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VOLUME X - August, 2023

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



From Dianne's Desk:

Hello GFWC Blue Umbrella members,

I know it is summer, and I know I live in Florida, but wow, the weather has certainly been extreme, hasn't it? I think that statement is true wherever you Blue Umbrellas live. Thank goodness, most of us have easy access to keeping cool, but it brings to mind the many people across the globe who can't enjoy that luxury. Our club is a reflection of the philosophy of Love, Respect, and Kindness...always and everywhere... and approaching all situations with an upbeat, positive attitude. And that includes reaching out to those suffering with the effects of heat, flooding, food challenges, wildfires, war, and hatred. Please be a part of working to make our communities and our world a better place. Further on in this newsletter, you will find suggestions and articles on ways to work together and be a part of that, wherever you may live. I am so proud to be a GFWC Blue Umbrella member!

We do have some exciting news, with details later in the newsletter from Kathryn Gallagher, about an opportunity that the GFWC Florida Executive Committee has made available to us at the upcoming Florida Fall Board meeting in September. The GFWC Blue Umbrella Club will sponsor a vendor table on the first floor! There will be information about our organization, its mission, and goals, as well as Blue Umbrella pins for sale and Blue

Umbrella jewelry and t-shirts that can be ordered. We may possibly have a Blue Umbrella stained glass ornament for sale or available to order. In addition, and with our “under the umbrella” commitment to promoting the spirit of working together cooperatively, we will have information and products from the District 12 project, “Sunflowers for the Ukraine” and the District 11/ Florida adopted project of “Plastic Free Initiative”. I encourage you all to come by the table and to bring your friends. Several of us will be there, sporting our club shirts and jewelry and hoping to see and talk to you! This is our first opportunity to sponsor a table, but with hopes to see the participation grow at future meetings.

Plan on a Blue Umbrella meeting/get together in my room on Friday night at Fall Board, following the “District Gatherings and Meet and Greet our GFWC Leaders” event listed in the Call. I will share details in our September newsletter. Be sure to get your registration and meals and hotel reservations in by the deadline. I hear this Fall Board meeting is going to be “Out of this World!”. I can’t wait to see you!

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 **Marsha Gabbard, Sandy Saunders, Lois Fitzhugh, Melanie Meunch-Day, Thelma Slawson, and Lisa M. Colon** 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

With Love, Respect and Kindness, always,

Dianne



Call to the GFWC Florida 2023 Fall Board of Directors Meeting

Going Above and Beyond



Now is the time to reserve your spot on our
"Out of This World" adventure.

We will be "Going Above and Beyond" at the
2023 GFWC Florida
Fall Board of Directors meeting.

Click below to download the Call to Fall Board!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qF1Mc41YRZ5uX-PoIM9T_CO24636i3HT/view

The Call is out for Southern Region Conference!



Dear GFWC Southern Region Members:

As the hosts for our 2023 Annual Meeting, our Mississippi ladies have been busy working on the plans to make it a memorable conference. Our meeting is October 26-29 at the IP Hotel in Biloxi, and the theme for the weekend is "The Magic of Mississippi." During the weekend you will get to learn some of the history of the area, and you can sample some of the local talent that Mississippi has to offer.

Our very special guests will be our 2022-2024 GFWC International President, Deb Strahanoski, and GFWC President-elect, Suellen Brazil., and they will shine their light for GFWC and update us on happenings in our wonderful organization. We'll also have greetings from the GFWC Officers within our Region. The conference agenda is filled with presentations led by our GFWC and Region Chairmen and Committee members. Topics to be covered include our Community Service Programs, Legislation/Public Policy, Membership, Communications/Public Relations, Fundraising, and Leadership, including our 2023 LEADS graduates. Also included are the Junior Special Program and our Signature Project: Domestic Violence and Prevention. State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs will share a "brag time" with us, and the Juniors will help us to celebrate Dr. Seuss.

Thursday evening the Board of Directors will meet and dine together off-site at Patio 44 Restaurant. Then on Friday we will have an historical tour of downtown Biloxi via trolley. This includes Biloxi's lighthouse. After that we will board a bus to the Gulfport Woman's Club where the Gulfport ladies will host a tasty tea/lunch for us. Seating is limited to 50, but there are many other options to fill your day, including museums and shopping at Biloxi and Ocean Springs.

