

# NEWS & NOTES

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## National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day March 10

Every year on March 10, we come together to bring awareness to women and girls impacted by HIV/AIDS. In the United States, one in four people with HIV is female, and women deal with specific challenges when it comes to getting treatment for HIV/AIDS. This year is the 12th observance of the National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, and it is more important than ever to bring awareness to the fact that only four in ten females with HIV have the virus under control. This year, the Office of Women's Health, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has chosen "The Best Defense is a Good Offense" as the theme of the 2017 National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness.

What does every woman need to know about HIV and AIDS? The Office on Women's Health lists [ten facts](#) that will help you stay educated. In addition, the Office on Women's Health offers a variety of resources to promote National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness on March 10, including fact sheets,



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talking points, sample social media posts, and more. [Click here](#) to learn about this annual observance and to access these resources that will give you a way to support girls and women with HIV/AIDS.

As an organization that cares about the health of women and girls, GFWC is proud to support National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Tomorrow, bring awareness to and end the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS by sharing information on your social media pages or reading more about how HIV/AIDS impacts women and girls on [www.womenshealth.gov/nwghaad](http://www.womenshealth.gov/nwghaad).



## Partner Spotlight: Easterseals

Easterseals is there to provide support, guidance and solutions to unlock potential, so that everyone, no matter the obstacle, can achieve their goals. Our programs address five critical areas that help ensure full participation and quality of life for children, adults, seniors, and veterans.

### LIVE

Hands-on, comprehensive, vital programs and support help people reach their full potential, regardless of challenges, needs, or disabilities. Examples are physical therapy, child development, and assistive technology.

### LEARN

Garlick at [kgarlick@gfwc.org](mailto:kgarlick@gfwc.org) and you're all set!

## Cares and Concerns

GFWC Michigan Past President (2002-2004) **Joan Macklin** passed away on February 28. We send our condolences to her husband, children, and Federation Sisters.

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Programs designed to help children and adults learn, and often re-learn, basic functions, master skills needed to develop and thrive, and be sharp and active as they age. Life skills training, caregiver training, and educational programming are among others.

### **WORK**

A range of training, placement, and related services that help people prepare for the workforce because meaningful work is often the key to overcoming challenges and having a good life.

### **PLAY**

Fun, healthy programs for children, adults, and caregivers to relax, connect with friends, and engage in constructive recreational offerings.

### **ACT**

Our vibrant community of friends and supporters volunteer, advocate, donate or participate in events. Their support sustains our cause and inspires us all.

**Remember to "Light It Up Blue" for World Autism Awareness Day on Sunday, April 2!**

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## **GFWC California: Powering Life-saving Discoveries**

More than 30 years ago, California State President Toby Kahan began supporting the [City of Hope National Medical Center](#). Through membership in her neighborhood City of Hope Chapter, she learned of the "wonderful care and treatment they provide patients." In 2000 when President Kahan's beloved husband was diagnosed with Leukemia, the family immediately turned to City of Hope for his treatment. Mr. Kahan lost his battle in 2007; however, President Kahan will never forget how well he was looked after or the compassion shown her entire family.

Motivated by personal experiences, President Kahan is encouraging all California clubwomen to promote and financially support City of Hope's research programs during her administration. As President Kahan says, "Every discovery,



## **It's Our Time to SHINE: 2017 GFWC Annual Convention at JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa June 23- 26**

GFWC Clubwomen have shined throughout the year! We invite you to join us at the pristine JW Marriott in Palm Desert, California to celebrate those accomplishments, learn about new initiatives, and participate in the advancement of the organization.

Online registration is now officially open! You can access registration using this link <http://www.cvent.com/d/2vqg5g/4W> or by visiting [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) and following the instructions to register for Convention and all events. GFWC's user-friendly online registration system is quick, secure, and easy. Paper registration is available upon request. Registration closes on June 1. For assistance, contact GFWC Headquarters at 1-800-443-GFWC (4392) or call Derek Tennant ([DTennant@GFWC.org](mailto:DTennant@GFWC.org)) directly at 202-347-2938 or Jennifer Simpson ([JSimpson@GFWC.org](mailto:JSimpson@GFWC.org)) directly at 202-628-2478.

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breakthrough, and advancement is powered by donations." The contributions of California clubwomen will undoubtedly be put to good use. City of Hope is staffed by more than 200 researchers, has more than 500 innovative projects in development, and consists of more than 400 facilities in 40 states and 30 countries.

Among the numerous innovations made by City of Hope's doctors and researchers are the development of new cancer medications, treatments that may successfully reverse type 1 diabetes, and blood stem cell transplants to assist HIV/AIDS patients. Individuals around the world will benefit from these discoveries as techniques and research findings are shared.

