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How To Observe LGBT Pride Month

June was established as LGBT Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots of 1969, an event which is often considered the beginning of the modern fight for LGBT rights. Throughout the country, cities celebrate with parades, marches, rallies, and other events. While there's been significant progress, the LGBT community still faces an incredible amount of discrimination. In honor of Pride Month, here are a few places you can support:

- **LGBT Youth Centers:** These youth centers exist to give vulnerable LGBT youth a safe environment to seek support, connect with other kids like themselves, and have a space to learn, socialize, and express themselves.
- **LGBT Health Centers:** Health centers dedicated specifically for LGBT individuals provide an opportunity for them to speak to healthcare professionals without fear of rejection or discrimination. The centers address needs and provide resources specific to the community.



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- **LGBT Crisis Hotlines:** Hotlines exist for LGBT individuals who need a non-judgmental place to talk. This is especially important for those struggling with thoughts of self-harm or suicide. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that gay, lesbian, and bisexual teenagers are five times as likely to have contemplated suicide compared to their heterosexual peers, and 40% of transgender adults report having made a suicide attempt. It can be difficult to reach out for help, especially if you're worried that your sexuality or gender identity might shape the experience. LGBT crisis hotlines ensure callers will speak with someone accepting and trained to help them.
- **Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA):** If you sponsor a Juniors club, encourage them to establish a GSA club at their school if there isn't one already. A GSA club brings together students of different sexualities to create a welcoming space, which is especially important for middle and high schools where bullying might be widespread. Students often figure out ways they can make a difference in their communities through activism or community service.

Find LGBT programs and organizations in your community that need your help. Pride Month is full of celebrations, but it's also a time to make visible the issues that still need to be addressed to make sure everyone is treated with love and fairness.



Ideas for Summer Volunteering

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

Cares & Concerns

We are deeply saddened to announce that Judy Marak, GFWC Rhode Island State President 2008-2010, passed away on Thursday, June 7th. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Valerie Marak, 79 Southwinds Drive, Wakefield, RI 02879-1638.

News & Notes Convention Announcement

The 2018 Annual Convention in St. Louis is almost here! News & Notes will be suspended during convention, so there will be no issues on June 21 or June 28. Enjoy convention and stay tuned for our convention highlights when we return for the July 5 issue!

Convention Reminders

Please bring your March + April issue of Clubwoman Magazine to Convention so that you will have a copy of the proposed amendments to the bylaws and resolutions under consideration.

Alternately, you may [click here](#) to print a copy of the Call to

Even if your club doesn't meet over the summer, that doesn't mean the volunteering has to stop! If you have school children, it's a great time to take advantage of their summer break and schedule some community service opportunities to instill the volunteer spirit in them early. Whatever your summer plans this year, we encourage you to find opportunities to give back even as you relax. There are countless ways you can make a difference, but here are a few ideas to get you started:

- **Charity Run:** Summertime means running time. Check for charity races in your area and get out your running shoes so you can race for a cause.
- **Host a Neighborhood Car Wash:** Bringing out the hose is a good way to beat the heat. You can host a car wash with proceeds benefitting your charity of choice.
- **Garden Giving:** When you grow vegetables, there's often more produce than you could ever eat. Rather than letting it go to waste, research if there's a food bank in your area that accepts fresh produce or home-canned goods.
- **Support Summer Programs:** Many low-income children spend their time alone at home because their parents can't afford to send them to camp or other programs that help them stay engaged and active. There are some free and low-cost programs for underprivileged children, or you could sponsor a child to go to camp. Check out the programs in your area that might need your support!

Battle the summer slump and find meaningful ways to contribute to your community this year. It's easy for us to think of the season as one of sunshine and vacation, but there's always a need you can help meet. Gather your family, friends, and maybe a few familiar faces you might be missing over the break from GFWC, and then celebrate the summer with service that will ensure everyone in your community can enjoy the season.

Legislative Action Corner

Family Violence Shelter Resources Bill Introduced

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), first passed by Congress in 1984, is the primary federal funding stream

Convention for packing in your suitcase.

If you are bringing Spirit of St. Louis Raffle or Service Project donations, please take them to the GFWC Staff Office upon arrival.

Headshots at Convention

Josh Triggs from 3MI Photography will be available at Convention to take professional head shots for you if you need them in your leadership role! If you're interested and want to learn more, contact him at josh@3miphotography.com.

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

dedicated to the support of emergency shelter and related supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their children. While Congress has provided annual appropriations, reauthorization is important. Senators Dean Heller (R-NV), Bob Casey (D-PA), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Chris Coons (D-DE), and John Cornyn (R-TX) have introduced S.2784, in the Senate, and Representatives Glenn Thompson (R-PA), Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Elise Stefanik (R-NY), and Gwen Moore (D-WI) have introduced H.R. 6014 in the House, the FVPSA Reauthorization Act. This critical straightforward reauthorization will help ensure that shelters and domestic violence programs can continue to keep survivors safe and provide essential services.

- Domestic violence directly impacts one in four women and one in ten men over their lifetimes and approximately 15.5 million children every year. Violence and abuse is pervasive, costly, and can be deadly.
- In addition to supporting local shelters and services, FVPSA provides funds to state domestic violence coalitions, tribes, national technical assistance and training programs, and a program dedicated to addressing the needs of children of domestic violence victims. In addition to emergency shelters, services include counseling, crisis lines, safety planning, legal assistance, and preventative education to millions of adults and children annually.

Tips on Parliamentary Procdedure

by GFWC Parliamentarian, Shirley Gomes

Methods of Voting

Voting by voice is the most common method of voting. In addition, there are a few other methods that are frequently used:

1. **Standing Vote:** Whenever a two-thirds vote, instead of a majority vote, is required.
2. **Show of Hands:** When in a small group.
3. **Counted Vote:** If the chair is unsure of the results, a retake is done with a counted vote.

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!

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4. **Ballot Vote:** Ballots are typically used in an election but may be used for other important decisions. A member may say, "I move that the vote be taken by ballot."

Other methods of voting, such as roll call and mail votes, are described in RONR, (11th edition) on pages 419-429.



Picture of the Week

Last weekend GFWC Ossoli Circle (Tennessee) helped celebrate the fateful August day in 1920 when a young representative from the Tennessee House of Representatives voted yes for the 19th amendment. His pivotal vote was the last one needed to pass the amendment and give women the right to vote! Along with the Suffrage Coalition, GFWC Ossoli Circle hosted a Suffrage Reception at the East Tennessee Historical Center and marched in a Suffrage Parade to the unveiling of the statue honoring this young representative, Harry Burn, and his mother, Febb. She had written him a letter that told him to "be a good boy" and vote to ratify. Though he was wearing a red rose on his lapel to symbolize his opposition to women's suffrage, he ultimately followed his mother's advice and uttered that historic word, "Aye." GFWC Ossoli Circle was founded by Lizzie Crozier French, and she always listed her occupation as "suffragist." She is featured on another statue in downtown Knoxville.

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