

NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

August 29, 2015



GFWC Day In DC

It was an epic day. The GFWC Board of Directors spent the day before its August Board meeting on a whirlwind tour of DC that included a morning White House Briefing, an event at the [Women In Military Service For America Memorial](#), a tour of [Arlington National Cemetery](#), and capped with a visit to the [National Museum of American History](#).

The GFWC Board was honored to attend the White House Briefing, held at the [Eisenhower Executive Office Building](#), which featured welcome remarks from Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to the President, and comprised of administration officials engaging members on a variety of topics and initiatives, including policy briefings, elder abuse, veterans and military families, violence against women, and First Lady Michele Obama's *Let Girls Learn* campaign.



GFWC—an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service



Ms. Jarrett thanked the Board members in attendance for their unyielding service to the country, GFWC's 125 years of federation, and kicked off the dialogue by stating, "We do public service best when we learn from you." She remarked how the administration's agenda and GFWC's was in "perfect alignment" and the following briefing reflected that alignment.

Nora Super, Executive Director of the [White House Conference on Aging](#), and Judith Kozlowski, Senior Advisor for Elder Justice, Department of Health and Human Services, opened the briefing with background on their efforts to tackle financial exploitation and elder abuse of seniors. With 10,000 U.S. citizens a day turning 65, it's an issue that is going to become more prevalent.

Nicole Malachowski, Executive Director of the [Joining Forces Initiative](#) and active duty colonel in the United States Air Force, next spoke of Joining Forces' aim of highlighting positive aspects of military veterans and their families as civic assets. She also challenged GFWC to continue its work for veterans through education, care and homelessness solutions, and offered ideas on simple ways members can connect through community efforts.

Violence against women was the next topic, led by Marylouise Kelley, Director of Family Violence Prevention and Services Office, Department of Health and Human Services, and Jen Kaplan from the Office of Violence Against Women, Department of Justice. Each woman spoke about innovation in domestic violence programs, highlighting the fact that each day, 66,000 women seek domestic violence assistance, and as many as 10,000 are turned away because no service is available. GFWC International President Babs J. Condon made a plea with the officials to work with GFWC on this issue, GFWC's signature project, where the federation could bring the weight of its membership to bear to make an immediate and lasting difference.

The briefing wrapped with Office of the First Lady Associate Policy Director Jackie Dineen leading a panel on Michele Obama's *Let Girls Learn* initiative.

From the White House, the Board made its way to WIMSA, for a luncheon and presentations from Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, Ret., Sandra Latta, Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs for Strategy and Assessment in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs, and Commander Tamara Lawrence, Director of Public Affairs and Congressional Information in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. Each woman praised GFWC for its continued support of WIMSA-GFWC clubwomen have donated \$482,187 to date-and its passion for community service. Lawrence specifically stated, "Your efforts are felt deep down by those who serve. You don't realize the example you set."

The Board then took a tour of Arlington National Cemetery, including stops at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and President John F. Kennedy's gravesite, before concluding the day at the National Museum of American History. Yes, quite a day indeed.

Headquarters Happenings

On August 26, GFWC Junior Directors Jolie Frankfurth (Florida), Trisha Schafer (Illinois), T Jablanski (Massachusetts), Kristina Higbee (Wisconsin), Vicki Weber (Georgia), Debora K. Allen (Tennessee), visited Headquarters and the Women's History and Resource Center to research the history of the GFWC Juniors and Junior Directors.

Amy Vicioso of the **GFWC Joliet Junior Woman's Club** (Illinois) presented a generous gift of \$1,000 to the WHRC from money raised selling reissued version of a historic cookbook, *Gems From Juniors*, a 1956 publication that was found in their club's records.

Year In Pictures Calendar

The **Year in Pictures Calendar** is back – with a twist!

For 2016, we will be presenting the Year In Pictures Calendar, and our popular **Buy-A-Day** offer, as a special pull-out section within the pages of the November+December issue of GFWC *Clubwoman Magazine*! Now's your chance to purchase a day, all for yourself, for the 2016 calendar. Highlight a club anniversary, a loved one's birthday, or show some love for a fellow clubwoman. For \$25 a day, up to 50 characters, it's all up to you! [Order your day today through GFWC Marketplace.](#)

Along with the 50 character maximum, we cannot use graphics or clip art. Days are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. One copy of the November+December GFWC *Clubwoman Magazine*, featuring the 2016 Year in Pictures Calendar, is included with purchase. And for just \$10, why not subscribe to the magazine, which remains one of GFWC's premier publications? Year In Pictures calendars have sold for \$12 in the past. By saving \$2, you'll ensure a year's worth of great content through GFWC *Clubwoman Magazine*. [Subscribe today!](#)



We know you love your grandchildren, and we know many of you are involved with GFWC's Signature Program Partner **Prevent Child Abuse America's Pinwheels for Prevention®** campaign. Throughout September, (National Grandparents Month) and until October 9, you can purchase pinwheels from Prevent Child Abuse America as a part of the *GRANDParents for GREAT Childhoods* effort. For just \$10 or three for \$25, you can dedicate a pinwheel to your grandchildren or your grandparents, to be planted in a special pinwheel garden! To honor your grandchildren this year, visit

A New News&Notes

Following on the heels of GFWC's award-winning new website, *News&Notes* is preparing to launch a new look on September 19. While we are constantly striving to produce the best looking publications and materials we can, this change will also serve a more practical purpose.

We have heard from several members that have stopped receiving *News&Notes* entirely, or only receive it sporadically. We have looked into this issue and have decided to transition to a new

www.preventchildabuse.org/grandparents2015.



GFWC Marketplace - Tote Bags

Searching for the perfect GFWC fashion accessory? Look no further than the [GFWC Marketplace](#)! GFWC now offers Tote Bags – just what a clubwoman on the go needs. Totes are made out of cotton with a zippered top and are available in both red and blue, with matching GFWC logo. Blue totes measure 24" x 15" x 8-1/2" and red measure 20" x 16" x 7".

Both totes are \$30.00 each.

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service, Bloomerang, that will hopefully alleviate these issues. We apologize for the inconvenience.

In the interim, for those who continue to experience issues with receiving the e-newsletter, you can access it via our [Facebook page](#) on Saturday morning, [or through our website](#), where it is posted Monday morning.

If you still haven't received *News&Notes* after September 19, please contact Jackie Junio at jjunio@gfwc.org and we will make sure you are added to the updated mailing list.

Try An Easy Fundraiser

Flower Power Fundraising offers you the chance to buy and sell flower bulbs for gardens all over your community. Earn **50% profit** from sales while taking pride in a fundraiser that helps to beautify the community. An extra 5% from every sale also goes directly to GFWC to support national projects. When requesting information, please use GFWC in your organization name. Information and sales supplies can be found at FlowerPowerFundraising.com/GFWC or call 1-888-833-1486.

Sad News

We are saddened to report the passing of Doris A. Roden, GFWC South Dakota Past State President (1988-1990) on August 20. Please keep Doris' family and friends in your thoughts at this time.