GFWC California has already donated over \$4,000 in support of City of Hope's research through participation in the City of Hope Walk for Hope last November and through club and member donations. If clubwomen outside of California would like to join the effort, they may do so by contacting one of City of Hope's regional fundraising offices in Phoenix, Seattle, Chicago, Philadelphia, or Ft. Lauderdale, Florida or by sending donations to the address below. Please designate the contributions as coming from a GFWC club or clubwoman.

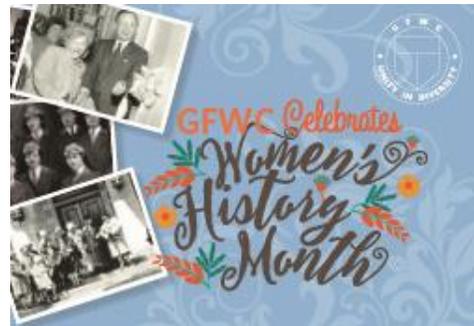
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Duarte, CA 91010  
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## Edith Gifford: Member of the Housekeeper's Club 1904 to 1925

Submitted by Sandra Riley of GFWC Coconut Grove Florida

Edith Gifford was a woman of education and culture, stalwart character, and a deep sense of community. Her personal motto was "If a thing needs doing, do it!" Characterizing her commitment, in 1884 Edith leased the town of Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, where tenants lived in squalor. She repaired houses, provided municipal services, established a library and bank, hired a school principal and a visiting physician, and banished roaming pigs from the town's streets. She proved that "enlightened management" can bring financial success as



## Support GFWC and Women's History Month With Your Facebook Cover Photo

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## Read Across America Photos on Facebook

Read Across America Day 2017 was a great success! Thank you to all of the clubs who submitted photos from various activities throughout the day. View photos of clubwomen participating in

well as reform. Later in Coconut Grove, she established a Red Cross Chapter and built a Health Clinic to serve the needy and school children. To serve the mind and spirit, Edith delivered scholarly papers on music, history, forestry, and women's suffrage. She produced musical performances where she not only talked about the music, but also played the piano to accompany singers.

As an early and ardent conservationist, Edith, with some "ladies from Philadelphia," organized the Pennsylvania Forestry Association. From 1905-1916 she was a visionary and vital force in the creation of Florida Federation's Royal Palm State Park, which became the nucleus of the Everglades National Park. She titled her final report as park committee chair "A Dream Has Come True." The establishment of a Conservation Department in GFWC and its subsequent efforts to create countless State and National Parks is due to Edith's 1906 Proposal.

Read Across America Day by visiting the [GFWC Facebook page](#).

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## In The News

**GFWC Missouri** is highlighted in the *Fulton Sun* for its work surrounding Girls Town, a facility that provides therapy, education, and job training for girls. GFWC Missouri founded Girls Town in 1953. [Click here](#) to read the article and to see how GFWC Missouri has made a difference in the lives of girls in need.

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## Promoting Literacy and Getting Hooked in a Good Book

GFWC Maryland Director of Juniors Clubs Becca Wagman has dedicated her administration to increasing children's literacy rates in the state. The concept was incorporated into GFWC Maryland's Mid-Winter Rally through the "Getting Hooked in a Good Book" service project. The project resulted in the collection of 270 books, creation of [Read Across America](#) tracking charts, development of decorative posters with

inspirational quotes, and reorganization of the Boys & Girls Club of Westminster's library.

The GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster has a longstanding relationship with the local Boys & Girls Club. In the past, clubwomen have taken part in the Boys & Girls Club of America's summer literacy programs, maintained the center, and volunteered to teach the children new skills. The Boys & Girls Club was selected for support due to the unquestionable need of the children participating.

Every day in America, over 15 million children (1 out of 4) are left unsupervised after school. In the summer, 43 million children (3 out of 4) do not have access to critical summer learning programs. Boys & Girls Clubs in almost every U.S. community work to address these concerns. If you are interested in following the example of Westminster's clubwomen by promoting literacy at your local Boys & Girls Club [click here](#) to find a location near you.

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### **Marketplace: GFWC Silicone Phone Wallets**

Looking for a convenient way to keep your phone and cards together? Look no further than the GFWC Silicone Phone Wallets! Each wallet holds two cards, such as your I.D. or

credit card on the back of your phone. Using a patented 3M adhesive, it will stay on most phones and phone cases without demagnetizing your cards. Great for when you would rather not carry your full wallet or purse. Easily fits in a mailing envelope. Available in red, blue, purple, and black, all with the GFWC logo imprinted in white, for \$3.00 each at the [GFWC Marketplace](#).

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