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Dear Clubwomen,

At the WHRC, every month is Women's History Month. However, this March, a few occurrences have given me pause and reinforced just how extraordinary our history, and the broader history of American women volunteers, is.

Recently, I had a conversation with an eighth grade student. The student was conducting a project on Susan B. Anthony and the early women's movement for National History Day. She asked me multiple questions about the women's movement and the effect of women's organizations on American history. Most specifically, she asked me if I thought that the acts of courage committed by women's organizations, such as GFWC, were still being felt today.

As I write this on March 8, International Women's Day, I am struck that our past is not simply just being felt today, but it is making waves. The women of our past, such as Jenny June, Elizabeth Caddy Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony, have not only paved the way for volunteer service, but have blazed a trail of citizenship. The women of our past have ensured our right to vote, our right to speak our minds, and our right to choose the lives we wish to lead. That is an effect which will be experienced and celebrated in perpetuity.

As you read through this special Women's History Month issue, I would like to take a moment to thank each of you for continuing the remarkable work of our past sisters.

Happy Women's History Month!

Subscribe to the WHRC Newsletter

The Women's History and Resource Center is excited to announce that it will now be opening up its quarterly newsletter to all clubwomen. The WHRC newsletter provides an in-depth look at the celebrated history of GFWC on the national, local, and individual levels. A publication primarily written by clubwomen, the newsletter proudly publishes articles written by you and about your history. The WHRC newsletter is also the best way to stay up-to-date on the latest events and happenings in the Women's History and Resource Center. To sign up, please visit www.gfwc.org. An enrollment box is located at the bottom on the website, underneath the *News & Notes* sign up. You can also sign up by providing your name, mailing address, email, and club name to GFWC Membership Services

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Rebecca Douglas Lowe was an Atlanta Clubwomen around the turn of the century, who worked tirelessly towards women's education and the betterment of her community. [Click here](#) to learn more about this remarkable clubwoman.

[Lizzie Crozier French and the War of the Roses](#)
By Nancy Carmon

Lizzie Crozier French, a clubwoman from Tennessee, was an influential force in the final vote which led to the 19th Amendment. Learn more about Tennessee's role in ensuring women's right to vote, and Lizzie by [clicking here](#).

[Mina and Delany: The Mina Edison Connection](#)
By Lilly Hart

Mina Edison was not only an active clubwoman, but also helped to inspire and establish the LaBelle Community Woman's Club in Labelle, Florida. Learn more about Mina and the Labelle Community Woman's Club by [clicking here](#)!

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[Ahead of the Changing Tides](#)

By Stephanie Everett, WHRC Intern

Stephanie takes a look at the role of the conservation movement in GFWC, and the contradictions that arose between supporting conservation and progress in manufacturing. To learn more about how GFWC pioneered the conservation movement throughout the 20th century, [click here!](#)

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