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VOLUME IX - July, 2023

*GFWC Blue Umbrella Club Inc.*  
*General Federation of Women's Clubs*



**From Dianne's Desk:**

Hello dear Blue Umbrella members,

Can you believe it is already the middle of July? I know many of you are enjoying a summer vacation, seeing wonderful sights, enjoying some well-deserved relaxation, and visiting family and friends. We all need that break from time to time in order to give our bodies, minds, and hearts a chance of rebuilding and renewal. I wish that for each of you.

It has been a busy year for the GFWC Blue Umbrella Club as we define who we are, what we want to accomplish, and how we can do that! I am very happy to let you know that we continue to attract new members who agree with our commitment to an upbeat, positive approach in every aspect of our lives and to share Love, Respect, and Kindness ...always and ...everywhere! We welcome them.

In June, several of us attended the GFWC Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. It was a busy few days, much was accomplished, and I would like to share just a few highlights with you. Whenever we are able to be together like this, there is always important Federation business to address. At the Board of Directors meeting a statement was adopted committing GFWC to support Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for all. We also were

updated on the GFWC Strategic Plan. I suggest that each of you familiarize yourself with both the DEI statement and the Strategic Plan which are available on the GFWC Member Portal.

There also were resolutions, bylaws, and panel discussions that dealt with food insecurity, Alzheimer's, domestic violence awareness and much more. We heard an outstanding motivational speaker, Mariama Whyte, and attended a very cool disco-based fun Junior event. Congratulations to each and every award winner! My favorite part was the attendance of six representatives of the GFWC International Clubs. Having an opportunity to visit with them and to carry the Belize flag for Emily and Tricia was a huge highlight for me!

Sadly, we have had to deal with the loss of a very special lady, Trish Renau, our Blue Umbrella Vice President, which is featured later in the newsletter. Also, although it is not a happy story, Virginia Yermoli, Blue Umbrella newsletter editor and District 11 Director, will share a scary, sad story that occurred recently and brings reality to the need for an education and awareness of the goal of DEI. Let us be advocates for change.

Friends, we have much ahead of us! Check that your home club has signed up for the GFWC Day of Service. See what you can do to help GFWC clubs work together with other community groups to make this "THE" event that increases the name recognition of our organization. You will also notice a reminder about "Wreaths Across America." It is early, but now is the time to make your plans.

Renewal dues for GFWC Blue Umbrella Club are due before the end of September. Several of you have already sent them in. Thank you! Please keep sharing the projects you are supporting with your...

LOVE, RESPECT, and KINDNESS...always and everywhere.

Hugs,

**Dianne**

Dianne Foerster

President

GFWC Blue Umbrella Inc.

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**Welcome!**

Dear Members,

On behalf of the GFWC Blue Umbrella Club Inc., I would like to welcome Gale Thomas into our sisterhood! Thank you for joining our Club.

I hope you all embrace our motto and I look forward to reading about how you touch your community as you spread Love, Respect and Kindness. If you find an organization that is struggling to reach their objectives, please let us know. We will try to help in some way.

We encourage all our members to send us information about the work they do in their communities. If you would like to post events or work that you have done or will do for your community, please be sure to post it on our Facebook page or send the information for the newsletter to [vayermoli@hotmail.com](mailto:vayermoli@hotmail.com)

With Love, Respect and Kindness, always,

**Dianne**

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GFWC Blue Umbrella Club Members,

If you have not yet renewed your membership, dues they are due by September 30, 2023.

If you became a member between May and September you do not have to renew until September 2024.

If you are not yet a member, but would like to become one, you can fill out the attached registration form and follow the procedure on the form to pay your registration. You can also register with the QR Code attached.



Dues are \$35 for the 2023-2024 year. You can use the QR code here, or you may send a check, made payable to "GFWC Blue Umbrella Club, Inc." to:

GFWC Blue Umbrella Club, Inc.  
Kathy Mammenga, Treasurer  
11214 Dr. MLK Blvd, # 195,  
Seffner, FL 33584



*GFWC Blue Umbrella Club Inc.*  
*General Federation of Women's Clubs*



*Member Registration Information*  
*Please send your completed registration to*  
*Lisa M. Klatt*  
*at: [membershipblueumbrella@gmail.com](mailto:membershipblueumbrella@gmail.com)*

