



NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

May 18, 2023



2023 GFWC Annual Convention

[Book Your Room](#)



Convention To-Do List

- [Book Your Hotel Room](#)– Room booking closes Saturday, May 20
- Buy Your Airline Tickets – The Louisville airport code is SDF
- Check the [Dress Code](#) for various events
- Make Dining Reservations
- Read the [FAQs page](#) to answer all your questions,
 - if you still have questions reach out to GFWC Events Manager – Nishu Raina, [nraina@gfwc.org](mailto:nrain@gfwc.org).



Make Dining Reservations

If you are planning to go out Sunday Night, please make reservation as soon as possible. The earlier the better, as a lot of restaurants are closed for dinner on Sunday.

Some Options below

Whiskey Row:

Beano's By the Bridge blocks	Italian/Pizza	\$	502-584-7437	2
Doc Crow's blocks	BBQ/Seafood/Southern	\$\$	502-587-1626	2
Patrick O'Shea's 2 blocks	Irish/Bar Food	\$\$	502-708-2488	
Troll Under the Bridge 2 blocks +	American	\$\$	502-580-1350	

4th Street:

Gordon Biersch Brewery minutes walk	American/Bar Food	\$\$	502-589-8935	4
Guy Fieri's Smokehouse 4 minutes	American/BBQ/Bar Food	\$\$-\$\$\$	502-919-7299	
TGIF 3577 5 minute walk	American	\$\$	502-585-	

Others:

Old Spaghetti Factory. 3 minute walk		\$\$-\$\$\$	502-581-1070	
Bob's Steak and Chop House - Omni Hotel minute walk		\$\$\$\$	502-313-3711	4

Cares & Concerns

We are saddened to share that the husband of Loretta Caron, Great Lakes Region Secretary, passed last week. Our thoughts are with her during this difficult time.

Condolences may be sent to:

6107 7th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53143



National Day of Service

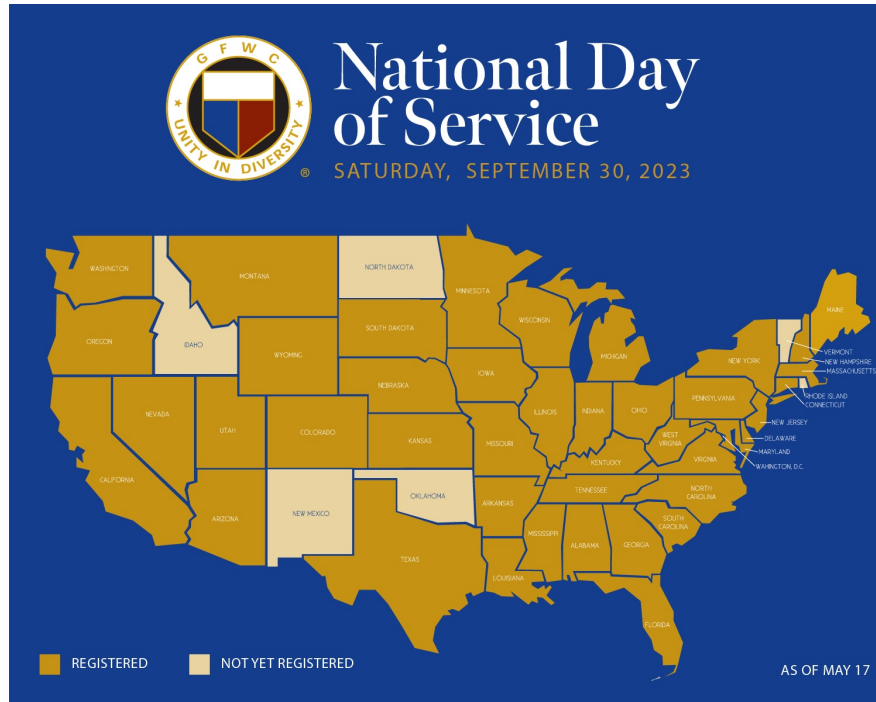
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The State of Registration



GFWC is stepping up to register for our First National Day of Service across the Federation. Clubs are encouraged to register from all 50 states. Currently more than 240 clubs have pledged to participate!

We'd like to give a shout out to GFWC Montana, where every club in the state has registered!

Register now. Your club does not have to have a specific project in place yet, just the intention to participate on September 30, 2023.

To participate in the inaugural NDS, please email Melanie Gisler, Director of Membership Services, mgisler@gfwc.org and cc Deb Strahanoski, GFWC International President, dstrahanoski@gfwc.org



New Mexico State President's Project Enchanting Our Communities

By: Val Redington, GFWC New Mexico State President

This President has the joy of waking up to view the beautiful Organ Mountains every morning. It reminds her of the poem "Climb Your Inner Mountain."

"In each (person) there is a mountain to climb...." - author unknown

This current part of her climb provides a great opportunity to test herself, explore possibilities, and make a positive difference in the lives of others while sharing this journey with her amazing New Mexico Federation sisters.

Mountains are found on the horizon throughout the "Land of Enchantment," as are the amazing GFWC clubs throughout the state. These clubs are busy "Enchanting Our Communities," this President's theme. Her focus is on Advocates for Children. She recognizes that many of our children face adversities in their lives whether it is domestic abuse, homelessness, hunger, disease, or disability. She has asked each club to find a new project that benefits children in their communities and will engage their members with new and meaningful activities.

Her personal project is "Camp Enchantment," a free camp for any child in New Mexico who is experiencing cancer. Children and their families who face this adversity and the financial burden of treating cancer deserve respite and normalcy in their lives. Camp Enchantment operates on donations and, through selling T-shirts and other fundraising, GFWC New Mexico has raised significant dollars this year to support the camp's annual goal of helping 200 children.

These children and their families are climbing their own mountains in life. GFWC New Mexico is there to give them a helping hand on their climb and to let them know that even in adversity, there are gifts along the way, such as Camp Enchantment, to lighten their load during their journey.

Have You Reviewed the 2023 Proposed Amendments?

By: Barbara D. Whitaker, PRP, GFWC Bylaws Committee Chairman

The GFWC convention is a few weeks away. In addition to seeing friends from across the federation, the fun, the workshops, and the speakers, there will be business to conduct. A particularly important part of that business is the consideration of amendments to the GFWC Bylaws. Your GFWC Bylaws Committee has worked hard to review those bylaws and present proposals that will provide more clarity and logic to the current document.

This year the committee seriously looked at the election process, special meetings, financial systems, membership practices, and more. These are our organization's governing documents and your opportunity to voice your opinion and vote, whether by your club or

federation's direction, or your conscience.

Article VIII of the GFWC Bylaws explains who the delegates to the convention are. Section 8.3 of that article explains that in order to vote if you are a delegate, you must register for the entire convention. Please take the time to review the proposed amendments, consult with the body you represent, check your delegate status, and join us in Kentucky as we “Celebrate. Collaborate. Communicate.”

[View the 2023 Bylaws & Proposed Amendments](#)



Volunteers in Action: GFWC Bristol County Women's Club (RI)

The Women’s Resource Center (WRC) in Rhode Island currently houses 10 women and 21 children escaping abusive situations. The GFWC Bristol County Women’s Club provided Mother’s Day bags with pampering items (books, pedicure sets, nail polish, lotions, tasty treats, and more) for the moms and bags of homemade cookies for their children. The club has worked with the WRC for many years, planting butterfly bushes and sprucing up the WRC gardens, organizing donation rooms, and donating many years-worth of necessities for women and their children looking to start new, safer lives.

Submit a story about the awesome things YOUR club is doing in the community to PR@gfwc.org.



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