



NEWS & NOTES

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April 10, 2025

GFWC: Local Leaders, Global Vision



GFWC
ANNUAL CONVENTION
Atlanta
2025

**Spinning Vision into Reality:
Join Us for the 2025 GFWC
Annual Convention**

June 6-9

Don't miss your chance to connect, celebrate, and be inspired—
register now for the GFWC Annual Convention before the deadline
slips away in just **3 weeks!**

[REGISTER NOW](#)

[Purchase Red Pashmina for Convention Pickup](#)

Share in the Celebration: Awards at Convention

Don't miss the presentation of awards throughout the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention!

SATURDAY

Unity Banquet

Millie Crom Award for Excellence in Junior State Leadership
Juniorette Participation
Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children
National Clubs Certificates of Appreciation
International Affiliate Clubs Certificates of Appreciation
Communications & Public Relations

MONDAY

Business Session

Membership Awards
Membership Increase Recognition
Women's History & Resource Center Awards
From Vision to Impact: A Tribute to Excellence Luncheon
Jane Cunningham Croly Journalism Award
Photography Contest
Leadership
Fundraising

Website Contest
Newsletter Contest

SUNDAY

ESO Breakfast

Education and Libraries CSP

ESO Awards

Writing Contest

Business Session

Platinum Affiliate Organizations Awards

Empowerment through Unity Luncheon

Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual

Violence Awareness and Prevention

Awards

Legislation/Public Policy

Arts and Culture CSP

Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP

Environment CSP

Health and Wellness CSP



Golden Ticket Raffle

You could win a trip for 2 to a Tropical Resort!

Entry is open to all GFWC Members!

The winner will be announced

Monday, June 9, during the "From

Vision to Impact: A Tribute to

Excellence Luncheon."

[Enter Now](#)

Pinwheels for Prevention

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, GFWC

International President Suellen Brazil and GFWC staff members planted blue pinwheels in front of 1734 N Street.

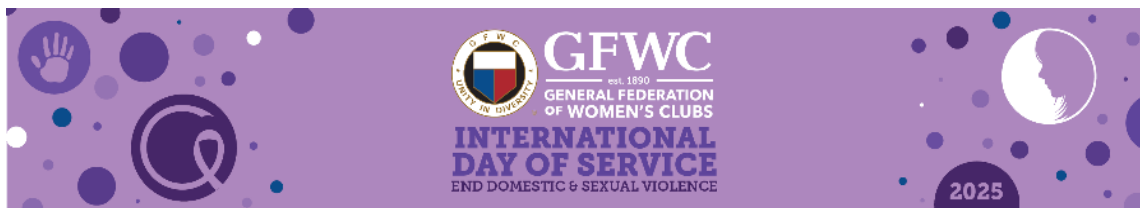
As a national symbol of child abuse prevention, GFWC is proud to display its collection of blue pinwheels in support of ending child abuse and neglect.

Pinwheels donated by GFWC Pierce Arrows.

GFWC Junior Club Leadership Certification Expanded

Calling all Junior and Juniorette Clubs! The GFWC Junior Club Leadership Certification has been expanded and is launching on May 19th, 2025, with a webinar introducing GFWC Resources, Scope of Work, and Legislative Advocacy Efforts. This is the first of four webinars that will provide valuable content for Junior and Juniorette clubs. Details are in the GFWC Digital Library under Junior Club Leadership Certification.

Register for May 19 Webinar



2025 GFWC International Day of Service— September 27

United to End Domestic & Sexual Violence

Did you know that 1 in 7 children in the United States experiences abuse or neglect each year?

To spotlight [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#), check out the following volunteer projects for your club's consideration:

1) Visit the Administration for Children and Families' [State and Human Services Agencies](#) page to find your local office. To volunteer, call and inquire about opportunities to help. Please note that volunteer activities may not necessarily involve working directly with children due to the sensitive nature and confidentiality related to cases.

2) Gather supplies for donation to a local organization that assists children in abusive circumstances. Some ideas: paper towels, toilet paper, individually

wrapped healthy snacks, juice boxes, child-size blankets/ pillows, new stuffed animals/ toys/ arts and crafts, and anything else you think would be helpful. Together we can end domestic and sexual violence!

Register Today!