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**Dues (\$35) checks should be made payable to: GFWC Blue Umbrella Club Inc.  
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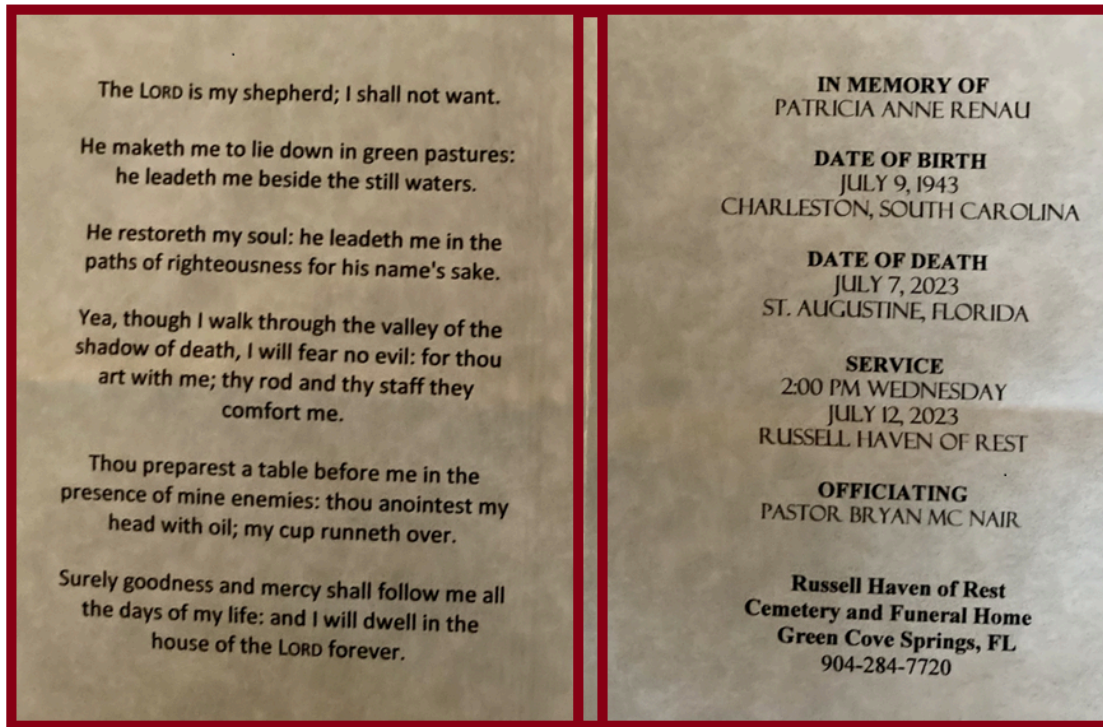


## *In Memoriam*



Our world is less bright today with the loss of our dear friend and GFWC Blue Umbrella Vice President, Trish Renau. Trish was not only a good friend but a dedicated and committed GFWC volunteer for many years. She was one of the earliest members of our organization because she truly believed in Love, Respect, and Kindness! She

is now at peace. Her gentle spirit will be forever missed!



Gregory Breidenbach, a member of the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove suffered a vicious attack while he was walking home in Coconut Grove on Saturday (7/8/23) just after midnight. Two men beat him while calling him an offensive slur for a gay man, while punching and kicking him repeatedly and left him for dead. A neighbor found him and called the police.



He was so severely beaten that he had to undergo surgery on his face. His nasal cavity, nasal and sinus is separated, his orbital bone has to be repaired, his cheekbone was shattered and has to be replaced. He had the first surgery on 7/13 but will need more surgery and will not be able to work for months.

Greg is a remarkable person who has been an amazing asset to our club and community. He is part of our Board of Directors, our Bingo, and Hospitality Chair. He is fun, endearing and always ready to help. This has shocked our community to the core. This hatred has to stop. As clubwomen and leaders in our community we have to educate those around us and eradicate this senseless hatred.

A good place to start is to become active with our GFWC DEI efforts. The DEI Advisory Council put together a toolkit that you may find helpful; it is a guide to help us understand and embrace those who are different from us. When we speak of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, we do not only speak about race, but it also applies to gender, physical, mental, religious, ethnic, socioeconomic inclusion and more. People are often apprehensive of those things they do not understand. Let's start the conversation, we will find that more things unite us than separate us. We need to communicate and embrace all our differences. Our GFWC motto says it very well: Unity in Diversity.

Please have a look at the toolkit put together by the DEI Advisory Council, it may help you start the conversation. If you need more information, please contact any of the Advisory Council members below:

Laura Connelly: [secondvp@gfwcflorida.org](mailto:secondvp@gfwcflorida.org)

Haadhaq Lawrence: [bhaadhaq@gmail.com](mailto:bhaadhaq@gmail.com)

Virginia Yermoli: [vayermoli@hotmail.com](mailto:vayermoli@hotmail.com)

DEI Toolkit: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1D3RRj9m64rmicbSU-nKsj0bg5O3pb15o?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1D3RRj9m64rmicbSU-nKsj0bg5O3pb15o?usp=drive_link)

*Virginia Yermoli*

*B.U.C Newsletter Editor*

*WCCG Director*

*GFWC District 11 Director*

*DEI Advisory Council Member*

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THE GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS  
PROPOSED DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) STATEMENT AT  
THE 2023 PRE-CONVENTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.



JUNE 9, 2023

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement:

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), one of the oldest women's volunteer organizations, seeks to build global communities where people unite in diversity and dedicate their service to changing lives. GFWC celebrates the engagement of people of all backgrounds and believes in fostering an inclusive, equitable climate and culture where community members can thrive.

