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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.



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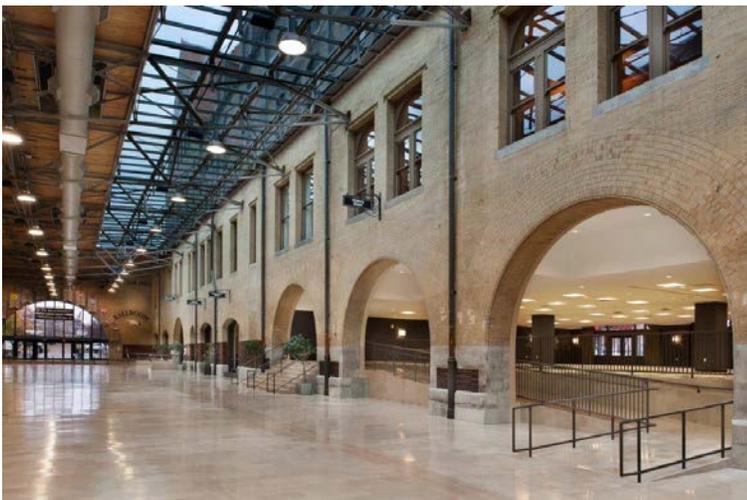
If you haven't yet subscribed to *News & Notes*, the best source for all things GFWC, what are you waiting for? Signing up is easy and gives you access to timely news items from around Headquarters, our partners, and our work on a national and local scale.

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

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](#).

Thank You to Our Supporters

The 2018 Annual Convention is less than two months away, and GFWC would like to thank its clubwomen—and Partners—for their support in advertising in the Program. By the **April 15** payment deadline, more than 20 clubwomen committed to advertisements that celebrate the volunteer spirit. It's generous contributions like these that will allow GFWC to deliver the very best forum in St. Louis for its members. **It's Our Time to Connect!**



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

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

Cares and Concerns

We send our deepest condolences to Miriam Costilow, whose sister, Elisa Merino, passed away earlier this week. She asks that you hold the family up in prayer during this difficult time.

International Past President Babs Condon had a mishap at her GFWC Maryland State Convention a week ago. X-rays and MRI confirmed she has a broken ankle and foot. We are sure she would appreciate the support of our members, and as we all know, thoughts and prayers go a long way toward healing.

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

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.

National Skin Cancer Awareness Month

May is the month to raise awareness about the most common cancer in the United States: skin cancer. While it is the most common, it is also the most preventable! That means with proper education, it can be avoided. With warmer weather comes more days spent in the sun. Make sure that you and your loved ones are soaking up the sun safely.

How to Protect Your Skin

- Put on broad-spectrum sunscreen half an hour before you plan to be outside, even if the day is cloudy. Remember to reapply every two hours.
- Stay in the shade when you can, especially between 10am and 4pm when the sun is strongest.
- Cover up with hats and UV protective sunglasses.
- Don't go to tanning salons. It's prom season, which means many of the young women in your life might be considering a trip to the tanning salon to get some color before the big night. Even one session increases the risk of skin cancer.
- Practice routine self-examinations. You can learn how to perform them and what to look for through the [Skin Cancer Foundation](#).
- The Skin Cancer Foundation will be taking another tour through the United States providing information and free screenings. Look for your city on their [2018 schedule](#) and spread the word so your communities can take advantage.

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!

Federation Day Spotlight

Last week, we mentioned a couple of ways that GFWC clubs celebrated Federation Day. But there were so many incredible projects in honor of that day that we had to tell you about a couple more! For example, the GFWC High Springs New Century Woman's Club (Florida) donated more than 650 new and gently used books to three local day care centers in the High Springs, Florida community! Clubs are always finding ways to support GFWC's dedication to reading and literacy.

Twenty-five GFWC New Hampshire clubwomen celebrated Federation

This month, take time to protect your skin, and raise awareness in your communities so that everyone else will too.

Enough is Enough!



Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee is the chief sponsor drafting the House VAWA bill expected to be introduced soon.

