

# NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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## GFWC's Conservation Achievements

GFWC clubwomen have long been powerful advocates for environmental protection and conservation. As early as 1902, the GFWC Forestry and Irrigation Committee was working to preserve the Mammoth Grove Redwoods at Calaveras, California and the Chippewa Reserve in Minnesota. By 1910, clubwomen had successfully taken on so many environmental projects that a formal Conservation Department was formed.

On the national level, GFWC's conservation efforts have aided in the establishment of the United States Forest Service, the creation of memorial forests, and promotion of the Keep America Beautiful program. While we take great pride in these large-scale accomplishments, our greatest impact may well result from the thousands of local conservation projects clubwomen support each year.

This year's top projects for the Conservation Community Service Program, as selected by the program's chairman Angela Cutrera, demonstrate clubwomen's continued dedication to

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protecting and improving the environment. Many of these outstanding projects also recognize the importance of instilling a love of nature in the next generation. For example, the **Florence J. Scott Study Club** (Texas) helped bring a love of nature and its workings to every fourth grader in Starr County by supporting the Kids & Kows & More program. Over one thousand students spent two days enjoying exciting interactive sessions on water conservation, wildlife protection, horticulture, beef cattle production, and the use of drones in farming.

Learn which other clubs excelled in the area of conservation programming by downloading the [GFWC Top Projects 2017 Guide](#). We know it will inspire you to take on a conservation project of your own!



## GFWC Kentucky Juniors Fight for a Future without Type 1 Diabetes

Millions of people around the world live with type 1 diabetes (T1D), a life-threatening autoimmune disease that strikes both children and adults. There is no way to prevent it, and at present, no cure. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) works every day in support of the scientific research for new treatments and therapies to make living with T1D easier, safer, and healthier.

Preshus Howard, GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs, is proud to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as her Special Project. Since her sister, Ashley, was diagnosed with T1D at the age of three, Preshus has spent her life advocating

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

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## Cares & Concerns

We send our condolences to Past GFWC Nebraska State President Leola Bonge on the passing of her husband, [James L. Bonge](#). Please keep Leola and her family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

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## Be Inspired by the 2017 Top Ten Projects!

The Tu-Tu Wonderful Party. The Book Fairy Project. The First Time Bus Rider Program. These are just a few of the creative and life-changing Top Ten Projects that are featured in the *GFWC Top Projects 2017 Guide*. [Click here](#) to download the guide and discover new project ideas that will inspire you to take action in your community!

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## Join the #DVAMTurns30 Campaign!

This October will mark the 30th anniversary of passage of the Domestic Violence Against Women Act. In honor of this landmark occasion, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence has created a social media campaign – #DVAMTurns30 – and an accompanying toolkit. Commemorate this historic event

for better education and offering support to others who struggle with T1D. As Junior Director, she asks Kentucky clubwomen to advocate, volunteer, and help raise awareness, in hope of bringing us closer to a future without T1D.

Kentucky clubwomen have shown their support for Preshus' Special Project by attending the annual T1D Summit, where they learned about the latest treatments and breakthroughs in research. Clubwomen also made monetary donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation by participating as a team in the JDFR One Walk.

Any GFWC club can get involved in the fight against juvenile diabetes by fundraising, meeting with lawmakers, signing petitions, or by inspiring people affected by diabetes to share their stories.

Preshus' advice to other clubwomen? Simply, "Get physical, be a social butterfly, or dream up your own fundraiser. There is fun and fulfillment in supporting T1D research. No matter what or how you donate, your gift will bring us even closer to a world without T1D."