Rationale: to define our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity for all members as demonstrated in GFWC Bylaw

Adopted on 6/19/23



As we try to be more inclusive and welcoming, we would like to share some wonderful devotions written by members. Please feel free to use them

### Devotion – Shannon Bailey

With our friends beside us and no person beneath us,  
With the bonds of GFWC between us and our worries behind us,  
With our goals before us and no task beyond us,  
With a thirst for knowledge and a dream of a better world,  
We are thankful for sisterhood, laughter, and joy.  
We are thankful for our time together and the meal we are about to share.  
Thank you, shalom, Amen.

### Devotion – Karen Griggsby

In today's turbulent times we must remember to live in the reality where there is more acceptance of one another, more equality, no prejudice against anyone, more humanity, more peace, more hope, and most important of all, more love! Ladies, always remember, we are stronger and more powerful together!! United in our sisterhood!

### Devotion - Karen Griggsby

As I look out at my fellow District 8 sisters, I see a common thread that binds us all together, which is a sense of service to our communities. I see faces that reflect diversity, individuality, and most importantly, inclusion as we are joined together with a common thread which is in line with what GFWC Florida proudly promotes; Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion!

### Devotion - Mary Ann Cozzens, District 14 Chaplain (2022-2024)

In gratitude and grace, we ask blessings on the food we are about to enjoy and offer thanks to all who prepared it. We ask for guidance as this board moves forward in doing the work of GFWC and offer our gratitude for the opportunity. Please take a moment of silent reflection to express your personal thoughts.....  
In Joy, Love, Gratitude and Respect, Amen.

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## **GFWC BLUE UMBRELLA CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES!**

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## **GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF UKRAINE:**



Message from Lora Pavlenko, President of the GFWC Woman's Club of Ukraine.

Dear Girls,

We have started a new group for women. It's all about how to be women, to bloom, to love, and to inspire. I have an awesome circle of women in my life. Each one is special and unique. Any situation is easier when you're not alone, when there is someone to share it with, someone to talk to, it will help you discover yourself in a new way; learn to listen to yourself and your feelings, be in touch with your heart. At different ages, we can look at situations from new angles; see choices where they were not there before. You can gain acceptance and support, explore how to better accept yourself.

I invite you to join our meetings

[Edited for clarity]



**GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARUBA:**



**Congratulations to The Women's Club of Aruba's newly installed board for  
2023 – 2024**

President Reina Geerman, (in the center)  
Vice President Angele Geerman,  
Secretary Roxanne Vieira,  
Treasurer Rishella Geerman  
Committee Chairman:  
Suzanne Garcia - Program  
Lelia Lacle - Ways & Means  
Mary Taylor - Welfare



We all know that we have many International clubs, but do you know from which countries?

Here is the list of affiliated GFWC International Clubs.

Quite impressive!

### **Aruba**

Women's Club of Aruba

### **The Bahamas**

Grand Bahamas American Women's Club

### **Belize**

GFWC Belize City Women's Club

GFWC Belize City Juniores

GFWC Belmopan Women's Club

GFWC Belmopan Juniores – inactive at this time

### **Brazil**

GFWC Cre-Ser

International Woman's Club of Porto Alegre

### **Canada**

American Women's Club of Toronto

### **Cyprus**

Federation of Women's Lyceum Clubs of Ammohostos

### **Curacao**

Steering Committee Curacao

**Korea**

Korea General Federation of Women's Clubs

**Netherlands Antilles**

Woman's Club of Osculda

Woman's Meet a Friend

**Peru**

American Women's Literary Club

**Philippines**

National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines

**Taiwan**

National Council of Women of Taiwan

Taipei International Women's Club

**Uganda**

GFWC Cam Kwoki Women's Club

**Ukraine**

Women's Club of Ukraine (Kiev)



**Blue Umbrella Angels Doing Their Magic!**

*GFWC Blue Umbrella "Partnership Place"*



**The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club recently donated \$650 to the Punta Gorda Rotary Club Foundation for aid for Ukraine.**

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club first met James Williams of the Punta Gorda

Rotary shortly after Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022.

James began a charity to collect funds for Ukraine by putting a jar out with a label on it saying "Support for Ukraine" at a Punta Gorda Rotary function.

He was astounded by the positive reaction and the amount of donations received into that single jar.

That was early March 2022. GFWC Florida District 12 adopted "Sunflowers for the Support of Ukraine" as their District Project, having been inspired by James Williams and Punta Gorda Rotary. Rotonda West's recent donation is only one of many donations from GFWC District 12 Clubs that have gone to the Punta Gorda Rotary for direct transfer to Czestochowa Rotary and into Ukraine in the form of medical aid and supplies for the citizens.

*Kathryn S. Gallagher*  
GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club  
GFWC FL District 12 Director

The Sun Newspaper published the following article:



**Punta Gorda Rotary charity raises nearly \$200K to help Ukraine**

**By NANCY J. SEMON**  
STAFF WRITER

PUNTA GORDA — An initial donation from Punta Gorda Rotary Club to help Ukrainians has morphed into a charitable endeavor has raised nearly \$200,000 in humanitarian aid.