2025 GFWC International Day of Service Registrant List

Join the list at memberportal.gfwc.org/pages/gfwc-international-day-of-service

62 New Registrants from April 2-9, 2025

STATE FEDERATIONS

GFWC Kansas
GFWC North Carolina

GFWC DISTRICTS

Tidewater District

NATIONAL CLUBS

GFWC Jolie's Jigsaw Juniors

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS

ALABAMA
GFWC AL du Midi Woman's Club
GFWC Alabama River City Woman's Club
GFWC RCHS Juniorettes

ARIZONA
GFWC Peoria-West Valley Woman's Club

CALIFORNIA
GFWC Federated East Valley Woman's Club
GFWC Imperial Beach Woman's Club
GFWC Palmdale Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

CONNECTICUT
GFWC Killingworth Women's Organization
GFWC Newtown Woman's Club GFWC

DELAWARE
GFWC Townsend Women's Club
GFWC Women's Club of Indian River
GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club

FLORIDA
GFWC Community Woman's Club
GFWC High Springs New Century Woman's Club
GFWC Palm Beach Gardens
GFWC Satellite Beach Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Panama City, FL
GFWC Woman's Club of Sarasota Inc

GEORGIA
GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club

ILLINOIS
GFWC IL Morris Woman's Club
GFWC IL Sailors of Service
GFWC Saint Francisville Woman's Club

KANSAS
GFWC Athena Club, Gardner

MINNESOTA
GFWC Grand Rapids North Star Women's Club
GFWC Library Club, Mahnommen
GFWC StrongHER Together
GFWC West Suburban Women's Club

MISSOURI
GFWC Achieving by Reading Club

NEW HAMPSHIRE
GFWC - Concord Contemporary Club
GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club
Salem Area Women's Club GFWC

NEW JERSEY
GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Lake, Inc.

NORTH CAROLINA
GFWC Cary Woman's Club

OHIO
GFWC Ohio Austintown Junior Women's League

OKLAHOMA
GFWC McAlester Fortnightly

PENNSYLVANIA
GFWC Intermediate League of Butler

SOUTH CAROLINA
GFWC Chapin Woman's Club
GFWC Walhalla Woman's Club

TENNESSEE
GFWC Knoxville Woman's Club

TEXAS
GFWC Fidelis Inter Se
GFWC Phebe K. Waner
GFWC Woman's Club of Kingsville
GFWC Woman's Club of Pleasanton

VERMONT
GFWC Poultney Woman's Club

VIRGINIA
GFWC Richlands Woman's Club
GFWC Woodbridge Woman's Club
The GFWC Woman's Club of Fredericksburg
Woman's Club of Fairfax, GFWC

KENTUCKY
GFWC Barbourville Junior Woman's Study
Club

MARYLAND
GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum
Heights, Inc.

MASSACHUSETTS
GFWC Cath State Junior Officers Club

MICHIGAN
Caledonia Women's Club GFWC

WEST VIRGINIA
GFWC Civic Club of Ravenswood, WV
GFWC Civic League of Warwood
GFWCWV Sissonville Woman's Club
The GFWC Woman's Club of Logan

WISCONSIN
GFWC Muskego Woman's Club

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

Cares & Concerns

With great sadness, we report the passing of Joy Mims, GFWC Arizona Director of Junior Clubs (2006-2008). Condolences may be sent to Joy's family at 4464 Big Bend St., Sierra Vista, AZ 85650.

It is with great sadness that we also share the passing of [Dorothy "Dottie" Gregg](#), GFWC Maryland State President 2018-2020. Dottie's family can receive cards at 3123 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921



Educate, Engage, Empower, Endure - with Kindness

by: Lana Merliss, GFWC Louisiana State President

In 2024-2026, GFWC Louisiana has several areas of focus this administration. First, we expanded on International President Suellen Brazil's theme, adding a fourth "E" for Endure, with a concentration on adding members for the work of GFWC to Endure in GFWC Louisiana. The Endure focus is on recruiting so that we increase our numbers, making good things happen in more local communities. In this short time, we have had some success. One club reported this year for the first time and intends to send five delegates to the GFWC Louisiana State convention in April. Another club successfully brought in new members and will be awarded recruitment pins at the state convention.

Secondly, we also added the words “with Kindness” to Louisiana’s theme. Utilizing Robert’s Rules of Order, we agree that it is okay to disagree, but when doing it the right way, everyone’s point of view is respected. No one should feel their ideas are less important than another member’s. Some will not see the vote go the way they want it to, but they are not made to feel they do not have the right to express their views.

Thirdly, the state president chooses a project for her administration. This president chose to support an organization known as Baton Rouge Soldier Outreach (BRSO). The group collects donated supplies and sends care packages to active-duty servicemen and servicewomen around the world.

BRSO contacts suggested service persons, and if they are allowed, sends a package not only to them but also to EVERY member of their unit. GFWC LA donates non-perishable foods, games, and money to help offset postage costs.



