



NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

May 4, 2023



2023 GFWC Annual Convention

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**Registration closes on Monday, May 15, at
11:59 pm ET**

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Purchase “My Name in Print” Tickets & Donate to the Annual Convention Service Project on Marketplace

If you are unable to attend convention, you can still support the Service Project and the Education Endowment Fund by buying the My Name in Print Raffle or donate towards the service project from the new Marketplace at www.gfwc.org/marketplace

GFWC Junior Fun Night
Saturday, June 10th 9:30-11:30pm

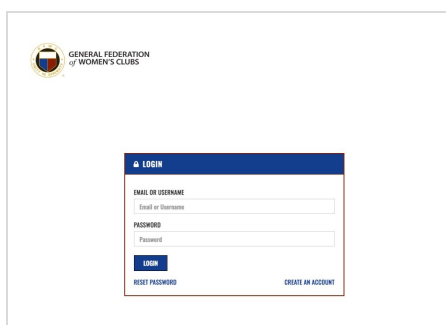
Disco & Diamonds

Do you like to Shake Your Groove Thing? Are you a visitor of Funkytown? If you're ready to Get Up and Boogie, Rock the Boat or just Get Down Tonight, the Juniors are looking for you!

We are looking for dynamic, disco themed lip-sync performances. To register your team or for additional information, please contact Katie Moydell at kmoydell@gfwc.org.

Two Openings Left to Get Your Groove On!

If you would like to sign up for the Junior Fun Night "Disco & Diamonds" Lip Sync, please email kmoydell@gfwc.org by May 15 for additional information.



The screenshot shows the login page of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) website. It features a blue header with the GFWC logo and the text "GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS". Below the header is a white box containing a "LOGIN" form. The form has fields for "EMAIL OR USERNAME" and "PASSWORD", both with "Email or Username" and "Password" placeholder text. There are "LOGIN" and "RESET PASSWORD" buttons. A "CREATE AN ACCOUNT" link is located at the bottom right of the form.



GFWC Marketplace Now Open

We are excited to announce the launch of GFWC's new Marketplace! You can access the Marketplace from the GFWC website or at: www.gfwc.org/marketplace. Inside you will find the products you use and love and a new, easy to navigate layout. **Note that this is a new system, and all users will need to create a new account before using Marketplace for the first time.**

We will debut three new products at GFWC's Annual Convention in Louisville. They will be available for purchase at Convention and online shortly thereafter. We will also add new items over the coming months, including customizable items such as business cards, so check back often!

If you are looking for 50-year pins, 75-year pins, or Star Recruitment Pins and Circles, or if you have any new product recommendations, please contact GFWC directly at GFWC@gfwc.org.

If you have any questions about your Marketplace account or orders, please email marketplace@allegraromeoville.com.



National Day of Service

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Has Your Club Registered for GFWC National Day of Service?

GFWC Membership is stepping up to make the first GFWC National Day of Service a success. To date, one region, five state federations, and 101 clubs have registered to participate on September 30, 2023. The complete list of participants can be found on GFWC's website under "What We Do" on the home page, www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/gfwc-national-day-of-service/gfwc-clubs/. The list will be updated weekly on Thursday.

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

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



New Hampshire State President's Project Assisting NH Homeless Teens and Young Adults

By: Beth Roth, GFWC New Hampshire State President

It is springtime in New Hampshire, and with the blossoming of spring comes many celebrations; proms, high school graduations, college acceptances, scholarships, and weddings. For some, there will be no parties, graduations, or college; these are the over 15,000 unaccompanied homelessness teens and young adults in New Hampshire this year.

Kathy Farland, founder of Stepping Stones, spoke of this need in

Nashua at a 2021 GFWC-NH District meeting. Kathy, a former foster parent, founded Stepping Stones one year previously as a place where homeless youth can get the basics they need - a safe place to rest, food, showers/bathrooms, a place to keep their stuff, and someone to talk to. Kathy is passionate, hopeful, and recognizes that these teens and young adults want to be part of their own solution. From that district meeting forward, it was an easy choice: the 2022-2024 GFWC President's Project had to be: Assisting NH Homeless Teens and Young Adults!