James Williams began to collect money for the people of Ukraine shortly after the February 2022 invasion by

Russia. Williams is the Punta Gorda Rotary Club treasurer who oversees the nonprofit Punta Gorda Rotary Club Charity and Education Foundation.

He contacted the Czestochowa Rotary Club in Poland and its president, Wojtek Jankowski, recently recalled the first time he communicated with Williams. Jankowski recalls Williams asking if his club could use \$5,000.

“And I said, ‘of course.’ And that’s how we got started,” Jankowski stated.

The deal was to send humanitarian goods, including medical supplies, food and other essentials to Czestochowa, and the Rotary Club there would have it sent over the border. Jankowski, meanwhile, contacted the president of the board of Hegelman Logistics, a Czestochowa-based trucking firm that agreed to donate trucks and drivers to bring the goods over the border, for free.

As more and more Ukrainians fled into Poland, some of the goods were used to help the newly arrived refugees displaced by the war.

Williams and the Rotarians continue to raise funds. The Punta Gorda Rotary itself has raised some \$70,000 so far, partly through fundraisers such as Taste of Punta Gorda and through Charlotte County restaurants along with 48 Rotary clubs in several counties, and private donors, Williams said.

The Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island, one of many Rotary clubs that has partnered with the Punta Gorda Club, raised more than \$77,000.

The Anna Maria Island RC has chosen to directly donate to the Czestochowa Rotary, Williams said.

A recent concert fundraiser by the Anna Maria Island RC raised some \$20,000, he said.

The Punta Gorda Rotary Club Charity and Education Foundation has networked with other Rotary clubs in Southwest Florida and throughout the U.S. and even overseas.

Rotary Clubs in England, Germany, and the Caribbean have contributed through the Punta Gorda foundation, and Rotary Clubs in Texas and Ohio have also become partners, as have local member clubs of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

The foundation applied for a grant which funded a Meals of Hope meal packing event at Babcock Ranch, where volunteers “packed 21,000 Meals of Hope costing 28 cents each, and the (total) weight was 35,000 pounds,” Williams told *The Daily Sun*.

Meanwhile, Water One, Inc. of Fort Myers donated nearly 1,000 Pure2Go water purifier kits.

Anyone interested in donating to the Punta Gorda Rotary Club Foundation can visit [punta-gorda-rotary-club.square.site](http://punta-gorda-rotary-club.square.site) or send a check to Punta Gorda Ukraine Relief, P.O. Box 511132, Punta Gorda, Florida [33951-1132](tel:339511132), and write Punta Gorda Ukraine Relief on the memo line. Email: [nancy.semon@yoursun.com](mailto:nancy.semon@yoursun.com)



Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko (center) visited the Lviv Unity Rotary Club in Ukraine on the arrival of the water purifiers sent. To Hewko's left is Lviv Unity RC president, Borys Bodnar.



**Some 35,000 pounds of Meals of Hope, assembled at Babcock Ranch, where the Rotary Club of Babcock Ranch packed the meals. In all, 21,000 were sent to Ukraine. PHOTOS PROVIDED**

Local Pasco County GFWC Blue Umbrella Club members partnered with a local school social worker to obtain much needed items for families in the East Pasco area.



Thanks go to Marsha Gabbard, who coordinated our volunteer efforts for Sunrise of Pasco, a domestic violence shelter. Members donated 33 pillows to Sunrise Domestic Violence shelter and several sets of twin size sheets! This shelter has 50 rooms with four twin beds in each room. Anyone can drop off and/or send donations to the administrative office located at 12724 Smith Road, Dade City, Fl. 33525: Monday-Friday 9-4.

Jackie Savage coordinates our homeless families project in conjunction with Lacoochee Elementary School social worker, Jane. She obtains donations of furniture and household articles. Jane says that as fast as we get her the donations, homeless families come and pick them up for their new living quarters! In these pictures, our ladies are packing up a house full of items for donation. The truck was packed with items!!! Thank you Jackie Savage, Melanie Muench-Day, and Sharon Grace, who came out to pack up a house full of furniture and household items for our "help families in need" program. Local Pasco County GFWC Blue Umbrella Club members partner with a local school social worker obtain much needed items for her families in the East Pasco area.