GFWC joined national women's organizations gathered on Capitol Hill for the Enough Is Enough Summit & Congressional Briefing during Sexual Assault Awareness Month to address sexual harassment and assault in the workplace (Title 7) and schools (Title 9). Panelists included representatives from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, National Women's Law Center, National Organization for Women, American Association of University Women, End Rape on Campus, Legal Momentum, Feminist Majority, National Domestic Workers Alliance, ERA Coalition, National Council of Jewish Women, National Congress of Black Women, and the National Farmworker Women's Alliance. Congresswomen Sheila Jackson Lee (TX), Carolyn Maloney (CA), Jackie Speier (CA), and Lois Frankel (FL) summarized legislative efforts to date and the opportunity to build momentum created by the #MeToo movement. In preparation for re-authorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the focus of this summit was to educate lawmakers about the necessity to extend sexual harassment laws to all women, especially domestic workers and

Day by sorting food at the New Hampshire Food Bank. The "rescue meat" team sorted and categorized 3,974 pounds of high quality protein and other frozen goods into 131 cases to be distributed to any of the 428 New Hampshire partner agencies who order food from the Food Bank. The "non-perishables" team did the same with 3,843 pounds of non-perishable food donations. The hard work between the two groups produced a total of 6,514 meals for the hungry of New Hampshire!

Both Federation Day and Volunteers in Action week wrapped up with an impressive array of projects across the country. But GFWC clubwomen never stop and are already planning their next events!

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

farm workers, so that every woman is protected – no loopholes and no exclusions.

Legislative Action Corner

Airline Passengers Will Benefit

On April 27, the House of Representatives approved H.R. 4, with a strong bipartisan vote, to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration. The bill includes new consumer protections for commercial airline passengers, such as requiring medium and large hub airports to have a lactation room behind their security checkpoints, as well as efforts to fund noise and air pollution mitigation projects. The Transportation Department would be required to issue regulations to bar mobile phone calls during flight, set minimum dimensions for passenger seats, develop a bill of rights for disabled passengers, and require ticket agents with annual revenue of \$100 million or more to adopt customer service standards regarding refunds, cancellation policies, itinerary changes, and responses to complaints. Air carriers would be prohibited from involuntarily removing ticketed passengers that have boarded a flight. Employees will be trained to recognize and respond to potential human trafficking, and air carriers would be required to provide annual training to flight attendants on dealing with allegations of sexual misconduct. Next step – the Senate.

Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes

Amendments

An amendment to a main motion may itself be amended by a "secondary amendment," sometimes called an "amendment of the second degree." The rules for secondary amendments are covered in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, (RONR) 11th edition, on pages 130-162. Secondary amendments themselves may not be amended - there can be no "third degree" amendments. Instead of proposing a secondary amendment, one simple approach is to tell your fellow members that if they will vote down the pending

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 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

amendment, you will offer a different version, which you may then describe.

Any amendment proposed must in some way involve the same question raised by the motion it amends. This is known as the requirement that an amendment must be germane - that is, that it must have a bearing on the pending motion. Irrelevant topics would not be in order.

Once the members have voted on an amendment, that specific matter is considered settled. You cannot propose another motion or amendment that is substantially the same.

Refer to RONR's chapters on amendments to learn more about numerous amendment options.



Apply for the Easterseals Shelby P. Hamlett Award

GFWC clubs and states 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.

Picture of the Week

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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Fundraising



As part of the GFWC Georgia Statewide Day of Service on April 28, members from the GFWC Service Guild of Covington presented Project Renewal Director Vickie Stevenson (center) with hundreds of dollars worth of underwear and socks for women and children. The project was called "Tickies for Undies." Each pair of donated socks or pair of underwear earned a raffle ticket for a fancy handbag. Club members also promoted Domestic Violence Awareness on the day by generating even more products for the Project Renewal Battered Women's Shelter.

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GFWC Marketplace: Posters

Looking for Federation Decorations? Look no further than the GFWC Marketplace for three full-color posters! All three depict beautifully painted works including The Woman's Club by David Robinson, A Pair of Blue Eyes by



Lilla Cabot Perry, and the GFWC Headquarters Watercolor by Jean Ranney Smith. All originals were created for GFWC and are

currently on display throughout GFWC Headquarters. These posters are available at the [GFWC Marketplace](#) for \$2 each.

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