

# NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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## GFWC Clubwomen Invest in the Future

It's no secret that obtaining a college education greatly improves a woman's chances of succeeding in today's society. College graduates can raise themselves and their families out of poverty, and the effects of education are felt across communities and through generations. This is why GFWC clubwomen have proven to be such dedicated supporters of academic projects and have awarded so many scholarships through the years. Below are just a few examples of how GFWC clubs are helping students fulfill their promise through scholarships:

- The **Franklin Woman's Club** (New Jersey) has been offering scholarships for over 25 years. The club was excited to announce that in 2017 they could support five female Franklin Township high school seniors as they embark on the first step of their professional lives. Recipients of these scholarships were selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, community service,

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school activity participation, and displays of leadership along with letters of recommendation.

- The **Woman's Club of Williamsburg-GFWC** (Virginia) awards scholarships to local high school students to assist young women in obtaining a college education to prepare them to become future leaders. One of the scholarship recipients, Emma Yates, will attend the University of Virginia where she plans to major in aerospace or mechanical engineering.
- Each week, members of the **Belmar Woman's Club** (New Jersey) get together for lunch and an afternoon of playing cards and other games, including holding a 50/50 raffle. While these parties are enjoyable, they also serve a more important purpose--to raise funds for the club's annual college scholarship program. The 31-member club was able to award three scholarships to local high school seniors this year. One scholarship recipient, Krista Dalton, stated in her application that she hopes to "make a difference in people's lives," and will be studying either social work or psychology.

If your club is interested in starting a scholarship, a step-by-step plan is available in the [Education section](#) of the *GFWC Club Manual*.

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Simply provide your name, mailing address, email, and club name to GFWC Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at [kgarlick@gfwc.org](mailto:kgarlick@gfwc.org) and you're all set!

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## 2017 GFWC Annual Convention Reminders

Please bring your March + April issue of *Clubwoman Magazine* to Convention so that you will have a copy of the proposed amendments to the bylaws and resolutions under consideration.

Alternately, you may [click here](#) to print a copy of the *Call to Convention* for packing in your suitcase.

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If you are bringing California Dreamin' Raffle or USO Service Project donations, please take them to the GFWC Staff Office upon arrival.

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## Become a Shot@Life Champion at Convention!

For the first time in our partnership, Shot@Life will be hosting champion training workshops at the Annual Convention during Session 1 (3:15pm –



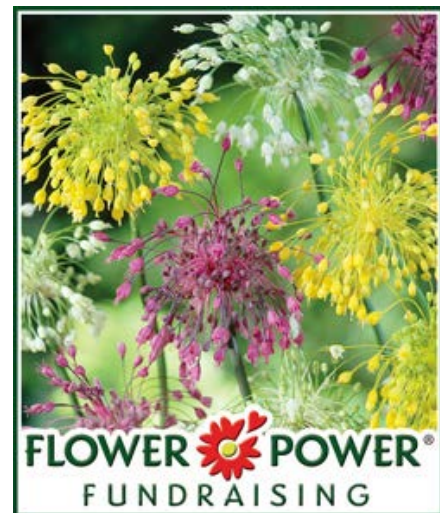
## GFWC New Jersey Aims to Prevent Child Abuse

The goal of GFWC New Jersey President Jean Revis and all of the state's clubwomen during the 2016-2018 administration is to help new parents cope with a crying infant without resorting to unsafe or abusive behavior. One way they plan to achieve their goal is by raising funds to enable Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey to increase the number of hospitals participating in The Period of Purple Crying program.

Many babies go through a stage between the ages of two weeks and four months when they resist soothing and may cry for hours despite being well cared for and healthy. This is commonly referred to as purple crying. Unfortunately, this difficult time in a baby's development has led some frustrated parents to shake their babies so severely they suffer brain damage. Hospitals participating in the Period of Purple Crying program are combating the problem by having trained health care providers on site to explain purple crying and answer parent's questions. Communities where families receive education about infant crying have seen a 50 percent decrease in the number of babies admitted to emergency rooms with abusive head traumas.

In addition to distributing educational packets to parents, the program provides a handmade purple hat to each newborn upon leaving the hospital. Clubwomen across New Jersey have been hard at work knitting purple caps in support of the cause. In addition to the caps, President Revis and Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey fund the distribution of purple onesies

4:00pm) and Session 2 (4:15 pm – 5:00 pm) on Saturday, June 24. This training will help prepare you to advocate on behalf of Shot@Life and learn skills you can apply to all issues that concern you. This will be the best opportunity of the year for an in-person training with the Shot@Life team and will also help get everyone prepared for our fall advocacy activation. From clubwomen who have fundraised only, to clubwomen who have just learned about Shot@Life and want to get involved, all are welcome. Please keep in mind this is NOT an informational session, this is a training. If you have any questions, please email [champions@shotatlife.org](mailto:champions@shotatlife.org).



## Be The Hero

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printed with the slogan "This side up." Both the caps and onesies keep the babies warm and serve as a vital reminder to parents to protect the heads and bodies of their little ones.

