

# NEWS & NOTES

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## 2018 Shot@Life Champion Summit

The 2018 Shot@Life Champion Summit took place Monday, February 12 through Wednesday, February 14 in Washington D.C. The annual summit brought together 120 grassroots advocates from across the country to deepen their understanding of global childhood immunization programs and issues, to sharpen their advocacy skills, and to meet with members of Congress on Capitol Hill. This year's highlights included presentations by top experts in the fields of International Aid, Childhood Vaccines, and Public/Global Health. Attendees also benefitted from a screening of the documentary film *Unseen Enemy* that lays out the threat of modern epidemics, and suggests what should be done to prevent and fight them. In addition to this, champions were able to hold meetings on Capitol Hill with members of Congress and their staff. Many participants chose to attend interactive workshops with industry professionals on community advocacy, public health, and digital storytelling. GFWC was proud to have 12 members participate in this year's summit!

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## Parkland Junioresettes Coping with Tragedy

Tragedy has again struck our nation through another act of senseless violence. The shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida has directly impacted the GFWC family. While all of the GFWC Parkland Junioresettes are safe, they are understandably distraught over this horrific act.

As we keep the victims, their families, and their community in our thoughts and prayers, it is essential we encourage our local, state, and national leaders to act. We cannot remain silent – the consequences are too great. GFWC is encouraging clubwomen to contact their elected officials to demand action. Many issues lead to these tragedies and progress must be made. Visit the [GFWC Legislative Action Center](#) to learn more about how you can join us in the fight to end gun violence in America.

If you wish to send your sympathies to the Parkland Junioresettes, please contact the club's advisor Jill Croy at 6677 Stratford Drive, Parkland, FL 33067. A verified [Go Fund Me](#) account has been established by the Broward Sheriff's Office and the Broward Education Foundation to accept donations. One hundred percent of the funds collected will be used to provide relief and financial support to victims and their families.

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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 the friends and family of [Polly Johnson](#). Mrs. Johnson served as the GFWC-NH State President from 1970-1972 and President of the GFWC New England Region from 1988-1990. Polly's GFWC-NH President's Project was "Shaping Our Values—Mental Health Awareness". Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

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## GFWC Action Guides

Did you know that 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted in college? GFWC now offers a Campus Sexual Assault Action Guide to provide you with resources on how to advocate for change, both in your communities and nationally. You can also take advantage of our information guides and social media posts to educate your community about sexual assault on

## It's Our Time to Connect: Convention Registration Opens Next Week!

Online registration for the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention officially opens on March 1! We invite you to join us in St. Louis from June 22-26 to celebrate GFWC, learn about new initiatives, and get a chance to forge bonds with your fellow clubwomen. Once registration officially opens, you will be able to register via the GFWC website until June 1.

For more detailed information regarding the agenda, travel, projects, tours, and more, be sure to read the Call to Convention! It will be included in the March + April issue of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*, which is scheduled for distribution in early March.

Convention is one of GFWC's most exciting times of the year, and we hope you are planning to attend. The memories you make will definitely be worth it!

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## WHRC Newsletter: Call for Articles

This March, we will join thousands of cultural and educational institutions in celebrating the 32nd annual Women's History Month. The National Women's History Project has designated this year's theme as "Nevertheless She Persisted." The Project states that this year's theme "presents the opportunity to honor women who have shaped America's history and its future through their tireless commitment to ending discrimination against women and girls. Through this theme we celebrate women fighting not only against sexism, but also against the many intersecting forms of discrimination faced by American women including discrimination based on race and ethnicity, class, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, and many other categories." At Headquarters we are celebrating this theme through our Women's History Month speaker, Dr. Marjorie Spruill, who will discuss the achievements and lasting impact of 1977's National Women's Conference. The WHRC will continue this celebration by acknowledging the triumphs of individual clubs against discrimination. For March's WHRC Newsletter, we ask that you submit stories of how your club used the power of volunteers to persist against sexism,

college campuses. The resources are located here:

<http://www.gfwc.org/news-publications/action-guides/>

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## Aviation Museum Searching for Rosie the Riveter

The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum located at Martin State Airport in Middle River, MD is in search of women who worked in war industries during World War II for participating in its National Rosie the Riveter Day meet and greet on Wednesday, March 21, from 11 am to 1 pm. This day for recognizing the contributions women made to the WWII home front was designated by an act of Congress in 2017. Interested Rosies and their families should sign up at 1-410-682-6122.



