



# NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

September 28, 2023



## National Day of Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

*Living the Volunteer Spirit*

[www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org)

#GFWC23NDS

**GFWC's Inaugural National Day of Service is THIS SATURDAY**

**GFWC Staff is Set to Volunteer at DC Central Kitchen on September 30**

In support of GFWC's Inaugural National Day of Service, GFWC Staff

will be battling food insecurity by doing food prep at [DC Central Kitchen](#) (DCK). DCK combats hunger and poverty through job training and job creation by providing hands-on culinary training for individuals facing barriers to employment. They create living wage jobs and bring nutritious, dignified food to those who most need it. DCK serves scratch-cooked-farm-to-school meals in DC schools, delivers fresh, affordable produce to corner stores in neighborhoods without supermarkets, and operates fast-casual cafes throughout DC where many newly trained food workers hone food preparation skills.

## 2023 NDS Impact Reporting Form

The 2023 NDS Impact Reporting Form is now available. The form was sent directly to those clubs, districts, regions, and state federations who have registered. Please complete this form after September 30 and return it to Melanie Gisler, [mgisler@gfwc.org](mailto:mgisler@gfwc.org). The deadline to return this form is [October 31, 2023](#).

The form is fillable, which means you can type directly on the reporting form. Once you complete filling in your information, SAVE your form on your computer hard drive. Name it with a reference to your club, district, region, or state federation name. For example, if your club's name is GFWC Mosaic Woman's Club, save it as, NDS Mosaic WC 2023. Then attach it to an email and send to [mgisler@gfwc.org](mailto:mgisler@gfwc.org).

You may also print and fill in the 2023 NDS Impact Reporting Form. The form must be postmarked by [October 31, 2023](#), to be included in the 2023 NDS statistics. Mail the 2023 NDS Impact Reporting Form to:

Melanie Gisler  
NDS Report  
GFWC  
1734 N ST NW  
Washington, DC 20036

The 2023 NDS Impact Reporting Form is available in the Digital Library.  
[My Digital Library > Resources > N > NDS Impact Reporting Form](#)

*The information your club reports on this form is for GFWC National. How your club reports this information to your state federation is up to your club.*

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## New WHRC Merchandise Available

If you were at our Convention this past June, or the Board of Directors meeting earlier this month, you may have seen the new WHRC embroidered work tote featuring our special 40th anniversary "Est. 1984" graphic. The first order sold out before Convention ended, but happily, it has been reordered and is available at Region Conferences and will be available on the Marketplace after their conclusion. With a zipper closure and four pockets, it's perfect for carrying your papers, a small laptop, or even supplies for a weekend

away.



New for Fall is the WHRC enamel pin (with a magnetized back), featuring the same “Est. 1984” graphic in full color. There are limited quantities, so get yours now and show your GFWC history pride!



[Shop WHRC Anniversary Merch](#)

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## 1734 Marquee Reinstalled

It was a very exciting week on N Street as the iron marquee of 1734 was lifted back into place after extensive restoration. With support from the Annual Giving Campaign, repairs have been made to correct rust and safety concerns on the ironworks gracing all three buildings at GFWC Headquarters. Stay tuned for updates on the many improvements being made to our historic home!



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## Holiday Open House Hotel Booking

If you are planning to attend the GFWC Holiday Open House and need hotel accommodation, please book using this link.

[Book using group rate.](#)

The Courtyard Marriott hotel is located directly across the street from GFWC Headquarters.

Please contact Events Coordinator, Nishu Raina, by **November 20** if you are bringing a group to the Holiday Open House.

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**GFWC WEST VIRGINIA**  
**H.E.R.O.E.S.**  
**2022 • 2024**

## West Virginia State President's Project: H.E.R.O.E.S

By: Cathy Jo Bryant, GFWC West Virginia State President

Today we hear the word hero quite often. What describes a hero? A true hero? The men and women who have fought and continue to fight in our armed forces are heroes. They leave a legacy that faith, family, country, and freedom are worth fighting for and sometimes dying for. True heroes like the Doolittle Raiders, a group of eighty volunteers who flew into history on April 18, 1942. Or the thousands of Allied forces who landed on the beaches of Normandy on the morning of June 6, 1944. The Korean War veterans who served in the war known as the Forgotten War. The Vietnam War veterans who came home to face scorn from an ungrateful America. The men and women who flooded the recruiting offices to enlist following the 9/11 attacks. The parents, spouses, and children who spend many days awaiting their loved one's return. These are the faces of heroism and sacrifice.

