

# NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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## Go Red for Women

Women wear red to stand out and give themselves a boost of confidence. Perhaps that is the reason why the American Heart Association selected the color red to symbolize their fight against the No. 1 killer of women. Of course, it is also the color of our hearts.

In 2003, the American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute took action against a disease that was claiming the lives of nearly 500,000 American women each year. Because many incorrectly believe that heart disease affects more men than women, the Institute created the [National Wear Red Day](#) campaign. Held on the first Friday in February every year, the goal of the campaign is to raise awareness about how heart disease affects women.

Tomorrow, February 2, 2018, will mark the 15th year that women have worked to promote heart health and focus national attention on the issue.

The American Heart Association is proud to say that dramatic



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changes have occurred since the campaign's launch. Today, nearly 300 fewer women die from heart disease and stroke each day.

While incredible progress has been made, additional work is critical. Many **myths** are preventing women from making lifesaving changes and learning the risk factors. "It's a man's disease." "I am too young." "Breast cancer is the real threat." If you have heard or said any of these statements, you are not alone. However, the statistics show that relying on these false assumptions can cost you your life. [Click here](#) to visit the Go Red for Women website and learn more about the facts surrounding heart disease.

If your club is participating in Go Red for Women Day, please send a group photograph to [pr@gfwc.org](mailto:pr@gfwc.org). We will post the images on our Facebook page and acknowledge your contribution to improving the health of women.



## Just Back from Aruba

Based on the photographs, it certainly appears that the GFWC Juniors Volun-TOUR to Aruba was a smashing success. Not only did members enjoy sunny beaches, sailing, kite surfing, and visits to the island's natural wonders, they also made valuable donations to two ongoing projects. While in Aruba, the 64 lucky attendees contributed to longstanding projects of the Women's Club of Aruba: *Dress a Child* and *Medio Ambiente Goes to School*. *Dress a Child* provides an outfit to over 300 underprivileged children on the island each year, while *Medio*

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

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## Interested in Advertising in the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention Program?

The Convention Program will be distributed to each clubwoman when they register in St. Louis, Missouri. The program contains meeting schedules, maps of the convention facilities, a complete agenda, exhibitor profiles, and information on local attractions. The program also provides an ideal opportunity to recognize the achievements of your Federation sisters.

[Click here](#) to find advertising rates, artwork specifications, submission deadlines, and the commitment form.

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## Featured Clubs

There are GFWC clubs in every corner of the country that do incredible work, and each club has its own unique story.

*Ambiente* donates 1,800 lunch boxes and water bottles to incoming first-grade students. We congratulate Director of Junior Clubs Jolie Frankfurth on coordinating this meaningful and fun GFWC event. Photographs can be seen on the GFWC Facebook page, and additional details will be shared in the March + April issue of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.

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## GFWC Arizona Club Donates \$50,000 to Canine Companions for Independence

The **GFWC Washington Woman's Club** (Arizona) recently donated \$50,000 to GFWC Partner [Canine Companions for Independence](#) (CCI). Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, CCI assistance dogs are there for their disabled human counterparts. Expertly trained to perform over 40 commands, the dogs help children, veterans, and adults open doors, pick up dropped items, and much more. Thanks to a matching grant, the generous contribution of the Woman's Club of Washington will allow for the instruction and care of not just one but two service dogs!

While the gift to CCI is astounding, it is only one of many donations the club is making during its final year of federation. Begun in 1914, the club has benefited the Phoenix community in countless ways. The club's decision to distribute proceeds from their investments honors their proud tradition of volunteer service. Additional nonprofits given support include Operation

To highlight this, visitors who navigate our website can find a different [Featured Club](#) on each page. Be on the lookout for the newest additions to our website: **Rochester Junior Women's Club** (Michigan), **GFWC Marlton Woman's Club** (New Jersey), and **GFWC Lawrence Classics Club** (Kansas), and get to know your fellow clubs a little better!

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## 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. 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.

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Smile, the YMCA, the United Service Organizations (USO), GFWC Arizona, and local charities assisting disadvantaged children.

We applaud the kindness of the club's six members: Dorothy Holt, Alice Johnson, Marion Slinkard, Kathleen Strmic, Peggy Weaver, and Club President Rita Peck. We are also happy to say that President Peck will continue her 47-year commitment to GFWC by joining another local club. She and her fellow clubwomen will undoubtedly be welcomed with open arms.

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## Legislative Corner

### Children's Health Insurance Program Approved

Late January, Congress finally approved a six year extension until 2023 for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) currently serving nearly 9 million children and 375,000 pregnant women. States which share the fiscal responsibility for CHIP were starting to run out of funds; waiting lists were growing and services for families were not being provided. Unfortunately funding was not included in the bill for community health centers, and the National Health Service Corps which provides scholarships and loans for students planning careers in primary-care medicine; these must be extended before March.

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### Protect Our Young Athletes

On January 29, Congress approved S. 534, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act. This action comes as our U.S. athletes travel to South Korea to compete in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games and amid the sentencing of licensed doctor, Larry Nassar, in the worst sexual abuse scandal in athletics to date. Under the new law, the U.S. Center for Safe Sport is now authorized to develop, implement and enforce policies, procedures and mandatory training for national governing bodies and their members. We must protect the safety and health of all young people and listen, believe and learn from these brave survivors who told their stories.

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## In the News

The **Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains** (New Jersey) and the



## Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes

### The Treasurer's Report

As treasurer, you are the officer entrusted with custody of the organization's funds, which you spend only by authority of the organization or as the bylaws provide. In many clubs, it is also your responsibility to bill and collect dues from members.

At each meeting, the chair may ask for a treasurer's report, which may consist of an oral, dated statement. For a small group with simple financial affairs, a suitable form begins with the balance at the end of the previous meeting, receipts, total of receipts, disbursements, total of disbursements, and closing balance. No vote is taken. The statement is placed on file for audit. Annually, you must submit a full financial report dated as of December 31, unless bylaws identify a different "fiscal year." If a different fiscal year is stipulated, it is reported on the last day of the term. If the size of the organization does not justify the expense of an audit by CPAs, an audit committee of two or more members is created to examine the financial accounts and certify whether the treasurer's report is correct. The audit committee may either be a standing committee in club bylaws or a special committee appointed each year.

Large organizations use more complex bookkeeping systems, and the sort of report submitted should be in accord with standard accounting procedures.

The annual report is referred to auditors, and the auditor's report is submitted to your members for a vote of approval at your annual meeting.

Community Partners for Hope hosted a [human trafficking workshop](#) on November 11, 2017. The seminar featured two speakers including John McKown, a professional driver and supporter of Truckers Against Trafficking. Due to the work of Truckers Against Trafficking nearly half a million drivers have been trained to spot human trafficking on U.S. highways and to help law enforcement locate victims.

In order to continue producing valuable programming and to support their community, the Suburban Woman's Club will hold a Roaring 20s fundraiser on March 7. [Click here](#) to learn more about the event and this outstanding club.

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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 for \$10 each at

the [GFWC Marketplace](#).

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