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## A Cause for Celebration in Maplewood, New Jersey

Few things last for a century in today's society; however, on December 2, 2016 the **Woman's Club of Maplewood** (New Jersey) celebrated their 100th anniversary. The festivities have continued throughout the year and include the club's receipt of the prestigious Maple Leaf Award and their \$100,000 contribution to the Colombia High School Scholarship Fund (CHSSF).

The Maplewood Woman's Club has long played a vital role in their township and beyond. Worthy achievements of the past include establishment of a well-baby clinic, fundraising for a World War II fighter plane named "Miss Maplewood," and construction of their clubhouse in 1930.

Continuing their 100 years of giving, the club's current goals are to help children in need and assist victims of domestic violence. The members routinely donate toiletries, clothing, and shoes to both regular shelters and domestic violence shelters in



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Maplewood and throughout Essex County. The club also finds time to support first-responders, the Salvation Army, and food pantries. Whenever there is a need, the Maplewood Woman's Club is ready to help!

Proceeds from the sale of their historic clubhouse in 2014 has enabled the club to expand their financial contributions to charities and programs in their community. For example, the club's \$100,000 donation to CHSSF will allow numerous need-based scholarships to be distributed well into the future. Maplewood President JoAnne Aponte is also proud of the club's current plan to fund an addition to the local public library.

In acknowledgement of the club's receiving the Maple Leaf Award, New Jersey Senator Cory Booker congratulated the clubwomen by remarking, "Your ongoing dedication to your community is an inspiration and speaks to your deep commitment to the conviction that we must take care of others." We join Senator Booker in applauding the clubwomen of Maplewood who have persevered over 100 years, and improved the lives of countless individuals.

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## Preserving Hawaii's History

Historians spend their lives pursuing the meaning of the past and preserving history for future generations. The GFWC History Club of Honolulu hopes to promote and protect their own state's history by advancing academic work and publications.

As part of GFWC Hawaii President Kim Ickler's Special Project, the club supports history students at the undergraduate and graduate level at Hawaii's colleges and universities. By hosting academic forums, young historians are given opportunities to present their papers and compete for awards. Each year, the club distributes eight awards, including the "History Club of Honolulu Women's History Prize," at the Phi Alpha Theta Society's annual history conference. This year, the club presented awards and sponsored the keynote speaker at the World History Conference at the Crossroads of the Pacific, hosted by Hawaii Pacific University.

President Ickler is proud to cultivate a curiosity and excitement for the history of Hawaii. She is one of several members who

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## Cares & Concerns

We send our condolences to First Vice President Marian St.Clair on the passing of her mother-in-law, [Arleigh St.Clair](#), on July 18. Please keep Marian and her family in your thoughts at this difficult time.

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## Set Sail with GFWC and Princess Cruises

**MARCH 21-31, 2018**

You're invited to 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-

have published work in their respective fields. Clubwoman Rianna M. Williams is author of several books and numerous articles on the history of the Hawaiian monarchy including *Queen Lili'uokalani*, *The Dominis Family*, and *Washington Place, Their Home*. Clubwoman Eleanor Nordyck, now deceased, spent her career improving women's reproductive health and publishing nearly a dozen history books and demographic studies from the early 1970s through 2009, including *The Peopling of Hawaii*.

GFWC History Club of Honolulu will continue their mission to preserve the historical record and make connections with new audiences. By fostering improved history education among student and adult audiences, GFWC Hawaii's clubwomen are strengthening public pride in their state.



## Volunteers in Action

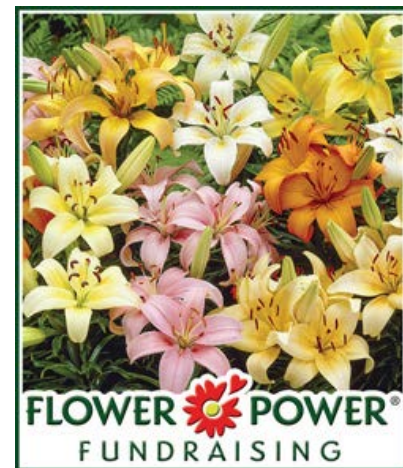
The first place winner of the 2017 Volunteers in Action photography contest is **Cheryl Shaw** of **GFWC Lawrenceville Woman's Club** (Georgia). Her image is entitled "Good Clean Fun!" and was taken after the initial planting of the club's community garden for the Lawrenceville Housing Authority (LHA). Featured in the photograph are club members, the LHA Director, and neighborhood residents.

Coordinating the planting and funding of the garden began in May 2016 when the club's Conservation Chairman was searching for a hands-on way of becoming involved in the community. The LHA and local businesses provided in-kind donations such as fencing, soil, garden tools, and lumber for the raised beds.

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Monetary donations were obtained through grants from two local corporations. The monetary contributions allowed for the purchase of garden equipment, seeds, and plants. The club benefited from the assistance of a local Master Gardener, and had great fun attending vegetable gardening courses at the County Extension Service.

The 212 families living in affordable housing provided by LHA have both contributed to and benefited from the project. The residents help harvest the produce, share it with homebound neighbors, and are planning to host canning and cooking demonstrations in their community center. The local children have also taken great interest in growing their own vegetables and have begun making healthier dietary choices. Several children have even planted small gardens at their own homes!

This dynamic and award-winning photo was taken with an iPhone. GFWC invites you to follow Cheryl's lead and capture your club's service projects over the coming year. You don't need fancy photography equipment, just a good eye for clubwomen making a difference.

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## Marketplace: GFWC Stainless Steel Tumbler

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## In the News

Light Up South Jackson is the title of the **Centennial Woman's Club's** (Tennessee) community service project. The goal of the project is to repair the South Jackson Civic Center and surrounding property. So far, the club has raised over \$80,000 to fund construction and the City of Tullahoma will be matching their contribution to assist with the project. Click here to read the full story in [The Tullahoma News](#).

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