

NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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Stalking: Know it. Name it. Stop it.

Stalking is defined as a series of actions that make the victim feel afraid or in danger. Stalking is a dangerous crime that can happen to anyone. While most stalkers have dated or been involved with the individuals they stalk, a stalker might be someone their victim has never met. It is also important to note that while the majority of stalkers are men, a stalker can be anyone.

Here are just a few of the alarming statistics made available by the U.S. Department of Justice:

- Fifteen percent of women and 6 percent of men have experienced stalking victimization at some point during their lifetime.
- More than 1 in 4 stalking victims reported some form of technology was used, such as email (83 percent) or instant messaging (35 percent).
- Approximately half of all victims of stalking indicated they were stalked before the age of 25. About 14

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percent of female victims experienced stalking between the ages of 11 and 17.

The signs of stalking include:

- Repeatedly calling and texting, including hang-ups
- Following and tracking the victim
- Sending unwanted gifts, letters, cards, or emails
- Damaging the victim's home, car, or other property
- Threatening to hurt the victim, their family, friends, or pets
- Other actions intended to control or frighten the victim

To prevent stalking, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) promotes safe, stable, and nurturing relationships. They believe that starting prevention efforts early can prevent stalking from happening in adolescence and adulthood. Enacting programs to teach healthy relationship skills to teenagers is considered the most important strategy for prevention. The National Center for Victims of Crime has resources and advice available for both stalking victims and community organizations who wish to promote National Stalking Awareness Month. [Click here](#) to learn more.



GFWC Membership Quarterly: Club Membership Retention

Membership retention presents both a challenge and an opportunity for GFWC clubs. Healthy clubs

should always strive to retain their current members, whether they are long time members or new recruits. The latest *Membership Quarterly* focuses on strategies for membership engagement and activities that ensure continued

Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org and you're all set!

Cares & Concerns

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of **GFWC Virginia Past President Shirley Moorman** on January 17. Shirley thoroughly enjoyed an active role in the groups and organizations with which she was associated. Her community involvement included serving as president of The Woman's Club of Lynchburg, president of the Alice Kyle District, president of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, and member of GFWC Amherst Woman's Club.

We send our condolences to International Liaisons Committee Chairman Elaine Ko-Talmadge on the passing of her partner **Antoni Jarosz**. Mr. Jarosz was a decorated veteran and an active member of the GFWC Booster Club. Relatives and friends are invited for a calling hour between 10 and 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26.

We send our best wishes to **GFWC International Past President Ernie Shriner** (2004-2006) as she recovers from hip replacement surgery. Please send your messages of support in care of Ernie's daughter-in-law Keri Shriner

membership. This edition of the *Quarterly* discusses the various reasons why clubs may lose a member and suggests ways to keep that member active and involved in club leadership and projects. Club Membership Retention is now available on GFWC's website and you can access the *Quarterly* by [clicking here](#). Club presidents will soon be receiving the *Quarterly* in the mail.



UNICEF Is Rushing Aid to Yemen's Vulnerable Children

"It is fair to say that Yemen is one of the worst places on earth to be a child," said Gert Cappelaere, UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa. "More than 11 million Yemeni children are in acute need of humanitarian assistance. That's almost every single Yemeni boy and girl."

Two years of civil war and decades of chronic underdevelopment have left more than 20 million people in Yemen in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. Yemen has the most depleted water sources on Earth and is among the countries with the highest levels of malnutrition.

Today, 400,000 Yemeni children are at risk of death due to severe, acute malnutrition. Almost 90 percent of Yemen is classified as arid or desert. Even during times of peace, Yemen imported nearly 90 percent of its food. Before the blockade began earlier this month, 7 million Yemenis were facing starvation.

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Set Sail with GFWC and Princess Cruises

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There is still time 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 a wildlife-filled rainforest in 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. For pricing information and to reserve your cabin contact Avoya

A UNICEF-chartered plane recently landed in Sana'a and delivered nearly 6 million doses of essential vaccines to protect millions of children at risk of preventable diseases, including the current diphtheria outbreak that has reportedly infected over 300 people and killed 35, with children the most affected.

Nearly 1,000 days since the conflict escalated in Yemen, the country is in the grips of the world's worst humanitarian crisis as restrictions on fuel and food imports are complicating the emergency response. The restrictions add to the misery of children in Yemen who already face the triple threat of disease, malnutrition, and violence.

"Vaccinating children in Yemen now is critical to protect them from preventable diseases and death. It is vital that vaccines and other lifesaving supplies for children continue to flow into Yemen and across the country unimpeded. They are a lifeline for millions of children," said Meritxell Relaño, UNICEF Representative in Yemen.

