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Remembering 9/11 and Honoring First Responders

Next week will mark the 15th anniversary of September 11, a day that forever changed our nation. As we memorialize those who were killed and remember the spirit of community that emerged in the aftermath of the tragedy, we should also take a moment to appreciate the sacrifices and bravery of first responders. Remarkable women and men like those who risked their lives to save others during the terrorist attacks are serving as paramedics, fire fighters, and police officers in every American town.

While clubwomen have a long tradition of supporting first responders through community service projects, their appreciation has been exemplified by numerous acts of kindness in recent months. **Beaverton Woman's Club** (Oregon) and **GFWC Capital City Woman's Club** (Florida) showed their gratitude by providing refreshments for their area police officers during National Night Out. **GFWC High Springs New Century Woman's Club** (Florida) and the **Fine Arts**



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Club of Bruce (Mississippi) honored their area police forces with luncheons. **GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa** (Florida) is planning their third annual First Responders Golf Classic for this November, which will benefit Operation Restore: First Responders Post Trauma Training Programs.

We thank all of the clubs listed in this article and the countless others who have expressed their gratitude to the everyday heroes in our communities.

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

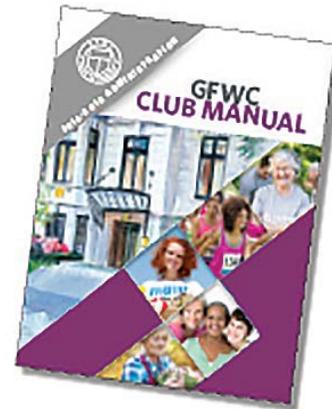


GFWC Introduces a New Benefit of Membership

Planning to go on a cruise? Need to rent a car? Purchasing school supplies for your child or grandchild?

GFWC members are now eligible to receive discounts on goods and services, insurance, and

travel. Notable national companies such as Avis, Cruises Only, Wyndham Hotel Group, and Office Depot are offering significant price reductions to GFWC clubwomen. Information about all of the companies involved and discounts available can be accessed on GFWC's website at <http://bit.ly/GFWCMemberDiscounts>



Club Manual: FAQs

Since the release of the *2016-2018 Club Manual*, we have received several questions regarding changes from past administrations and sections that may need a little clarification. We will address the most common questions here in *News & Notes* each week.

QUESTION: Can clubs submit entries for the Club Creativity Awards ?

ANSWER: No, each state will select a club entry for every Special Program, Community Service Program, and Advancement Area for submission to the national level.

QUESTION: Should Newsletter and Website contest entries be sent to GFWC Headquarters?

ANSWER: No, Newsletter and Website contest entries should be sent directly to Communications and Public Relations



Campaign for the Future on GFWC.org

Since GFWC's founding in 1890, clubwomen have poured both time and money into their communities, supporting organizations and causes that improve the lives of others. Now, as we continue to celebrate 125 years of volunteer service, it is time to think about our future as an organization. 2022 marks the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of GFWC's Headquarters in Washington, D.C., making it a perfect time to embark on a campaign to support the House on N Street. Launched at the 2015 GFWC Annual Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, the Campaign for the Future is about more than just bricks and mortar—it's about investing in ourselves as an organization. We encourage you to read more about the Campaign for the Future on the newly-launched webpage on GFWC.org. Simply visit <http://www.gfwc.org/support-gfwc/campaign-future/> to learn about why this campaign is so important to ensuring the future of GFWC. You can also see the variety of methods you can donate to the campaign, as well as read about exciting naming opportunities at GFWC Headquarters. You'll also find a list of individuals, clubs, and State Federations who have generously donated to the campaign. For more information about the Campaign for the Future, please contact Sandi Jones, GFWC Capital Campaign Chairman, at sjonesvol@aol.com or Rosemary M. Thomas, Ed.D., GFWC Chief Operating Officer, at rthomas@gfwc.org.

