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February 29, 2024

Join us for our Annual Women's History Month Celebration

**2024 GFWC Women's History
Month Celebration**

Federation Fashion: an exhibition of GFWC International Past President gowns
GFWC History in Fifteen Objects: Presented by WHRC Librarian Joanna Church.
Special presentation by Jude Maboné Miss District of Columbia 2023

March 6, 2024
2:00–4:00 PM

GFWC Headquarters
1734 N ST NW, Washington, DC 20036

We hope you will join us next Wednesday to celebrate Women's History Month. With presentations from Miss District of Columbia 2023 and Joanna Church, WHRC Librarian, it's one you won't want to miss!



Bridget Murphy and Irene Stamper of GFWC Kentucky were recognized as Shot@Life Dynamic Duo

2024 Shot@Life Summit

February 26 to 28, 2024, GFWC members attended Shot@Life's Champion Summit in Washington, DC. Nine GFWC members spent a day on the Hill advocating to ensure everyone worldwide has access to vaccines and all children have a shot at a healthy life. GFWC Clubwomen Bridget Murphy and Irene Stamper of GFWC Kentucky were recognized as Shot@Life Dynamic Duo! On Tuesday evening, International President Deb Strahanoski welcomed the Champions to GFWC Headquarters and held a reception to celebrate their participation in the Summit.



2024 GFWC Annual Convention Registration Opens Next Week!

“Sweet Home Chicago”

By: Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Convention and Meetings Chairman

Registration for the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention will open in early March through Eventsquid. The Official Call to Convention will be **online only**. The CALL and registration information will not be included in the *Spring GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*. Members will receive convention registration information **in next Thursday's News & Notes**. Doing it online only allows for regular additions and updates as the convention details are finalized. Be sure to check the “allow notifications” button during the registration process so as not to miss any convention updates. Updates and notifications are sent via text to your cell phone.

Illinois is ready and waiting for you, particularly the Hilton Chicago on Michigan Avenue, commonly known as the “Magnificent Mile.” This hotel is no stranger to GFWC as Illinois has hosted five previous GFWC conventions, four of which were held in this same building under different names... if only those walls could talk! Located just 12 miles from Midway and 18 miles from O’Hare International Airport, the hotel can be reached by taxi, Uber, or CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) on direct Metra lines that will drop you off about half a mile from the hotel.

For those choosing to drive to Chicago, self-parking is available at the hotel.

Complete travel details are included in the CALL. Make your hotel reservations using the [GFWC room block link](#). As of today, we have almost 300 rooms already booked (60% sold out), so don’t delay.

You will have two opportunities to experience the **Chicago River Architectural Boat Tour** on either Thursday, June 27th or Friday, June 28th. The tour will include lunch on the boat and the fascinating history of the beautiful skyline narrated by a Chicago Historical Society Docent. After we dock, you will have the chance to experience and explore Navy Pier: shopping, exhibits, authentic Chicago foods, ride the 15-story Ferris Wheel, or just relax and catch your breath while enjoying the beauty of Lake Michigan. There is no lack of things to do in your free time before convention starts, so be sure to check out the most popular options described within the “Chicago on Your Own” pages.

We have two discounted meal packages for you to choose from: one without and one with the Installation Banquet & Celebration. Both packages include: ESO breakfast, three luncheons (Saturday, Sunday, Monday), and three banquets (State Night, Region, and Gala)

Register as soon as possible and make your plans to join us in the ‘Windy City’ from June 28th through July 1st. Bring your **Sparkling Enthusiasm** as we will be **Shining Bright** to applaud the many successes of this administration. Individually, collectively, and through the hard work and dedication of your International President, Deb Strahanoski, and the Executive Committee. Let’s celebrate the advancements in our communities and at our enchanting headquarters. It’s been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Conventions & Meetings Chairman.

I am thrilled to welcome you to **“Sweet Home Chicago,”** where we will close out this administration by celebrating the success of **“A Million Dreams.”**

GFWC Annual Convention Fundraiser – Windy City Raffle

By: Jeanette T. Wells, GFWC Fundraising Chairman

I am excited the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention is in my home state, Illinois, and the Illinois clubwomen will welcome you with open arms!

There are some fun changes to the Windy City Raffle at the GFWC Annual Convention this year. We will have more high-value raffle items, including but not limited to gift card packages, overnight stays, jewelry, electronics, and more! Donating items for the Windy City Raffle is a fun way to showcase YOU, the member, or to show off your state’s specialties. Be creative! Convention

attendees will be traveling, so lightweight, easy-to-pack items are appreciated. The Fundraising Committee may combine smaller donated items with other donations to make a raffle package more appealing.

You can purchase your tickets in advance through the Registration Portal, or the Fundraising Committee will also have tickets for sale at Windy City Raffle tables during Convention.

Whether you are a seasoned attendee or a first-timer, the Windy City Raffle adds an extra layer of excitement to the Annual Convention. You can locate the Windy City Raffle Form on the Annual Convention Website to donate. Looking forward to seeing you in Sweet Home Chicago!