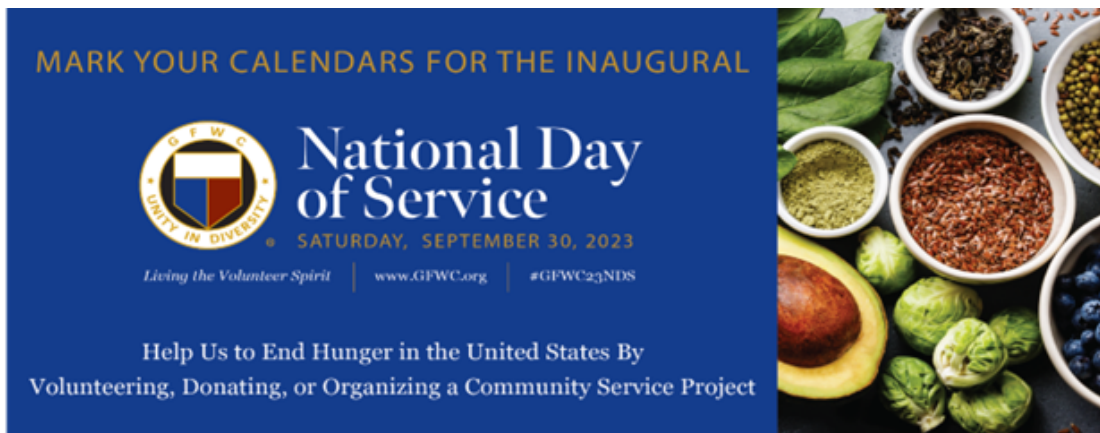


Sharon Grace (in front); from left to right - Jackie Savage (red BUC shirt), Melanie Muench-Day.



Marsha Gabbard

On the left two wonderful volunteers from Lacoochee Elementary School



***Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> is the Inaugural GFWC National Day of Service***

**Fun and creative ways to celebrate National Day Of Service from clubs around the country:**

GFWC Woman's Club of Manassas, Inc., from Manassas, Virginia, along with their public library, are hosting a canned goods sculpture contest. The theme of the sculptures will be book characters in keeping with their public library partner. They are recruiting teams from other local organizations, such as American Heritage Girls, Rotary Club, and Boy Scouts, to be paired with sponsors to design and execute their sculptures on September 30th.

Four clubs from GFWC Florida; GFWC Juniorette Club of Jupiter-Tequesta, GFWC Jupiter-Tequesta Junior Woman's Club, Woman's Club of Jupiter-Tequesta, of Tequesta, Florida, and GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart, of Stuart, Florida, will be attending the "Empty Bowls at the Gardens" event together on September 30. Empty Bowls at the Gardens is an event benefiting their county food bank.

GFWC Woman's Club of Essex County, in Aylett, Virginia, will serve dinner to the Haven Shelter ladies and their kids on September 30.

GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club of Brown Deer, Wisconsin, is holding a non-perishable food drive in conjunction with their Fall Rummage Sale.

There are so many ways to participate in GFWC's National Day of Service. Your local food bank always needs food and volunteers, but maybe they already have volunteers for September 30. Or your local shelter has enough volunteers to make dinner for their constituents on September 30. Your club is only limited by members' imaginations. If your club would like to see some ideas for projects, look at the Club Project Ideas in the NDS Toolkit in the Member Portal.

My Digital Library > Resources > N > NDS Toolkit > NDS Club Project Ideas

To participate in the inaugural NDS, please email Melanie Gisler, Director of Membership Services, at [mgisler@gfwc.org](mailto:mgisler@gfwc.org) and cc Deb Strahanoski, GFWC International

**Let us know how you will be celebrating National Day of Service this year! send us your information we will post it in this newsletter:**

[vayermoli@hotmail.com](mailto:vayermoli@hotmail.com)

To find out which clubs in your state are registered go to <https://www.gfwc.org/> and click on NDS 2023 Clubs.



**Of course, the Blue Umbrella Club is already registered with GFWC HQ as a participant!**

Now (today/tomorrow/this week) is the right moment for Blue Umbrella Club members to encourage our districts and clubs to register with GFWC.

Then, it's important that we participate with our home clubs in the planning of a successful, local Day of Service.

The Inaugural National Day of Service opens a brand-new channel for GFWC. Not only will it highlight our quest to solve food insecurity in every county in the country but it will also create an awareness of our service organization of 60,000 caring and dedicated General Federation of Women's Clubs members. Let's make it a priority to use this preparation time to educate others that GFWC stands for General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Locally placed, advance publicity regarding the reality of hunger, nationwide food insecurity and our plan to stamp it out will start the ball rolling toward a nationally recognized General Federation of Women's Clubs Day of Service.

As members of the Blue Umbrella Club, concentrate on spreading the good word to members and friends across the country. Contact and persuade other service organizations to rally with us on September 30<sup>th</sup> and feed the nation!