Our hotel is offering special spa packages so make sure you view those offerings and register in advance. And, of course, you may want to try your luck at the casino located on the first floor of the IP Hotel. Friday night is State Night, and our Mississippi ladies have planned a fun packed evening for us with a special children's author speaker and musical entertainment. Mississippi's special project for this administration is supporting libraries and literacy. Several of their libraries were badly damaged during the storms and tornadoes that recently plagued Mississippi. Please help us to support this project by bringing new and/or gently used children's books to be donated to school libraries.

Saturday is our business session and in addition to all the great workshop presentations we will have another author who will speak about friendships. We are honored to have

Suellen Brazil speak at our Saturday luncheon, and Deb Strahanoski will be sharing her ideas with us at the Saturday dinner. Sunday morning, we will receive the invitation to the 2024 Southern Region Annual Meeting in South Carolina. Official Call to SRC Letter 2023. You will have several shopping opportunities, as we will have vendors and our state and GFWC tables. Everyone loves taking a chance on baskets, so we are asking each state (and anyone else who wants to) to donate a basket or purse for an opportunity drawing.

Mode of Dress for this conference is: • Tours: Tropical Casual (closed toe shoes must be worn if you are climbing to the top of the lighthouse) • Meetings: Tropical Business Casual • Friday Evening: Business Casual in Black and White (to represent the pages of a book) • Saturday Evening: Tropical Business Casual • Junior Fun Night: Dr. Seuss Theme

PLEASE SHARE THIS CALL WITH YOUR MEMBERS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO ATTEND

See you soon!

Joyce Johnston
GFWC Southern Region President

For registration and hotel information please go to:

<https://www.gfwc-southernregion.org/home/meetings>

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 below.

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





Please be sure to fill out the registration form and send it **together** with your payment. We need your information for our records, and your email address to be able to send you our newsletter and other notifications. Thank you!

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General Federation of Women's Clubs



Member Registration Information

Please send your completed registration to

Lisa M. Klatt

at: membershipblueumbrella@gmail.com

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Email Address _____

Home Address _____

City _____

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Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

District _____ Country _____

Areas of Interest _____

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GFWC BLUE UMBRELLA CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES!



GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARUBA:

GFWC Women's Club of Aruba is GFWC's first International Affiliate to register for the National Day of Service. The Women's Club of Aruba has been actively participating in GFWC events in recent years. Aruba members attended the 2015 Memphis Convention (TN), the 2016 Baltimore Convention (MD), and the 2017 Palm Desert Convention (CA). The club sent a candidate to the LEADS Workshop in Palm Desert. They celebrated their 85th Anniversary in September of 2019 with Past International President Mary Ellen Brock in attendance.

The Women's Club of Aruba is "committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of volunteers."

GFWC BELMOPAN - BELIZE WOMEN'S CLUB

On Sunday, August 6, 2023, the GFWC Belmopan Women's Club organized a riverside area clean-up. Club members and local community members joined in to make this possible. We encourage visitors to pack up their garbage and take it to the nearest disposal. Keep our rivers clean!

It was a wonderful joint collaboration. Hundreds of pounds of debris/trash were collected at this community event.





GFWC Blue Umbrella Angels

Doing Their Magic!



It's time for the big reveal!!

The GFWC Blue Umbrella Club has reserved a vendor table on the 1st Floor of the Rosen for Fall Board. Because of the short time from now until Fall Board, only two Districts will be sharing the table. However, we would like to open this to other Districts during Spring Convention.

You can show off one of your favorite projects...whether you want to just display information about your programs or you would like to offer some items from your own fundraising project. Space is extremely limited so it would be a first come first serve situation.

If you would like to reserve space at one of our tables and be under the beautiful Blue Umbrella displaying Love, Respect and Kindness, please Contact Kathryn Gallagher, project coordinator at kathryngal@yahoo.com

The GFWC Blue Umbrella Club embraces all those who promote GFWC initiatives. We look forward to being able to help your District spread the word of what your clubs are doing while supporting your communities as you further the GFWC goals.

District 11 and 12 will share the Blue Umbrella table at this time



District 12 adopted Sunflowers for Support of Ukraine as their District Project just after Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022. We will present hand-made Ukrainian Pysanky and Sunflower items for cash sale at the Blue Umbrella Table at Fall Board.

Sale of the Pysanky Eggs made by the Ukrainian National Women's League of America will provide clothing and personal needs for the 50,000 female soldiers fighting for their country.

District 11, The Woman's Club of Coconut Grove (WCCG) started the Plastics-Free Initiative (PFI) for our community, to promote education of the dangers of single use plastics to our environment and our marine life.

