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Last Chance to Register for Convention

The 2018 GFWC Annual Convention is right around the corner!

Registration

closes TOMORROW, **June 1**, so don't miss out!

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 +

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

April GFWC Clubwoman Magazine, but you can also access the Call [online](#).



GFWC Garden Tours

It's unlikely you'll find a more beautiful GFWC fundraising tradition than hosting garden tours. It's a chance for community members to explore gardens with lovely plant life and water features, learn about the flora, and contribute back to their community by supporting the club.

Paula Munoz, who serves as both the Fundraising and the Conservation chairman for the GFWC Women's Improvement Club of Corona (California), became a garden master last year. She combined those three areas of interest and worked with her club to hold their first garden tour since the club was established in the 1800s! With a committee of ten dedicated and supportive members, the club made over \$1800.00 that day. One of their vendors, a member of the club, also donated their proceeds of over \$800 to Peppermint Ridge, a home for disabled adults. They aptly hosted the event near Earth Day to bring attention to conservation efforts.

No stranger to the appeal and benefits of garden tours is the GFWC Madison Women's Club (Connecticut), who have hosted a biennial "Gardens by the Sea" tour since 2000. Each year they choose a special project to raise funds for. Their last tour raised \$6,313.00 for the Madison Conservation Trust to build walkways on the shoreline trail. Their garden tour this June will go towards

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

Cares & Concerns

Past Nebraska President (2008-2010) Janice Goeller Predoehl passed away surrounded by family on May 2, and our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

GFWC Announces New Staff Member

GFWC is pleased to announce that Samantha Henry has joined our staff as an Executive Coordinator. She will be providing support to both our front office – assisting members, guests, and the public – and to the Executive Office, with a focus on Human Resources. Please join us in welcoming Samantha to our team!

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.

beautifying their Surf Club, which is their local beach and picnic area. The event shows attendees the natural beauty of their community, and in turn, helps raise money to ensure that beauty can continue.

Garden tours are a wonderful opportunity for community members to show off the gardens they've created, for garden enthusiasts to come together and celebrate all things that bloom, and to remind everyone of the earth that we need to preserve.

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!

Parliamentary Tips

by GFWC Parliamentarian, Shirley Gomes

Incidental Motions

Incidental motions *relate in different ways, to the pending business or to business, otherwise at hand*. An incidental motion is said to be incidental to the other motion or matters out of which it arises. As a class, incidental motions deal with questions of procedure arising out of 1) commonly, another pending motion; but also 2) sometimes, another motion or item of

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!

business. Most incidental motions are undebatable. With but few exceptions, *incidental motions are related to the main question* in such a way that they must be decided immediately, before business can proceed.

Some – but not all – incidental motions are:

Parliamentary Inquiry: A request for the chair’s opinion on a matter of parliamentary procedure as it relates to the business at hand.

Request for Information: An inquiry to facts affecting the business at hand-directed to the chair or, through the chair, to a member.

Request for Permission to Withdraw or Modify a Motion: After it has been stated by the chair.

Objection to the Consideration of a Question: Provided it is done before consideration of the question has already begun.

See Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) 11th edition, Chapter 23, pages 247-299, for all Incidental Motions and information on how and when these motions could be used.

Legislative Action Corner

Support Our Teachers

A May 15 report by the National Center for Education Statistics found that 94 percent of teachers pay for classroom supplies, spending an average of \$479 per year, with elementary school teachers spending more than high school teachers. Nationally, more than half of public school students qualify for free or reduced-price meals, an indication of family poverty and inability to financially support their students in school. In 2002, Senator Susan Collins (Maine) led the effort to give teachers a \$250 tax deduction for classroom supply spending. Strong efforts retained the deduction in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Bill approved December 2017. Plan now on ways to support your teachers this Fall!

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.

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.



Picture of the Week

Memorial Day is a time to honor those who have died while serving the country's armed forces. The most common tradition to observe the holiday is placing American flags on the graves in national cemeteries. The GFWC Woman's Club of Denville-Rockaway Area (New Jersey) joined local Cub Scouts, citizens, and veterans to place flags on soldiers' graves in the Denville Cemetery. Despite the rain, they enjoyed the chance to pay their respects to those who have fallen in the line of duty.



GFWC Marketplace: GFWC Postage Stamps

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Legislative Action Center Alerts

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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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