*Living the Volunteer Spirit • [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) • #GFWC23NDS*

## Checklist

### Get Started

Register to Participate - Email: Melanie Gisler, Director of Membership Services, at [MGisler@GFWC.org](mailto:MGisler@GFWC.org) and copy Deb Strahanoski at [dstrahanoski@gfwc.org](mailto:dstrahanoski@gfwc.org)

- Form a National Day of Service Project Planning Committee
- Brainstorm Local Charities to Support
- Share NDS Charity with Club Members
- Recruit Club Members to Participate
- Ask Each Participant to Invite a Friend (*not a current member*) to Participate
- Reach Out to Local Community Leaders to Support Club Activity. For example, Mayor, Local Businesses, Schools, Churches, etc.
- Create Weekly Updates om NDS to Generate Excitement
- Recognize Clubwomen Recruiting Non-members to Participate
- Invite Nonmembers to Attend a Club Meeting Prior to NDS on Sept. 30
- Develop Promotional Materials and Signage to Engage Local Community
- Reach Out to Community Press Outlets (*Includes creating a list and using Press Kit for campaign messages.*)

### August/September

- Confirm Plans with Organization Selected to Support
- Remind club members of date and time to meet.
- Promote GFWC NDS to Local Press (*Highlight activity and explain how food insecurity impacts local community.*)
- Have Fun **Challenging** Other Clubs

- *(Contests for most volunteer hours completed, food collected, or new members recruited — be creative, nothing is off limits when its fun.)*

#### **4–6 Weeks**

- Contact Local Press to Promote Activity and Educate on Food Insecurity
- Gather Materials & Supplies Needed for Sept. 30 (*Signs, boxes, gloves, giveaways, snacks, water, etc.*)
- Remind Friends & Family About NDS

#### **2 Weeks**

- Finalize/Confirm Project Details
- Generate Excitement on Social Media

#### **1 Week**

- Email Members a reminder
- Distribute Materials & Supplies

#### **Day of NDS – September 30, 2023**

- Arrive 15-30 minutes Early
- Provide Activity Instructions

Have Fun! Post to Social Media, #GFWC23NDS



### **Take Action: Use Our Legislative Alerts**

Sign up for the [Legislative Action Center](#), a powerful tool to alert you to GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. Track bills, contact your local representative and [take action](#) on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions.

# SAVE THE DATES!



## National Day of Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

*Living the Volunteer Spirit*

[www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org)

#GFWC23NDS

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# SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, DEC. 16, 2023

National Wreaths Across America Day



# GFWC Florida Webinar Series 2023-2024

## Hosted by Communications/PR, Membership & Leadership Committees



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### 7PM ET: LEADERSHIP

Leadership training for club CSP Chairmen; how to utilize support available from GFWC Florida & GFWC

Presented By: Leadership Committee

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### 7PM ET: REPORTING

Tips for tracking reporting data and sharing impact-driven accomplishments; review GFWC & GFWC Florida reporting due dates

Presented By: First Vice President Dara Bergdoll

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### 7PM ET: MEMBERSHIP

How to encourage member participation in committees and new projects

Presented By: Membership Committee

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### 7PM ET: WEBSITE DESIGN

How to build a free website using several popular website builders

Presented By: Communication & PR Committee

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### 7PM ET: TECH TIPS: QR CODES & TECH SOUP

How to create a QR code and how to utilize discounts available from Tech Soup

Presented By: Communication & PR Committee

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### 7PM ET: STEPPING INTO LEADERSHIP

Stepping into Leadership

Presented By: Leadership Committee

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### 7PM ET: FUNDRAISING

Fundraising ideas and tips from successful club events

Presented By: Fundraising Chairman Metris Batts

MAR.  
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### 7PM ET: BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

Bylaws and Standing Rules guidance for clubs

Presented By: Kelly Holmes, Teddy Hulse  
Dara Bergdoll, Shannon Bailey

**THANK YOU PAULA JUVINALL**



**FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!**

### **Check out the shirts for the GFWC Blue Umbrella Club!**

If you would like to get one or more of these wonderful t-shirts, you have to order them through Amazon; if you are a Prime Member, shipping will be free!

Click on the link under the style shirt you want and which logo you want, and it will take you to the order page where you make all your other selections such as size and color.

If the link below each item does not take you to the site; copy and paste the link on your browser.



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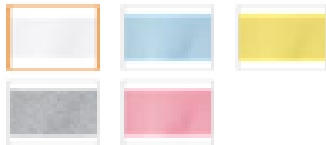


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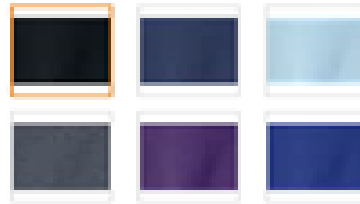
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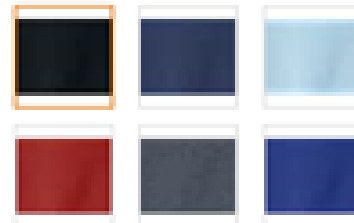
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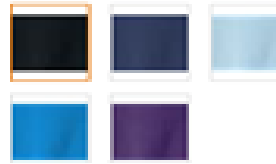
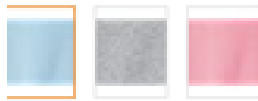
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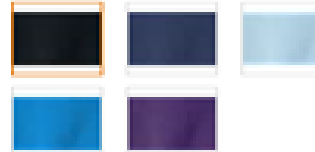
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Logo 2



Our Merchandise Manager is Paula Juvinal at [pjuvinal@gmail.com](mailto:pjuvinal@gmail.com) and you can order any bijouterie by contacting her directly. The earrings are \$10, the bracelets are \$15 apiece and the umbrella pin is \$10. If your order needs to be **shipped, there is a \$5 charge.**

