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LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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"A house is
made of
bricks & beams.
A home is
made of
hopes & dreams."



GFWC Clubhouses: A Home Made of Hopes and Dreams

A few weeks ago, GFWC Headquarters began asking clubs to provide stories about what makes their clubhouse one-of-a-kind. The responses were a joy to read and proved the uniqueness of each club and clubhouse. We received tales of clubs that hosted notable politicians, authors, and performers -- including one that hosted the famous magician Houdini. We also received detailed accounts of the illustrious architects that designed and constructed many of these American treasures. While each submission took a different track in explaining what made their clubhouse special, what united them was a sense of purpose. Each spoke of how our foremothers struggled to build a home from which they could better their community. Here is just one example:

In 1937, the **Woman's Club of Murray (MWC)** (Kentucky) was ready to realize their dream of constructing a clubhouse. Starting with \$10 donations from 100 clubwomen and \$50-\$100 donations from 40 members, the architects Wallis and

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Humphrey Key were hired. Building costs were greatly diminished due to the assistance of young men and women working for the National Youth Administration (NYA) during the Depression. As part of the government's efforts to alleviate unemployment, the NYA furnished unskilled labor to build civic buildings, and in this instance a clubhouse. In return for the NYA's help, the clubwomen relinquished the property's deed to the City of Murray.

The Murray clubhouse was dedicated on September 27, 1940 and all debts were repaid only three years later. Over the last 77 years, the clubhouse has acted as a Red Cross training venue for nurses during WWII; as a planning center for the community's first kindergarten; as an auditorium for political debates; and as a receiving area for First Lady Johnson's visit to the city. On November 10, 2011 the MWC clubhouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places due its "association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history."

We thank the Woman's Club of Murray and all other clubs that have shared their stories. Additional articles and blog posts will be written with the information you have provided. Clubs interested in participating in the series, may email articles to pr@gfwc.org.



GFWC Maryland Junior Clubwomen Prove "Broken Crayons Still Color"

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

Cares and Concerns

We send our condolences to Signature Program Committee Member Kathy White on the sudden loss of her brother-in-law, Devin White.

Making GFWC Top of Mind

Communications and Public Relations Chairman Darlene Adams recently gave a powerful address to the GFWC Board of Directors. In her remarks, Chairman Adams outlined the need to make GFWC known to government officials, potential donors, and media outlets. Learn how you help draw attention to GFWC and the remarkable work of clubwomen by [clicking here](#).



New on the Blog!

Maryland Director of Junior Clubs Rebecca (Becca) Wagman is an elementary school teacher dedicated to increasing literacy rates by providing children with books, as well as increasing their enthusiasm for reading. Becca named her Special Project "Broken Crayons Still Color" because, "Like a broken crayon, students who struggle with reading often feel as if they are not good enough. However, even a broken crayon can color a beautiful masterpiece."

Through her Special Project, Becca is asking GFWC Maryland's Junior clubwomen to not only donate books but to get personally involved in community literacy programs. So far, clubs have accomplished a diverse array of projects including: creation of 100 story books for patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; development of a reading program for a local summer camp which requires an hour of reading and participation in group discussions every week; production of 50 Vision Board journals for girls living in group homes to express their hopes and ambitions; and donation of over 250 books to the area's Boys and Girls Club library.

In a single year, clubs have impacted the lives of more than 300 children and their efforts only continue to grow. It's important to Becca that the clubs create projects that inspire children's self-confidence to persevere even if they have difficulty reading. As she said, "I wanted my members to help make these children know they are strong and valuable no matter what their skill set may be." As a teacher, Becca was already making a difference in the lives of children in her classroom. With her Special Project, she has expanded her scope to get children across Maryland reading!