During the 2022-2024 administration, GFWC West Virginia is honoring and serving our veterans through the State's President's special project. The project logo, H.E.R.O.E.S, spells out our commitment to our Veterans. We will **Honor** those that have served and are serving; **Educate** our generation and future generations about service, volunteerism, and sacrifice; **Respect** our veterans and promote respect within our communities; **Opportunities** for our clubs to help veterans and opportunities for our veterans; **Empower** our veterans and our communities to develop veteran's programs; and **Serve** our Heroes.

GFWC West Virginia has collected Kroger and Walmart gift cards for the Hershel "Woody" Williams Fisher House in Huntington, collected toiletries and needed items for area Veterans Administration Hospitals and nursing homes, made monetary donations to veterans' facilities, sent many greeting cards to veterans throughout the state and participated in Wreaths Across America Day. In addition to these statewide projects, clubs have participated in their own projects and programs honoring and serving our HEROES.

Any day is a good day to serve and say THANK YOU to our nation's HEROES!



## Legislative Corner

By: Juliet Casper, GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman

*To encourage participation in the democratic process, this monthly column aims to inform members about current legislation and programs that are germane to the GFWC Resolutions. It also highlights important actions of Congress and the White House, and provides follow-up information about GFWC Legislative Action Alerts.*

Food Insecurity: The GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Committee is urging each clubwoman to join the GFWC Legislative Action Center and take action on the alert to increase funding for Meals on Wheels and reauthorize nutrition programs in the Farm Bill. [View Alert](#). This alert was sent to those registered for the Legislative Action Center on Monday. We hope all clubwomen will take action!

Hunger and malnutrition are not easy problems to solve, and families face challenges around housing, inflation, lack of transportation,

health care, and availability of nutritious food in both urban and rural food deserts. Let your National Day of Service project spark a more comprehensive advocacy campaign to address your community's root causes of food insecurity. Ask food drive donors and recipients of food collected to use their voices to support this important legislation.

Federal Appropriations: It appears likely that Congress will not reach an agreement to fund federal programs by September 30, 2023, the end of the federal fiscal year. A government shutdown affects federal programs, services, and employees differently. For example, Social Security payments will continue, but the State Department cannot issue passports. National parks will be closed. In prior shutdowns, border protection, in-hospital medical care, air traffic control, law enforcement, and power grid maintenance have been among the services classified as essential, but employees will work without pay until Congress approves the appropriations for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2023.

STOP Online Child Sexual Exploitation: Bills are being readied for floor action in the House of Representatives and the Senate to combat online child sexual abuse. GFWC recently cosigned a coalition letter urging Senate leaders to bring a package of 5 bills to the floor. [View Letter](#). Look for a GFWC Legislative Alert in mid-October that is timed to assist with the advocacy efforts coordinated by the National Center on Sexual Exploitation.

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## Gold Pins

Celebrating 50 years of GFWC Membership

Maggie Gardner  
GFWC Clayton Woman's Club  
(California)

Janet Fritzingler  
GFWC Howells Woman's Club  
(Nebraska)

Boots Adams  
GFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club  
(Kentucky)

Carol Elbracht  
GFWC Howells Woman's Club  
(Nebraska)

Mabel Brown  
GFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club  
(Kentucky)

Ellen Cook  
GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club  
(Pennsylvania)

Earlene Nelson  
GFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club  
(Kentucky)

Beverley Staman  
GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club  
(Pennsylvania)

Elizabeth Ramey  
GFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club  
(Kentucky)

Margie Dumas  
GFWC Yorktown Woman's Club  
(Virginia)

## Club Anniversaries

75  
GFWC New Milford Woman's Club  
(New Jersey)

125  
Tuesday Club of Columbia  
(Missouri)



## PRESIDENT'S GEM



### GFWC Austintown Junior Women's League (OH)



The GFWC Ohio Austintown Junior Women's League (AJWL) recently completed an Environment and Recycling project. For over a year, clubwomen collected more than 100 pounds of bottle caps and plastic lids. These plastic products were repurposed into a bench with the club's name printed on it. The bench was then placed at the AJWL Butterfly and Pollinator Garden at their local park.

Submit photos and a short story about the awesome things YOUR club is doing in the community to [PR@gfwc.org](mailto:PR@gfwc.org).



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