have been planning their Halloween-themed "Witches Night Out" fundraiser for a year. The idea came together after several members attended a similar party hosted by the Joliet Junior Woman's Club in 2016. Event Chairman Terri Tatroe said members immediately recognized that the idea would be a success in their area too. The ladies only event featured a live band, a Witches Black Market, and food prepared by local vendors. The highlight of the night was the costume contest to select the best witches outfit in several categories including scariest, funniest, sexiest, and most original. Proceeds from the event will finance the club's many community-based initiatives



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including the backpack project, free educational seminars, seasonal holiday celebrations, and the monthly student recognition program to name just a few.

The **GFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club** (Florida) held their fourth annual Halloween Haunted Mansion Party on October 21. The event's chairmen Barbara Lapsley and Marilyn Smit promised toxic treats, poisonous eats, and creepy peeps with their fun costume contest. The event will benefit the Coral Gables Children's Dental Clinic. The clinic is owned and operated by the club and provides more than \$100,000 in free dental services each year to children who are ineligible to receive help from the federal healthcare system.

The **GFWC Centennial Woman's Club** (Tennessee) is hosting a "Spooktacular 5K" run and child-friendly "Monster Mile" as a means to both encourage physical fitness and raise funds for its Light up South Jackson campaign. The run will occur on Saturday, October 28 and will take runners on a decorated path through the town of Tallahoma. Prizes will be given to the overall male and female race winners and to the top three runners in several age groups. Following the race, the club will sponsor a costume contest.

GFWC West Virginia Feeding the Future

West Virginia Director of Junior Clubs Sarah Jarrett wants to make sure no child goes hungry. A lack of sustenance can make a child more likely to experience aggression, anxiety, bullying, and numerous other behavioral and health issues. According to the West Virginia Department of Education, more than 1 in 4 children in the state live in a household that doesn't have sufficient access to food, with 60 percent of children qualifying for free or reduced-price school meals. To combat those staggering statistics, West Virginia Woman's Club and Junior Club members have come together to support "Feed Our Future," which provides school-aged children with weekend nourishment through backpack programs.

The state's clubwomen decided to combine efforts to support the Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children. "Too many children are hungry. Too many have to leave West Virginia for a better life. West Virginia's future is its children and we need to care for them now," Sarah said. When children qualify for free or reduced-price school meals, it often means that school is the only place where they

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New on the GFWC Blog!

GFWC clubwomen are always finding opportunities to bring positive change to their communities. There's no better opportunity than **Make A Difference Day**, taking place this year on October 28. Volunteers across the country are uniting to make the world a better place one project at a time. Read the [GFWC Blog](#) to find out what projects the Seaward Woman's Club (New Hampshire), the Centennial Woman's Club of Tullahoma (Tennessee), the Antioch Junior Woman's Club (Illinois), and the Woman's Club of Denville/Rockaway (New Jersey) have selected for this year's event!

have access to food. They might not have dinner at home that night and will go to bed hungry, which severely effects their wellbeing. With Sarah's project, children across the state will be given nutritious meals to eat during non-school hours, and they will be happier and healthier for it.

Sarah hopes the project will grow over time and become an established mission that GFWC West Virginia can support for years to come. Thanks to her and her fellow West Virginia clubwomen, more children will go to bed well fed.

Library Documentary in Production

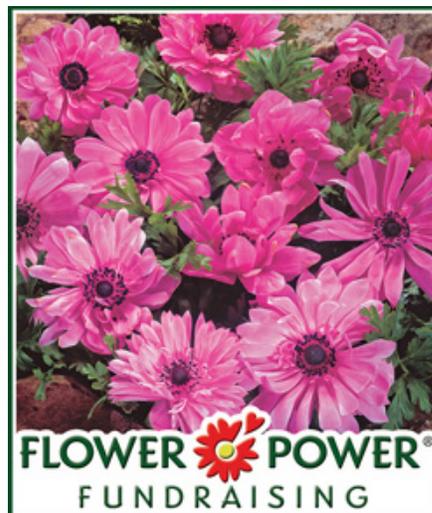
This past September, many of you submitted articles to the *WHRC Newsletter* detailing your club's history with founding and supporting libraries. The sheer volume of response, and the incredible stories that the articles detailed, made it clear that libraries and education has been and remains a central pillar of what makes our clubwomen so incredible. Your achievements have not gone unnoticed.

Dr. Letitia Langord is currently conducting research for a PBS documentary which will explore the development of traveling libraries. Part of this documentary will be dedicated to the work accomplished by GFWC clubwomen. In a description of her project, Dr. Langord noted that "since learning the story of GFWC, I have to think that the phrase – if you can read this thank a librarian (or teacher) – should be amended to say – thank the GWFC."

