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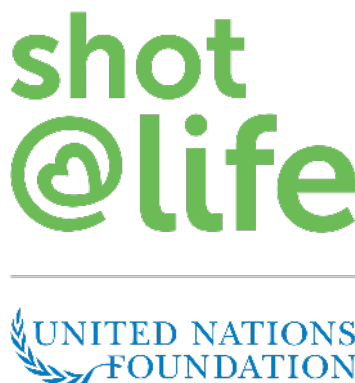
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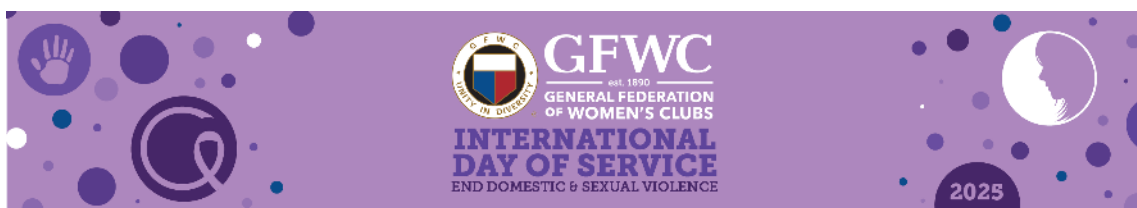
Guest rooms and suites provide uninterrupted views of the skyline, with Centennial Olympic Park and Atlanta's cultural attractions nearby. Four on-site dining destinations with indoor and outdoor spaces, including Top Draft sports bar and New South Kitchen, cater to all tastes.

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Register for the 2025 GFWC International Day of Service (GFWC IDS) on September 27

Campus Sexual Assault

No Means "No"

Campus sexual assault is any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient. More than 1 in 4 women attending college are survivors of campus sexual assault. About 7 percent of college men and 23 percent of gay/lesbian/transgender students are also survivors. It is not

just other students that present a risk; sometimes, a member of the faculty or staff takes advantage of their position.

As a college student, the first step in prevention is believing it could happen to you and that it could be by someone you know. The second step is thinking ahead of time about how you can safeguard yourself. Decide on boundaries before going on a date, to a party, or to another activity.

Colleges must take responsibility for the environment on campus. They should facilitate open discussions with students and employees about the issue and have policies in place for handling reports of sexual assault in a sensitive, compassionate, and professional manner.

It is estimated that less than 5 percent of campus sexual assaults are reported. Survivors often do not file a report or seek help or counseling because they are too embarrassed or ashamed or believe they can handle it on their own. Having a supportive environment on campus can make filing a report easier for victims.

On September 27, your club could focus on Campus Sexual Assault by conducting a project to:

- Hold a bystander intervention session to teach how to intervene in situations that involve sexual violence.
- Host a speaker panel or info session during Sexual Assault Awareness Month featuring survivors, counselors, and legal experts.
- Sponsor a door-decorating contest or art contest at your local middle and high schools about healthy relationships/dating abuse/domestic violence, and have the winning entry made into a poster to distribute.

United We Can End Domestic & Sexual Violence!

For more information, visit the following sites:

National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) www.nsvrc.org

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

www.justice.gov/crt/overview-title-ix-education-amendments1972-20-usc-1681-et-seq

Clery Center for Security on Campus www.clerycenter.org

Victim Rights Law Center www.victimrights.org

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) www.rainn.org

Please note due to the sensitive nature of your volunteer activities, when working directly with survivors, these organizations will require some initial training to help prepare you.

To learn more about GFWC IDS and to register, visit: www.GFWC.org/ids/.

Register Today!

2025 GFWC International Day of Service

Registrant List

To date, the total count by GFWC comes to:

GFWC State Federations = 19

GFWC Regions = 0

GFWC National Clubs = 2

GFWC International Affiliates = 1

Grand Total of Registrants = 427

To join the list visit the [GFWC Member Portal](#).

21 New Registrants as of May 6, 2025

GFWC DISTRICT
Capitol District, TX

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS

ARIZONA

GFWC Mount Lemmon Woman's Club
GFWC Tempe Women's Club

CALIFORNIA

GFWC Chula Vista Woman's Club
GFWC Moorpark Women's Fortnightly Club

CONNECTICUT

Bethel Women's Club GFWC

DELAWARE

GFWC Wyoming Camden RoundTable Club

FLORIDA

GFWC Tampa Woman's Club

GEORGIA

GFWC Violets Junior Women's Club

MICHIGAN

GFWC Gun Lake Area Women's Club

MISSOURI

GFWC Monday Club of Farmington

NEBRASKA

GFWC NFWC Horizon Woman's Club

NEW JERSEY

GFWC Bridgewater Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of the Denville-Rockaway Area

NEW MEXICO

GFWC Cosmopolitan Woman's Club

NORTH CAROLINA

GFWC Shallotte Juniors

SOUTH CAROLINA

GFWC Women of the 'Burg Society

TEXAS

GFWC Eleanor Brackenridge Literary Club

VIRGINIA

GFWC Western Fairfax County Women's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Loudoun

WEST VIRGINIA

GFWC Marlinton Women's Club

This list shows registrants from the last week. For a full listing of all 426 participating clubs, please visit www.gfwc.org/ids



"Let Our Voices Be Heard"

by: Rae Lynn Hicks, GFWC Michigan President

As we reflect, we should draw inspiration from the yellow rose, the symbol chosen for GFWC Michigan this administration. It is deeply intertwined with the historic struggle and triumph of women winning the right to vote.

