



NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

August 3, 2023

Shot@Life Training – Be a Champion for Children



shot@life

GFWC members are encouraged to join Shot@Life, a campaign of the United Nations Foundation, to speak up for childhood immunization.

During this 45-minute remote training, you will learn about Shot@Life's work and the tools and tips for advocating the message to members of Congress and local community leaders about global immunization programs.

When: September 12
Time: 7 p.m. ET
Note: Registered Attendees will receive a link to view the training if unable to attend live.

Registration link:
https://unfoundation.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hw1_PMuKRkeA35ObNYdPpA

Join Shot@Life, a campaign of the United Nations Foundation, to speak up for childhood immunization. During this 45-minute training on Tuesday, September 12, at 7 p.m. ET you will learn about Shot@Life's work, tools, and tips for advocating to your members of Congress and your communities about global immunization programs.

By the end of the training, you will be an official Shot@Life Champion, ready to use your voice for the cause. You will also be eligible to join other Champions for the one-day, virtual *Mobilize to Immunize* Fall Summit on Friday, September 29, where you can dive deeper into the issues, learn from experts, and connect with fellow Champions nationwide.

REGISTER HERE

GFWC Welcomes New Staff Member Tiffany Green

Please extend a warm welcome to GFWC's new Office and

Membership Coordinator, Tiffany Green. She will be answering the main GFWC phone line, so give her a friendly hello the next time you call!



National Day of Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Living the Volunteer Spirit

www.GFWC.org

#GFWC23NDS

First International Affiliate Registers for NDS

GFWC Women's Club of Aruba is GFWC's first International Affiliate to register for the National Day of Service. The Women's Club of Aruba has been actively participating in GFWC events in recent years. Aruba members attended the 2015 Memphis Convention (TN), the 2016 Baltimore Convention (MD), and the 2017 Palm Desert Convention (CA). The club sent a candidate to the LEADS Workshop in Palm Desert. They celebrated their 85th Anniversary in September of 2019 with Past International President Mary Ellen Brock in attendance.

The Women's Club of Aruba is "committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of volunteers."

The NDS Press Kit will become available in the digital library on the GFWC Member Portal on Monday, August 7.

My Digital Library > Resources > N > NDS Presskit

You can find helpful planning resources in the NDS Toolkit, located in the Digital Library - *My Digital Library > Resources > N > NDS Toolkit*

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



South Carolina State President's Project Elder Abuse/Neglect and Awareness

By: Dr. Norma England, GFWC South Carolina State President

The Pineapple was chosen as the symbol for GFWC-South Carolina's 2022-2024 administration. Not because the pineapple is a symbol of hospitality or a delicious fruit, but because members were encouraged to "*Stand Tall, Wear a Crown, Be Tough on the Outside, & Sweet Inside,*" like a pineapple!

This South Carolina President's Special Project is Elder Abuse/Neglect and Awareness. Elder Abuse is defined as the physical, sexual, or psychological abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of an adult aged 50 years or older. Elderly survivors may not seek help or call the police due to shame or embarrassment. It is estimated that elders throughout the U.S. lose a minimum of \$2.9 billion annually due to elder financial abuse and exploitation. South Carolina clubwomen have offered support, comfort, and encouragement to elderly populations and their caregivers. Clubs donated chairs to a senior facility for low-income women, decorated nursing facilities for holidays, and sponsored bingo/other games and entertainment at senior facilities. Clubs worked to educate communities about Elder Abuse/Neglect. Clubs sponsored proclamations for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15) and distributed information at local events.

Promoting **Project Lifesaver** was part of the special project. [Project Lifesaver](#) provides high-tech tracking bracelets for vulnerable adults with the tendency to wander and training on how to serve vulnerable adults. Information on Project Life Saver was published in the June 2022 *South Carolina Clubwoman*. At our Winter Board Session, a speaker from a county Sheriff's Department discussed Elder Abuse issues and explained how Project Lifesaver operates. Many clubs had speakers from local municipalities discuss Project Lifesaver. Many clubs have donated money to purchase tracking bracelets and donated funds to help Project Lifesaver get started in their area.

SC Clubs are working to live a Pineapple Life!



Tapping Into the Future Collegiate/Post Secondary Age Clubs

By: Judy Gustafson, GFWC Membership Committee

Another academic year will soon be starting. Recent high school graduates will be filling the dorms of colleges and universities in many communities. Other students will be returning to continue their educational journey. These students are future volunteers and can impact your community by becoming GFWC members. Whether they join an active GFWC club in the area or start a new collegiate club, they can serve as leaders on campus and in the community by volunteering their service or raising funds to benefit local or world causes. Learning leadership skills and making life-long friendships are both possible by belonging to GFWC.

To develop a new collegiate club or add college members to your club, meet with school or site administrators/leaders to introduce GFWC as an organization that blends community service and leadership training. Ask if they are willing to be a host campus. As the host, local GFWC members can hold campus meetings, and students can be invited to learn more about community service through GFWC's various service programs and projects. Your club could host a volunteer project with students, such as improving public areas on campus, or provide nutrition and cooking classes.

Consider contacting the sororities on campus with similar philanthropy that aligns with GFWC. Working on grassroots projects together also brings the mission and vision of GFWC to these potential members.

GFWC offers diverse Special and Community Service Programs, but clubs determine their projects based on the community's needs. The possibilities are endless! Remember to tap into our future leaders by asking them to join us in helping to make local communities and the world a better place.

Many documents are available on the Member Portal (see below) to assist with starting new clubs.

My Digital Library > Resources > "M" > Membership Toolkit

My Digital Library > Resources > "B" > Writing Bylaws

Volunteers in Action: GFWC Alabama du Midi Woman's Club



The GFWC Alabama du Midi Woman's Club President's Project for 2022-2024 is "*The Flowers of Tomorrow are from the Seeds We Plant Today. Creating a Better Tomorrow for Our Special Friends.*" Our special friends are adults with special needs and disabilities residing in Huntsville/Madison County, Alabama. Four local organizations were chosen for their dedication, opportunities, and range of assistance provided to our special friends. The four organizations are: [ESG/Special Camps](#), [305 8th Street Community](#), [Next Step Farms](#), and [Inside Out Studio at Lowe Mill](#).

On April 25, 2023, du Midi members hosted a Garden Party Fashion Show and Silent Auction charity event to raise \$20,400 in funds to be shared among the four organizations. The day was filled with excitement as Miss Alabama 2022 was present to share her welcome and journey. Local icon, Liz Hurley, News Anchor at channel WAFF-TV in Huntsville, Alabama, was the Mistress of Ceremony. The event received an overwhelming response with more than 300 attendees, including our GFWC Alabama President and Federation sisters from across the state.

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



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