

# NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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## Red Nose Day is May 24

Everyone will be wearing red noses next Thursday to raise awareness and funds for children in need around the world. The Red Nose Day campaign is committed to ending child poverty, and it's easy for you to participate. Visit your local Walgreens to buy a Red Nose, pin, or wristband so you can show your support!

This year's red nose has silver glitter to remind you of the bright future you're helping create for children across the globe. Red Nose Day encourages you to get silly in the name of fundraising, so grab a red nose — or better yet, a few for your friends, family, club members, neighbors, and children in your community — and help ensure that children everywhere are safe, healthy, and educated.

Red Nose Day items will be available for purchase until June 2, so you have plenty of time to join the cause. If your club gets involved, be sure to post a photo on the GFWC app so you can inspire other clubs to join in the fun!



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

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## Cares & Concerns

We have received word that Margie A. Kinslow passed away in February. She served as President of Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs from 1994-96. Her theme was "Symphony of Volunteers," and her Special Project was International Hearing Dogs in Henderson, CO. During her term, members raised money to purchase a dog for that organization. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

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## Apply for the Easterseals Shelby P. Hamlett Award

GFWC clubs and State Federations across the country are participating in Easterseals' campaign to provide services for children and adults with disabilities. To recognize the clubs' efforts from January to December 2017, the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Easterseals will bestow awards at the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention in three categories:

Enhancement of Awareness of Easterseals Services, Fundraising Efforts for Easterseals, and Volunteer Service for Easterseals.

Click [here](#) to learn more and download the application. The deadline to apply is May 21, 2018.

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## Special Parliamentary Training at Convention!

**Registration Deadline: June 1, 2018**

Register to attend a special GFWC/NAP workshop on Sunday, June 24th, 2 – 4 PM, at the GFWC Annual Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) President, James Jones, PRP, will lead the workshop using Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) "In Brief." Interested participants can sign up to take either the online or paper 40-question "In Brief" exam to become a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians. Membership in NAP offers many benefits, including the opportunity to seek credentials as a Registered Parliamentarian (RP) or advanced studies as a Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP).

To participate, please email [events@gfwc.org](mailto:events@gfwc.org) for complete registration information!

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## It's Our Time to Connect: Register for Convention

## Subscribe to News & Notes

If you haven't yet subscribed to *News & Notes*, the best source for all things GFWC, what are you waiting for? Signing up is easy and gives you access to timely news items from around Headquarters, our partners, and our work on a national and local scale.

Simply provide your name, mailing address, email, and club name to GFWC Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at [kgarlick@gfwc.org](mailto:kgarlick@gfwc.org) and you're all set!

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## Correction to our 2018-2020 Candidates for Office Q&A

In a previous issue of *News & Notes*, we published that candidates would have two minutes to answer questions during the 2018 Annual Convention's Q&A session with the 2018-2020 Candidates for Office. However, we'd like to submit a correction that candidates will have **one** minute to answer.

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## Call for Articles

Clubhouses have long been a part of the GFWC tradition. Before we made 1734 N St our home in Washington D.C. in 1922, countless clubs across the nation had their own clubhouses that they built, purchased, and

The countdown to convention is electrifying, and we hope all of you are excited to join us! Remember that convention registration closes on **June 1**, so make sure you register in time so you can connect with us in St. Louis!

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 [JSimpson@GFWC.org](mailto:JSimpson@GFWC.org).

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](#).

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## Reserve Your Room for Convention

Convention is around the corner! You'll want to have everything in order so your experience is as smooth and convenient as possible. Once you've registered for convention, the next step is to reserve a room to ensure your spot in our room block.

GFWC's Group Rate is \$159/night. The room block closes on **Monday, May 28 at midnight**. Room reservations can be cancelled up to 24 hours before scheduled arrival, but please help GFWC manage the room block by not holding multiple rooms under one name.

For Hotel Reservations at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, please use one of the following options

- [Online](#) (recommended).
- Call (general reservation number) P: 855-271-3620, Press 1 to make a new reservation.

furnished. More than just a place to hold meetings, clubhouses have been education centers, safe places, and homes to both clubwomen and their communities over the past 128 years. In this summer's edition of the WHRC Newsletter, we will be celebrating your clubhouses and the important role they have played in your histories. We will be welcoming stories of past clubhouses and houses still in your club's possession, and would love to hear the history of the house, how it was obtained, or simply how it still serves your club today. Stories should be no more than 500 words, and pictures are welcome but not necessary. Please send your stories, via email, to WHRC manager Alyssa Constad no later than **May 25**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Alyssa at [aconstad@gfwc.org](mailto:aconstad@gfwc.org)

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## Raffle Donations - Share the Spirit of St. Louis!