Supporters of women's suffrage wore the yellow rose during the final push for the passage of the 19th Amendment, symbolizing hope, victory, and the unwavering spirit of women who fought for equality and justice.

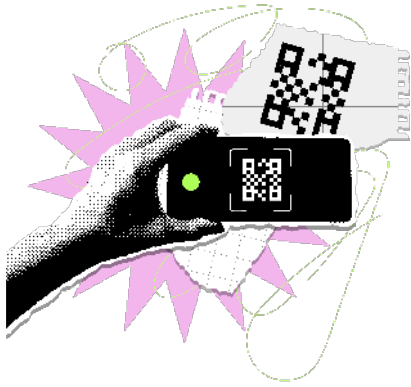
GFWC Michigan clubs serve diverse smaller communities with unique needs and priorities. Each is encouraged to connect with local organizations, identify community-specific needs, and collaborate to amplify our voices.

Visibility is key. GFWC Michigan club members are urged to proudly wear GFWC pins and apparel daily—at the grocery store, in the garden, or during volunteer activities. Each “What is GFWC?” moment is another chance to tell our story.

As a 20-year Swartz Creek City Council member, I am deeply invested in local government. Michigan club members are educated on using the Legislative Action Center (LAC) at every district meeting and encouraged to join because our collective advocacy matters. Together, we can support our resolutions to bring awareness and change to women's rights, equal pay, voting access, healthcare, and anti-discrimination laws. Through advocacy, volunteerism, and community outreach, GFWC has the power to transform lives.



As Alice Paul once said, “They say women can’t fight. Watch me.” As GFWC Michigan President, I ask each member to proudly take credit for our work and let our voices be heard.



The Little Code That Can!

by: Nancy Kaufman Communications and Public Relations Committee

In today's fast-paced, digital world, keeping club information up-to-date is essential for maintaining strong communication and engagement.

Using a QR code for your club can be an effective and modern solution to ensure that information remains current and easily accessible to members, potential supporters, and your community.

Creating a QR code is simple, often free, and can be linked directly to your club's website, event page, or a dedicated digital platform where all your latest updates are housed. This eliminates the need for printing new flyers or brochures every time something changes, saving both time and resources. Anyone with a phone can quickly scan the code and access the most recent information, such as club applications, upcoming events, or important announcements. Club members can soon open your club's social media pages or newsletters, ensuring they are always in the loop on the latest activities and news, right at their fingertips. This can help foster a stronger sense of community and participation.

Potential sites to create QR codes include [QR-code-generator.com](https://www.qr-code-generator.com/) or Adobe Express. For a subscription, some QR codes also offer real-time tracking, allowing you to monitor how often members interact with your materials. This valuable data can guide future decisions about what type of content to prioritize or how to reach your audience more effectively.

Be aware that some online QR code providers only allow a certain number of scans before they lock your code without payment. Choose your creator carefully and fully read through the website's fine print.

By integrating QR codes into your communication strategy, your club can streamline information sharing and keep members and your community consistently informed, all while embracing a more efficient, tech-savvy approach.



Hello, Friends!

Mother's Day is just around the corner, and what better way to honor and celebrate the mothers at St. Jude than by sending them a card! It's as easy as clicking on one of the links below.

www.stjude.org/celebratemoms

www.stjude.org/mensajesparamadres

As always, thank you for all that you do for the kids, their families, and especially their mothers!

With gratitude,

Beth Perkins

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®

Volunteers in Action:
GFWC Village Improvement Association of
Rehoboth Beach (Delaware)



To celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5-9), GFWC Village Improvement Association members prepared gift bags for local schools. The initiative is part of the club's Project GREAT (Gratefully Recognizing Enthusiastic, Awe-inspiring Teachers), an ongoing project to show appreciation for educators throughout the school year. Co-chairmen, Lin Waggoner and Kathy Jacobs, are shown with the administrators of Rehoboth Elementary School and Cape Henlopen High School.

Want your club project to be featured in an upcoming issue of News & Notes?

Simply send your full club name, State Federation, and 100 words describing your club's favorite project to PR@GFWC.org. Make sure to add a great action shot or two that brings your project to life!

Editorial Correction: In the May 1 issue of *News & Notes* article that referenced the United States Coast Guard Museum Association and GFWC's involvement in fundraising for the museum, the name for the tall masted cutter is the USCGC **BARQUE** Eagle, not the Brogue Eagle.



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