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Youth Art Month

March is Youth Art Month, an opportunity to advocate for the importance of art and arts education in the lives of children. Does your club want to celebrate in GFWC fashion? You can donate art supplies to underfunded schools, host an art competition for children in your area, or host a gallery night where the youth in your city can show off their artwork and get a sense of how important art is to the community.

Want to take it a step further than celebrating art and artists? This year, the GFWC Service Guild of Covington (Georgia) sponsored a project to have their mayor sign a proclamation to join the national council for arts education and to encourage schools to offer quality art programs. The proclamation also declares that their city and county recognizes March as Youth Art Month! By bringing the matter to the local government, the club helped make art a priority in their community. Encourage government officials to take action and recognize the importance of art for young people. Arts education is too often cut from the budget, even though it has proven itself to be an important part of childhood development.



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It may be the end of March, but the fight for arts education doesn't have a deadline, so brainstorm for ways you can impact the children in your community through art!



Prom Season: GFWC Style

Teenagers look forward to prom night for years ahead of time, wondering about the theme and daydreaming about having a date. But the most important part of prom night for many young girls is finding the perfect dress. Unfortunately, prom dresses are extremely expensive and not everyone can afford one. But many GFWC clubs that don't want young women to miss out on the quintessential high school experience provide dresses for free!

The GFWC Midlothian Junior Woman's Club (Virginia) started the Cinderella Dreams Project thirteen years ago. A club member had a friend who didn't have a dress for the prom, so she proceeded to collect dresses and run the project out of her garage. Since then, the club has grown to collect over 3,500 dresses by partnering with Puritan Cleaners. They also partner with a local retail shop where they outfit approximately 250-400 girls each year! The club continues this project because they love to see the joy on the faces of the young women. They are the fairy godmothers who make sure every Cinderella can be the belle of the ball, regardless of her financial situation.

Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org and you're all set!

Cares & Concerns

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of GFWC Wisconsin President Susan Joan LaBuda on March 22. She died peacefully under hospice care with her family by her side. To send flowers or a memorial gift to her family, you can do so [here](#).



It's Our Time to Connect: Convention Registration

We invite you to join us at the beautiful St. Louis Union Station Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri to celebrate another year of wonderful GFWC accomplishments and to learn about what's next. You can find instructions on how to register for Convention and all events [here](#) on our website. Once you're ready, you can access registration using [this link](#).

GFWC's user-friendly online registration system is quick, secure, and easy. Paper registration is available upon request. Registration closes on June 1. For assistance, contact Jennifer Simpson, Events Coordinator, directly at 202-628-2478 or via email at

The GFWC Woman's Club of Boyertown (Pennsylvania) has been doing Once Upon a Prom for five years. Club President Anita Zuber was approached by a woman who saw a prom dress project in Florida and said, "I don't think anybody around here does that, and I think you are just the person to do it." Anita took the idea back to the club, and everyone loved it. This year, the club collected over 1,000 dresses. They also provide shoes, purses, and jewelry so that girls can get the whole fairy tale package! They especially love telling a girl that she can take two dresses since they look good. Sometimes girls bring back the dresses to donate the following year so another girl can have the night of her life! Many girls send prom night pictures and thank you notes, which warms the club members' hearts.

Girls who may have thought a prom dress was out of their reach will be happily mistaken as they dazzle everyone in the gowns provided by GFWC!

Service Project - Rise Against Hunger

Even at Convention, GFWC never forgets its volunteer mission. We are teaming up with Rise Against Hunger for an amazing, hands-on service project on Monday, June 25. [Rise Against Hunger](#) is an international hunger relief organization distributing meals to the world's most vulnerable communities. GFWC's goal is to pay for and package an astounding 36,000 meals!

One way to support this goal is by donating toward the cost of creating and distributing the meals. This is where everyone can get involved. The total cost of one meal is only **29 cents!**

We would like to challenge every GFWC club to donate one meal per club member. If your club would like to donate more than one meal per member, we would certainly appreciate the additional funding. Club donation checks can be made payable to GFWC with "RAH Service Project" written in the memo line. All checks can be mailed to GFWC Headquarters.

You also have the option of donating toward the service project during registration. A donation of \$7.25 covers the cost of 25 meals; \$14.50 covers 50 meals, and \$29.00 covers 100 meals! Any amount is greatly appreciated.

