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**2024 GFWC Annual
Convention:
[Register Now](#)**

Early Bird Deadline: Monday, April 15

[Register for Convention](#) by the April 15 Early Bird deadline to enjoy savings. Tours are filling fast, so sign up before you miss the opportunity. View the [Convention Agenda Page](#) for the preliminary schedule, available as a [printable PDF](#) or as an interactive calendar.

Here are some things you can do in April to prepare for your trip to Chicago.

1. Donate Raffle Prizes
 - a. We've added a door prize to the Big Easy Raffle; every Convention raffle prize purchased will include a ticket to win a gift card display door prize. We've therefore extended the raffle prize donation

deadline until May 10 to allow for more gift card donations—and other prizes!

- b. Support the Windy City Raffle by submitting the [Raffle Donation Agreement](#) form by May 10.
2. Book Your Hotel Room
3. Buy Your Airline Tickets
4. Check the Dress Code for various events
5. Read the FAQs page to answer all your questions; if you still have questions, reach out to GFWC Events Manager – Nishu Raina

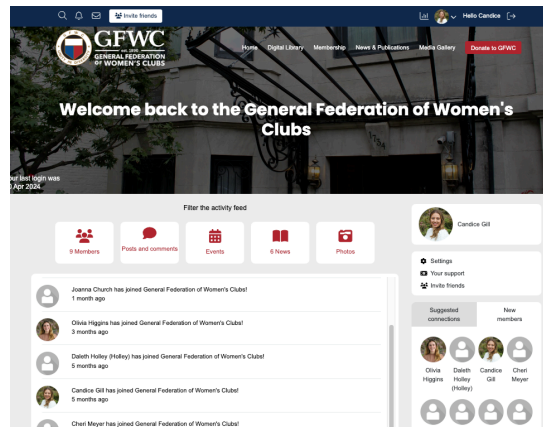
The Importance of Voting

By: Carol Habgood, GFWC Elections Committee Chairman

We're in the homestretch leading to the GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago. Excitement is in the air. This is an election year when we elect GFWC officers for the 2024-2026 Administration. Voting is one of the hallmarks of a democracy. Three reasons why you should vote: 1. Every vote matters. 2. It's your right. Not voting is giving up your voice. 3. GFWC depends on you. It is so important for every delegate to vote.

Eligible voting delegates must claim election credentials by 6:00 p.m. the day before the election (Saturday, June 29) from the Credentials Committee, located at the registration desk. We will meet the candidates at the June 29 Saturday afternoon business session. The polls will be open on Sunday, June 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Put on your sparkle, come to Chicago, and exercise your right to vote. You'll be glad you did.

The New GFWC Member Portal: Launching NEXT WEEK



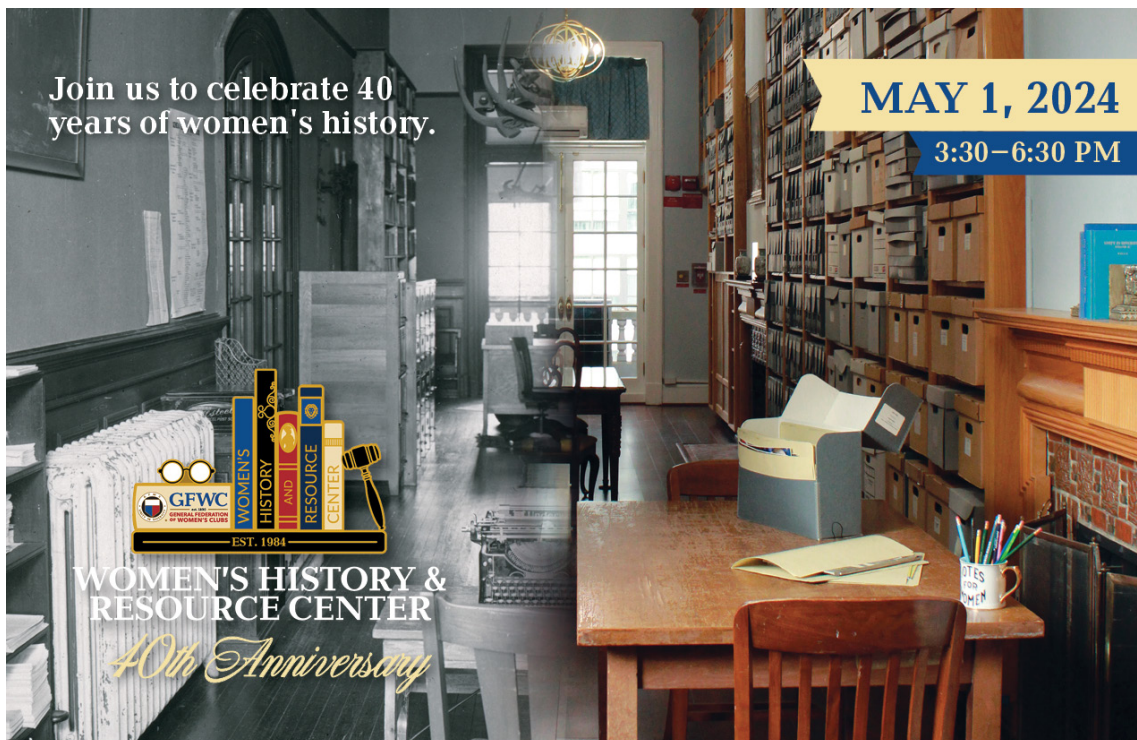
We are so excited to bring you a new way to connect to GFWC! GFWC will be transferring to a new member portal next week. This new, user-friendly platform will help you access important GFWC documents and connect with fellow clubwomen.