LOOK at PROGRESS! Leave a lasting impact by donating to the GFWC Headquarters Façade Restoration and Beautification Project Fund. With each generous donation, we move closer to our goal of restoring the façade of our Headquarters to its magnificent glory. By contributing, you play a vital role in rejuvenating the iconic white exterior walls of GFWC’s cherished Headquarters buildings, preserving their historical significance for future generations. All donations made to the project before **April 25, 2025**, will be recognized in the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention Program.

Support Today



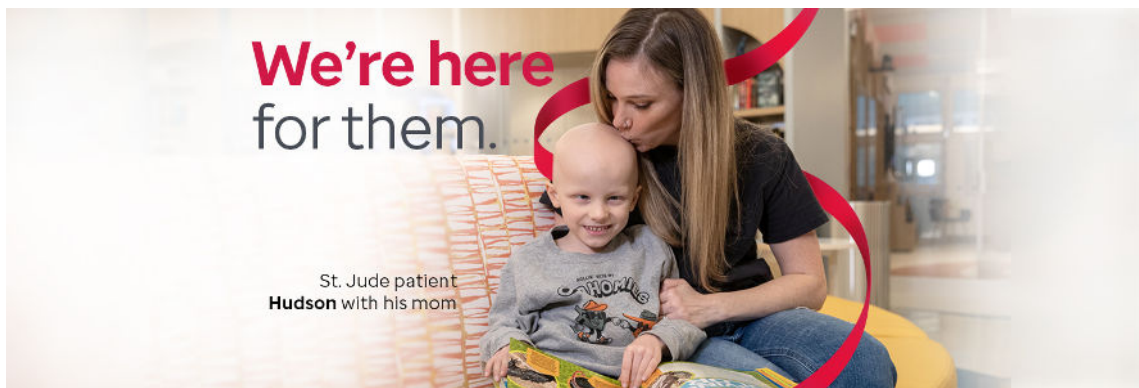
The Meaning of Community

By: Vicky Ann Trimmer, GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Chairman

As our economy and lifestyle change at the governmental level, the needs of our community become more apparent. The number among us who have needs grows and the level of our needs is increasing.

GFWC members continue to step up to help our communities. For our veterans, it is more than just saying “thank you” for their service. We can offer help around the house and yard. Offer to pick up an online grocery order. Drop off a simple meal once or twice a month. As more of a club’s members help, the burden declines. It stops being a burden, it becomes fun. One example is a club that adopted a younger widowed veteran. Each holiday, they decorated his front porch for him. It was only a few simple decorations, but he enjoyed their company on “decoration” day. Other neighbors started adding to the project. What a great way to say “thank you” by showing you care.

We can expand this type of project to the homeless, hungry, or lonely. Everyone needs a friend. The simple act of kindness renews the heart of not just the recipient but also the giver.



ALSAC/St. Jude Volunteer Webinar

National Volunteer Week - April 23, 2025

Greetings, GFWC!

Join us for our ALSAC/St. Jude Volunteer Webinar - National Volunteer Week! This virtual celebration is part of our bi-annual volunteer webinar series. Check out the agenda to learn more on what we have in store for our volunteers this April.

When: Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM (Central Time)

Location: Zoom Webinar (Information will be sent 24 hours before the event to registered volunteers)

Registration is now open!

To confirm your attendance, please register by Monday, April 21, 2025.

Please respond by clicking [here](#).

Be sure to provide all requested information in the corresponding fields.



New!

GFWC Hanger Pin with Ribbon

\$15.00 + shipping

Show off your GFWC pin collection on the newly updated GFWC Hanger Pin with grosgrain ribbon.

Available in red and blue, this item has 5.5 inches of ribbon to show off your specialty pins.



Volunteers in Action: GFWC Arizona Clubs

GFWC Paradise Valley Junior WC,
GFWC Paradise Valley WC, GFWC
Tempe WC, GFWC Tempe Junior WC,
GFWC Kachina WC

GFWC Arizona clubs have volunteered since 2018 in the concession stands at the yearly Waste Management Phoenix Open Golf Tournament. The “People’s Open” runs for seven days and draws hundreds of thousands of attendees daily. All tips given for food and drink sales are split between the various charities based on the percentage of hours their members work. In addition to tips, each worker earns a daily rate for working a seven-hour shift.

In 2024, four clubs participated by working 69 shifts and split \$15,672.94. This year, the GFWC Paradise Valley Junior WC, GFWC Paradise Valley WC, GFWC Tempe WC, GFWC Tempe Junior WC, and the GFWC Kachina WC participated. The weather was amazing, attendance was great, and all the clubs are eager to see how much they raised for 2025!

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!



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