This initiative was taken to GFWC Florida in the hopes that the Florida Federation would adopt a resolution for our state.

This resolution was approved by GFWC Florida on 10.9.2020. (GFWC APPROVED PFI RESOLUTION 10-9-2020305843009246275400).

We would like to thank the GFWC BLUE UMBRELLA CLUB INC. for allowing us to exhibit the resolution and the items the WCCG suggest as plastic alternatives, on their vendor table at the 2023 Fall Board.



<https://www.plasticsfreeinitiative.org/presentations/>

GFWC PFI RESOLUTION

SPREADING THE THREE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORDS LOVE, RESPECT AND KINDNESS!



I had an appointment in Englewood last week and just happened to be wearing my "purple" Blue Umbrella T-shirt.

The medical professional I was visiting asked "what is Blue Umbrella!"

Well, I gave him my elevator speech, that we are a member club of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a 133 year old Service Organization. The Blue Umbrella encourages and promotes Love, Respect and Kindness throughout the world by supporting, sharing programs and contributing to other GFWC Clubs service outreach in all of their communities.

His reply was, "So you use your own platform to support other clubs efforts." Yes! Exactly!

Then I told him about our Inaugural GFWC Day of Service on September 30th to Stamp Out Hunger and Food Insecurity. All of our 60,000 members across the country will be participating in food drives, working in food banks, preparing meals to be distributed to the homeless. The list goes on.

His response to that was, "Call and let me know what your local club is doing. My receptionist and I will volunteer with you that day."

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



GFWC NEWS SHINING A BRIGHT LIGHT ON ONE OF OUR OWN!

Did you know that...GFWC Arts and Culture Honorary Chairwoman Jocelyn Russell sculpted a bronze Secretariat monument? Here is her story:

Published in the Spring 2023 Edition of the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine



THE ROAD TO SECRETARIAT

by JOCELYN RUSSELL,
GFWC ARTS AND CULTURE
HONORARY CHAIRMAN

I had recently completed a bronze monument honoring Sergeant Reckless, a little mare that served with the U.S. Marines in the Korean War. I told my

friend Robin Hutton (who wrote the book on Reckless and commissioned the monument) that I sure would like to get a life-size commission of a racehorse.

Imagine my shock to receive the call a few short months later: How about Secretariat at life + 1/2? Really!?

SECRETARIAT! NOT JUST A RACEHORSE, HE'S THE RACEHORSE OF ALL TIME! I was elated, terrified, and briefly immobilized, until my senses kicked in and I immediately went to work researching everything about Secretariat. Is the owner still alive? Is the jockey still alive? Who do I call? Who do I visit? Where do I start?

I began booking flights. I needed to present myself, my credentials, and my determination to my new clients, the Triangle Foundation in Lexington, Kentucky. Then a visit to the jockey, Ron Turcotte in New Brunswick, Canada, and Claiborne Farm in Kentucky where Secretariat was retired and is buried. Every book, photo, and story went into my arsenal; I was honored with creating a tribute to the one and only Big Red. It was mind-blowing.

The committee and I settled on a full stride pose, crossing the finish line in the Kentucky Derby. The maquette (small sculpture) was completed for approvals, and we were all literally "off to the races." My timeframe was tight but doable. Every buckle, strap, checker, and stripe had to be historically accurate, not to mention a perfect portrait of the perfect horse and jockey. Everyone was watching the progress. I got excellent pointers from fans (quickly topping 6,000 on Facebook) and racing experts alike; all suggestions were considered to capture the likeness of an iconic team that brought such hope and joy to the country in a time of political darkness. Secretariat and Ronnie broke all three track records for the Triple Crown in 1973 and the track records STILL stand 50 years later. Weigh the odds, this horse was a phenom- His heart (upon necropsy) was twice the size of a normal racehorse's heart. It was not medical, it was scientific; his engine was twice as big as his rivals. Bigger engine, more oxygen, more fuel.

Back to the sculpture, The maquette was scanned three-dimensionally, and the information was plugged into a Computerized Numerical Control program for enlargement. Huge chunks of polyurethane foam were milled to the exact contours of the maquette, except this sculpture was going to measure 21-feet long!

I temporarily moved to my foundry in Norman, Oklahoma, where the foam pieces were assembled, and the huge horse was lifted to height in their workspace. I began by tooling and refining the softened edges of the foam, cutting in details lost during the enlargement process. Imagine taking a 10—inch photo and blowing it up to 10 feet! Many details are lost, and fuzzy. The foam refinement took several weeks but taking the extra time at this phase paid off.

