

NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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10 Million Too Many

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that denies freedom to 10 million children. UNICEF believes the solution to helping these exploited children is to raise awareness of the problem and educate communities about how to prevent and end trafficking. Since officially partnering with UNICEF for their End Trafficking campaign in 2015, GFWC clubwomen have held numerous events and fundraisers in support of human trafficking survivors.

GFWC Michigan is currently requesting that each club in their state plan at least one event to promote January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Activity suggestions provided by Human Trafficking Special Project Chairman Dee Van Horn include:

- Work with your library to plan a display of human trafficking publications.
- Identify a movie that would highlight the problem and schedule a public viewing.

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- Host a speaker at your club meeting who is working with survivors or a law enforcement professional to discuss how they are addressing the issue.
- Prepare an article for the newspaper.
- Prepare care packages for distribution through a safe house.

Let's follow GFWC Michigan's lead and make this a national effort! Each GFWC club could easily enact one of Dee's ideas especially since GFWC's Partner UNICEF has put together [toolkits, podcasts, and factsheets](#) to assist you. UNICEF even has a movie, *Not My Life*, available for public screening. Clubs and clubwomen can also leverage their social media power by posting graphics and utilizing the hashtag #10MillionTooMany throughout the month. Images and ready-made posts are available through [UNICEF's website](#).

It is time we all raise our voices to say 10 Million is too many. Join the fight to end human trafficking. If you have questions about UNICEF's End Trafficking campaign or would like to request resources, please contact Mansi Mehta, UNICEF Manager, at mmehta@unicefusa.org.



Our Year to Shine: The 2017 GFWC Annual Report

GFWC clubwomen truly shined in 2017! Thanks to you, students will be able to pursue their educational goals, children will receive life-saving medical care, and abused

women will have a safe place to turn. Of course, this is just a small sampling of what you accomplished in 2017. [Click here](#) to download the complete Annual Report and discover how your

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



Set Sail with GFWC and Princess Cruises

March 21-31, 2018

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

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remarkable efforts are continuing GFWC's proud tradition of volunteer service.

Become a GFWC Mediator

GFWC Mediators serve the Federation as a team of consultants available to individual GFWC members, clubs, districts, and states. Mediators are active and committed GFWC members with experience, proven ability, and passion for membership and conflict-resolution issues. Mediators are GFWC's eyes, ears, hands, and hearts in the field. With their personal experience and expertise as GFWC club members, combined with the specialized training they will receive in conflict resolution, problem-solving, parliamentary procedure, and organization building, Mediators will be prepared to advise and work with members at every level of Federation.

GFWC has extended the application deadline for the Mediator Class of 2018 until January 31, 2018. New GFWC Mediators will be selected to serve a three-year term and receive specialized training in June at the GFWC 2018 Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. The [Mediator application](#) is available on [GFWC's website](#). If you have any questions about the GFWC Mediator Program or about the application process, please contact Melanie Gisler at mgisler@gfwc.org.

Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes

Electronic Meetings

There is interest, especially in the case of a relatively small board or committee, to transact business through electronic meetings. During electronic meetings, participating members communicate with each other through electronic means such as the Internet or teleconferencing. Electronic meetings must provide the same opportunity for *simultaneous aural* communications among all participating members as face-to-face meetings held in one room or area. It is important to understand that, regardless of the technology used, the

and to reserve your cabin contact Avoya Travel Representative Linda Stone at 866-617-2470.

Read GFWC's Latest Blog Post

January is National Poverty in America Awareness Month. Since poverty is such a large and complicated issue, it's easy to feel like there's little you can do to address it as an individual or a club. But that's not true! Read the latest addition to the [GFWC Blog](#) to discover ways you can support disadvantaged families and help ensure the poverty rate in our country continues to decline.



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opportunity for *simultaneous aural* communication is essential to the deliberative character of the meeting.

A board or a committee expressly established by club bylaws can hold a valid electronic meeting only if authorized in the club bylaws. However, a committee that is not expressly established by the bylaws may instead be authorized by a standing rule, or by a motion establishing the particular committee to hold electronic meetings.

Notification of a meeting in a form of electronic communication such as email or fax, requires that *the member has agreed to receive notice in electronic form*. The notice of an electronic meeting must include an adequate description of how to participate in it. For example, the telephone number to call for a teleconference must be provided. (The cost of teleconferences should be studied in advance of a club commitment.)

Various additional rules in the club bylaws, special rules of order, standing rules or instructions to a committee may also be necessary regarding the conduction of electronic meetings. For complete details, see Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) Chapter IV, Section 9, Electronic Meetings.

Update: The International Women's Club of Merida

The International Women's Club (IWC) of Merida, Mexico, has 150 members and is a gathering of English-speaking women from various countries who have formed a circle of friendship, support, and community service. As with most clubs in the U.S., the Merida club primarily focuses on helping women and children in their community. For instance, the IWC has granted scholarships and mentored more than 35 young women from low-income families who are enrolled in professional programs for fields such as law, medicine, veterinary science, psychology, and accounting. Another exemplary project of the IWC is the Gorro (Cap) Girls Group which crochets and knits hats for children in the O'Horan Hospital's cancer ward. During the group's weekly visits to the hospital, clubwomen give each child a workbook, crayons, and a toy. Members also purchase liquid

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In the News

The **GFWC Warren Woman's Club** (Arkansas) is once again partnering with the Bradley County Historical Museum to sponsor the Young Arkansas Artists competition. The contest allows students from Kindergarten through 12th grade to showcase their artistic talents. Award-winning works will be displayed as part of a traveling Art Exhibit next year. Learn more about this exciting project by [clicking here](#).

medicines for the ward's infants who are unable to take pill-form medications.

The Merida Club has done much to improve the lives of others in their community and they hope clubwomen in the U.S. are proud of their Federation sisters in the heart of Maya land, south of the border.



Marketplace: GFWC Necklace Charm

The GFWC Necklace Charm is the perfect accessory at any GFWC event! Be sure to add it to your growing GFWC jewelry collection. Charms are made of stainless steel and feature a jump ring to fit on most

necklace chains. Available for \$10 each at the [GFWC Marketplace](#).

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