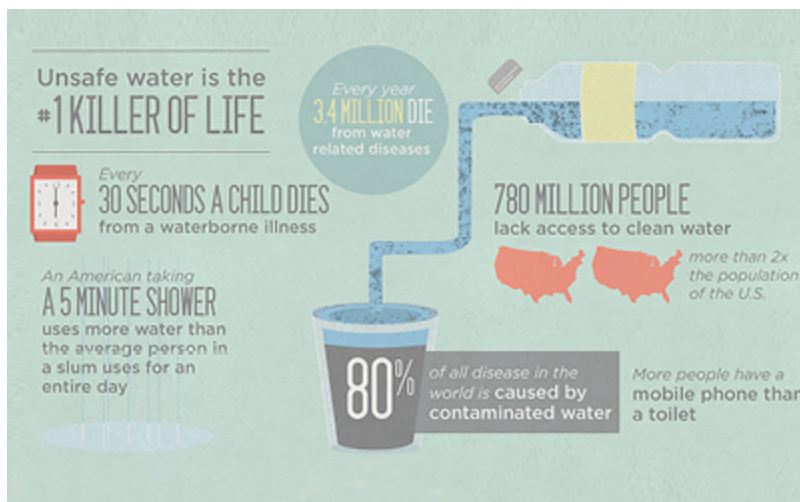
Is your Juniorette club searching for new projects to do this year? GFWC has got you covered! Read our [latest blog post](#) that suggests projects that would be ideal for Juniorettes. We hope some of our ideas inspire you to accomplish your next great project!

Quick Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

from GFWC Parliamentarian
Shirley Gomes

MOST COMMONLY USED SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS

Subsidiary motions are ranked by precedence. The lowest is the Main Motion. The highest ranking Subsidiary motion is Lay On the Table. There are seven motions between the Main Motion and Lay On The Table. Each of the remaining ones take precedence over all those below it. The ranked order is as follows: Previous Question, Limit or Extend Limits of Debate, Postpone to a Certain Time, Commit or Refer to Committee, Amend the Amendment, Amend, or Postpone Indefinitely.



WaterStep: Saving Lives with Safe Water

The **GFWC Okolona Woman's Club's** (Kentucky) fundraiser for the non-profit WaterStep was named one of the Top Ten Projects under the International Outreach Community Service Program area for 2016. The club's successful shoe drive resulted in the collection of 430 pairs of shoes with an estimated in-kind value of \$2,580. WaterStep's programs and the water filters they distribute improve access to safe drinking water in some of the world's most impoverished communities and are funded through the sale of donated shoes to an exporter.

If your club is interested in joining GFWC Okolona in their support of WaterStep, you too can host a shoe donation drive. Club President Anne Aubrey recommends utilizing the donation boxes, posters, and brochures provided by the charity to promote your event. Those living in Kentucky will have easy access to one of WaterSteps' donation sites. Those living outside of their service area can participate in the national "Step It Forward for Safe Water" campaign. Unlike the regional program, "Step It Forward" only accepts the donation of gently used athletic shoes. While WaterStep will provide a donation box free of charge for placement within your community, a \$30 donation is required to cover the cost of shipping the shoes to the charity's headquarters.

"We all have shoes that we no longer wear, and it is very easy to get other groups such as schools, churches, and co-workers to join in and help. This is a wonderful cause with great results," said President Aubrey in her recommendation of the project. To



Vote in the GFWC Shares Polls

The holiday season is fast approaching, and that means it's time for fun treats and traditions. Take a moment to [answer our poll](#) about your favorite Thanksgiving pies, and tell us if you have any holiday charity traditions, and your responses might be included in the November + December edition of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.



Be The Hero

learn more about WaterStep, please visit their website at <http://waterstep.org>



GFWC Membership Quarterly

Club presidents will be receiving the second *GFWC Membership Quarterly* in their mail this coming week. The

focus this quarter is on Membership Recruitment, which is timely for planning recruitment strategies and events for this club year. This issue is full of ideas and themes for recruitment events and how to plan them, strategies for finding potential new members to invite and bring to these events, and ideas for communication with potential members after events. Club presidents, please share the *GFWC Membership Quarterly* with your club. If you are a club president and you do not receive your GFWC Membership Quarterly within two weeks, please email Melanie Gisler at mgisler@gfwc.org

Legislative Action Corner

GFWC joined many other health and women's organizations to successfully oppose the latest version of legislation aimed at repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act. Senate leaders announced on September 26 they did not have the votes to pass the bill offered by Senators Graham and Cassidy. The proposed bill could have harmed those with pre-existing conditions and made insurance unaffordable. Focus will now turn to pending negotiations between Senators Lamar Alexander and Patty Murray to fix the existing Affordable Care Act.