The next step was to brush on a few layers of hot clay. This sealed the foam and gave me a beautiful clay surface to tool in even more details, including eyelashes. This process took several more weeks, with foundry visits by clients and a myriad of Secretariat fans following the project.

The pressure was intense, but finally, I reached a point where I was at a loss for improvements, so I put down my tools and turned it over to my foundry. The casting process is long, laborious, and too complicated to explain (although there are many videos online to help demonstrate). Let's just say, that I went home, and the foundry family took over, working their magic to transform my intricate clay surface into timeless bronze, go figure. I can't do it...the foundry can, and they are paid well to stay in business. That said...I will never own a foundry. A foundryman once told me that his associate was filing for divorce and as punishment, the wife was making sure he got the foundry in the settlement... What?

We intend to trailer the second casting in the edition to all three Triple Crown races this year in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the amazing wins in 1973.

Whew, after all the drama, the monumental Secretariat was cast and ready for finals, transport, and delivery. I'll never forget the media coverage and fanfare as we transported Secretariat upright across nearly 900 miles by open trailer on the interstate to his destination. People were honking and parting the waters. The traffic circle at Alexandria and Old Frankfort Pike in Lexington, Kentucky is a fitting resting spot. The endeavor was to beautify the Old Frankfort Pike corridor, home to many Thoroughbred farms and legacies in Kentucky.

I am more than proud to be the chosen artist for this special commission.

On a side note, the clothing company Ariat helped sponsor the monument transportation in a fitting way, they donated two pairs of Ariat boots that I wore during the unveiling and dedication.

Do you know where Ariat derived its brand name? Secret-Ariat.

And now you know the rest of the story.





We are GFWC

A GFWC orientation series
for new members



Have you joined a GFWC Florida club during the 2022-2024 administration? You are invited to a four-part "We are GFWC" orientation webinar series hosted by the GFWC Florida Membership committee. Join us to learn the benefits of belonging to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, meet other new members from around the state, and work on a service project together!

Webinars will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 16, Monday, Oct. 16, Monday, Jan. 29 and Thursday April 4 at 7:00 pm ET. Content is different for each one, so plan to attend as many as you can!

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/zNKcvF8uhpmRfHW5A>

STRATEGIC PLAN

“Where you are,
to where you want to be...”



GFWC Florida Strategic Plan Facilitator Training Friday, Sept. 22

Be a part of Building Strength in GFWC Florida Clubs

Do you want to be a part of helping build strength in GFWC Florida clubs? If you answered yes, consider attending the Strategic Planning Facilitator Training at the GFWC Florida Fall Board of Directors. This training is open to all GFWC Florida members. Please look at the Florida Fall Board Call for registration information.

This immersive Strategic Planning Facilitator training workshop will give attendees a first-hand experience to become strategic planning facilitators to assist GFWC Florida clubs in building their own Strategic Plans. The focus will be on the responsibilities of the Facilitator during the pre-planning stage (including sending the SWOT Questionnaire, assisting members in creating goals, objectives, and tasks), day of planning activities, and review methods that will enable attendees to work together toward building the futures of GFWC Florida clubs through a strategic plan.

To view the Facilitator Orientation video, click the link below to see if Facilitator Training suits you!

We hope to see you at the Training at Fall Board! Remember to register using the Call to GFWC Florida Fall Board of Directors.

If you have questions before then, don't hesitate to contact any of us:

Jolie Frankfurth - jfrankfurth@gfwc.org
Diania Pimenta - leadership@gfwcflorida.org
Laura Connelly - secondvp@gfwcflorida.org



shot@life

GFWC members are encouraged to join Shot@Life, a campaign of the United Nations Foundation, to speak up for childhood immunization.

During this 45-minute remote training, you will learn about Shot@Life's work and the tools and tips for advocating the message to members of Congress and local community leaders about global immunization programs.

When: September 12
Time: 7 p.m. ET
Note: Registered Attendees will receive a link to view the training if unable to attend live.

Registration link:
https://unfoundation.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hw1_PmUKRkeA35ObNYdPpA



To register go to: [Webinar Registration Link](https://unfoundation.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hw1_PmUKRkeA35ObNYdPpA)

BIG THANK YOU!
TO THE SEVENTY SEVEN (77) FLORIDA CLUBS THAT HAVE
REGISTERED FOR NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE!
IF YOUR CLUB HAS NOT YET REGISTERED,
THERE IS STILL TIME TO DO SO!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE INAUGURAL

 **National Day of Service**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Living the Volunteer Spirit | www.GFWC.org | [#GFWC23NDS](https://twitter.com/GFWC23NDS)

Help Us to End Hunger in the United States By
Volunteering, Donating, or Organizing a Community Service Project

Saturday, September 30th 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 50.