You can also text your order to Paula at 727-401-1328; go to the online payment page, pay by check or use the QR code. whichever payment method you choose **always be sure to copy Paula for a fast return.**

To place your order you can make a check payable to GFWC Blue Umbrella Club, list the item (s) in the memo line and send the check to:

Kathy Mammenga - Treasurer  
11214 E Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd #195  
Seffner, FL 33584

OR

**Link to our online payment page:**

<https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/gfwcblueumbrella/payments>

OR

**QR Code for our online payment page:**



Thank you, Kathy Mammenga!  
Blue Umbrella Club Treasurer,  
for making this process easy for everyone!



We have the blue umbrella pins in stock!

They are the same umbrella pin as during Dianne's administration.

**\$10 each**

The bracelets are elastic so no clasps to worry about. They can say Love, Respect or Kindness or have no words and just the umbrella charm hanging from it.

You can choose white letters like in the picture or silver beads with black letters.

Please let Paula know if your wrist is smaller or larger than average size.

**\$15 each** (unless it's a special order.)

If you aren't into pins or shirts or bracelets, how about a pair of umbrella earrings?

They are the same charm as on the bracelet and the ear wires are sterling silver.

**\$10/pair**

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## CAMP BOGGY CREEK



### MISSION

To foster a spirit of joy by creating a free, safe and medically-sound camp environment that enriches the lives of children with serious illnesses and their families.

Camp Boggy Creek has been selected as GFWC Florida President O'Toole's state project for 2022-2024. Together, we as members of GFWC Blue Umbrella Club, Inc. can work to make a difference in a child's life. My ask is that you join me in supporting this initiative.

### WHAT IS CAMP BOGGY CREEK

The Camp is a safe place for children ages 7-16 with one of the following illnesses: asthma, bleeding disorders, cancer, craniofacial disorders, diabetes, epilepsy, heart disease, kidney disease, rheumatic disease, ventilator assisted disorders, sickle cell, spina bifida and transplants to spend time and forget their illnesses and have an opportunity to enjoy life as a child – without thinking about their disease. The camp was founded by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf and Paul Newman and is in Eustis, Florida.

## **PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

They host year-round sessions, including summer camp for the children and family retreats in the spring and fall. Activities include swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, horseback riding, theater, archery, mini golf, dancing, singing and adventure activities.

## **WHAT IT TAKES**

Roughly 3.8 million dollars is needed each year to run this ADA, state of the art medical camping facility. The one building that stands out - the Patch (where you go to get patched up) is filled with volunteer medical specialists to ensure each camper's safety. The cost to send each child to camp for one week is \$2,500. No parent is asked to pay to send their child. Camp Boggy Creek relies on non-profit organizations like GFWC to fund all expenses. Every walk down cabin row, every stage day, every smile, every new friendship... it all matters...Camp matters...and your gift matters to children with serious illnesses and their families.

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A BLUE UMBRELLA CLUB MEMBER?**

The camp needs "Boggy Creek Bears" which are made from a specific pattern. I am not a seamstress, and I've been told the patterns are extremely difficult, but if you're a sewer, this is an excellent opportunity for you to get engaged! In addition, the Camp is looking for hand crocheted afghan blankets that would be given to each child to take home after their stay. There are specific dimensions for the blankets as well. If you or your friends and family can assist in making the Boggy Creek Bears or an afghan blanket, please let me know and I will be more than happy to share the specific instructions with you.

In addition to the bears and the afghans, you can help raise \$2,500 or more, to send a camper to Camp Boggy Creek for a week. Since this is a two-year project, we have time to help raise/solicit these funds. Opening our hearts to these children and their families is one way we can show our support to make memories in the life of a child.

Please send me an email at [membershipblueumbrella@gmail.com](mailto:membershipblueumbrella@gmail.com) if you would like the pattern for the bear, instructions for the afghan blanket or have an idea for raising funds to send a child or two to Camp Boggy Creek.

Wishing each of you and yours a healthy, happy New Year!

Yours in Service,

Lisa Klatt  
Communications and PR Chair  
GFWC Blue Umbrella Club, Inc.  
727-543-7461  
[membershipblueumbrella@gmail.com](mailto:membershipblueumbrella@gmail.com)

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We would like to keep records of our club's history. To this end, it will be important for those volunteering for activities on behalf of this Club, to copy the information to Rachelle Warmouth, [rachelle3364@gmail.com](mailto:rachelle3364@gmail.com), as well as Dianne and the Communications Team.

Thank you!



Find us on:  
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352-668-8088

We have two Facebook sites. One is a “Public” PAGE and the other a “Private” GROUP. Dues paying members are encouraged to join BOTH. These are the differences between “page” and “group”:

“Public” PAGE: It can be seen by anyone on Facebook. It is used to recruit new members and introduce people to our vision and purpose. This PAGE collects “likes” and “followers.” Once you like and follow this PAGE, you can “invite” your friends to like and follow it. Anyone can like/follow and keep up with our activities. Since I am one of the PAGE administrators, I have placed restrictions on posting by just anyone. I must “approve” posts first. This is to control spammers to a degree.

