You're Invited to the GFWC Holiday Open House

‘Tis the season to celebrate and GFWC has lots to celebrate! Join us at GFWC Headquarters for the Annual Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 9. In anticipation of high attendance and to help ensure everyone is able to best enjoy their visit, the Open House hours have been extended from 2:00 pm-7:00 pm. The following staggered arrival times are recommended: buses traveling from MD, VA, DC, and DE should arrive between 4:30 pm-7:00 pm, while clubwomen traveling from further away have a suggested arrival time of between 2:00 pm-4:30 pm.

Come enjoy fabulous appetizers and sweet desserts along with the great company of your Federation Sisters. You will also have a chance to win our GFWC Holiday Open House Raffle — gift cards to GFWC Marketplace!

Don’t Miss Out on News&Notes

If you haven’t yet subscribed to News&Notes, the best source for all things GFWC, what are you waiting for? Signing up is easy and gives you access to timely news items from around Headquarters, our partners and our work on a national and local scale.

Simply provide your name, mailing address, email, and club name to...
GFWC Visits Arlington National Cemetery

The GFWC Executive Committee, Resolutions Committee, President’s Assistants, and staff placed flags at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day to honor our nation’s veterans. GFWC thanks all who have served our country and sacrificed so much for our freedom.

GFWC clubwomen support and express their gratitude throughout the year for the over 22 million veterans living in the United States. Read the GFWC Blog to learn more about how clubwomen are advocating for veterans.

Partner Spotlight - Operation Smile

Shortly after his birth in a small village in Nicaragua, Josep’s mother abandoned him because he was born with a cleft lip and palate. He was helpless and alone — struggling to survive.

St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer

Set in the middle of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer will be on Saturday, September 24, 2016 in over 60 cities nationwide. We are currently seeking passionate community leaders to serve on our planning and fundraising committees to help bring global awareness to Danny Thomas’ mission and raise funds for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. We have a multitude of positions available for as much or as little time as you want to volunteer. By December 31, 2015, please visit www.stjude.org/walkrun, select find your event, click on the city in which you are located and click on contact your events team to learn more about the local opportunities St. Jude has available.

Fundraising for All Seasons

Raise money all year long selling Terri Lynn healthy and delicious
Who would help baby Josep get the life-changing surgery he needed? Surgery that would help him eat ... speak ... smile ...

Strangers. Strangers with compassion for a child they’d never met but who desperately needed help.

In a word: you.

Josep’s aunt took him in and gave him a loving home and the care he needed. With borrowed money, she traveled 15 hours on five different buses to Operation Smile’s medical mission in Estelí.

Because of partners like you, children like Josep can grow up with beautiful new smiles, and brighter futures. Your support frees them from a lifetime of the pain and stigma of cleft.

Your kindness will live on for a lifetime — in their smiles.

Thank you for partnering with Operation Smile.

With sincere gratitude,
Dr. Bill Magee, Jr. D.D.S., M.D.
Co-Founder and CEO
Operation Smile

Submit Your Photos for Volunteers in Action

Want to share your club’s innovative project or exciting event with the rest of the world? Send a brief summary of the project and engaging photos to GFWC Communications Specialist Janelle Germanos at jgermanos@gfwc.org, and your club may be featured in the Volunteers in Action section of GFWC Clubwoman Magazine!

Photos should be high-resolution (300 dpi) and ideally saved as a TIFF or JPEG. If you’re looking for some inspiration from clubs across the country, check out our Volunteers in Action Pinterest Board.

Check out 2015’s Top Projects on GFWC.org
gourmet products. Let over 75 years of family tradition earn profits for you and your club by selling premium nuts, chocolate confections, and scrumptious dried fruit selections. A proven partner of GFWC, Terri Lynn Cares™ by giving back to GFWC on every sale. For more information, visit www.terrilynnfundraising.com or call toll free 800-323-0775 and ask for department GFWC15.
You’ve seen them on Facebook every day since July — now check out the top **Community Service Projects and Advancement Guides** on GFWC.org! From “Ice Cream for Reading” projects to “Once Upon A Time” membership recruitment events, you’ll be inspired to adapt these projects for your club and community. [Click here](#) to view the top projects.