Welcome Kynnedi Taylor-Henry to the GFWC Staff

We are thrilled to welcome Kynnedi Taylor-Henry as the new GFWC Programs and Public Policy Specialist. Kynnedi will work with our affiliate organizations, chairmen, and legislators to help advance the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Make sure to give her a friendly hello as she settles into her new role!

Cares & Concerns

GFWC is sad to report the passing of Peggy Peacock Johnson who was North Carolina Director of Junior Clubs from 1988-1990. Peggy passed after a battle with cancer. Her obituary is available [here](#).

If you would like to send a card to her family:
Mr. Larry Johnson (Peggy's husband)
1606 Lakeside Drive

We are also saddened to share the passing of Ivous Sisk, GFWC Southern Region President 1996-1998 & GFWC Mississippi State President 1986-1988. Ivous was a GFWC member for over 50 years, most recently belonging to GFWC Alabama. View her full obituary [here](#).

Legislation/ Public Policy Club Connection Initiative

By: Juliet Casper, GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman

During the 2022-2024 Administration, GFWC members, clubs, and states have been challenged to complete the Legislation/Public Policy Scavenger Hunt. The deadline for submitting the form to Committee Chairman Juliet Casper (jcasper9200@gmail.com) is May 1, 2024, and can include activities done by that date. Members, clubs, and states scoring the highest points will be recognized as Legislative Superstars at the 2024 GFWC Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

Here's two inspiring photos of a members completing an item on the Scavenger Hunt. Hope Hockaday, GFWC-NC Director of Junior Clubs, is pictured with North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall. She is wearing her GFWC name tag, which gives her bonus points. The second photo features GFWC Treasurer Becky Wright and GFWC Second Vice President Jolie Frankfurth in front of the Mississippi Capitol Building in Jackson, Mississippi. They get bonus points for wearing GFWC attire.



Special Hotel Room Rate for WHRC Anniversary Celebration, May 1, 2024

Book your room at the Courtyard by Marriott, directly across the street from GFWC Headquarters.

Rates are available Tuesday, April 30 – Friday, May 3. Bookings close Tuesday, April 16.

Please join us at a special reception to celebrate the Ruby Anniversary of the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC). This event will feature tours of our historic Headquarters (including the WHRC Archives and Library), as well as exhibits highlighting favorites from the WHRC collection.

[Book Group Rate Room](#)

Club Anniversaries

25
GFWC First Coast Woman's Club (Florida)

40
GFWC Seneca Woodlands (West Virginia)

50

100
GFWC Canton Valley Woman's Club (Montana)
GFWC Plains Woman's Club (Montana)
GFWC Woman's Club of Harrisville (West Virginia)
GFWC McDowell Woman's Club (West Virginia)
GFWC Woman's Club of South Charleston (West Virginia)
GFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club (Florida)

GFWC Capitol Woman's Club (West Virginia)
GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club (Florida)
GFWC Continental Club of the Garden District (New Jersey)
GFWC Princeton Area Woman's Club (New Jersey)
GFWC West Deptford Junior Women's Club (New Jersey)

55
GFWC Woman's Club of Omar (West Virginia)

60
GFWC Jupiter-Tequesta Junior Woman's Club (Florida)
GFWC Woman's Club of Colts Neck (New Jersey)
GFWC Stafford Township Woman's Club (New Jersey)

65
GFWC Valley Woman's Club (West Virginia)

70
GFWC Woman's Club of Cross Lanes (West Virginia)
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Palatka (Florida)
GFWC Woman's Club Parsippany-Troy Hills (New Jersey)
GFWC West Essex Woman's Club (New Jersey)

75
GFWC Cheyenne Sorosis Club (Oklahoma)
GFWC Woman's Club of Ste Genevieve (Missouri)
Crawfordville Woman's Club (Florida)
GFWC Naples Woman's Club (Florida)
GFWC Roseland Junior Woman's Club (New Jersey)
GFWC Sparta Woman's Club (New Jersey)

85
GFWC Woman's Club of Dunbar (West Virginia)

90
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights (New Jersey)

95
GFWC Woman's Club of Elizabeth (West Virginia)

GFWC Woman's Club of Delray Beach (Florida)
GFWC Hollywood Woman's Club (Florida)
GFWC Rahway Woman's Club (New Jersey)

105
GFWC Inter Se Club of Hugo (Oklahoma)
GFWC Owl Study Club of Duncan (Oklahoma)
GFWC Philomathic Club of Duncan (Oklahoma)
GFWC Waurika Sorosis Club (Oklahoma)
GFWC Marianna Woman's Club (Florida)
GFWC Ruskin Woman's Club (Florida)

