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A Tribute for Past President Juanita M. Bryant

From 1982 to 1984, Juanita M. Bryant served as GFWC International President. Her volunteer service, however, goes above and beyond those two years. For 65 years, Juanita has been a leader in GFWC and her community. She is a mentor to so many clubwomen, and her incredible leadership has inspired numerous women to become leaders themselves. In addition to leading GFWC as International President, Juanita's accomplishments are impressive and range from serving as executive director of the North Carolina Council for Women, being the first woman in North Carolina appointed by a Governor to chair a state board, and serving as development director of the YWCA of Wake County.

Juanita was honored for her public service and dedication to North Carolina and GFWC at a special tribute event on Thursday, February 9.

"I am so grateful that so many friends and family could attend the tribute event and support the GFWC-NC Legacy Fund. My



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sincere appreciation for GFWC President Sheila Shea and Chief Operating Officer Rosemary Thomas for participating in the program. Many thanks to the Woman's Club of Raleigh, District VI, GFWC-NC, and all the clubwomen for their support. It was a wonderful evening of celebration," Past President Bryant said.

Clubwomen from several states came to celebrate with Juanita, and enjoyed viewing memorabilia from her life, including ceremonial gowns, portraits, and pictures of her with celebrities, U.S. Presidents, and other dignitaries.

"I think it is so important for those in public service to affirm that volunteer organizations are the backbone and fabric of every community, large or small. By celebrating 65 years of volunteer and public service, friends and family paid tribute to her leadership and significant experience mentoring others. She has truly made a difference in the lives of so many," said Debra Bryant, the daughter of Juanita Bryant.

Congratulations to Juanita on 65 years of service. GFWC is thankful for your tireless commitment to GFWC and your community.

GFWC Kentucky Moving Forward with Confidence

GFWC Kentucky President Susette Redwine did not begin her administration believing the focus of her Special Project would be fundraising or recruitment. However, after assessing the situation at both the club and state level, she knew these must be her priorities to ensure the long term prosperity of the organization.

She first attended to the issue of recruitment by promoting the establishment of new clubs. To date, the initiative has successfully garnered the creation of three clubs including one for LEADS graduates, another for multi-generation clubwomen (those whose mothers or grandmothers were members), and a new Juniette Club. President Redwine is particularly proud of the Juniette Club for the "impact they are making in their school and community."

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Cares and Concerns

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Nancy (Harton) Washburn, GFWC Tennessee Past Director of Junior Clubs. Our thoughts go out to Nancy's friends and family. You may [click here](#) to read her obituary.

Join the GFWC Juniettes Instagram!

The GFWC Juniette Instagram officially launched last week and clubs from across the nation are being highlighted. Clubs already featured include GFWC Temple Terrace Juniettes (Florida), GFWC Alpine High School Juniettes (Texas), GFWC River Bluff High School (South Carolina), and GFWC New Tampa Juniettes (Florida). If you would like to learn about the accomplishments of these outstanding clubs, download the Instagram App and follow GFWC Juniettes.

Should you wish to have the club you sponsor included on the site, please send a photograph and short description to pr@gfwc.org.

You're Invited

GFWC will host our annual Women's History Month Reception

Having made significant progress in recruitment, President Redwine set her sights on fundraising. It had been several years since GFWC Kentucky held a statewide fundraiser and many concerns such as replenishment of the scholarship fund and repairs to headquarters needed to be addressed. Following discussions with the state's Executive Committee, a number of creative fundraisers were selected for pursuit.

The new GFWC Kentucky Cookbook is currently being developed and will debut at the state's Women's History and Resource Center event on March 9. GFWC Kentucky is also selling personalized, sandblasted bricks which will line the pathway to the state headquarters and be referred to as the Spirit of Kentucky Walk. While those projects will aid in infrastructure investments at headquarters, the scholarship fund will be supplemented through a series of fundraisers including the "Let's Make a Change" campaign. This lighthearted campaign requests that each clubwoman contribute a penny a day and that clubs create distinctive designs for improvised piggy banks. An award will be granted at the state convention in May to the most unique piggy bank design. The \$3.65 raised from each clubwoman will allow GFWC Kentucky to "change" the lives of students through the continuation and expansion of their scholarship program. As President Redwine said, "GFWC Kentucky is not only walking with confidence, we are strutting with confidence."

at Headquarters on March 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Page Harrington, Executive Director of the National Women's Party, will speak about the illustrious history of the organization, and its current endeavors to educate the public on the women's rights movement. The event is open to all clubwomen as well as the public. Light refreshments will be served. Join us for what is sure to be a truly historic and enlightening event! Please RSVP to WHRC Manager Alyssa Constad at aconstad@gfwc.org.

