



# GFWC Rhode Island Briefs

A Proud Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

July 2023

## GFWC RI President Paula Andrews

It has been a busy but productive year. I hope you are enjoying the summer and getting to spend some time with family and friends.

At our Annual Meeting in May, we were honored to have Becky Wright, GFWC Treasurer, as our guest. She was delighted to attend and enjoyed her short time in RI. A big shout-out to Karen Leach, Chairman of Arts and Culture, who organized a craft competition. It was amazing to see all the talents that our members have. Also, thank you to Kim Hanson and the LAC for organizing and presenting the results of the gender studies survey. It was eye-opening to say the least.

During this past year, GFWC RI members have generously supported the three Domestic Violence organizations that I have chosen and will continue to donate funds and wished -for items at all state meetings for the next year. It is truly inspiring to see the positive impact our members can have on the lives of so many and they surely feel a sense of gratitude for these organizations.

Additionally, I was truly surprised and honored to accept two National Awards at the convention in Kentucky last month. Rhode Island was presented with an award in the Legislative/Public Policy category and in the Signature Program - Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Awareness category. What a testimony to our members that they are indeed making a difference in the lives of others and raising awareness in their communities!

The National Day of Service is fast approaching. On September 30, 2023, all GFWC members across the nation will come together in service to

highlight an area of need, take action to address the need and raise public awareness about its importance. This year's issue of focus is food insecurity. To initiate the planning process, GFWC encourages all clubs to contact your local food banks and food pantries to find out how best to be of service. All the Rhode Island clubs have pledged to participate. At the last board meeting in May, chairmen and officers discussed the many ways our state can address food insecurity and there will be more information forthcoming. I am in the process of obtaining a proclamation from our governor citing that all GFWC RI members will be participating in the Day of Service on September 30, 2023.

GFWC New England Region Conference will be held this year in Connecticut. September 22-24, 2023. It will be a great time to join fellow GFWC club women from all over New England. It would be nice to have a nice number of RI women in attendance. All club presidents have received the information and will disseminate.



GFWC RI Clubwomen  
at the 2023 GFWC Convention

## GFWC RI Arts & Culture Karen Leach, Chairman

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We had over fifty entries for the Arts and Culture exhibit at the GFWC RI Annual State meeting. All Rhode Island clubs participated. South County Women's club has bragging rights for the most entries and ribbons. This was a very big success. Thank you for showing your sparkle.



## GFWC RI Legislative Action Committee Terry Schimmel, Chairman

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The Legislative Action Committee's proposed resolution regarding peacemaking and support for HR 1111 was adopted and passed by GFWCRI and brought before the National Convention for discussion and passage. After thorough discussion members wording was amended and passed as follows:

140-190 Global Peacemaking (updated Convention 2022)

WHEREAS THE United States Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) are the agencies that lead humanitarian efforts

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support: Peacemaking initiatives that promote the use of nonviolent intervention, structured intervention, and peaceful resolution of international conflicts.

While this resolution does not support our State adopted one of full support of the proposed

Department of Peacebuilding, it does support the strategies of nonviolence and peaceful resolution, a crucial step toward peace.

## GFWC Bristol County Women's Club Alexandra Hahn, President

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GFWC Bristol County Women's Club  
Platinum Jubilee  
1953 - 2023

## SAVE THE DATE

*Come toast our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



*Sunday, November 12, 2023*

*Serving High Tea & Champagne*

*St. John's Church, Barrington*

## GFWC Cranston Community Women's Club Anmarie Mullen, President

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Anmarie Mullen, newly elected President, reporting that we will have our first meeting on August 19. Lisa, one of our members, has graciously offered her home for our get-together.

We will plan our year of activities and have a great time enjoying the day together. I look forward to a great year in working with these wonderful, kind-hearted women for our community.

## GFWC Warwick Women's Club Janet Trombetti, President

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August 8, 2023, starts our club year off with our Planning Meeting. This meeting focuses on our club year monthly schedule. We will review projects and programs for the coming year – what new projects we will take on or those we may drop, speakers that we would like to hear from and possibly vendors of items of interest to our club. It's a time where all members have a say as to what our club year will be like. We will also begin planning our Funny4Funds fundraiser.

