

NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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Download the Signature Program Action Guide

The goal of the GFWC Signature Program focusing on domestic violence awareness and prevention is to end the widespread occurrence of abuse. There are a myriad of ways clubwomen can support this initiative and we have created a new resource, the [GFWC Signature Program Action Guide](#), to assist you in finding the latest and most helpful information available.

What's inside?

- Informational Videos
- National/State Domestic Violence Resources
- GFWC Branded Fliers/One Pagers
- Pre-made social media posts
- Quick Facts and Statistics

Please share this [guide](#) with your club and local communities.



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Join Operation Smile on a Medical Mission to Guadalajara, Mexico

An Operation Smile medical mission trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and they would love you to join them! During your time at the mission site in Guadalajara, Mexico, you'll have the chance to meet patients as they arrive for screening, and follow them through the entire mission experience, from their medical evaluations to the operating room and recovery. You'll meet the medical volunteers who donate their time to make Operation Smile's missions possible, see firsthand the transformation that occurs with a simple surgery, and experience the overwhelming relief of a parent who poured all their hope into this one day.

Every monetary donation made through October 31, 2017, will help your club enter the drawing to win a spot on a mission trip scheduled for February 13-17, 2018!

Operation Smile will add up all the donations they have received from your club since July 2016. For every \$500 donated, your club will get one entry to win! The GFWC Executive Committee will draw club winners by November 15; winning clubs will select the mission participant. Please note that the winners receive a mission spot, but travel costs to participate in the medical mission are paid by the winner.

Operation Smile is excited that GFWC clubwomen will be taking part in a medical mission next year, and thanks the many clubs who have helped make this mission a reality! Together, GFWC

Simply provide your name, mailing address, email, and club name to GFWC Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org and you're all set!

Travel to Aruba with the GFWC Juniors

There are only two rooms remaining for the GFWC Juniors trip to Aruba! If you are interested in traveling to the Caribbean island of Aruba January 25-28, 2018, contact Abora Travel Agent Diania Pimenta at 813-563-2404.

For additional information visit www.gfwcjuniorstour.com.

Be Inspired by the 2017 Top Projects!

Bath Buddy Flower Pots. Belly Bags. The Paper Bag Fashion Show. 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!

and Operation Smile are transforming helplessness into hope for countless children and their families.



Apply for a GFWC Membership Grant

While serving as GFWC Dover Century Club's Membership Co-Chairman in Delaware, Robin Hayes discovered \$50 [Membership Grants](#) were available from GFWC Headquarters. The grants are intended to help underwrite membership recruiting and retention activities at the club level. The grants are distributed four times annually to 25 clubs per quarter, in advance of the season during which the funded activities will take place. Robin's club used their grant to develop and print a New Member Orientation Booklet.

Robin once again turned to GFWC Headquarters for financial assistance with her recruitment activities, after being appointed the Membership Chairman at the state level. While speaking with the GFWC Membership Services Department, she discovered that one-time State Grants for \$100 are available and could be used to offset the purchase of membership literature for each of GFWC Delaware's 22 clubs. The clubs were delighted when they received a folder brimming with lots of great resources at the state's Winter Board Meeting.

To take her recruitment efforts even further, Robin began spreading word of the Membership Grants to all of Delaware's clubs. Through discussions at club and county meetings, it was determined that promotion and branding of Delaware clubs



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needed improvement. Too often, host venues and community partners received greater attention than the clubs who were doing the wonderful work. Lack of promotion was deemed to be the greatest threat to club survival. As conversations with GFWC Headquarters continued, Robin explored the need for club banners which could be utilized to publicize GFWC at every club sponsored event and activity. In the end, each GFWC Delaware club was awarded a \$50 grant to purchase a banner that included GFWC's logo and mission statement along with Delaware's logos and the club's name. All of the banners were revealed during the GFWC Delaware Annual Convention in May.

Robin learned from her father that, "a smart person uses all the resources available to her." Please take his advice and apply for a GFWC Membership Grant for your club. The fall [Membership Grant application](#) deadline is September 1.

Vote in the GFWC Shares Poll!