[Click here](#) to visit GFWC Partner UNICEF's website and learn more about their efforts to help vulnerable children in Yemen and across the globe.



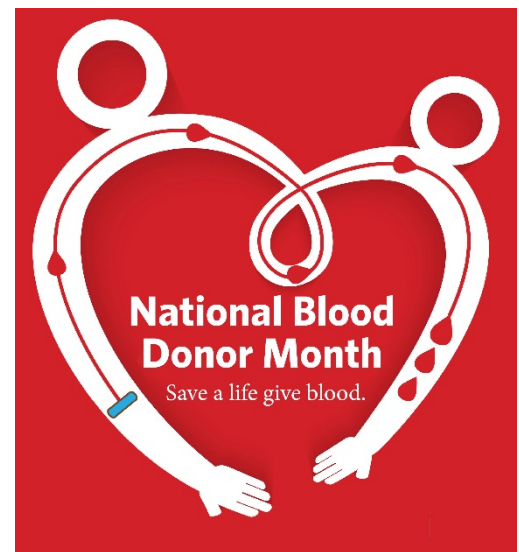
Legislative Corner

Last week GFWC's Executive Committee had the opportunity to meet with outside leaders and experts to discuss the forthcoming legislative agenda in the field of domestic violence. GFWC played an integral role in the original passage of the

Travel Representative Linda Stone at 866-617-2470.

Communication & Public Relations Newsletters

Are you looking for tips on how to update your club's newsletter? Are you searching for ideas on how to improve your communication skills? If the answer is yes, then the Communications & Public Relations Committee has you covered. The committee's informative monthly newsletter is now available on gfwc.org.



Read GFWC's Latest Blog Post

It's National Blood Donor Month which celebrates donors and promotes the importance of giving blood - especially at this time of year when weather and illness make it more challenging to recruit donors. Read the latest addition

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 1994 and in subsequent reauthorizations. With VAWA reauthorization occurring again this year it is essential that our leadership and members have the most up-to-date information on issues affecting our Signature Program area. On January 16th, the Executive Committee in conjunction with Debra Bryant of Unified Solutions, LLC hosted a panel consisting of member organizations from the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (NTF) to provide insight on upcoming goals, tasks, and challenges. Panelists included Rosie Hidalgo, Casa de Esperanza; Michelle Mitchell, National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV); and Aaron Polkey and Sally Schaeffer, Futures Without Violence. The panel discussion incorporated many of the topics addressed in the domestic violence prevention field including immigration, human trafficking, refugee issues, VAWA reauthorization, the women's movement, workplace sexual assault, and youth issues.

GFWC encourages clubs to get involved in the Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. These and other organizations provide a trove of resources and opportunities! We wish to thank our panelists for lending their expertise to the discussion.

Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes

Duties of the Secretary

The secretary is the recording officer of the club and the custodian of its records, except those specifically assigned to others, such as the treasurer's books.

The duties of the secretary are:

- To keep a record of all the proceedings of the organization - usually called the minutes.
- To keep on file all committee reports.
- To keep the club's official membership roll (unless the bylaws assigned another this duty) and to call the roll where it is required.

to the [GFWC Blog](#) to learn more about the importance of blood donation, and how the **GFWC Cumberland Valley Pups** (Pennsylvania) and the **GFWC Amery Woman's Club** (Wisconsin) host blood drives to encourage their communities to give back and save lives.



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- To bring to each meeting a list of existing committees and their members, club bylaws, special rules of order, and standing rules.
- To record in the first paragraph of the minutes the kind of meeting: regular, special, adjourned regular, or adjourned special. Also, the name of the club, the date and time of the meeting, and the place, if it is not always the same must be noted.
- To make any corrections approved by members in the text of the minutes being approved. (The minutes of the meeting must state that the minutes were either approved or approved "as corrected".)
- To record motions made and to take down the exact wording of motions especially main motions and amendments. The maker of the motion should be recorded in the minutes, but not the name of the member who seconds the motion. The minutes should reflect whether a motion was adopted or defeated.
- The last paragraph on the minutes should list the time of adjournment. For example, it could read, "The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m."
- Write in the left hand margin the following: "Approved", adding the date and your initials.
- The minutes should be signed by the secretary.

Reporting Forms

For your convenience the State Award Entry Cover Sheet, the State Statistical Form, and the Club Creativity Award Entry Cover Sheet are now available as separate documents under the Resources tab on gfwc.org.

In the News

The **Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills** (New Jersey) recently hosted their annual Fifth Grade Spelling Bee. Two students from each school in the area participated and the top three spellers will be invited to participate in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs District Spelling Bee on February 3. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills, their annual spelling bee, and their many other charitable works.

Does your club host a spelling bee? Let GFWC Headquarters hear about it by emailing pr@gfwc.org.



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