Dr. Langord holds a PhD in Environmental Policy, and has produced several documentaries. Her credits include "Working River" which won an honorable mention at the New York Film Festival, and "Dude Ranch Days" which was aired nationally on PBS stations. If you would like to support Letitia's project, or if you have information which might aid in her research, please feel free to reach out to her at lclangord@hotmail.com.

Legislative Action Corner

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National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Internet Crimes Against Children: On October 3, the House of Representatives approved an amendment to S. 782, a bill to reauthorize the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAN) Task Force program through FY 2022. The bill authorizes an annual \$60 million to help state and local law enforcement officers combat the online sexual exploitation of children. The House amendment omits a provision providing a separate \$2 million per year authorization for an ICAN data system used by participants. The measure, Providing Resources, Officers, and Technology To Eradicate Cyber Threats to Our Children Act (PROTECT Act) now goes back to the Senate for consideration.

Child Protection: On October 16, the Senate approved S. 705, the Child Protection Improvements Act of 2017. This bill establishes a voluntary national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. In May, the House of Representatives approved related legislation, H.R. 695. The bills will either go to a House-Senate conference committee or the House can simply adopt the Senate bill.

Still Pending: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) reauthorization and the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program. These programs both expired September 30, 2017 and Congress is considering bills to extend them.

OPIOIDS

On October 25, the House Energy & Commerce Committee held a hearing entitled, Federal Efforts to Combat the Opioid Crisis: A Status Update on the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) and Other Initiatives.

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.

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.

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.

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

Quick Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes

WHEN MAY YOU INTERRUPT A PERSON SPEAKING?

Almost Never! Very rarely!

Although these six motions are in order when another has the floor, there are very restrictive conditions and a narrow period of time.

Appeal: In order when another person has the floor but the



5 MILLION CHILDREN ARE VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING.

There is no excuse for inaction.
There is no time to wait.

Partner Spotlight: UNICEF

The End Trafficking project is UNICEF USA's domestic initiative dedicated to mobilizing communities to take action to prevent trafficking from happening within our own neighborhoods. Human trafficking has been reported in all 50 states. Traffickers view the U.S. as a source for victims as well as a potential market to sell trafficking victims.

YOU can take action:

- Donate to support the continuation of the End Trafficking project. You may download the donation form on our website, <https://www.unicefusa.org/supporters/organizations/nonprofits/partners/gfwc>
- Learn how to spot the signs of human trafficking by downloading the [trafficking hotline postcard](#).
- Hold a screening of *Not My Life*. Facilitate a discussion afterward about ways to take action.
- Make your meetings Fair Trade! Visit www.fairtradeusa.org to identify coffee, tea, chocolate and other fair trade products you can serve that are made without child or slave labor.
- Play [Human Trafficking Bingo](#).
- Advocate! You can also find these calls to action at the [GFWC Legislative Action Center](#).

Change starts with you. Please contact Mansi Mehta for further information at mmehta@unicefusa.org.

appeal must be made at the time the chair makes the ruling.

Object to the Consideration of a Question: In order when another has been assigned the floor – but only until consideration of the question has begun.

Division of the Assembly: In order when another has the floor and is called for without obtaining the floor.

Request to be Excused from Duty: In order when another has the floor if it requires immediate attention.

Requests and Inquiries: In order when another has been assigned the floor by the chair, only if it requires immediate attention. (i.e....unless waiting would render the question moot)

Reconsider: In order even after another person has been assigned the floor, as long as he/she has not actually begun to speak.

Note: These motions prohibit interrupting once there is debate or speaking. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised has twenty eight sections that cover motions. Twenty five of the twenty eight do not allow a member to interrupt the person speaking unless immediate action, some urgency, requires it.



Marketplace: GFWC Stainless Steel Tumbler

The GFWC Stainless Steel 20 oz. Tumbler features a vacuum sealed stainless steel outer body and double wall construction for insulation of hot or cold liquids. Your drink will stay hot or cold up to 6 hours! It has a spill-resistant slide action lid with rubber gasket, meets FDA requirements,

and is BPA free. Available for \$15 each at the [GFWC Marketplace](#).

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

Fifteen students from the Hernando High School are painting a mural at the **Historic Brooksville Women's Club** (Florida) clubhouse. In return for

their work, the club will be making a donation to school's Art Program to support student field trips and other activities. Many of the students are creating portfolios of their art projects so they may attend college and fulfill their dreams of becoming professional artists. Learn more about this exciting project and club's annual Historic Tea by [reading the *Hernando Sun*](#).

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