You can help make the Spirit of St. Louis Raffle something everyone will be talking about until next convention! Donations are still being accepted, so if you, your club, district, state, or region would like to donate to the Spirit of St. Louis Raffle, please go to GFWC Resources on the website and click "R" for raffle donation form. Since many attendees will be traveling, it is always appreciated when items are relatively small and lightweight. The following

If problems arise, please contact Jennifer Simpson at GFWC via email at [JSimpson@GFWC.org](mailto:JSimpson@GFWC.org) or directly at 202-628-2478.

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## Legislative Action Corner

### Preventing Maternal Deaths

It is hard to believe the rates for maternal deaths are climbing again. GFWC joined the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, March of Dimes, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and more than 60 organizations advocating for maternal health by supporting the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act (H.R. 1318) and the Maternal Health Accountability Act (S. 1112) to reduce the number of preventable maternal deaths. Suicide and overdose are the leading cause of maternal mortality in a growing number of states. Find the letter [here](#).

### First Lady Melania Trump Announces “Be Best” Campaign

On May 7, First Lady Melania Trump announced her “Be Best” campaign to raise awareness to the dangers of on-line bullying and the need to encourage children to have positive behaviors, improve social and emotional health, and overcome addictions. The First Lady’s Office has a unique power to cast a spotlight on problems in our communities. In the past, Michelle Obama promoted healthy eating and exercise, and both Laura and Barbara Bush promoted literacy efforts.

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## Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

### by GFWC Parliamentarian, Shirley Gomes

The Previous Question

**The Previous Question** can be applied to all motions that are amendable and/or debatable, including those that have a higher rank.

Because it closes debate and brings the assembly to an immediate vote, the motion requires a two-thirds vote and is undebatable.

are categories and examples of great raffle items:

**Jewelry** – Small, light, and wearable...the perfect combination!

**Electronics/Gadgets** – Tablets, fitness trackers, cameras, etc.

**Purses** – Enough said.

**Gift-of-the-Month** – Give a gift that lasts year round without the hassle of packing it up.

Wine, cheese, flowers, coffee, chocolate, homemade, BarkBoxes...so many great options!

Donation forms can be mailed to GFWC Headquarters or emailed to Jenn Simpson at [JSimpson@GFWC.org](mailto:JSimpson@GFWC.org).

We can’t wait to see what wonderful items you have to share!

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## 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

Sometimes a member will call out, "**Question!**" or "**Vote**" without first seeking recognition and obtaining the floor. This does not qualify as the making of a motion, and is out of order if another member is speaking or seeking recognition. Cutting off debate infringes on the right of members to speak. Therefore, no one member or group of members can force an immediate end of debate even if one member with the right to do so wants to speak, **except** through the proper adoption of the **Previous Question**. This requires seeking and getting recognition and then moving the **Previous Question**, after which it must be seconded and adopted by a two-thirds vote.

The proper wording to close debate on the immediately pending motion is to say, "**I move the previous question.**"

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## Picture of the Week



Pictured are the twenty-nine new members of the recently chartered Woman's Club of Mesa (Arizona). These women all live within walking distance of the historical GFWC Arizona Headquarters building, named the Mesa Woman's Club building, so they wanted to revive the club that was an important part of their city's history. These ladies are looking forward to making a mark through service!

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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.

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## 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



## GFWC Marketplace: 2017 Convention T-Shirt Sale

Forget to buy a Convention T-Shirt in California? Worry no more – as it is now ON SALE at the GFWC Marketplace! The

GFWC Convention T-Shirt is a short sleeve V-neck, made from 5.4 oz, 100% preshrunk cotton. The preshrunk fabric ensures that it will stay the same size, even after being washed. Shoulder-to-shoulder taping drapes over your body effortlessly, making this shirt a comfy fit, and is side seamed with a contoured body for a flattering, feminine silhouette.

Features the 2017 GFWC Annual Convention logo and Operation Smile logo. Available in sizes S-2XL, and on sale for \$5 each at the [GFWC Marketplace!](#)

your current information in our Legislative Action Center.

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