This club year we are going back to April for this fundraiser. Hopefully, we can secure a late April date and secure the Knights of Columbus on Sandy Lane in Warwick as our venue again. We will update everyone in the next Brief. There may be some surprises this year so if you've never attended this event this year is the time to do it. Tickets and flyers for the event will be available after the new year. Hope to see many of you there.

## GFWC Women's Club of South County Nancy DeNuccio, President

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### **GFWC WCSC AWARDS \$20,000 to 8 scholarship recipients**

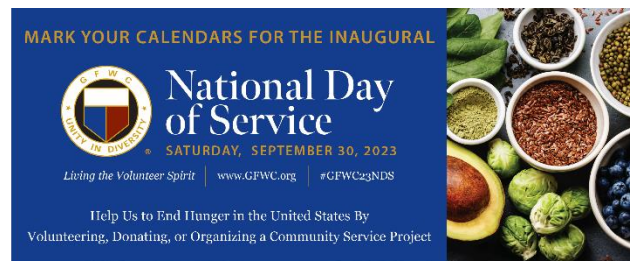
At the June 27, 2023, general membership meeting of GFWC-Women's Club of South County, eight women were acknowledged and awarded their scholarships to continue with their education. Their fields include Phlebotomy, Philosophy and Politics, International Relations, Legal studies, three in Nursing, and Psychology. These are local women who are returning to school to complete some type of degree. Some are moms and all were deserving. These scholarships are one of the core missions of GFWC-WCSC.

The Club looks forward to this meeting as one of the highlights of the year. Newly installed President, Nancy DeNuccio said, "These women are our future, and we couldn't be prouder than to award them the funding needed to complete their studies." The scholarship committee, led by member Monica Hanson and her group of seven other club members review all the applications over the course of a few months and make their final decisions to award the scholarships at our

June meeting. Some of the past scholarship recipients have gone on to become valued members of GFWC WCSC.



Pictured above are five of the eight scholarship recipients and the Scholarship Committee.



### **What is GFWC National Day of Service?**

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is united in its dedication to volunteer community service. The National Day of Service (NDS) is a day in which all of GFWC comes together in service to highlight an area of need, take action to address it, and raise public awareness about its importance. State federations and clubs will participate by organizing Community Service Programs (CSP) in their communities as part of NDS. It's also a great opportunity to invite guests to participate in your NDS activities and introduce them to the benefits of GFWC.

### **How can you help solve food insecurity in the United States?**

To initiate the planning process, GFWC encourages you to contact your local food banks and food pantries — wherever people go for food — to find out how best to be of service. For example, a club can sponsor a food bank, pantry, or food program to organize a volunteer activity

with fellow club members, family, and friends. Ask every member of your club to invite a friend who is not presently a member to participate and experience GFWC in action.

***Who should you invite to participate?***

Use the activity to motivate and inspire your friend(s) to join GFWC. The benefits of community service not only make a person feel good, but it helps to build meaningful friendships and bonds that will last a lifetime.

**2023 - 2024  
Meeting Dates**

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**Please mark your calendars....**

**Board Meetings for 2023-24**

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Thursday, October 12, 2023

\*Friday, February 9, 2024

\*Friday, May 17, 2024

**State Meetings 2023-24**

Fall - Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mid-Winter - Saturday, February 10, 2024

\*Annual - Saturday, May 18, 2024

\*Please note the new dates

**GFWC RI News**

**Janice Adler, Chairman**

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The deadline for submissions for the September Newsletter is **August 15**. Submissions should be emailed to [GFWCRINews@gmail.com](mailto:GFWCRINews@gmail.com)



**General Federation of Women's Clubs  
New England Region**



**Connecticut – Maine – Massachusetts – New Hampshire – Rhode Island – Vermont**

*Libby Wiers*, NER President

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**Let's Dream Big, Sparkle More and Shine Bright**

at the

**114<sup>th</sup> GFWC New England Region Conference**

**September 21-24, 2023**



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**Hotel Rate: \$139**

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Or use link - <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1685543185857&key=GRP>

Hotel Deadline- August 23, 2023

**GFWC SPECIAL GUESTS – ENTERTAINMENT – SPEAKERS – RAFFLES – SHOPPING – FRIENDSHIP**