

NEWS & NOTES

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Help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital End Childhood Cancer

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, bringing attention to the fact that approximately 15,780 children are diagnosed with cancer every year. Sadly, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for children under the age of 15. GFWC is proud to partner with and support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as it works to end childhood cancer. Thanks to treatments developed at St. Jude, the overall childhood cancer survival rate has increased from 20 percent to 80 percent since the hospital opened in 1962. Although a family never has to pay a bill for treatment at St. Jude, funds are needed as more research is conducted. Clubwomen have established over 25 teams nationwide for the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer, raising money for research that leads to lifesaving treatment. At the St. Jude Pre-Race "Kick-Off" at the Board of Directors meeting in August, over \$2,268 was raised in just two hours! GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children Chairman Deb Allen and GFWC Director



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of Junior Clubs Jolie Frankfurth share how you can get involved in the fight to end childhood cancer by supporting the GFWC National Team in the Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer in a **special post on the GFWC Blog**: <http://bit.ly/GFWCStJude>



Join Your Fellow Clubwomen in Urging Congress to Pass Emergency Funding to Combat Zika

Utilize the GFWC Legislative Action Center to contact your members of Congress to urge them to pass emergency spending to fight the Zika virus and provide necessary resources to develop and deploy an effective vaccine. As additional Zika cases are reported, threatening the lives of many more Americans, including children and pregnant women, Congress must move quickly to increase funding for research, surveillance, treatment, and prevention.

The White House submitted a budget request in February. It is time for the Congress to finalize a bill to be signed by the President, so public health officials can do their jobs. The Zika virus has been declared a global public health emergency by the World Health Organization and has caused increasing alarm due to the link between the Zika virus and serious birth defects.

It is time for action! [Click here](#) to send a letter in support of funding to your member of Congress.

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

Cares & Concerns

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we must share the news of the passing of **Dr. Jeanenne Morrow**, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs from 1966-1968, on September 10. GFWC was honored to have Past Director Morrow in attendance at the Junior Awards Ceremony at this year's Convention. She will truly be missed. To read more about this remarkable leader, please visit <http://bit.ly/JeanenneMorrow>.

Sadly, we must inform you that **Anne Brown**, GFWC Vermont President from 2006-2008, has passed away. Our hearts and prayers go out to Anne's family and friends. GFWC Vermont has lost a great leader.

Learn about GFWC Cyber Clubs

GFWC Cyber Clubs are designed for women who want to make new friends while making a difference in their communities through volunteer service, but for whatever reason, cannot attend regular club meetings in person. To learn more about how Cyber Clubs function and the benefits of belonging we asked Sara Castelli, webmaster for [GFWC Fabulous Florida Flamingo Flock cyber club](#), to answer a few questions.

GFWC: How does your cyber club differ from a traditional club?

Sara Castelli: We differ in that we do not “meet” regularly. Instead of traditional meetings we send email blasts, post photos and project ideas to a Facebook page, and provide project updates on a webpage. The webpage also tells potential members how to join, and allows existing members to find out how they can contribute to various projects.

GFWC: Why do members of the Fabulous Florida Flamingo Flock join a cyber club?

Sara Castelli: We currently have 81 members and they have selected to join a cyber club for a variety of reasons. Many members live in areas without a traditional club, others simply cannot get to meetings, and some like the concept of the “cyber” connection. While we do not hold typical clubhouse meetings, we do encourage lunches or get-togethers at locations where many members can easily go. Since these get-togethers are not official meetings, no one who is unable to attend misses out on information vital to a project. The lunches simply provide a fun chance to gather and brainstorm project ideas that can later be shared with the entire group via social media.

Visit <http://bit.ly/GFWCcyber> to read the full interview.



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Canine Companions for Independence Invites GFWC to Join DogFest Walk 'n Roll™

Get ready for a tail-waggin' good time at DogFest Walk 'n Roll™! DogFest is an activity-filled day. Don't miss a moving opening ceremony with graduate speakers and Canine Companions demos, followed by a leisurely walk and festival. And, of course, you will find many trained assistance dogs and pet dogs – from puppies as young as six months to more mature dogs. Consider creating a GFWC team, show your club spirit, and raise money to help place more of our highly trained assistance dogs with children, adults, and veterans free of charge. We are always looking for event day volunteers and groups interested in hosting an activity at the festival. So grab a leash and join the fun. If there is not an event in your community, you can still participate as a Virtual Walker. Together we can change a life, four paws at a time. Visit cci.org/DogFest to find a location near you.

GFWC Introduces a New Benefit of Membership

GFWC members are now eligible to receive discounts on goods and services, insurance, and travel. National companies such as VPI Pet Insurance, Collette Guided Tours, Red Roof Inn, and Office Depot are offering significant price reductions to GFWC clubwomen.

For instance, **you can save up to 25% off your next car rental with Budget.** Information about the Budget deal and all discounts available can be accessed on GFWC's website at <http://bit.ly/GFWCMemberDiscounts>



Club Manual: FAQs

In each issue of *News & Notes* we will be addressing questions received about the *2016-2018 Club Manual*. Here are two of the most frequently asked questions received this week.

QUESTION: When did the names of the *GFWC Signature Program: Domestic*



GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea Meets with Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo

Last week, GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea was honored to meet with Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo in preparation for the upcoming Federation of Asia Pacific Women's Association (FAWA) Conference in Singapore from September 28-October 1. Representative Bordallo is a past president of FAWA whose relationship with GFWC began with International Past President Juanita Bryant (1982-1984.) She is the first woman to represent Guam in the House of Representatives and has been instrumental in reconnecting GFWC with FAWA. This year's conference theme is "The Future of Humanity: Leaving A Legacy" and will feature 192 delegates from eight countries. Founded in 1959, FAWA aims to improve the quality of life for women living in the Asia-Pacific. President Shea is looking forward to attending the conference and addressing the delegates on behalf of GFWC clubwomen.

Violence Awareness and Prevention and Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children change?

ANSWER: Each was changed from Project to Program by an Amendment to the Bylaws adopted at the June 2016 Annual Convention.

QUESTION: One copy of the Statistical Form should be sent directly to GFWC and another should be provided to the Second-Vice President. Is this correct?

ANSWER: No. One copy should be provided to GFWC Headquarters with an additional copy going to First Vice-President Marian St.Clair.

To download the *Club Manual* or check the log of revisions, please visit www.gfwc.org/membership/club-manual

The Concert Across America

The Concert Across America will take place on Sept. 25, the date designated by Congress in 2007 as a day of remembrance for murder victims. This nationwide event will bring together a network of organizations, activists, and artists with the dual goals of keeping guns out of dangerous hands and making the issue of illegal guns top of mind for members of Congress, the presidential candidates, and the American people as they go to the polls in November 2016. Boston was the first city to announce, spearheaded by [Stop Handgun Violence](#). For more



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information visit
www.RememberSept25.org.

In The News

The 16th annual Great Akron Scarecrow Festival will take place on Saturday, September 17. The festival is hosted and organized by the 40 members of the **Akron Friendship & Service Club** (Iowa). All funds raised through the festival support community and school projects such as improvements to the local swimming pool. The highlight of the festival is the scarecrow decorating contest. Learn more about the festival and how this member of GFWC Iowa is aiding their community by [clicking here](#).

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