



NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

August 24, 2023

2023 REGION CONFERENCES

- 1 AUGUST 24-27
GFWC Western States Region Conference
Redmond, Oregon
- 2 SEPTEMBER 14-17
GFWC Mississippi Valley Region Conference
Branson, Missouri
- 3 SEPTEMBER 21-24
GFWC New England Region Conference
Rocky Hill, Connecticut
- 4 SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 1
GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Conference
Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 5 OCTOBER 5-8
GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference
Noblesville, Indiana
- 6 OCTOBER 19-22
GFWC South Central Region Conference
Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 7 OCTOBER 26-29
GFWC Southern Region Conference
Biloxi, Mississippi
- 8 NOVEMBER 2-5
GFWC Southeastern Region Conference
Huntington, West Virginia

GFWC Region Conferences Start this Weekend!

This weekend is the beginning of the 2023 GFWC Region Conferences! We hope you all have a wonderful time celebrating the successes of the past year and cannot wait to hear the exciting things you have planned for the future. We wish all who are attending safe travels!

Marketplace Items Available

GFWC marketplace items will be available for purchase at Region Conferences.

Available Items: GFWC Pullovers (blue, pink, and red), GFWC Membership Pins, GFWC Travel Jewelry Cases, GFWC Flashlights, WHRC 40th Anniversary Totes



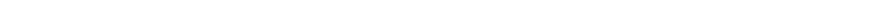
GFWC Pullovers



WHRC Tote Bag



GFWC Crossbody



Get your NDS Buttons today!

NDS 2023 Buttons are now available for pre-order in the GFWC Marketplace!

Buy these limited-edition buttons for your club to wear on the GFWC National Day of Service, September 30!

These buttons will identify you to your community as GFWC members and will show unity across the nation as we fight against food insecurity & hunger!



\$2 each, minimum order of 25
Buttons are 2.25in diameter with a pin back.

PREORDER NOW

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.



National Day of Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Living the Volunteer Spirit

www.GFWC.org

#GFWC23NDS

National Day of Service: An Important Recruitment Tool

Recruitment – the action of enlisting new people, the action of finding new people to join an organization or support a cause.

Recruitment is vital for healthy clubs. New members bring new ideas and talents to clubs. Clubs sometimes find it difficult to fill leadership roles with members who have not already held officer positions or have trouble finding leaders for new projects. New members proactively help clubs prevent member burnout and grow the reach of clubs to new groups of people.

NDS is a terrific way to introduce your club to new people. Invite different groups to work with your club on September 30. Not only will they be doing a tremendous service battling food insecurity in your community, but they will also experience the fellowship and friendship within GFWC clubs that make them so special. Have each club member commit to bringing one new person with them on September 30 and let's watch the membership numbers jump in 2024!

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Texas State President's Project:

**“Protecting the
Pollinators” It’s What
All the Buzz is
About!!!**

By: Billie Williams, GFWC Texas
State President

As you can see, I'm all about the Pollinators! As state president for this term and a hobbyist beekeeper, I work at spreading the message about how important pollinators are at every opportunity.

My district presidents are known as “Billie’s Busy Bees” and they are as busy as their counterparts in nature throughout this term. I refer to our hardworking Executive Committee as “The BEE Team”, so as you can probably tell, we work the theme and keep the Texas GFWC BEEs Buzzing.

The plight of bees in nature and all pollinators, is one which we should be paying particular attention to. Science has warned that if the bees and other pollinators are not cared for and nurtured, then humanity and life as we know it would cease to exist within approximately 3 years.

During this administration I am encouraging clubwomen across the state and beyond to do some of the following to help alleviate the stress being felt by our pollinating partners.

1. Plant native flowers.
2. Pesticides - reduce the use.
3. Procure locally sourced honey.
4. Partner with a local school to plant seeds and grow vegetables.
5. Protect ‘Pollinator Friendly’ habitat
6. Purchase Beehives through Heifer International

It is my goal to have 125 Beehives purchased through Heifer International during my term as state president. Why exactly 125

you ask... 125 beehives to reflect Texas' 125th Anniversary as a member of GFWC.

Thank you and keep buzzing.

Volunteers in Action: GFWC Bitterroot Woman's Club (MT)



The GFWC Bitterroot Woman's Club members hosted a diaper, pull-ups, and baby wipes giveaway on June 6th in Hamilton, Montana.

After the event, all the items were delivered to local food pantries throughout the Bitterroot Valley. Delivering to the Haven House, Calvary Chapel Food Bank, Darby Bread Box, and the House of Praise Food Pantry made it possible for community members to pick up the much needed supplies in a town near their home.

They gave away 6000+ diapers and pull-ups along with 175 packages of wipes! So many members of their community will benefit from this donation which was made in part by a grant from The Power of Change Program, Ravalli Electric Co-op, along with Safeway and Albertsons in Hamilton.

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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