Since selecting this for our President's Project, GFWC-NH clubwomen are working hard to support not only Stepping Stones but organizations like Waypoint and Family Promise so that our efforts reach all corners of our state to assist the homeless.

These homeless teens have no access to an automobile and driver's education. A car was high on Kathy's wish list for Stepping Stones for transportation and getting driver's licenses. Thanks to fundraising and Pine Hill Automotive Sales in Derry, NH, we were able to fulfill her wish!

Our GFWC-NH Annual Meeting on April 28 and 29, 2023, was a combination event where at our Banquet on Friday, we celebrated Federation Day with a Friendsgiving Event. We recognized seven non-profit organizations with Unity Awards for their work within GFWC CSPs and our President's Project...and Kathy Farland went home with Stepping Stone's much needed car!

Signature Program: Violence Against Native American Women

By: Crystal S. O'Neal, Signature Program Committee Member

The first week of May is the National Week of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Rates of murder, rape, and violent crime are all higher for Native American women than the national average. Native women also make up a significant portion of missing and murdered individuals.

- The National Institute of Justice detailed some incredibly startling statistics in an edition of their "Five Things" series dedicated to violence against American Indian and Alaskan Native adults.
- More than 84% of native women have experienced some form of violence in their lifetime.
- Native women experienced significantly higher levels of sexual violence and stalking than native men.
- The lifetime victimization rate for native women is 1.2 times higher than it is for white women.
- Female Native American victims are more likely to need services, but they are less likely to have access to the services they need.
- Interracial violence is more prevalent than intraracial violence – 97% of native women victims experienced violence at the hands of non-Indian individuals.

SOURCE: <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/five-things-about-violence-against-american-indian-and-alaska-native-women-and-men>

- What can we do to help? As clubs and as individuals, we can all take time to learn more about the issue and to advocate for more attention, services, and public policy directed at protecting this incredibly vulnerable population.
- Plan a club event where you watch a movie like Wind River or Prey or watch Episode 6, Season 3 of Yellowstone. After the screening, discuss the portrayal of violence against American Indian women.
- Locate your local victim assistance providers and volunteer. Inquire about services supporting native victims and offer to help.
- Sign up for alerts from the GFWC Legislative Action Center and respond to calls to action supporting all victims of violence. Be alert to local legislation in your area as well.

To learn more, check out the resources available from the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center at www.niwrc.org/mmiwnatlweek23.

Avis Rental Benefits for GFWC Members

Make the most of your spring travel plans by booking a rental car from Avis or Budget. Exclusive member-only discounts include up to 35% off base Pay Now rates, complimentary car class upgrades, and flexible reservations with the Pay Later option for risk-free bookings. Unlock even more savings by enrolling in **Avis Preferred**® or **Budget Fastbreak**® programs to enjoy an expedited rental experience while earning rewards for every qualifying dollar you spend.

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visit www.budget.com/en/association/R584749 and use your Budget Customer Discount (BCD) number R584749.

Or text GFWCABG to 833-344-0228 and receive exclusive limited-time offers.



Volunteers in Action: La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club

After hearing that children in their city were having trouble adjusting to school after COVID, the La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club of California took action. Inspired by a good samaritan in the next town, they crochet "Backpack Buddies" for students. Partnering with local teachers, they gift them to students, hoping to spread smiles and add joy to the school day.

Members of the club crocheted the body of each little friend and brought them to a club meeting. The clubwomen then came together to finish assembling the Buddies. They added stuffing, eyes, mouths, and a hook to secure them to backpacks.

The La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club has completed over 150 Backpack Buddies for school students to enjoy.



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