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LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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Remembering Phyllis Jay Dudenhoffer

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Phyllis Jay Dudenhoffer, GFWC International Past President from 1990-1992, on January 3, 2018.

Phyllis was born in Gary, Indiana in 1927 and became a member of GFWC only eleven years later. In her inaugural letter to members she described her Federation journey this way, "It is beyond one's imagination that one could go from becoming a Juniorette, to helping organize a junior club, to being State Director of Junior Clubs, to serving as President of a State Federation, to reaching the time of being installed as the GFWC International President. It has been magical!"

Phyllis' excitement and dedication to GFWC only grew during her highly successful administration. Having assumed office during the worldwide Centennial Celebration of GFWC's founding, she oversaw the creation of the first documentary focusing on the history of GFWC's volunteer work. President Dudenhoffer also helped set the agenda for the 1990s by utilizing the results of

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the Centennial Survey to create programming focusing on personal well-being and the creation of healthy cities. In cooperation with for-profit corporations, GFWC developed public awareness campaigns on topics as diverse as chemical disposal, the need for elder care, and youth suicide prevention. In recognition of the Federation's achievements during President Dudenhoffer's Administration, GFWC received a multitude of awards. Most notably, President Dudenhoffer accepted the Keep America Beautiful National Advisory Council Award for environmental activities in 1990.

At the conclusion of her administration, President Dudenhoffer wrote a thank you letter to the members of GFWC stating, "My reflections of this special time will always be on the accomplishments of our members. Among my souvenirs will be memories, keepsakes, and friendships to last a lifetime." Now it is our turn to express gratitude for her friendship and remember this inspiring leader for her unwavering service to GFWC.

A memorial service is not planned at this time. Condolences may be sent to Debra Falender at 603 W. Gillespie Street, Aspen, CO 81611.



Honoring GFWC Virginia President Fran Edwards

September 10, 1951 - January 04, 2018

We send our condolences to the family and friends of GFWC Virginia President Frances (Fran) Premaza Edwards. Fran started her volunteer life as a member of the Boykins Junior

Woman's Club, followed by over 25 years as a member of the GFWC Tarrara Woman's Club. Fran held numerous club officer and chairmanship positions, including being the current GFWC Southside District Parliamentarian and GFWC Virginia State

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

Cares & Concerns

We send our condolences to Southeastern Region Secretary Peggy Barnes on the passing of her father [Jack Davis Thompson](#). Mr. Thompson was a veteran of the United States Army and an active member of his church, community, and Masonic Lodge.



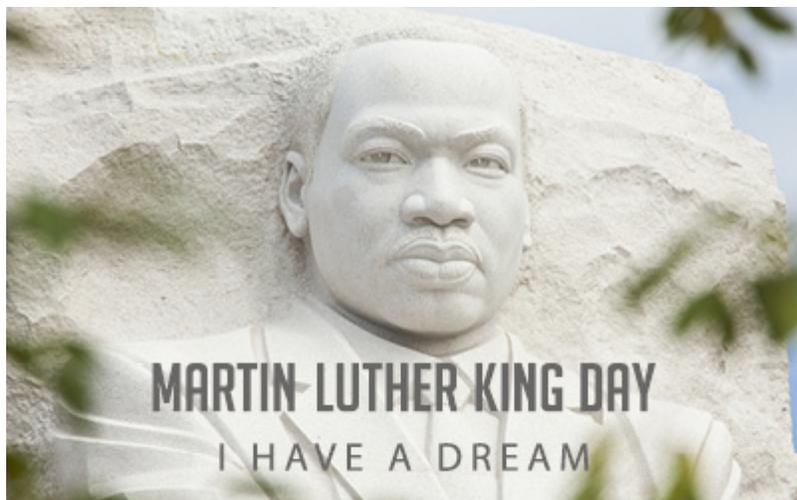
Set Sail with GFWC and Princess Cruises

March 21-31, 2018

There is still time join GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea and your fellow clubwomen for a once-in-a-lifetime experience – sailing the Panama Canal.

While explorers began dreaming of a route between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans over 400 years ago, carving of the 51-mile canal was not completed until 1914. Travel through this man-

President. Please send your condolences and leave reminiscences through the [guest book](#) created by her family.



MLK Day of Service

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" It is a question that GFWC clubwomen are continually answering with the community work they accomplish.

In 1994, Martin Luther King Jr. Day became the only federal holiday that's observed as a national day of service. This Monday, people across the country will spend their holiday honoring his legacy of civic engagement by participating in MLK Day of Service. Volunteers will improve their neighborhoods by distributing food, cleaning up parks, creating community gardens, and partaking in other projects to make a difference and bring about change.

