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LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Through the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, members are working on both the grassroots and national levels to empower survivors, promote education of the issue, and end gender based violence. Whether supporting the Violence Against Women Act, donating care kits to local shelters or wearing purple, clubwomen have completely dedicated themselves to raising awareness of domestic violence. This October, bring attention to domestic violence and start a conversation in your community as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. When we talk about this issue, we are making it possible for survivors to tell their stories, and for more people to learn about the devastating effects of domestic violence in hopes we can end it once and for all.

Learn more about what you can do to promote Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month by reading a blog post from Signature Program Chairman Cynthia Geis. [Click here](#) to read the article and remember to share it with your club and community. **You can also bring attention to GFWCs**

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efforts to give survivors the chance to attend college by sharing the Success for Survivor Scholarship Application available at www.gfwc.org/success-survivors. The application is due on February 3, 2017, but we encourage you to begin publicizing this life-changing scholarship today. GFWC is proud to stand with survivors, not only during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but every day of the year. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Purple Thursday on October 20!



Recovering from Hurricane Matthew

Hurricane Matthew lost strength and headed out to sea over the weekend, leaving behind tremendous flooding along the southeastern U.S. coast. Particularly devastated are the Carolinas, where over a dozen deaths have been reported and lives continue to be threatened by rising floodwaters that overflow river banks and threaten dams. The crisis is far from over. In some cases, the floodwaters are not expected to crest until Friday. Our thoughts are with clubwomen and their families living in areas impacted by the disaster.

While aftereffects of the storm continue to be felt, [humanitarian organizations](#) have begun to mobilize. GFWC Clubs and relief agencies throughout the U.S. will be collecting donations in the weeks to come. You may also support hurricane recovery efforts in Haiti through GFWC's International Outreach Partner the [United Nation's Children's Fund](#) (UNICEF). UNICEF is working to

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

Cares and Concerns

GFWC Past Minnesota State President (1984-1986) [Laurel Bessesen](#) passed away on September 20. An extraordinary clubwoman who served her community with grace and dedication, Laurel will be deeply missed by our Federation.

We wish to express our sympathy to Legislation/Public Policy Committee Member Karen Martinek for the loss of her mother, [Mary Blessin](#). Please keep Karen and her family in your thoughts during this difficult time.



Special Discounts for GFWC Clubwomen

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

provide a first delivery of humanitarian supplies and clean water to Haiti's most vulnerable citizens -- children.



GFWC at the Movies

You already know about GFWC's historic impact on national policy and legislation, but did you know that we also helped to shape America's entertainment industry? Founded in 1890, GFWC grew along with the motion picture industry, and each soared to fulfill new potentials in the early twentieth century. Clubwomen identified both the merits and the dangers of the mass distribution of feature films, as the new art form cropped up in every community across the country. Advocating for federal censorship laws, movie distribution legislation, and educational merit in every film, GFWC helped to shape the modern film industry into what it is today. [Visit our blog](#) from the Women's History Resource Center to learn more about GFWC and the movies!

PICTURED: Acclaimed actor Rock Hudson presents the women of GFWC with an award from the Motion Picture Association of American for "faithful and constructive interest in films" at GFWC's 1962 Annual Convention.

instance, **you can save up to 35% off your next vacation to Orlando, Florida through Orlando Vacations.**

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Advocates for Children Week

GFWC's Advocates for Children Week is October 23-29. If your club is hosting an event, please let us know!

Email pr@gfwc.org with information about your event.

International Update: Cyprus Federation Lyceum Club

The Cyprus Federation recently held a special tribute to acknowledge the achievements of their founding President Maria Ioannou and board members of the Famagusta Lyceum Club, the first woman's club in Cyprus. The Famagusta Lyceum Club was created in 1930 and operated until 1974 when Turkish troops invaded Cyprus and expelled more than a quarter of the population to the south of the island, including the clubwomen. Despite the forced relocation, clubwomen not only began meeting again but established an additional three Lyceum Clubs in Nicosia, Larnaca, and Paralimni. Thus, the Cyprus Federation was established.

The Famagusta Lyceum Club encourages women in the areas of education, social responsibility, humanitarian efforts, and cultural activities. The clubwomen also operate a Children's Resort for displaced minors from Jerusalem, and children with physical ailments. The club remains vibrant due to both social and charitable activities. A dance group and choir have been organized, as well as first aid training courses. The women are also proud to announce that a library will soon be available to all Cyprus Federation members.



Partner Spotlight: Nature Generation

The Nature Generation appreciates the generosity of clubs who have joined in our effort to teach kids about conservation and the many ways they can care for the planet. As your Conservation Partner, we encourage all clubs to make donations to support our *Fill the Shelves* campaign, which will allow us to give even more books that inspire action. Because no matter what our children become, as our future stewards of the earth, they will make a difference. Donations can be mailed to The Nature Generation, 36903 Charles Town Pike, Purcellville, VA 20132. Learn more about us and view a list of the award-winning books we give to youth across the nation by visiting www.NatGen.org/GFWC.

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GFWC-West Side (Pennsylvania) received media attention for filling more than 80 purses with personal care items to be donated to local organizations aiding victims of domestic violence. Deidre Miller Kaminski, president of GFWC-WC, praised club members by saying, "the club is comprised of compassionate people who all want to serve the community where we live in



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any way we can." [Read the Times Leader article](#) to learn about additional projects planned in support of GFWC Pennsylvania's Signature Program.

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