The prevention of child abuse has been a deeply held concern of the Federation since its founding and President Revis and New Jersey clubwomen are making us proud by continuing the legacy. If you live in one of the 14 additional states where the [Period of Purple program](#) is active, please consider joining the effort to help new parents adjust to their most important role -- caretaker and protector of a child!

Pictured is President Revis' grandson, Wyatt Salge.

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## Wisconsin Clubwomen Support the Arts

**By Kristina Higbee, Arts Community Service Program Chairman**

Great things happen when we share our passions with our fellow clubwoman. In 2015, the **GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club** began collecting art supplies for students of the Hot Springs, S.D., high school. I traveled with my family to the school over Spring break to deliver three crates of supplies.

The town of Hot Springs is in one of the poorest counties in South Dakota. Visiting the school and touring the rooms, it occurred to me we could do something more for these kids. Many students are from the Pine Ridge Indian reservation, part of the Oglala Lakota Sioux tribe. Their art program had been in decline for the past 15 years. Budgeting slowly decreased from

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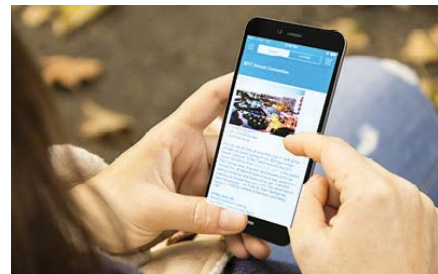
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an annual sixth through 12th grade budget of \$10,000, down to only \$500 this past year.

GFWC-OJWC members worked with the art teacher, Jim Hayes, to raise money for the program. Jim sent traditional tribal art pieces to us in Wisconsin to auction off at different state meetings. Our members also added the school art program as one of their annual donations. We sent more than \$1,300 to the program last year.

The art program this year increased by 25 percent, adding more sections for students to attend, and all at no cost to the school district. Hot Springs Art teacher Jim Hayes said, "Art is an important skill that needs to be taught to every student, whether it be an art class, a band class, a choir class, or another form of creative skill. Art teaches students how to create and control what they are doing, and that is something these next generations need in vast quantities."

Art has been therapy for many of the Lakota students. An example of this is the case of a Lakota student who witnessed his father's death. His love of art and the spiritual connection he receives in the tribal art program has helped hold him together while in school.

All of this was made possible because someone had a passion and shared it with her fellow clubwomen. The donations that we make and the projects we do make an impact. Just ask the students of Hot Springs high school.



### Partner Spotlight: Easterseals

At Easterseals, they know the first five years of life lay the foundation for a child's long-term well-being and overall success. Because children learn and grow at different rates, even the most attentive parents can miss some important milestones. As a leading provider of child development services, Easterseals is here to be your partner in raising healthy and happy children.



## Travel to Aruba with the GFWC Juniors!

GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Jolie Frankfurth invites you to the Caribbean island of Aruba January 25-28, 2018. During the tour, you will stay at the all-inclusive Barcelo Aruba Resort located in Palm-Eagle Beach. With direct access to the beach you may enjoy time in a hammock on the sand or in the water engaging in sports such as snorkeling, windsurfing, or diving. The resort also features a spectacular swimming pool and opportunities to relax in the stunning gardens.

While on the trip, each traveler will assist the GFWC Women's Club of Aruba during the Day of Service. You will have your choice of helping with one of two projects the club regularly supports. The Dress a Child Project provides over 300 local children with a complete outfit once a year, while the Medio Ambiente Goes to School Project donates lunch boxes and water bottles to all the first grade students on the island.

The trip rate is \$825 per person (double occupancy) and payment is due September 1, 2017. The fee includes three nights deluxe accommodations, all meals, a cocktail party with the Women's Club of Aruba, round-trip ground transportation to and from the

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## West Coast Honor Flight

GFWC has become part of the Day in D.C. routine for Honor Flight West Coast Florida missions. President Shea and the GFWC staff have once again welcomed our American heroes at the Air Force Memorial in Washington, D.C. Accompanying veterans on the June 6 mission was GFWC Florida District 8 Junior Director Vi Zonfrelli who acted as an Honor Flight Guardian.

If you are interested in becoming a guardian, an application is available on the [Honor Flight Network's website](#).

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hotel, and taxes/fees. A \$70 per person deposit will hold one of the 32 available rooms.

For additional information visit [www.gfwcjuniorstour.com](http://www.gfwcjuniorstour.com) or call Abora Travel Agent Diania Pimenta at 813-563-2404.

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## In the News

The **Delray Beach Woman's Club** (Florida) recently received media attention for their seventh annual Real Men Bake and Rock at the Sock Hop fundraiser. To date, the event has raised more than \$60,000 to help support nonprofits including the public library. [Click here](#) to read more about this creative and fun event.

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## Marketplace: GFWC Gavel

Perfect for your club president or leadership, this American Walnut finish gavel (10.5") features a jeweler's brass band

customized with printing of the GFWC color emblem and General Federation of Women's Clubs. Purchase yours today for \$30 each at the [GFWC Marketplace](#).

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