Whether you spend the day tutoring school children or painting a senior center, take this "day on, not day off" as an opportunity to reflect upon and mirror King's efforts to strengthen communities and inspire everyone to come together to solve social issues. The possibilities for how you can serve your community are endless. The Corporation for National and Community Service allows you to [find volunteer opportunities near you](#), but you can also host your own or complete a project that's important to you. Encourage your friends and family to participate because the more helping hands, the bigger the

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impact. However you contribute, use the hashtag #MLKDay and share your photos on Facebook, Twitter, and the GFWC app so you can inspire everyone to pitch in next year!

Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes

Recommended Reading: RONR, *In Brief*

If you are fairly new to studying parliamentary procedure, the 700 pages in the book Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, (RONR) may seem intimidating or overwhelming. I suggest the book, RONR, *In Brief*, (200 pages) may be very helpful to you. This book serves as an introduction and guide to RONR. On the opening page the following suggestions are made:

- If you have 30 minutes read Chapters 2-4
- If you have 45 minutes read Chapters 2-6
- If you have 90 minutes read Chapters 1-11

In that period it suggests that you will have learned the basics needed to participate in a meeting.

The first eleven chapters of *In Brief* share the basics of what you may expect to occur at a meeting. Chapters 12-20 go beyond the basics. Tables A-E act as guides on *Handling Motions as a Chair*, *When Chairs Stand and Sit*, *Conducting a Meeting*, *Rules Relating to Motions*, and *Words to Use as a Member*. Knowing the words to use to bring about desired actions can be a tremendously helpful tool and a real boost to your confidence level in using parliamentary procedure.

Pages with sample dialogues offer insights on how to take part in a meeting and how to help keep a meeting on track. In the section on *Frequently Asked Questions*, you will find answers to questions that curious members have wondered about for many years.

All members are encouraged to bring *In Brief* to meetings and allow it to be a helpful guide. *In Brief*, designed specifically to be in accord with RONR, extensively cross-references to

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January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month

Birth defects can cause developmental concerns and health issues, and they are the leading cause of infant mortality. Not every birth defect is preventable, but many of them are, and this is the month to spread awareness on what expectant mothers can do to reduce the risk. Read the latest post on the [GFWC Blog](#) to learn what you can do to help!



Vote in our GFWC Shares Polls!

With the country in the middle of cold weather and winter storms, it's hard to imagine the arrival of spring. But Women's History Month and Easter are

provisions in RONR, which contains the complete rules of parliamentary procedure.

Legislative Corner

Last week, members of Congress returned to Washington to complete negotiations on major pieces of legislation that were postponed to 2018. The list of things to do includes:

- Completing FY 2018 Federal Appropriations – current funding expires January 19;
- Setting spending levels for FY 2018 and FY 2019 for defense and domestic programs;
- Making corrections to the Tax Cuts Package enacted December 20, 2017;
- Raising the Debt Ceiling by March, before a government default;
- Stabilizing the health insurance market; individual health insurance mandate set to expire in 2019;
- Providing additional funds for opioid prevention and treatment;
- Extending the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) beyond March 2018;
- Reauthorizing the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program; and
- Determining immigration solutions for the Dreamers, undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children.

Track bills, contact your local representative, and take action on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions with the GFWC Legislative Action Center. [Click here](#) to utilize this powerful tool and to enroll to receive updates.

GFWC California Disaster Relief Fund

December’s wildfires in Southern California paved the way for this week’s deadly mudslides, which turned roadways into

closer than you think! In honor of both, take a moment to tell us what woman in history you’d most like to meet, and what your favorite Easter candy is. Your responses might be included in the March + April edition of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*. [Click here](#) to vote!

In the News

The **GFWC Juniores of Alpine High School** (Texas) recently received media attention for hosting their 3rd annual Read Green Project (RGP). Forty students participated by reading Green Earth Award-winning books and creating a poster that reflected their book’s content. To learn more about this outstanding club and the Read Green Project [click here](#).

ruinous rivers of mud and debris. Heavy rain unleashed flash floods in the southern part of California Tuesday, just weeks after several wildfires consumed the area.

To assist in recovery efforts from both the wildfires and mudslides, GFWC California has established a Donation Fund. Many clubwomen were among those affected by the fires and several lost their homes and possessions. Anyone who would like to offer assistance to these members of our Federation family may send a contribution to the **GFWC California Disaster Fund C/O Reggie Mattox, 2867 Banyon Tree Lane, Hemet, CA 92545.**



Marketplace: 2018 Buy A Day Calendar

Hot off the presses! Start the year off right with the 2018 GFWC Year in Pictures Calendar. Featuring the 2018 GFWC Year in Pictures Contest Winners, this colorful calendar is a great addition to any home and makes a useful and beautiful gift. Available for \$10 each at the [GFWC Marketplace](#).

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