Subscribe to the WHRC Newsletter

The Women's History and Resource Center is excited to announce that it will now be opening up its quarterly newsletter to all clubwomen. The WHRC newsletter provides an in-depth look at the celebrated history of GFWC on the national, local, and individual levels. A publication primarily written by clubwomen, the newsletter proudly publishes articles written by you and about your history. The WHRC newsletter is also the best way to stay up-to-date on the latest events and happenings in the Women's History and Resource Center. To sign up, please visit www.gfwc.org. An enrollment box is located at the bottom on the website, underneath the *News & Notes* sign up. You can also sign up by providing your name, mailing address, email, and club name to GFWC Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org. Interested in



Florida Clubwomen Inspire Support of Special Olympics

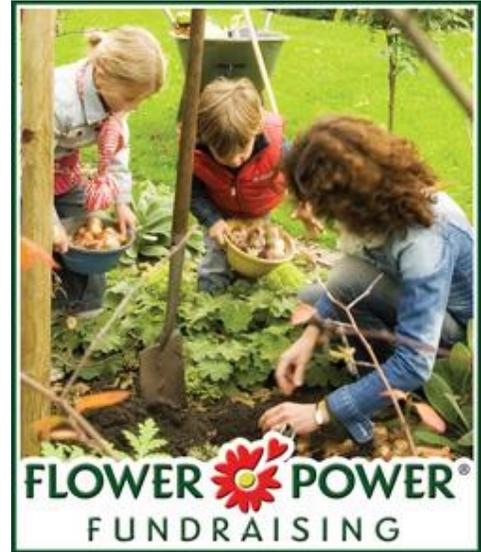
A recent posting to the GFWC App by Anita Jenkins, President of the **GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club** (Florida), has drawn attention to the number of clubs and clubwomen supporting Special Olympics. Founded in the early 1960s by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics aims to provide people with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to discover strengths and develop new skills through sports. GFWC has a special history with the Special Olympics, as it was the Special Project of GFWC International President Juanita M. Bryant (1982-1984).

Globally, there are almost 200 million individuals living with intellectual disabilities. Intellectual disabilities are defined as limitations in cognitive functioning and difficulty with the skills necessary for day-to-day life such as being able to communicate effectively, interact with others, and take care of oneself. However, the staff and volunteers at Special Olympics "believe in a world where there are millions of different abilities but not disabilities".

Special Olympics offers their athletes much more than the chance to participate in over 30 Olympic-style events. A wide range of services are provided including sports training, health screenings, and instruction in leadership techniques. These services help athletes meet challenges on and off the playing field with increased confidence.

Special Olympics volunteers act as coaches and trainers, officials, event organizers, fundraisers, and fans cheering in the stands. As President Jenkins says, "There is nothing more

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rewarding than watching an athlete cross the finish line, bowl a strike, or make a basket. If club members cannot be on the field as coaches, they should consider sitting in the grandstands and cheering on the athletes. It means so much to them.” There are hundreds of Special Olympics offices around the world, and all of them need assistance at various times during the year. [Click here](#) to find the Special Olympics Office nearest you.

Participate in the Game of Hearts

What does a membership ‘opportunity’ look like to you? Potential GFWC members are all around us, making it important to always be prepared to talk about GFWC. Whether you’re working out at the gym, shopping at the grocery store, or waiting in line at the coffee shop, daily life offers endless opportunities for sharing GFWC’s mission and increasing our membership. Clubs are currently in the midst of participating in the Game of Hearts, part of the GFWC It’s the Real Deal Membership Campaign. Membership Committee Member Jeanne Waseleski offers some advice for attracting potential members in an article that appeared in the January+February issue of *Clubwoman Magazine*. We are now offering this article on the GFWC blog so that all members can learn valuable tips for recruiting new members. Read the article by visiting www.gfwc.org/game-of-hearts/. Learn more about GFWC’s seasonal recruitment campaign by visiting <http://www.gfwc.org/membership/recruitment-campaigns/>.

As subscribers know, this article is just a snapshot of the many pages of great content that appear in all issues of *Clubwoman Magazine*. In addition to a membership article, every issue features articles that will help your club be as successful as possible. The upcoming March+April issue is especially important, as it includes the official Call to Convention, the most in-depth source of information about the upcoming 2017 Convention in Palm Springs, California. Learn more about *Clubwoman Magazine* and sign up for a subscription by visiting <http://bit.ly/clubwoman>.

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GFWC Resources

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In The News

The **GFWC West Side** (Pennsylvania) was featured in the *Times Leader* after hosting a program about Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Kristen Haas, a member of the club, spoke about her experience as an advocate and encouraged fellow clubwomen to apply for the program. [Click here](#) to read the article and learn more about CASA and how it helps children find a safe and loving home.



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