Dear fellow members,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you from my first week in Washington, DC, filled with excitement and a sense of deep honor as I assume the role of the 55th GFWC International President.

Service and personal development have been central to our mission for 134 years. Through these, lies the concept of the “circle of influence” – a dynamic sphere within which our actions radiate outward, touching lives and effecting change. Within this circle, as symbolized on our emblem, we find our power to transform, uplift, and inspire. As members of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, each of us occupies a unique position within this circle, endowed with the capacity to enact meaningful change and to leave an indelible mark upon the world.

As we embark on this new chapter, hold fast to the values that define GFWC—camaraderie, collaboration, and a commitment to transforming lives through volunteerism. Our potential for progress is limitless when we unite and advocate clearly with one voice. Let's be bold as we reimagine all that GFWC can become.

Educate, Engage, Empower: Living the Volunteer Spirit,
GFWC International President Attends Congressional Breakfast to Celebrate Progress of the National Coast Guard Museum

GFWC International President Suellen B. Brazil attended a congressional breakfast on Capitol Hill to celebrate the progress being made on the National Coast Guard Museum, of which GFWC is a proud supporter.

This annual breakfast is for industry, congressional, business, and association leaders. Earlier this year, GFWC facilitated a webinar for the National Coast Guard Museum to generate support and funding for its construction. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) is the only military branch that does not have a museum to honor its service members' contributions.
Those in attendance included the Connecticut Congressional Delegation (Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Murphy and Reps. Rosa DeLauro of District 3 and Joe Courtney of District 2); Board Chair Susan Curtin of the National Coast Guard Museum Association; former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater; Admiral Linda Fagan, USCG Commandant; President Wes Pulver of the National Coast Guard Museum Association; and staff.

All members of Congress provided remarks on the importance of the National Coast Guard Museum's existence and its role in preserving USCG's contributions and inspiring future generations. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT-03) provided closing remarks saying the project is "okay, in the House Appropriations Bill," much to everyone's delight.

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**Download the NEW Club Manual!**

Read through this treasure trove of ideas, tools, and tips for clubwomen. This powerful resource is exclusively available on the GFWC Member Portal and includes information on Community Service Programs, Special Programs, Advancement Plans, GFWC Affiliate Organizations, awards, the administration calendar, and so much more.

[Download Now]
Make sure you've created a profile on our recently updated GFWC Member Portal to access important resources like the GFWC Club Manual and so many other essential documents.

Don't miss out on these files in the Digital Library:
- 2024–2026 Administration Logo
- 50 & 75 Year Member Pin Order Form
- GFWC National Day of Service Project Ideas
- GFWC Emblems in every color & variation
- Affiliate Organization Contact Info

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**2024 GFWC Annual Convention**

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**2024 GFWC Annual Convention Memories**

It's not just a photograph, it's a memory. Bring home all your sparkling memories from the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention. Click the button below to view official convention photographs.

Use code “GFWC2024” on your purchase of 10 or more digital images for a discount.
Thank you, photographer Laura Bergman of LoLoB Designs, and member of GFWC Cosmopolitan Woman’s Club (MN) for your hard work capturing these beautiful images.

Congratulations to the 2024 Jennie Award Winners

**GREAT LAKES REGION**
Paula Schlice, GFWC Wisconsin

**MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION**
Mindy Goss, GFWC Delaware

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION**
Sue Hass, GFWC Iowa

**NEW ENGLAND REGION**
Jennifer Nowak, GFWC Massachusetts

**SOUTHERN REGION**
Susie H. Malone, GFWC Alabama

**SOUTHEASTERN REGION**
Vicki Ross Bechet, GFWC Tennessee

**SOUTHWESTERN REGION**
Diane Bell, GFWC Colorado

Your 2024-2026 GFWC Executive Committee
Congratulations to the officers elected in Chicago!

Left to Right: Juliet Casper, Treasurer; Mary Beth Williams, Second Vice President; Wendy Carriker, President-elect; Suellen Brazil, International President; Jolie Frankfurth, First Vice President; Dr. Susan Gettys, Secretary; Shannon Bailey, Director of Junior Clubs

Thank you GFWC Illinois and GFWC Alabama

Thank you to our gracious hosts, GFWC Illinois, for creating a fun and successful 2024 GFWC Annual Convention. State Night was a roaring good time!
Thank you GFWC Alabama for your work hosting a stunning Installation Banquet, ceremony, and reception. We certainly started this administration off with a celebration!