For clubwoman Sandra Lucas, the best part of the 2017 GFWC Annual Convention in Palm Springs was "California State Night because my dinner companions were from different states and clubs."

Tell us about your favorite Convention event or activity and your response might be included in the September + October edition of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.

Email your responses to pr@gfwc.org.



GFWC Tennessee Juniors Work to Help Children and Families

The theme of the 2016-2018 GFWC Tennessee administration is "Be a Queen." President Linda Hershey and Director of Junior Clubs Amanda Guidry are working together to empower the state's clubwomen to be their best selves. Of course for clubwomen, being our best selves, inevitably leads to doing more to improve the world around us.

Amanda has devoted her administration to raising funds to support the two official GFWC charitable partners under the



Canine Companions for Independence

GFWC has been a long-standing supporter of Canine Companions through volunteer activities and donations from clubs, districts, regions, State Federations and individual clubwomen. The funds raised help place exceptional dogs free of charge with children, adults, and veterans with disabilities.

Now there is another way to get involved. Help Give a Dog a Job™ by helping us raise \$50,000! This is the cost to raise, train, and place a Canine Companions assistance dog along with

Juniors' Special Program category– March of Dimes and St Jude Children's Research Hospital. As Amanda says, "Each of these organizations are dear to our hearts because they involve children. However, we often forget that an entire family is affected when a child becomes seriously ill. Our efforts to support March of Dimes and St. Jude can have a substantial impact on families experiencing unimaginable hardships."

Over the last year, Tennessee Junior Clubs have held multiple fundraisers to benefit Amanda's Special Project including: a St. Jude luncheon and "virtual walk" at the 2016 Fall Convention; and a "Stuff the Pig" donation campaign at the Spring Highland Rim District conference. Amanda is encouraging all clubs no matter their size to participate, as she says, "even the smallest club can make a significant difference with creativity and determination."

Amanda's efforts, and those of all Tennessee Juniors, are certainly adding up. GFWC Tennessee received the Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children Award at the 2017 GFWC International Convention. While the award did not come with a queenly crown, we do recognize that the efforts of the GFWC Tennessee Juniors on behalf of the Juniors' Special Program certainly deserves one!

the lifetime of care and support provided to the graduate team.

Ask your club to form a team and then register today at www.cci.org/GFWCFundraise. Anyone who raises at least \$125 by December 31 will receive a Give a Dog a Job™ tote bag. Encourage everyone in your club to register and fundraise, so you can all show your support. Together, we can raise enough to fund at least one more graduate team in 2017!



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 an unparalleled 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



Marketplace: 2018 Buy A Day Calendar

Have you ever wanted a day all to yourself? You can have your own day, literally, with the 2018 Year in Pictures Calendar.

GFWC offers members the opportunity to "buy a day" in the calendar. Purchase a day for yourself, a friend, your club, and/or your State Federation through the [GFWC Marketplace](#). It is the perfect way to recognize special people and events, and share them with the GFWC community!

GUIDELINES:

- The last day to Buy A Day is September 30, 2017.
- Please select the day you would like to purchase from the dropdown menu.
- Include your message (For example: Happy Birthday Ashley! Love, Nina).
- Only one message is permitted per day with 50 characters maximum, text only and no graphics or clip art.
- The 2018 Year in Pictures Calendar will be featured as a bonus pull-out in the November+December issue of the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.
- One copy of the November+December *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine* featuring the 2018 Year in Pictures Calendar is included with purchase.
- Everyone who purchases a day will be acknowledged in the GFWC 2018 Year in Pictures Calendar.

Days are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, determined by date and time of the reservation, and when payment is received. If you purchase a day that has already been reserved, GFWC will contact you to choose an alternative day.

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. 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.

In the News

Soon we will be welcoming a new group of dedicated volunteers to the GFWC family. A club is in the process of forming in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and the members are off to a wonderful start with their first community service project – the collection of undergarments for homeless shelters. According to *The Murfreesboro Post* article entitled "Panty Raid," the most needed items at homeless shelters, and the least often donated, are socks and undergarments. [Click here](#) to learn more about the club and this successful project.

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