## Join Us for the Annual WHRC Women's History Month Event

**The Women's History Month Event will be held on March 8 from 2-4 p.m. at GFWC Headquarters.** The

disability, or any other form of discrimination in the past. Submissions should be 500 words or less, and pictures will be accepted but are not required. Please send your submissions to WHRC Manager Alyssa Constad at [aconstad@gfwc.org](mailto:aconstad@gfwc.org) by March 5.

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## Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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**Question:** Can a member be deprived of her right to vote if she is in arrears in payment of dues?

**Answer:** No, unless there is some provision in the bylaws or rules to prohibit her from voting. Members may be suspended for nonpayment of dues. Clubs should provide in their bylaws or rules a delinquent date after which the member may be suspended.

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**Question:** After a budget has been approved, is it necessary to have approval of bills within the budget?

**Answer:** Yes. Approval of a budget is not the same as approving the bills within the budget. A budget merely earmarks certain amounts for certain phases of the club's work. A system should be adopted whereby bills within the budget may be approved for payment by a Board of Directors or committee, inasmuch as most of such bills are for routine business.

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**Question:** In introducing a speaker is it proper to say "I now give you \_\_\_\_\_, the speaker?"

**Answer:** No. The proper words are "I present" or "I introduce." According to the dictionary, "to give" is to bestow, to grant, to confer. None of these synonyms would indicate that "to give" is appropriate for the introduction of a speaker.

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event will include a presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session, and a brief reception. Our speaker this year is Dr. Marjorie Spruill, a Distinguished Professor Emerita at the University of South Carolina. She specializes in women's and gender history and the history of the American South. Dr. Spruill will be discussing her most recent book, *Divided We Stand: The Battle Over Women's Rights and Family Values That Polarized American Politics*. *Divided We Stand* focuses on the women's movements of the 1970s, particularly the federally sponsored International Women's Year (IWY) conferences of 1977, in which GFWC participated.

We hope you will join us for this very special event!

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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.

**Question:** Is it out of order to adopt any bylaw or rule that is contrary to the rulings of the of the club's parliamentary authority that has been adopted by the club for matters not covered in the bylaws or rules?

**Answer:** No. A society may adopt any rules it deems advisable for their club. The rulings of the adopted authority covers only such matters as are NOT covered by club's bylaws, rules, or procedures of the group.

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**Question:** When the chairman of a committee resigns, who fills the vacancy?

**Answer:** Whoever made the original appointment. If the chairman was elected, the vacancy is filled by the method stated in the bylaws for filling vacancies.

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**Question:** Is the president always an ex officio member of committees?

**Answer:** No. The bylaws must state when ex officio membership is given to the president. If the president is constituted an ex officio member of a committee, she has all privileges of membership and should receive notices of all committee meetings as do all committee members.

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## Legislative Corner

### The Big Budget Deal Approved by Congress

In an attempt to resolve differences and bring to a close the FY 2018 appropriations process, Congress approved a bipartisan budget agreement on February 9, setting spending caps for two years (FY 2018 and FY 2019), and providing almost \$300 billion in additional funding. The measure also suspends the federal debt ceiling until March 2019.

Because the Continuing Resolution was must-pass legislation, it became a legislative vehicle to resolve many outstanding issues. Among the provisions of interest to GFWC are:



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## In the News

- Provides \$84 billion for disaster relief for 2017 hurricanes and wildfires;
- Extends the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) through FY 2027;
- Extends Community Health Centers for 2 years;
- Extends Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Visiting (MIECHV) Program through FY 2022, without requiring matching funds as included in an earlier House bill;
- Extends and makes improvements in HHS foster care programs
- Extends for 2 years funding for outreach, counseling, and other assistance programs for Medicare beneficiaries; and
- Directs HHS to modify payments for home health services beginning in 2020, and include medical records of home health providers for determining eligibility.

Earlier this month, the [GFWC Sand River Woman's Club](#) (South Carolina) received a grant from the Progress Foundation through the General Federation of Women's Clubs-South Carolina. Each year the Foundation awards grants to federated clubs across the state who meet the eligibility criteria. The club will match the grant funds received and will give scholarships of \$1,000 to one nontraditional female student at Aiken Technical College, and at USC Aiken.

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Track bills, contact your local representative, and take action on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions with the GFWC Legislative Action Center. [Click here](#) to utilize this powerful tool and to enroll to receive updates.

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## GFWC Marketplace: A Collect for Clubwomen Bookmark

The bookmark features Mary Stewart's *A Collect for Clubwomen* on the back. A great gift for your fellow clubwoman or an ESO participant, this full color

bookmark also displays GFWC's *Living the Volunteer* slogan prominently on the front side. Measures 8" x 2.5". Available in packs of 10 for \$10 at the [GFWC Marketplace](#).

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