110
GFWC Woman's Club of Elkins (West Virginia)
GFWC Woman's Club of Wheeling (West Virginia)
GFWC Auburndale Woman's Club (Florida)
GFWC Bradenton Woman's Club (Florida)
GFWC Woman's Club of Clearwater (Florida)
GFWC Woman's Club of Homestead (Florida)
GFWC Lake Butler Woman's Club (Florida)
GFWC Woman's Club of Lake Worth (Florida)
GFWC Melbourne Woman's Club (Florida)
GFWC Milton Woman's Club (Florida)
GFWC Southside Woman's Club of Jacksonville (Florida)
GFWC Woman's Club of Starke (Florida)
GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart (Florida)
GFWC Woman's Club of Winter Haven (Florida)
GFWC Woman's Club of Red Bank (New Jersey)

115
GFWC La-Kee-Kon Club of Nowata (Oklahoma)
GFWC Woman's Club of Ocala (Florida)
GFWC Philaco Woman's Club of Appalachicola (Florida)
GFWC Woman's Club of Hammonton (New Jersey)
GFWC Millville Woman's Club (New Jersey)

120
Pierian Club of Lampasas (Texas)
GFWC The Fortnightly Club (Oklahoma)
GFWC McAlester Fortnightly Club (Oklahoma)
GFWC Park City Athenaeum Club (Utah)
Woman's Club of Live Oak (Florida)

125
GFWC Philomathic Club of Anadarko (Oklahoma)
GFWC Woman's Club of Kankakee (Illinois)
GFWC Floral Park Woman's Club (New York)

130
Village Improvement Association Orange City Woman's Club (Florida)

Gold Pins

Celebrating 50 years of membership

Alyce Whieldon
GFWC Ebell Club of Anaheim (California)

Ann Landis
GFWC of Holden Beach (North Carolina)

Ann Thornburg
GFWC Woman's Club of Huntington (West Virginia)

Barbara Roberts
GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club (Virginia)

Bernadette Reckart
GFWC Romney Woman's Club (West Virginia)

Betty Briner
GFWC Durham Woman's Club (North

Judy Gough
GFWC Haviland Woman's Club (Virginia)

Lawanna Goodman
GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club (Georgia)

Lilleba Peterson
Newtown Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc. (Connecticut)

Linda Foutch
GFWC Ladies' Reading Circle (Tennessee)

Lynda Wyatt
GFWC Woman's Club of Huntington West (Virginia)

Marilee Lewis
GFWC Woman's Club of Huntington West

Carolina)

Betty Paravato
GFWC Woodland Hills Woman's Club
(California)

Carol Warfel
GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club (Virginia)

Carolyn Young
GFWC Covington Woman's Club (Virginia)

Debbie Roberts
GFWC Woman's Club of Hamlin (West
Virginia)
Dorothy Wahlers
GFWC Edenton Woman's Club
(North Carolina)

Dottie Brown
GFWC Tustin Area Women's Club (California)

Eileen Patterson
GFWC Victor Valley Women's Club (California)

Emma Jean Wise
GFWC Weyers Cave Woman's Club (Virginia)

Gloria Powell
GFWC Tustin Area Women's Club (California)

Helen Stead
GFWC of Holden Beach (North Carolina)

Irene Iverson
GFWC Ebell Club of Irvine (California)

Jean Huntsman
GFWC Ladies' Reading Circle (Tennessee)

Jeanette Acosta
GFWC South San Francisco Women's Club
(California)

Jeanne Siegel
GFWC Tustin Area Women's Club (California)

Judi Stankowich
GFWC of Holden Beach (North Carolina)

(Virginia)

Mary Magill
GFWC Cedar Rapids 5 Seasons Women's
Association (Iowa)

Mary Sprague
GFWC Ebell Club of Fullerton (California)

Mary Tournour
GFWC East Brunswick Woman's Club
(New Jersey)

Mitzi Magill
GFWC Woman's Club of Orange (California)

Nancy Barna
GFWC Capitol Woman's Club (West Virginia)

Paula Camp
GFWC Sedgefield Woman's Club
(North Carolina)

Phyllis Farley
GFWC Sandy Springs District Woman's Club
(West Virginia)

Phyllis Glazer
GFWC Woman's Club of South Charleston
(West Virginia)

Polly Russ
GFWC South Brunswick Islands
(North Carolina)

Rowena Smith
GFWC Ladies' Reading Circle (Tennessee)

Sue Miller
GFWC Sedgefield Woman's Club
(North Carolina)

Terri Diamond
GFWC Woman's Club of Omar
(West Virginia)

Toby Kahan
GFWC Federated East Valley Woman's Club
(California)

Jubilee Pins

Celebrating 75 years of GFWC Membership

Mildred McCabe
GFWC Covington Woman's Club (Virginia)



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

Volunteers in Action: GFWC Glendale Woman's Club (AZ)

GFWC Glendale Woman's Club accepted the offer of a free booth at the Witcrafted Ostara Marketplace in February 2024 to raise funds for Glendale, Arizona's [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#). They decorated the booth with a Mardi Gras theme, using a pink tinsel tree with "sponsor a child" tags, and brought plenty of the World's Finest Chocolate fundraising bars to encourage donations. Another great day in the neighborhood: clubwomen educated the public about GFWC community service programs and collected enough donations to sponsor 12 children in the Imagination Library's monthly book gifting program for an entire year!



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