GFWC was a leading proponent of the Pure Food and Drug Act in 1906 and has continued to support legislation ensuring

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You're invited to join GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea and your fellow clubwomen for a once-in-a-lifetime experience – sailing the Panama Canal.

product safety since that time. Congress overwhelmingly passed bipartisan legislation that reauthorizes the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) ability to collect fees from drug and medical device manufacturers for the review of new products. The FDA user-fee agreements are renegotiated every five years with the makers of prescription brand drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilars – which are copycat versions of costly biologic drugs made from living organisms. The fees generated from the review process will amount to approximately \$400 million in additional revenue for fiscal year 2018 and finance more than a quarter of the FDA budget. The bill also included legislation to speed FDA approval of generic drugs with limited competition, to encourage development of pediatric treatments for cancer and other illnesses, and to give medical professionals full knowledge of a patient's opioid addiction history if consent is given.

Partner Spotlight: United Service Organizations (USO)

The USO is dedicated to giving more of our military service members and their families the critical connections they need to be strong and resilient. The USO launched the Fueling the Future campaign this year and it will continue through 2020 with a goal of raising \$500 million. By 2020, the USO will be positioned to: build and renovate more than 80 centers; increase the total number of service connections to 50 million; reach more than 1.5 million service members and their families through USO programs; and become the global leader in military transition services. Investing in this campaign will have a significant impact on those who fight for our freedoms daily. The USO Fueling the Future Campaign aims to strengthen America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home, and country during their service to the nation.

While explorers began dreaming of a route between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans over 400 years ago, carving of the 51-mile canal was not completed until 1914. Travel through this man-made wonder of the modern world with Princess, the number one cruise line in the region. Go beyond the locks to explore the wildlife-filled rainforest of Central America. While on the voyage you will dine on fresh, local cuisine, visit colorful towns, and unwind on sun-kissed beaches.

Ports of call will include: Fort Lauderdale, Aruba, Cartagena, Colon, Costa Rica, and Jamaica. Fares for the 10-day tour, departing and returning to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, start at \$1,499 plus additional taxes of \$370 per person. A deposit of 20 percent per person is required by October 1 with final payment due by December 20, 2017. To reserve your cabin contact Avoya Travel Representative Linda Stone at 866-617-2470.

In the News

Lillian Stimpert of **GFWC Qui Vive Club** (Minnesota) and **Muriel Whitman** of **GFWC Manistique Women's Club** (Michigan) were both recently recognized in their hometown newspapers due to their longtime membership in our great service organization. Lillian has belonged to GFWC for over 50 years and served as both vice president and president of her club many times. Muriel has been a clubwoman for 46 years and is one of



two Manistique members who were Rosies during WWII. Read more about each of these loyal and distinguished members by clicking their name.

Does your club have a member about to reach a milestone anniversary? Why not share the achievement with your community? It is a great way to illustrate the dedication of our members and applaud their accomplishments.

Marketplace: Final Opportunity to Buy a Day!

Have you ever wanted a day all to yourself? You can have your own day, literally, with the 2018 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 through the [GFWC Marketplace](#). It is the perfect way to recognize special people and events, and share them with the GFWC community!

GUIDELINES:

- The last day to Buy A Day is **September 30, 2017**.
- Please select the day you would like to purchase from the dropdown menu.
- Include your message (For example: Happy Birthday Ashley! Love, Nina).
- Only one message is permitted per day with 50 characters maximum, text only and no graphics or clip art.
- The 2018 Year in Pictures Calendar will be featured as a bonus pull-out in the November+December issue of the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.
- One copy of the November+December *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine* featuring the 2018 Year in Pictures Calendar is included with purchase.
- Everyone who purchases a day will be acknowledged in the GFWC 2018 Year in Pictures Calendar.

Days are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, determined by date and time of the reservation, and when payment is received. If you purchase a day that has already been reserved, GFWC will contact you to choose an alternative day.

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