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## WHRC Call for Articles

Although it has been a long time since many of us have had to buy new school supplies for ourselves, as the summer sun slowly gives way to changing leaves, it's hard not to become nostalgic for the feeling of fresh starts that fall always brings. For many of us, September marks the beginning of a new school year, whether we are getting children and grandchildren ready to return to school, or getting ready to go back and teach ourselves. The women of GFWC have always been invested in education, and have been champions of educational access for all since our founding. In celebration of our historic accomplishments in establishing free public libraries across the country, and in some cases even founding traveling libraries, **the September issue of the WHRC Newsletter will be devoted to telling the stories of GFWC and the libraries we have helped to create and maintain.** To share your club's story in the newsletter, please write an article between

and show support for victims and survivors by participating in the campaign. [Click here](#) to download #DVAMTurns30 Social Media Toolkit.

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## Vote in the GFWC Shares Poll!

Participate in the following poll and your response might be included in the September + October edition of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.

What was your favorite event or activity from the 2017 GFWC Annual Convention

250-500 words and email it to WHRC Manager Alyssa Constad at [aconstad@gfwc.org](mailto:aconstad@gfwc.org) by September 4.

If you wish to receive the *WHRC Newsletter*, please visit [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org), where you can sign up to receive the newsletter for free. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Alyssa if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Partner Spotlight: United Service Organizations

The United Service Organizations (USO) is dedicated to giving more of our military service members and their families the critical connections they need to be strong and resilient. The USO launched the [Fueling the Future campaign](#) this year and will continue through 2020 with a goal of raising \$500 million. By 2020, the USO will be positioned to: build and renovate more than 80 centers; increase the total number of service connections to 50 million; reach more than 1.5 million service members and their families through USO programs; and become the global leader in military transition services. Investing in this campaign will provide meaningful impact for those who fight for our freedoms daily. The USO Fueling the Future campaign aims to strengthen America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home, and country, throughout their service to the nation.

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in Palm Springs, California? Email your responses to [pr@gfwc.org](mailto:pr@gfwc.org).



## 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-made wonder of the modern world with Princess, the number one cruise line in the region. Go beyond the locks to explore the wildlife-filled rainforest of Central America. While on the voyage you will dine on fresh, local cuisine, visit colorful towns, and unwind on sun-kissed beaches.

Ports of call will include: Fort Lauderdale, Aruba, Cartagena, Colon, Costa Rica, and Jamaica. Fares for the 10-day tour, departing and returning to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, start at \$1,499 plus additional taxes of \$370 per person.





## National Night Out

For the second year, **GFWC Elgin Junior Woman's Club** (Illinois) participated in National Night Out. Club members setup a booth and distributed small painted window decorations to children in attendance. "We enjoy being involved in our community and continuing our strong relationship with the Police Department," stated club president Amy Welte.

A community-police awareness-raising event in the United States, National Night Out, is held the first Tuesday of August. Texas and Florida have the option to use the alternate date of the first Tuesday in October to avoid the hot weather.

Neighborhoods across the country host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and other activities intended to foster neighborhood camaraderie. You can learn more by visiting the National Night Out website at <https://natw.org>.

If your club has participated in a National Night Out, or plans to do so in October, let the GFWC Communications and Public Relations know about it by emailing [pr@gfwc.org](mailto:pr@gfwc.org).

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A deposit of 20 percent per person is required by September 1 with final payment due by December 20, 2017. To reserve your cabin contact Avoya Travel Representative Linda Stone at 866-617-2470.

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## In the News

The **GFWC Women's Club of South County** (Rhode Island) held its 18th annual book and author luncheon last month resulting in record-breaking funds raised to support local charities. Anna Solomon, author of "Leaving Lucy Pear," Gina Barreca, author of "If you Lean In, Will Men Just Look Down Your Blouse?" and Ann Hood, author of "The Book that Matters Most" attended this year's event to discuss their books. [Read more](#) about the event in the *Narragansett Times*.

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## Marketplace: GFWC Bling Pin

Show off your GFWC spirit in style with the [GFWC Bling Pin](#). The rhinestone pin measures 3/4" H x 2-1/2" W and includes a pin safety and clasp. Available through the [GFWC Marketplace](#) for \$10.

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