

NEWS & NOTES

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GFWC's Newest Affiliate Organization: Alzheimer's Association



On June 30, 2024, GFWC and the Alzheimer's Association signed a partnership agreement live, during The Purple Gala: A Night of Hopes, Dreams, and Inspiration. The Alzheimer's Association reports that approximately two-thirds of dementia caregivers are women. As a women's organization, GFWC recognizes the impact that Alzheimer's disease and dementia have on each of us and the overall impact they have on our communities.

GFWC supports:

- Education on recognition of cognitive decline and other forms of dementia;
- Funding for caregivers, respite care, and facilities that provide memory care;
- Legislation and research to improve treatments, access to treatment, prevention, and cures for all forms of dementia.

GFWC Resolution (170-45)

We are proud and excited to work with the Alzheimer's Association to end Alzheimer's disease and dementia. We will update you as new resources and events become available in the coming months.

Learn More about the Alzheimer's Association

2024 Award & Contest Winners

Congratulations to all the award and contest winners from the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention! View the full list now on GFWC.org

View Award Winners



2024 Millie Crom Award Winner – Shelli Pue View Contest Winners



Natural Wonders 2nd Place Winner -"Summer Morning in London" by T.C. Mueller, GFWC Herrin Woman's Club (IL)





2024 GFWC Annual Convention Photo Gallery

Be sure to download or print your favorite photos from this year's GFWC Annual Convention. LoLoB Designs is the exclusive spot to purchase photos of award winners and state group photos.

Use code "GFWC2024" on your purchase of 10 or more digital images for a discount.

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2024 GFWC National Day of Service Buttons are on sale now!

10 for \$15, plus \$5.00 shipping

*buttons sold in sets of 10 only

Place your order at GFWCNDS@GFWC.org today!



GFWC NDS WELCOMES 64 NEW REGISTRANTS

"Food insecurity and hunger impacts every community, in every state—nationwide."

~ U.S. Department of Agriculture

GFWC is pleased to welcome 64 new registrants to its GFWC National Day of Service (NDS) participation count. For the week ending July 25, 2024, 62 clubs and two GFWC State Federations have pledged their participation, bringing the grand total to 435.

We're officially to the halfway point of matching last year's count of 900. Our ambitious goal for this year is 1,800 participating clubs. However, with nine weeks to go till Saturday, September 28, we have time. Let's band together and make it happen!

If your club has not registered, please do so today! Together we can end food insecurity and hunger!

To register, visit <u>https://memberportal.gfwc.org/</u>, 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, <u>mgisler@gfwc.org</u>, the additional club names for your group.

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION OPTION

If you prefer to register by email, please send a message to <u>GFWCNDS@GFWC.org</u> to sign up for the 2024 GFWC NDS.

Please include:

- Club Contact and Information
- Official Club Name
- Your State Federation
- Brief Description of Club's Project, If Known (not required)

REGISTER NOW

* New Registrations as of Thursday, July 25, 2024

GFWC STATE FEDERATIONS GFWC Florida GFWC Tennessee

ALABAMA GFWC Alabama Juniorette Alumni Group GFWC Alabama River Region Woman's Club

ARIZONA GFWC Huachuca Junior Women's Club

CALIFORNIA

GFWC County Woman's Club of Campbell GFWC Dublin San Ramon Women's Club GFWC Laguna Niguel Woman's Club GFWC LaVerne-San Dimas Woman's Club GFWC Mira Mesa Women's Club GFWC Oak View Women's Club GFWC Palmdale Woman's Club GFWC South San Francisco Women's Club GFWC Victor Valley Women's Club GFWC Woman's Club of Carlsbad GFWC Women's Club of Hollister

CONNECTICUT GFWC Newington-Wethersfield Woman's Club GFWC Somers Women's Club MINNESOTA GFWC Minnesota Winthrop GFWC of Minnesota

MISSISSIPPI GFWC Ackerman Civic League GFWC Purvis Woman's Club GFWC-MFWC Bruce Civic Woman's Club

MISSOURI GFWC Kansas City Athenaeum

MONTANA GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club

NEW JERSEY GFWC Woman's Club of Paramus GFWC Woman's Club of Ridgefield Park

NORTH CAROLINA GFWC North Carolina GFWC NC Kings Mountain Woman's Club

OHIO GFWC Boardman Poland Junior Women's League GFWC Ohio Austintown Junior Women's League

PENNSYLVANIA GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club GFWC Woman's Club of Regency at Creekside GFWC Women's Club of Madison Woman's Club of Windsor and GFWC

FLORIDA GFWC Nature Coast Woman's Club GFWC Pinellas Seminole Woman's Club

GEORGIA GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club GFWC Heartland Woman's Club GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club GFWC Valdosta Junior Woman's Club