GFWC is pleased to report that 132 new registrations have been received. GFWC welcomes all of you to the roster and extends its gratitude for your continued support!
This week GFWC has some notable firsts to highlight:
The first GFWC International Affiliate to register is **GFWC Aruba**. Another first to register as a Region is **GFWC Middle Atlantic**; and for State Federations—**GFWC Montana** on June 14; and for Districts—**GFWC Tidewater District**. We thank each one of you for leading the way!

To date, the total count for registrations comes to 327. With 11 weeks left to register, GFWC needs all of you to rally the troops to get us to 1,800 participating clubs. Last year a total of 900 GFWC clubs participated. To challenge ourselves GFWC doubled that number. Help us make an even larger impact on food insecurity and hunger in local communities nationwide.

If your club has not registered, please do so today!

To register, visit [https://memberportal.gfwc.org/](https://memberportal.gfwc.org/), and follow the prompts. Then, click on the Events page to sign up. Simply select 2024 GFWC National Day of Service and you’re on your way.

If more than one club is partnering on a project, you can register up to three clubs on the site. However, you will need to email Membership Director Melanie Gisler, [mgisler@gfwc.org](mailto:mgisler@gfwc.org), the additional club names for your group.

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**List reflects new registrations for the weeks of June 27 and July 5, 2024.**

**INTERNATIONAL**
* GFWC Aruba

**NATIONAL CLUB**
* GFWC Legacy Club (First national club to register)

**REGION**
* GFWC Middle Atlantic Region

**STATE FEDERATIONS**
GFWC Alabama
GFWC Arizona
* GFWC Montana
GFWC South Dakota

**DISTRICT**
* GFWC Tidewater District

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**KENTUCKY**
GFWC Benton Woman’s Club
GFWC Bettie Carter Morgan Woman’s Club
GFWC Leitchfield Woman’s Club
GFWC Monticello Woman’s Club
GFWC Morehead Woman’s Club
GFWC Morgan County Woman’s Club
GFWC Prestonsburg Woman’s Club
GFWC Radcliff Woman’s Club
GFWC Suburban Woman’s Club of Lexington
GFWC Woman’s Club of St. Matthews

**MARYLAND**
GFWC Civic Club of Oakland, MD
GFWC Woman’s Club of Glydon
GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster

**MASSACHUSETTS**
GFWC Ousemequin Club

**MICHIGAN**
GFWC Caledonia Women’s Club
GFWC Gun Lake Area
GFWC Lake Orion
GFWC Pigeon Area Woman’s Club

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**Clubs Registered by State *As of July 11, 2024**

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GFWC Lake Orion
GFWC Pigeon Area Woman’s Club
ALABAMA
GFWC Legacy
GFWC Panorama Study Club
GFWC RCHS Juniorette Club
GFWC Woman's Literary Club of Leeds

ALASKA
GFWC Anchorage Women's Club

ARIZONA
GFWC Cherry Blossom Juniorette Club
GFWC Desert Jade Woman's Club
GFWC Tempe Woman's Club

CALIFORNIA
GFWC Aronos Research Club
GFWC Beaumont Woman's Club
GFWC Chula Vista Woman's Club
GFWC Danville Women's Club
GFWC El Monte Women's Club
GFWC HOPE
GFWC Imperial Beach Woman's Club
GFWC La Mesa Woman's Club
GFWC Lakewood Women's Club
GFWC Mira Mesa Women's Clubs
GFWC Ojai Valley Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Antioch
GFWC Woodland Hills Woman's Club
GFWC Yorba Linda Woman's Club

COLORADO
GFWC Southwest Region Woman's Club

DELWARE
GFWC Delmar New Century Club
GFWC Village Improvement Association

FLORIDA
GFWC Brandon Service League
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Jacksonville, Inc.
GFWC Madeira Woman's Club
GFWC Miami Springs Woman's Club
GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club
GFWC Northwest Florida Service Group
GFWC Orange Park Woman's Club
GFWC Palm Beach Gardens Women's Club
GFWC Ruskin Woman's Club
GFWC Sebastian Woman's Club
GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club
GFWC Temple Terrace Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Village Improvement Association of Green Cove Springs
GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach
GFWC Woman's Club of Plant City
GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart
GFWC Women's Club of Inverness, Inc.
GFWC Women's Club of New Tampa

GEORGIA
GFWC Dallas Woman's Club

MINNESOTA
GFWC Black Duck Tri Sigma
GFWC Starbuck

MISSISSIPPI
GFWC Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro

MISSOURI
GFWC Northland Women's Club

NEW HAMPSHIRE
GFWC Hudson Women's Club

NEW JERSEY
GFWC Franklin Woman's Club
GFWC Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club

