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## June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Older members of our communities deserve the same respect and dignity as everyone else, but more importantly, they need our care, support, and protection. The American Psychological Association reports 2 million seniors are victims of abuse, including physical, financial, sexual, and psychological abuse. June 15 was deemed World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to encourage conversation about the growing issue of elder abuse.

How can you make a difference in the lives of your elderly loved ones or elders in the community?

- Keep them active! Staying active can help them be happier, more alert, and less vulnerable to abuse.
- Host community events for elders in your area or at a local nursing home, such as a bingo or craft night. Keeping them engaged is a good way to show your love and support.



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- Inform them to be cautious of phone or email requests for money. Many scammers take advantage of elderly people that way.
- Check in frequently, especially if they live in a nursing facility. Elderly isolation not only results in loneliness, but it can affect their mental well-being. Additionally, if you visit them regularly, you will better be able to monitor for signs of abuse.

Do the people in your community realize how prevalent elder abuse is? Unfortunately, a lot of it goes unreported. Public awareness is an important step on the pathway to action and advocacy. Start a discussion at your next club meeting to brainstorm ways you can inform your community how to prevent elder abuse, and look for ways your club can engage with elders in your town. You can help make sure that your elderly friends, family, and neighbors are happy and healthy!



## GFWC Welcomes Honor Flight

On Tuesday, President Sheila Shea, GFWC Staff, and Bette and Leo Shanley from Virginia welcomed the West Central Florida Honor Flight Mission 34 in Arlington, Virginia. Veterans and their companions eagerly took photos next to the new welcome banner that GFWC uses for these events. Then they explored the Air Force Memorial and took in the gorgeous view of the city.

Garlick at [kgarlick@gfwc.org](mailto:kgarlick@gfwc.org) and you're all set!

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## Cares & Concerns

Our deepest condolences are with GFWC Capital Campaign Committee Member Patricia Rodriguez on the death of her brother, Melvin Walker. Our thoughts are with her and her family during this difficult time.

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## 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 Convention for packing in your suitcase.

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

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## 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,

Everyone was thankful for the excellent weather, especially after a week of consistent rain in Washington, D.C. Florida sunshine must have been brought up by the four Florida Federation clubwomen, including GFWC Florida President-elect, Sharon Oliphant, who were on the journey with the veterans.

It was an especially touching day for President Shea, as it marked the final Honor Flight she will attend during her administration. She has appreciated every opportunity to honor the veterans who visit Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifices.

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## One More to Go!

Last Wednesday, the Illinois Legislature voted to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment – 36 years after the congressional deadline. The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) guarantees the civil rights of all citizens regardless of sex. This makes Illinois the 37th state to ratify the ERA and leaves only one additional ratification needed for a constitutional amendment. GFWC has officially supported the Equal Rights Amendment since 1944 and continues to support its ratification in the states. In fact, GFWC clubwomen across the state of Illinois took action by contacting their state representatives through GFWC's Legislative Action Center. YOU CAN TAKE ACTION AS WELL! If more states ratify the ERA, Congress will need to extend or remove the deadline placed on ratification in the states. Contact your members of Congress on this issue [here](#).

Are you living in a state that hasn't ratified the ERA? You can take action by urging your state legislators to ratify the ERA! If you live in these states, we need your help to make this happen: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, and Virginia.

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## Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

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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 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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## Motions That Bring A Question Again Before the Membership:

Some motions enable club members, for good reason, to reopen a completed question during the same session, to take up a question that has been temporarily disposed of, or to change something previously adopted and still in force.

If it is desired to resume consideration of a main motion which lies on the table, it can be proposed by means of the motion to "Take From the Table" that the motion becomes pending again.

If it is desired to cancel or countermand something that has been adopted and that has continuing force and effect, such action can be proposed by means of the motion to "Rescind" (or Repeal, or Annul); and by another form of the same parliamentary motion - that is, the motion to "Amend Something Previously Adopted." It can be proposed to modify the wording or text previously adopted, or to substitute a different version.

If, in the same session that a motion has been voted on, but no later than the same day or the next day on which a business meeting is held, new information or a changed situation makes it appear that a different result might reflect the true will of the membership, a member who voted with the prevailing side can, by moving to "Reconsider" the vote, propose that the question shall come before the membership again as if it had not previously been voted on.

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## Legislative Action Corner

### Drug Prices and Opioids

The White House and the Department of Health and Human Services are pressing pharmaceutical companies to lower their prices voluntarily or HHS will utilize program tools to make changes. One proposal involves shifting the coverage of some drugs in Medicare Part B, which covers therapies administered in a doctor's office or hospital. Medicare typically pays for those drugs at cost, plus 6 percent. Moving them to Medicare Part D would have insurers and drug plans negotiate the prices. While Congress would have to approve such a change,

## 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 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.

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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

HHS could start program demonstrations to prove the reduced costs to Medicare and consumers.

Both House and Senate Committees are drafting major bipartisan legislative packages to address the opioid crisis. Expect floor action in June and July.

## Picture of the Week



The GFWC South Baldwin Woman's Club (Alabama) held a "Blankets for March of Dimes for Military Families" cutting party. Everyone brought fabric and scissors and then cut, tied, and sewed 16 blankets! The project is a lovely way to support families who could use some warmth and comfort.



## GFWC Marketplace: GFWC Stylus Pen

The GFWC Stylus pen is great for all clubwomen and an easy handout for group events. Featuring a stylus tip that works on all touchscreen devices, this high-shine, black-ink pen is available in purple, blue, and teal. Get yours today for \$3 each

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