IDAHO GFWC Woman's Century Club

ILLINOIS GFWC Antioch Woman's Club GFWC Carol Stream Woman's Club GFWC Macomb Woman's Club GFWC Mokena Woman's Club

KENTUCKY GFWC Murray Woman's Club

MARYLAND GFWC Frederick Woman's Civic Club GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda Meadows GFWC Women's Civic Club of Carmichaels

TENNESSEE GFWC Loudon Woman's Club

TEXAS GFWC Florence J. Scott Woman's Club GFWC Gunter Ladies for Tomorrow

VERMONT GFWC Ludlow Okemo Valley Women's Club

VIRGINIA GFWC Brookneal Woman's Club GFWC Capitol Woman's Club GFWC Lee District Past Presidents' Woman's Club GFWC Varina Woman's Club

WASHINGTON GFWC Cathlamet Woman's Club GFWC Valley Volunteers

WEST VIRGINIA GFWC Harrisville Woman's Club

WISCONSIN GFWC Amery Woman's Club GWC Muskego Woman's Club



Legislative Corner

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.

Anti-trafficking: In early July, GFWC proudly co-signed an <u>anti-trafficking</u> <u>coalition letter</u> urging the Senate to enact the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA, H.R. 5856), which is a foundational piece of antitrafficking legislation because it governs the federal government's comprehensive response to human trafficking. The bill was approved by the House of Representatives in February by a strong bipartisan vote. Importantly, the coalition letter also urges a more comprehensive package by adding the International Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (S. 920) recently approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Critical funding must be provided to support survivors and to combat human trafficking in all forms both domestically and internationally. These bills improve efforts to prevent trafficking, protect victims, and prosecute traffickers. According to the State Department, trafficking undermines national security, distorts markets, and enriches transnational criminals and terrorists. TVPA reauthorization represents a bipartisan and bicameral effort to prevent and stop human trafficking both domestically and internationally. GFWC will issue a Legislative Alert in support of these bills after Labor Day when Congress reconvenes.

Online Child Safety: In mid-July, the Senate passed a bill supported by GFWC. The Stopping Harmful Image Exploitation and Limiting Distribution (SHIELD) Act sponsored by Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and John Cornyn (R-TX) will establish federal liability for those who share private images without consent, providing federal law enforcement with the tools they need to crack down on serious privacy violations. Current state laws offer incomplete and inconsistent protection for victims of non-consensual image exploitation and abuse, which disproportionately target women and children.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) highlights the SHIELD Act as an essential piece of legislation to protect children by closing a gap in current law by criminalizing the distribution of sexually explicit images of a child. Over the past three years, NCMEC has seen a 300 percent increase in reports of online enticement, including sextortion, to the CyberTipline.

GFWC continues to urge Congress to enact the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA, S. 1409, H.R. 7891). Two Senators blocked consideration of the bill before the July 4th congressional recess, although the bill has 68 co-sponsors. Negotiations continue. KOSA creates a legally relevant "duty to care" standard for online apps and platforms to responsibly design their products in a manner

that is safe for children. Thank you to the GFWC clubwomen who support this legislation by taking action through the GFWC Legislative Action Center.

Order Updated GFWC Business Cards



Do you have a new leadership position in this administration? To make a great first impression, take your business cards with you to meet with government officials, community partners, and potential new members!

Order your updated business cards from the GFWC Marketplace. Select "Customize Order" to update the cards with your title, club name, and contact information.

ORDER NOW

Score Big on Back-to-School Supplies



Get ready to conquer the new school year with your General Federation of Women's Clubs discount! ODP Business Solutions (formerly Office Depot) offers a wide range of essential supplies, from notebooks and pens to binders and backpacks, all at unbeatable prices. Whether you're a club president preparing for projects, a teacher setting up your classroom, or a parent ensuring your child is fully equipped, ODP has you covered.

Take advantage of fantastic deals and high-quality products to start the school year off right. Shop now to save up to 75% off on Best Value Items.

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Gold Pins

Celebrating 50 years of GFWC Membership

Lois Fitzhugh GFWC Monday Alpha Club (California)

Brenda Peters GFWC of the Villages (Florida)

Sandra Weintraub GFWC Woman's Club of Dumont (New Jersey)

Club Anniversaries

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



It was a busy Saturday in Tempe, Arizona, when GFWC Tempe Woman's Club members gathered to sew and stuff PJ bags for the children at Child Crisis Arizona. These children, ages 4-12, are removed from their homes because of suspected abuse/neglect, often arriving with only the clothes on their backs.

Each patterned fleece bag is individually sewn and stuffed with new pajamas, small toys, games, crayons, and other age-appropriate items.

Twenty one members contributed over 100 hours to make 70 bags for these children. The staff at Child Crisis Arizona are so appreciative of the effort made to bring a smile to the children in their care. When the children leave the shelter, their PJ Bag goes with them.



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