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**March of Dimes: Prematurity Awareness Month**

Premature birth is a very serious health problem. Worldwide, 15 million babies are born preterm and more than a million die as a result. Babies who survive often have lifelong health problems such as cerebral palsy, vision and hearing loss, and intellectual disabilities. This and every November, the world recognizes **Prematurity Awareness Month** and **World Prematurity Day** on **November 17**. Everyone can participate in Prematurity Awareness Month and World Prematurity Day by visiting [facebook.com/worldprematurityday](http://facebook.com/worldprematurityday) to share stories and videos about your baby or a baby you love, and learn from families around the world.

You can also view your state’s premature birth report card on [March of Dimes’ website](http://marchofdimes.org). See how your state is doing in the fight to reduce our nation’s preterm birth rate. For more information about the mission and work of the March of Dimes or to learn how you can get involved, visit [www.MarchofDimes.org](http://www.MarchofDimes.org) or contact [mshafer@marchofdimes.org](mailto:mshafer@marchofdimes.org).

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**Sad News**

**Barbara Alice Sutton** passed away on Sunday, October 25. Barbara was the Delaware State President from 1992-1994. A memorial service will be held Friday, November 20 at 1:00 pm at the Ocean View Chapel of Melson Funeral Services, 38040 Muddy Neck Road, Ocean View, DE 19970, where friends may call after 12:00 noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Barbara’s memory to Disabled American Veterans at [DAV.org](http://DAV.org), or Grace United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen, PO Box 566, Millsboro, DE 19966.

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**Sad News**

**Shirley Gilmore**, past West Virginia State President, passed away on Tuesday, November 10. Shirley served with Tressa Wolfe, Junior Director from 1988-1990. Shirley was a loving person who will be deeply missed. Our thoughts go out to Shirley’s family and friends.
International Update

Glenda Maduro, President of The Women’s Club of Osculda in the Netherland Antilles, wants to thank GFWC for the International Affiliates Certificate which is being displayed prominently in their clubhouse. She also reports that the club attended The Steering Committee Curacao’s Steering Award Night. The Steering Committee Curacao is the mother organization for all the women’s groups in Curacao and is also a GFWC International Affiliate. Mrs. Amaida Bentura received the Steering Award for her volunteer work in the community. The ladies dressed in red for the evening’s festivities.

125th Anniversary Yearbook Update

Work on the upcoming General Federation of Women’s Clubs 125th Anniversary Yearbook is nearing the final stages. As of October 16, the phone lines have closed and we are moving forward with the next phase of production. We will provide more detailed information on the production schedule in an upcoming edition of News&Notes. For a limited time, members may still reserve a copy of the 125th Anniversary Yearbook by calling 1-800-877-6554. Harris Connect will only print the number of yearbooks for which they have reservations, so now is the time to reserve your copy. If you pre-ordered a copy of the 125th Anniversary Yearbook and paid with a credit card, your payment has been processed.

As a reminder, Harris Connect has guaranteed that members who only responded to one but who received multiple postcards with

GFWC Marketplace - Hanger Pins with Ribbon are Back!

Back by popular demand are the hanger pins with grosgrain ribbon. Display all your GFWC pins on the perfect matching hanger pin with the updated GFWC emblem on gold plating. A safety pin back and grosgrain ribbon are included so you may add pins to your collection. The Hanger Pin measures 2.25" wide x 6.5" long with grosgrain ribbon. Get yours today at the GFWC Marketplace.

In the News

The GFWC Spring Station Woman’s Club (Tennessee) raised $5,000 dollars at their Second Annual Amethyst Affair. The money will be donated to the Center of Hope Domestic Violence Shelter of Columbia and will be used to build 12 new housing units for survivors of domestic violence and abuse. Read more about the fundraiser here.
different ID numbers do not need to take any further action as their records will be merged.

Also, members who signed up for the Magazine Direct offer and wish to cancel may do so at any time during the three-month risk-free trial period and they will never be charged. The toll-free number is 855-248-8874 and is available 24/7. Please contact Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org or (202) 347-3168 ext. 220 for more information or assistance.