Your current account information will be transferred to the new platform. All users will need to complete a one-time registration using their existing email on the new portal.

You can download files from the Digital Library, view photo galleries, make donations, search for registered members, send direct messages, and much more!

It can take 2-3 business days for GFWC staff to approve your profile. We thank you for your patience, as we expect to experience a high volume of requests at the beginning of this transition.

We will send out a special announcement to your email next week with the link to access this new platform.



Women's History and Resource Center 40th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm

IN-PERSON EVENT at General Federation of Women's Clubs Headquarters -
1734 N Street, NW – Washington, DC 20036

Please join us at a special reception to celebrate the Ruby Anniversary of the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC). Founded on May 1, 1984, the WHRC has spent forty years preserving the history of GFWC clubwomen and ensuring that this legacy of community service is accessible to all. Help us commemorate this important milestone as we look forward to the next forty years!

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.

Light refreshments will be served.

Music by Kristen Jepperson, Harpist.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Booking Closes **This Tuesday** for WHRC Anniversary Celebration Special Hotel Room Rate

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.**

[Book Group Rate Room](#)

Don't be afraid to **LEAD!**

By: Candi Aubin, GFWC Leadership Committee

Are you afraid to be the Leader? In this fast-paced, ever-changing life, the role of a leader has become more crucial than ever before. Being in a leadership role can be overwhelming and scary, as it often requires individuals to navigate uncertainty, make tough decisions, and inspire others. Despite the challenges, it's essential not to let fear hold you back from embracing leadership. Instead, consider it an opportunity to

LEAD—Listen, Empower, Adapt, and Deliver.

- **Listen**—Listening is the key to effective leadership. It involves actively seeking out the perspectives and concerns of those around you. By genuinely listening, you can gain valuable insights, build trust, and communicate openly within your organization.
- **Empowerment**—goes hand in hand with listening. As a leader, empowering others involves giving them the tools, resources, and support they need to succeed. Providing opportunities for responsibilities or offering encouragement and recognition can encourage personal growth. Leaders cultivate a sense of ownership and accountability for success by empowering others.
- **Adaptability**—is another essential trait for effective leadership. In today's fast-paced world, change is inevitable, and leaders must be willing to adapt their plans and approach accordingly. By embracing adaptability,

leaders can confidently navigate uncertainty, turning challenges into opportunities for growth and innovation.

- **Deliver**—delivering results is the ultimate measure of leadership effectiveness. Whether meeting targets, driving growth, or creating positive change, leaders must produce results that align with their vision and goals. Leaders can inspire confidence and drive success even in the most uncertain times by staying focused on outcomes and holding themselves and their teams accountable.

So, do not be afraid to LEAD. Instead, embrace the opportunity to make a positive impact with confidence. You never know; you may like it.

Don't let your fear paralyze you. The scariest paths often lead to the most exciting places." ~Lori Deschene founded Tiny Buddha, a self-help site that draws inspiration from thousands of contributors who share their stories and life lessons.

Volunteers in Action: GFWC Woman's Club of Tarpon Springs (FL)



GFWC Woman's Club of Tarpon Springs (FL) made 16 bears and 13 blankets for delivery to the GFWC Florida State Convention in Orlando this weekend. The

items were made for GFWC Florida State President Linda O'Toole's President's Project. The donations will be given to Camp Boggy Creek.

Camp Boggy Creek makes it possible for children with serious illnesses and their families to experience a free, life-changing camp where safety, respect, love, and joy come together to enrich their physical and behavioral health. Upon arrival, each camper receives a unique bear and blanket for comfort while they are away from home.

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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