“Private” GROUP: You must be a “dues paying” member to join. You must “request” and be “approved” in order to view and post on it. This GROUP will be used for announcements, zoom meeting links, member discussions and the like. Members use this GROUP to communicate with one another, access files and other member information that we do not want to share with non-members. I am also one of the administrators of this GROUP.

For more information please contact Sharon.

**Virginia Yermoli**  
[vayermoli@hotmail.com](mailto:vayermoli@hotmail.com)  
**786.252.9272**



Welcome to our newsletter!

Please send me any articles you would like to be included in the newsletter.

If you send pictures with your articles, please send them as a .jpg or .png attachment with a short explanation of who is in the picture, what is it about and any other relevant information that may be needed to explain the action in the picture.

Thank you!

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If you would like to become a member of this wonderful Club, please fill out the application below and send it with your \$35 check made out to GFWC Blue Umbrella Club Inc, and mail to:

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If you would like an application emailed to you, please send your request to Virginia Yermoli at [vayermoli@hotmail.com](mailto:vayermoli@hotmail.com)

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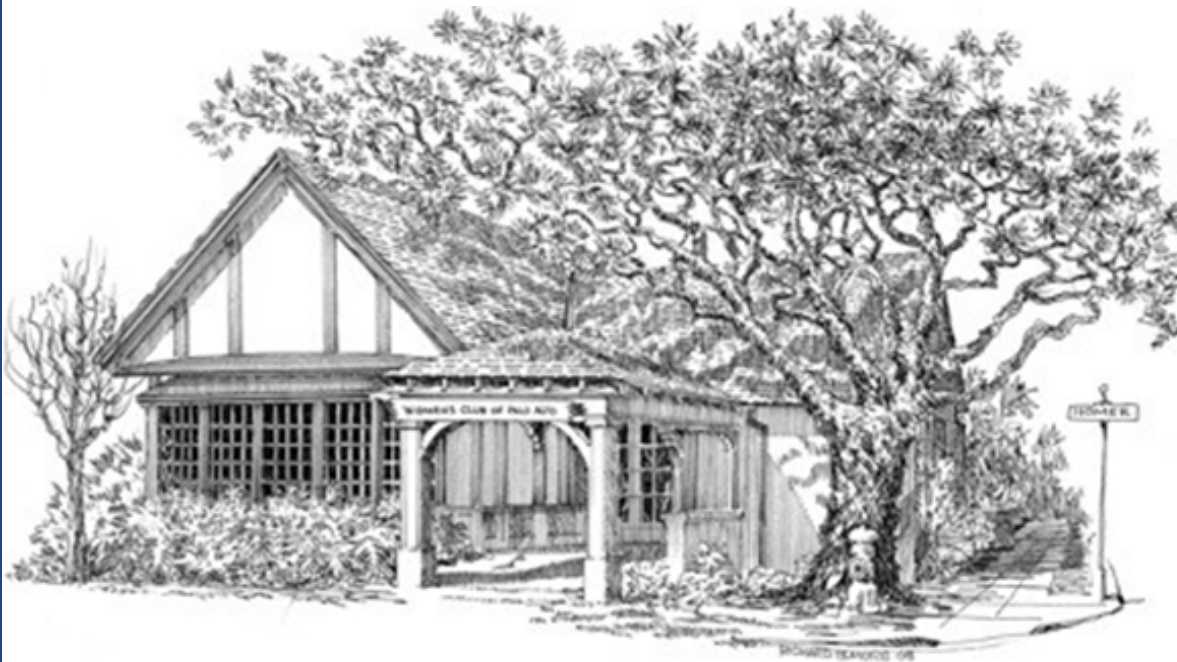
# *GFWC Blue Umbrella Club Inc.*

## *General Federation of Women's Clubs*



## **Our Mission Statement**

This Club is organized to encourage an ongoing, positive opportunity for volunteerism based on incorporating the attributes of love, of respect and of kindness through all aspects of life. The mission will also encompass support for existing clubs and projects at local levels.



A Collect for Club Women

Mary Stewart

Keep us oh God from pettiness;  
Let us be large in thought, in word, and deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.  
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face,  
without self-pity and without prejudice.  
May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.  
Let us take time for all things.  
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.  
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.  
Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences,  
That in the big things of life we are at one.  
And may we strive to touch and to know  
the great common human heart of us all.  
And oh Lord God, let us not forget to be kind!

In 1904, Mary Stewart (1876 – 1943), wrote a “Collect for Club Women” which our club recites at meetings, as do club women throughout the world. Stewart stated that the Collect was written “...as a prayer for the day. I called it a Collect for Club Women because I felt that women working together with wide interests for large ends was a new thing under the sun and that, perhaps, they had need for a special petition and meditation of their own.”



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