NEW YORK
GFWC Aurora Women's Club

NORTH CAROLINA
GFWC Warrenton Woman's Club

OHIO
GFWC Great Friends Working Cooperatively
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Barnesville
GFWC Montgomery Women's Club, Inc.
GFWC Northwest Woman's Club

PENNSYLVANIA
GFWC East Petersburg
GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club
Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC

RHODE ISLAND
GFWC of Cranston

SOUTH CAROLINA
GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
GFWC Women's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

SOUTH DAKOTA
GFWC Yankton Women's Club

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TENNESSEE
GFWC Clarksville Women's Club
GFWC Valamont Women's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Hendersonville

TEXAS
GFWC Austin Federated Woman's Club
GFWC Eleanor Brackenridge Literary Club
GFWC History Club of Whitesboro
GFWC Lake Area Woman's Club
GFWC North Texas Woman's Club
GFWC Stephenville 20th Century Club
GFWC Millen Woman's Club
GFWC Winder Woman's Club
GFWC Bloomington Normal Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Downers Grove Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Joliet Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Plainfield Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Zion Woman's Club

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GFWC Plainfield Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Zion Woman's Club

INDIANA
GFWC IFC ESO Regional Readers

IOWA
GFWC Adel Women's Club
GFWC Iowa Creston Bancroft History Assembly

KANSAS
GFWC Modern Pioneers
GFWC Sunflower Sisters
GFWC Waterville Shakespeare Club

VERMONT
GFWC Poultney Woman's Club

VIRGINIA
GFWC Mary Ball Woman's Club
GFWC Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club
GFWC Ravenswood Civic Club
GFWC Roanoke County Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Hampton Roads
GFWC Woman's Club of Newport News
GFWC Henry Clay Woman's Club of GFWC

WASHINGTON
GFWC Elahan Woman's Club
GFWC Sokico Woman's Club
GFWC Takoma

WEST VIRGINIA
GFWC WV Sissonville Woman's Club
GFWC WV Woman's Club of Dunbar

WISCONSIN
GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Hartland
GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

* Denotes first in category to register.
July 30, 2024, World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

Hope for Justice fights the scourge of human trafficking around the globe. Their model is based on four pillars: preventing exploitation, rescuing victims, restoring lives, and reforming society. Founded in 2008, Hope for Justice has grown to become a global organization with programs in the U.S. and across multiple continents. They work directly with victims and survivors, here and around the world, while also campaigning for long-term change through their work with governments, law enforcement, businesses and people just like you.

**What is human trafficking?**

Human trafficking is a crime where someone is exploited for labor, services, or commercial sex. It is a type of modern slavery, which is an umbrella term encompassing slavery, servitude, forced or compulsory labor, as well as human trafficking. Victims are unable to leave their situation of exploitation and are controlled by threats, violence, coercion, and deception.

It is happening all around us, with an estimated 50 million victims globally and more than 1 million people affected right here in the US. You might walk past or speak to someone who needs help without realizing it.

July 30, 2024, is World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, emphasizing the urgency to end child trafficking because 1 in 4 victims globally is a child. Amid crises like armed conflicts in different regions of the world, children are increasingly vulnerable, especially with the exploitation through online platforms. Addressing this requires urgent and comprehensive action, bolstering legislation, improving law enforcement, and allocating more resources. Civil society, the private sector, and communities must collaborate to raise awareness, advocate for policy reforms, and increase funding for organizations fighting to end human trafficking.

**Get Involved.**

The GFWC Club Manual – Hope for Justice Affiliate Organization Guide is the place to go to discover options for activities to support World Day Against Trafficking. Reach out to your Hope for Justice contact for assistance with a leader guide and instructions for implementing a live webinar with Q&A, or a learning module with craft project during your monthly meeting or community event.

Your club can also give directly to underfunded projects in different regions of the world through our Freedom Foundation. You can discover current needs by visiting the website [https://hopeforjustice.org/freedom-foundation/](https://hopeforjustice.org/freedom-foundation/)
Unlock summer savings with Avis and Budget’s Summer Sale! Use your General Federation of Women’s Clubs membership from July 1st to August 15th to receive up to 35% off PLUS a complimentary upgrade when you pay now.

Don’t miss out on this hot deal – book your summer exploration today! Get your members-only offers sent directly to your phone by texting GFWCABG to 833.344.0228.

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