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Pinwheel Garden at GFWC Headquarters

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to shed a light on the abuse and neglect that children across the country face at home. It encourages communities to recommit to promoting healthy families and ensuring children are safe.

Every April, GFWC clubs show their support by participating in GFWC Partner Prevent Child Abuse America's Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. This year, the GFWC Pierce Arrows National Club and the GFWC-DC Club teamed up again on Saturday, April 7 to plant a Prevent Child Abuse America Pinwheel Garden in front of GFWC Headquarters to observe April as Prevent Child Abuse Month. DC members doing the planting included GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea, Jessica Riguard, and Stephanie Klodzen. Although the morning was cold, windy, and raw, they had a great time planting the pinwheels and answering many questions about the project from passersby. Stephanie also attended the meeting of the local

GFWC — an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service

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chapter of the National League of American Pen Women and brought them by afterwards for a look.

We hope your Pinwheel Gardens are starting important conversations in your community!



Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The Department of Justice reports that every 98 seconds another American is sexually assaulted. Sexual Assault Awareness Month, observed in April, serves to educate the public about the issue and promote taking action.

This year's theme, Embrace Your Voice, encourages individuals to use their voices to promote everyday consent, encourage healthy communication, speak out against victim blaming, and support survivors. You can find related resources through the [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#). Additionally, on GFWC's [Action Guide page](#), you can find our Campus Sexual Assault guides to help you learn more, including how you can get involved.

The #MeToo movement opened a dialogue about the prevalence of sexual assault, and it continues to foster important discussions about harassment, consent, and assault. In order to combat the issue of sexual assault, we must have an ongoing conversation. April is a reminder that you can be an important voice in that dialogue!

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

Honor Flight

Please join with us as we welcome the next Honor Flight from West Central Florida on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:30 a.m. at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. This has been a long standing activity for local volunteers and staff from GFWC Headquarters. What a fitting tribute in celebration of our GFWC Federation Day!

Participate in our Federation Day of Action on April 24

This Federation Day, we will honor the legacy of GFWC by urging our elected officials to recognize and guarantee equality for women through their support of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). This amendment will ensure rights are not denied based on an individual's gender. Clubwomen from across the nation will tell their members of Congress to remove the deadline on ratifying the ERA in the states. Celebrate 128 years of Federation history by raising your voice in a collective day of action to make our message louder and stronger!



Club Website Admins: Important Security Update

Ensure your club website is as visible as possible in Internet searches and that users do not receive security warnings when visiting it. [Learn why](#) installing an SSL certificate through your technology provider is important for the new set of standards that Google has implemented. An easy way to test if your website is in compliance is to type your club website's URL into a browser; the prefix `https://` should display.

Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes

Development of a Motion

1. Rise
2. Address Chair ("Madame President"... "Madame Chairman")
3. State your name (At a GFWC Convention, state your name, club, and state.)
4. Be recognized to speak
5. Make a motion (I move that...)
6. Be seated
7. Motion is seconded (By voice – no need to rise.)
8. Chair states the motion (A motion has been made and seconded that...)
9. Debate on motion (Maker of motion is given courtesy to speak first.)

Legislative Action Center Alerts

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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10. Motion is ready to be voted on (Chair inquires, "Are you ready for the question?" or "Is there further debate?")
11. Chair states, "All in favor say *aye*....all opposed say *no*."
12. Motion is carried or lost. Chair declares the result of the vote.

Legislative Action Corner

Federal Appropriations Bill Finally Approved

In late March, Congress finally approved the FY 2018 omnibus appropriations bill, with bipartisan support, providing funding for the federal governmental programs until September. GFWC joins many other women's organizations in celebrating the increased funding for the programs serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating, and stalking. Highlights include:

- Violence Against Women Programs from Department of Justice: \$492 million – highest funding level ever! Includes an additional \$5 million for the rural grant program and an additional \$5 million for the transitional housing grant program;
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) from DOJ: More than \$4.4 billion, a \$1.8 billion increase;
- First-ever funding stream for Tribal Victim Services from DOJ: approximately \$130 million will be available from VOCA for Tribes to address services for victims of domestic and sexual violence, as well as other crimes;
- Family Violence Prevention Services Act programs from the Department of Health and Human Services: \$160 million, including \$5 million for more resources to serve tribal victims;
- Rape Prevention and Education Programs from the Department of Health and Human Services: increase of \$5 million with directions to Centers for Disease Control to use the funds for state and local services; and
- First-time funding of \$50 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to support rapid rehousing projects to serve victims and survivors of domestic violence.

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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

This bill also included Fix NICS which will strengthen the firearm background check system by incentivizing states to enter domestic violence records to ensure that domestic abusers do not have access to firearms.

Many thanks for your advocacy in supporting these programs by joining and participating in the GFWC Legislative Action Center's initiatives.

Picture of the Week



The Wake Forest Woman's Club (North Carolina) held their first annual Shamrockin' Casino Gala in March. With support from many local businesses, proceeds from the event will provide funding for many of the charities the club supports, including The Purple Heart Foundation, Safe Space, and Note in the Pocket. Pictured in photo (L-R) are Dana Cole, Club President Salina Gary, and Robin Gary placing their "play money wagers" at the gaming table at the Gala.

at 202-628-2478 or via email at 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](#).

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



GFWC Marketplace: GFWC Member Pin

The accessory no GFWC clubwoman should be without! Wear it proudly to proclaim your membership and promote our organization when asked, "What's that beautiful pin?" One inch diameter. Available for \$5 each at the [GFWC Marketplace](#).

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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.



Be the Hero

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An extra 5% from every sale goes directly to GFWC to support national projects.

www.FlowerPowerFundraising.com/GFWC or call 1-888-833-1486.

In the News

The GFWC Vienna Woman's Club (Georgia) and the Georgia Federation were recently featured in the [Cordele Dispatch](#) for their state-wide collection of items for survivors of domestic violence. The collection will take place on April 28 during Volunteers in Action Week!

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