JSimpson@GFWC.org. The GFWC Room Block at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel is now open, and the best way to reserve a room is online through [this link](#).

The Call to Convention is your guide to this year's GFWC Annual Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. It has all the facts about voting, speakers, tours, and more! The Call was included in the March + April GFWC Clubwoman Magazine, but you can also access the call [online](#).

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.

Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes

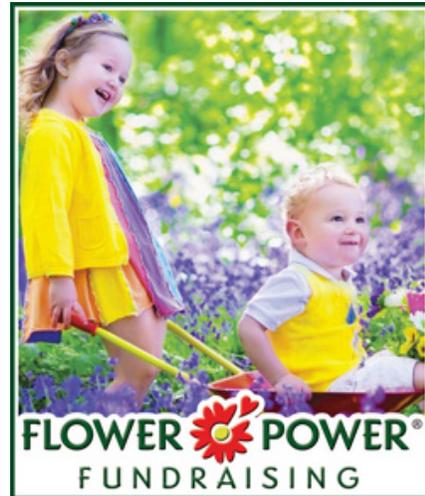
Six Steps for Effective Presiding

- Memorize Constantly Used Procedures
- Make Sure All Know What's Being Debated and Voted On
- Learn How To Conduct Voting
- Know The Steps In A Meeting
- Learn To Handle Points of Order and Appeals

Many clubs elect new officers in the spring. New presidents may be especially interested in the basic steps to run a meeting effectively. While all of these steps may not appear often, it is comforting to know the steps. **Confidence comes from doing...**What is new in the beginning of a term will soon be 'old hat' for presidents who understand and use the basics of parliamentary procedure. For complete details on each step, *Robert's Rules Of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) In Brief* is an easy read and offers a lot more detail.

The foremost procedure are those used in recognizing members to speak and in handling and voting on motions. When a member moves a motion the chair states the motion. "It is moved and seconded that... (repeating the motion)." When no one else seeks the floor to debate, the chair will ask, "Are you ready for the question?" That is followed by the vote and the chair announces the result of the vote. If the motion is amended the same process is before the chair again. State the amendment, call for debate, when members are ready, vote on the amendment, announce the vote. If the amendment passes, the chair is back to the **motion, as amended. If the amendment is lost, then the chair restates the motion in its original form.**

Make sure that the members understand exactly what they are debating and voting on. The motion should be clearly worded. You may request the motion in writing, and the chair may need to frequently remind members of the wording. Voting may be show of hands, rising vote, counted rising vote etc. When a vote is not clear to the chair, other voting options are available. Not all votes require a majority vote, though, the majority vote seems to be the most commonly used. The gray pages in the



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In the News

The Woman's Club of Mingo Junction (Ohio) were recently featured in [Herald-Star](#) for serving as the host club of the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's

rear of RONR, 11th edition lists the table of rules and the vote required for each.

Become familiar with the order of business and the words to use to handle the various steps to a) call a meeting to order, b) handle the business steps, and c) declare the meeting adjourned. Having an agenda and chart close by will be helpful.

You should bring with you to each meeting an agenda with the complete order of business, a copy of the club's bylaws and standing rules, and a list of all committees and their members.

Legislative Corner

We've heard that a number of our clubwomen subscribed to GFWC's Legislative Action Center have not been receiving our Action Alerts. This could be because the "**Email Opt-in**" box was not checked when first subscribing. We want you to be up-to-date on all of our advocacy efforts, and the best way to do this is through our Action Alerts. If you'd like to receive our Action Alerts, all you have to do is return to our [subscription page](#), complete your information, and be sure to check the "**Email Opt-in**" box. Completing these steps will update your current information in our Legislative Action Center.

You may also contact the programs department at programs@gfwc.org with your first and last name, city, state, zip code, and the phrase "Email Opt-in" and we will handle all of the work for you!

We are looking forward to keeping you in the legislative loop!

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Clubs' Legislation Day on March 17. Awards were presented at the event, and Senator Frank Hoagland spoke about the opioid epidemic and human trafficking. The article also discussed Ohio's fundraising efforts toward the Capital Campaign, as well as the part of the day where two clubwomen modeled outfits they created for the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention Conservation Challenge.

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