

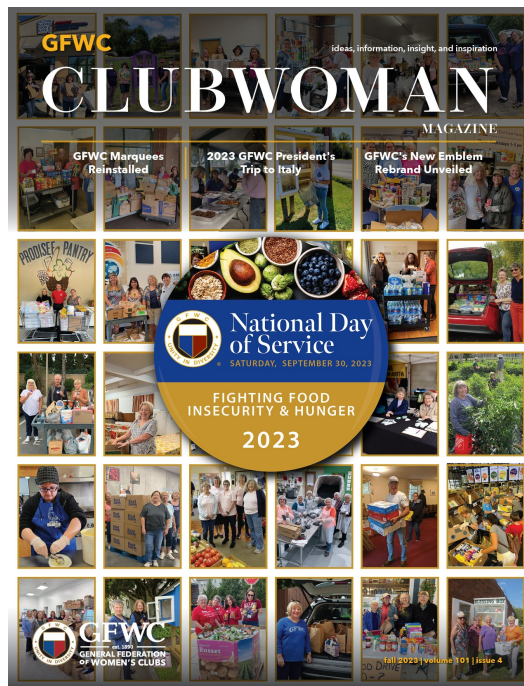


NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

November 2, 2023

2023 Fall Clubwoman Magazine Now Available



This issue of Clubwoman Magazine covers the great success of GFWC's first National Day of Service. A success that was only possible because of clubwomen like you!

Also featured:

- GFWC's updated rebrand, coming November 13
- The return of GFWC's iconic marquees after restoration
- 2023 GFWC President's trip to Italy
- Canine Companion named for GFWC International President

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Deb II joins the Canine Companions Pack



It is a tradition of Canine Companions to honor the International President for each administration by naming a new puppy selected for the Service Dog Training program after her. Canine Companions provides service dogs and ongoing support, entirely free of charge to clients. These service dogs help individuals with physical handicaps live independently.

Deb II hails from West Chicago in Illinois and arrived on August 25, 2023—making her a mere eight weeks old. She is projected to graduate from her training program in February 2025. After graduating from the program, Deb II will be assigned to a client as a certified service dog.

Hotel Reservations for Holiday Open House Close November 5

The last day to book accommodations at the Courtyard Marriott using the group rate for the Holiday Open House is this Sunday, November 5th.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1695398238068&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Cares & Concerns

It is with a heavy heart that we report Linda C Brawn, GFWC Maine State President (1990-1992), passed peacefully in October. Her obituary is available [here](#).



Illinois Director of Junior Clubs Project: There's No Place Like GFWC!

By: Patti Kuchar, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

The GFWC Illinois State President and I share the same theme, "There's No Place Like GFWC!" but we each have our own special emphasis. Illinois Junior Clubs supports the Children's Research Foundation (CRF). We have been supporting this wonderful foundation for over 35 years and have a GFWC CRF Junior Woman's Club to promote awareness and raise funds. We also support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Advocates for Children.

In Illinois, we have two chairmen for Advocates for Children/CRF. They have provided proclamations to be signed by the governor, local mayors, city officials, and clubs, then published them in area newspapers and other media communications.

These chairmen provided advertising and ideas to promote Advocate for Children's Week during October. At our state convention in April, the Junior Service Project was "Seats & Feet," in which we collected almost 1000 new pairs of children's underwear and socks. These were split and donated to two children's organizations: the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington and the Help for Hope of Coal City. Clubs in our state also support PCA, Prevention of Child Abuse-Illinois. Various club members serve on the board of PCA. Funds and raffle baskets are donated by clubs each year.

We worked hard on the GFWC National Day of Service, which was a big success in Illinois. We filled pickup truck beds for backpack programs and food pantries, donated pounds of garden produce, ingredients, and spices, and made lots of meals to be given away where needed.

As the host state, Illinois has been hard at work helping plan the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention to be held at the Chicago Hilton, June 28-July 1, 2024.



GFWC Clubs Embrace Friendsgiving

By: Alisa Estrada, GFWC Membership
Committee

The GFWC Woman's Club of Central Oregon celebrated its 20th anniversary by sponsoring a week of the local Chamber of Commerce's "Chamber Friday Coffee Clatters." The membership provided a wonderful spread of treats and donated coffee for breakfast. They introduced their club members and gave a history of accomplishments and volunteerism. Then, they announced the businesses and individuals attending the event and presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation for assisting and supporting the club in providing volunteer service to our community. The certificates were a pleasant surprise, well received, and exemplified the idea of "Friendsgiving."

The GFWC Circleville Junior Women's Club combined Friendsgiving with its 75th club anniversary. They had an ice cream social, which included a special cake made from their famous pumpkin cupcakes set up in the shape of the number 75. They advertised and shared on Facebook, mailed invitations, published an ad in the local newspaper, and handed out invites to friends and family.

Donating school supplies earned an opportunity to win \$25 gift cards from local businesses.

They had informational tri-folds on GFWC programs, displayed sample projects the club has completed with a member nearby to help explain and promote the projects. The event had a photo board from their 50th anniversary and shared information on the club's founding member/first president. Another display had their state awards, proclamations & congratulations from the State of Ohio Legislature, the County Commissioners, and congratulations from the GFWC International President.

All guests received a club pen, a logo potholder, and a bag. The club gained a couple new members with more interested in joining.

Thank you to all the clubs who have participated and embraced "Friendsgiving," and good luck to all who have events planned. Remember to include statistics in your club's award entry for membership.

Volunteers in Action: GFWC Belvidere Woman's Club (NE)

The GFWC Belvidere Woman's Club



packed brown bags with cookies, peanuts, popcorn, apples, and water for their NDS project. Clubwomen distributed these bags to local farmers harvesting fields and workers at the grain elevator, showing their support for locally grown food during the fall harvest.

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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