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HOBY Opens Registration for 2017 State Leadership Seminars

Each spring, 10,000 high school sophomores from across the country join one of HOBY's 70 State Leadership Seminars for three to four fun days of

Clubwomen Receive Local Recognition

GFWC members know how rewarding it is to volunteer and do so for the good of their communities. Every state is filled with countless dedicated volunteers who selflessly *Live the Volunteer Spirit* without any expectation of special recognition. However, it is important to celebrate our accomplishments and recognize the life-changing work that GFWC clubwomen accomplish on a daily basis. Sharing the GFWC story includes showcasing our outstanding members! Clubwomen across the country are being recognized with awards or articles in their local newspapers. **2016-2018 GFWC New Hampshire President Phyllis Appler** was recently profiled in her local newspaper, the *Area News Group*, for all that she has done to improve the lives of others in New Hampshire. A retired biology teacher, Phyllis's love for the environment led her to choose "New Hampshire Inside Out" as her platform, inspiring people throughout her state to go outdoors. For over 40 years, Phyllis has been a member of the **GFWC Hudson Junior Women's Club**, and was officially installed as GFWC New Hampshire President on August 8. Learn more about Phyllis's extraordinary commitment to GFWC by [clicking here](#).

Entire clubs are also being recognized for their history of volunteer service. In California, the **GFWC Contemporary Women of North County** were [recently spotlighted](#) in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* for volunteering for two decades at the San Diego Fair. We encourage you to reach out to members of your local media and let them know of any clubs or members you may know who deserve special recognition!

In Memory of Hugh O'Brian

GFWC was incredibly saddened to learn about the passing of Hugh O'Brian on Monday, September 5. A television and movie star famous for playing the legendary Wyatt Earp, Hugh was an incredible philanthropist who founded Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) in 1958 to inspire and train the next generation of leaders. GFWC is honored to partner with HOBY, raising money for scholarships that allow high school sophomores to attend leadership seminars.

life-changing leadership training. School counselors select and register students for the Seminar where students explore their leadership talents and cultivate them to become school and community leaders. GFWC is one of HOBY's largest supporters by sponsoring students for the Seminar. Please inform your local high schools that registration opens on September 7, and that your club can sponsor students at \$350 each. Visit HOBY.org for more information or contact Sunshine Navarro Shively at shivelys@hoby.org or [818-851-3980 x400](tel:818-851-3980).

In The News

GFWC Tennessee is working to set a Guinness World Record by constructing the largest Christmas tree made entirely of books. Vicki Bechet of **GFWC Spring Station Woman's Club** told the local newspaper of the group's plan to collect at least 10,000 new and used books for children and teens. All books will be donated to various nonprofit organizations after the holidays, including St. Jude Hospital, school and public libraries, and to nearby libraries damaged by water or fire. [Click here](#) to learn more about the project.

“Hugh O’Brian was an incredible leader whose legacy of empowering young people will live on. We are extremely proud to partner with HOBY, an organization where Hugh’s vision came to life. He will truly be missed and remembered for his lifetime of service,” said GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our friends at HOBY as we honor the life of Hugh O’Brian, who touched the lives of countless youth. To learn more about HOBY and Hugh O’Brian, visit www.hoby.org.



Partner Spotlight: Shot@Life

Shot@Life and GFWC have teamed up to stop unnecessary deaths that could have been prevented by a vaccine. This fall, Shot@Life has a special six month long award program that started on July 1, 2016 and ends on December 31, 2016. The program aims to provide as many vaccines as possible to children in developing countries.

It all starts with the Race to Erase. People everywhere will be lacing up their shoes to help end polio forever by participating in a global 5k called the Race to Erase. Race to Erase aims to end the polio virus, a viral disease that devastates children in the developing world. All funds raised will count towards your Lifesaver status!

Congratulations to **GFWC Cookeville Women's Club**, **GFWC Sokico Women's Club** and **Team GFWC – NC** for starting their teams in the Race-to-Erase!

Start your team today by [clicking here](#). For more info, contact racetoerase@unfoundation.org.

Register on the Race to Erase page by either starting a team, joining a team, or signing up as an individual. If you have any questions about getting involved, please contact saud@unfoundation.org.

Polio is fast, but we can be faster. It's that simple.



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