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Wear Orange for National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Over the years, gun violence has become all too familiar in the American landscape. In response, organizations and elected officials came together in 2015 to establish National Gun Violence Awareness Day. The campaign asks supporters to wear orange in honor of victims of gun violence, to raise awareness about the issue, and to advocate for change.

The tradition of wearing orange was started by a group of Chicago high schoolers who lost their friend, Hadiya Pendleton, to gun violence in 2015. Her classmates honored her by wearing orange, chosen to symbolize the color hunters wear to protect themselves in the forest. Now the whole country wears orange to represent the value of life and the need to protect it.

Wear Orange Weekend begins on June 1, National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and continues through Sunday. This year, make yourselves visible in your community. You can find an event near you on the official Wear Orange Website to join other supporters. Wear orange and use the hashtag



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Simply provide your name, mailing address, email, and club name to GFWC Membership Services Manager Kate

#WearOrange on social media, including the GFWC app, to spread the word about working towards a safer world.



Last Chance to Book Convention Hotel Room

Convention is a few short weeks away! If you have not already done so, be sure to reserve a room to ensure your spot in our room block, as it closes on **Monday, May 28!** Rooms are filling fast, so don't miss out!

GFWC's Group Rate is \$159/night. 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.

If problems arise, please contact Jennifer Simpson at GFWC via email at JSimpson@GFWC.org or directly at 202-628-2478.

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

Cares & Concerns

Our deepest condolences to Past South Dakota President (2012-2014) Linda Dodds on the passing of her daughter, Ellen, on April 11, 2018.

The GFWC Maryland Federation is saddened by the loss of their dearly loved Honorary President Katherine (Kaytee) Bart Mizell on April 28, 2018. Kaytee was a member of GFWC for 68 years and served as President of GFWC Maryland from 1986-1988. To honor Katherine Mizell's commitment to volunteerism and community improvement, Memorial Contributions may be made to: Montgomery College Foundation, for the Katherine Mizell's Modelling Moppetts' Scholarship Fund and mailed to Kelly Taylor, P.O. Box 596, Damascus, MD 20872 and/or The Woman's Club of Bethesda, and mailed to Ann Terry, 5213 Acacia Avenue, Bethesda, MD, 20814-1364.

Honor Flight

Please join with us as we welcome the next Honor Flight from West Central Florida on Tuesday, June 5, 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.

It's Our Time to Connect: Register for Convention

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.

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](#).

Membership at Convention

by Jeanne Waseleski, GFWC Membership Committee Member

What a great opportunity to reconnect and meet new members!

Do you remember your first International Convention? If you are like many first-timers, it can be exciting and overwhelming at the same time.

Take the time to greet newcomers. If an attendee looks unsure, take the time to smile, then point them in the right direction.

Half the fun of tours is the camaraderie. If someone is sitting by themselves, strike up a conversation. You never know what you may have in common.

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 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.

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

Service Project - Rise Against Hunger

Even at Convention, GFWC never forgets its volunteer mission. We are teaming

Catch up with old friends and see what has been happening in their Federation life.

Finally, relax, and be prepared for another energizing, exciting, and educational International Convention.

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 for complete registration information!

GFWC/Nap Workshop

by GFWC Parliamentarian, Shirley Gomes

If you have signed up for the Parliamentary Workshop to be conducted by NAP President James Jones, PRP, at this year's Annual Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, please take advantage of materials that are available to help you prepare for the workshop. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) 2nd edition, "In Brief" will be used during the workshop and is a strong tool for those taking the exam upon completion. "In Brief" and a free Study Guide for "In Brief" are both available on the NAP website: www.parliamentarians.org. There are 100 test questions in the Study Guide, from which the 40 questions for the exam will be pulled – allowing you to test yourself again

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.

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

and again to become comfortable and confident for the exam. Be sure to order ASAP to allow yourself plenty of study time!

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) 2nd edition, "In Brief" will serve as an excellent resource to all GFWC members. It is a small book of 176 pages of text and charts providing valuable guidance. It is a "small but mighty" publication that will benefit all members with chapters on Meetings, Motions, Voting, Bylaws, Elected and Appointed Positions (and their responsibilities), Agendas, Debates, Beyond Basics, and much more! It is said that "Confidence comes from doing," and having the tools you need to handle new responsibilities helps to build confidence and great GFWC leaders!

Legislative Action Corner

Tremendous Gain for Working Women Candidates

On May 10, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) issued an advisory opinion that campaign funds can be used to pay for child care. It is "ground-breaking – a game changer" for women running for office. The ruling of the FEC commissioners followed a 1995 request approval from a male candidate to use campaign money for part-time childcare, so his wife could attend campaign events. Campaign funds are often used for the candidate's personal expenses, but this is the first time a woman candidate had made such a request. Earlier this year, Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL), the first woman to give birth while serving in the Senate, was allowed to bring her infant to the floor while she cast votes. A record number of women are running for office at all levels this year.

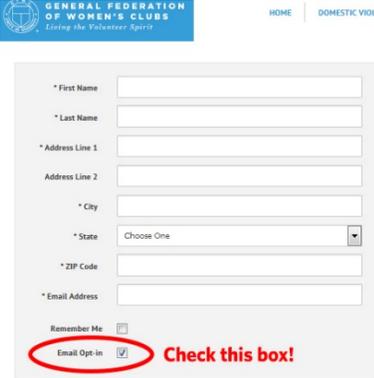
Picture of the Week

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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The California Federation of Women's Clubs scheduled time in their pre-Convention activities to include a trip to the California State Capitol in Sacramento to support CFWC authored bill SB 1104 Human Trafficking: Parental Notification. While the bill enjoys bipartisan support from the highest ranking members in both parties in the California State Senate, primary sponsor Senator Richard Roth's Legislative Director Matthew Montgomery spoke to the members about where we need to focus their efforts as they work to pass the bill into law.

GFWC Marketplace: Memorial Day Sale!

Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend at the [GFWC Marketplace](#)! All orders are **25% off** when placed **May 26-28**. Have you been eyeing something in the Marketplace but haven't made up your mind? Take advantage of this deal and get something to show your GFWC pride!

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