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 and cc Deb Strahanoski, GFWC International President, dstrahanoski@gfwc.org.

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

You can check the Florida clubs registered by clicking on the link below

[FLORIDA CLUBS REGISTERED FOR NDS 2023](#)

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED:

Remembering our fallen U.S. Veterans. Honoring those who serve. Teaching our children the value of freedom.

That is the mission of Wreaths Across America. You can join us by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering, or partnering with us on National Wreaths Across America Day and every



day.

This year it will take place on December 16, 2023. Here is how you can help:

If you are interested in helping grow our mission to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH by becoming a volunteer Sponsorship Group Leader: As a Group Leader, you will invite, inspire, and unite your local community to sponsor veterans' wreaths to be placed on the graves of your hometown heroes

on National Wreaths Across America Day this December.

Selecting the right plan for your Sponsorship Group is important. You know your local community better than anyone and can select whichever plan is the most beneficial for your hometown.

- A 3-for-2 Group receives three wreaths for every two paid wreath sponsorships. This is a great way for your group to help maximize the number of wreaths placed on veteran graves.
- A \$5 Back Group receives \$5 back for every paid wreath sponsorship. This is a great way for your group to give back to your local community.
- A No Plan Group helps to cover the Wreaths Across America overhead. This is a great way for your group to support the behind the scenes work at headquarters.

To sign up as a Sponsorship Group, please complete and submit the Sponsorship Group Sign Up Form by clicking the link below. After your request has been processed, you will be sent a welcome email, with your Group ID, a direct link to your group website, and everything you will need to know to get started.

As a volunteer Sponsorship Group Leader, you will be responsible for networking within your local community to gather wreath sponsorships. You will select at least one cemetery to support as a group, whether that's Arlington National Cemetery or another cemetery in your state or within your local community. You will communicate with headquarters regularly to keep informed about upcoming promotions and fundraising campaigns, as well as to receive training and support for your volunteer role. You will direct donors to your group website to sponsor wreaths online or you will mail checks and completed order forms to Wreaths Across America within a month of receipt. Wreaths Across America wreath sponsorships are \$17 per wreath. You will make arrangements with the volunteer Location Coordinator at the cemetery for which your Sponsorship Group supports to see how you may be of assistance during the wreath laying ceremony.

For more information please go to <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/>



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.

GFWC Florida Webinar Series 2023-2024

Hosted by Communications/PR,
Membership & Leadership Committees



SEPT. 6	7PM ET: LEADERSHIP Leadership training for club CSP Chairmen; how to utilize support available from GFWC Florida & GFWC Presented By: Leadership Committee	JAN. 3	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
OCT. 5	7PM ET: MEMBERSHIP How to encourage member participation in committees and new projects Presented By: Membership Committee	FEB. 7	7PM ET: WEBSITE DESIGN How to build a free website using several popular website builders Presented By: Communication & PR Committee
NOV. 1	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	MAR. 7	7PM ET: STEPPING INTO LEADERSHIP Stepping into Leadership Presented By: Leadership Committee
DEC. 14	7PM ET: FUNDRAISING Fundraising ideas and tips from successful club events Presented By: Fundraising Chairman Metris Batts	MAR. 26	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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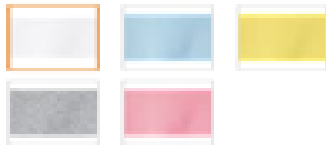


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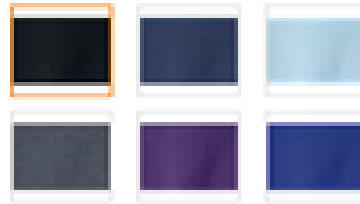
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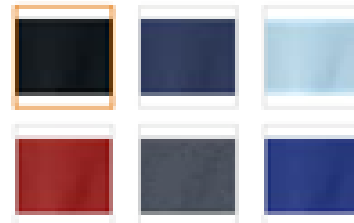
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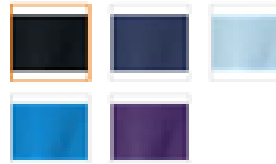
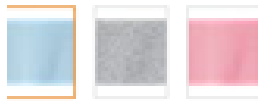
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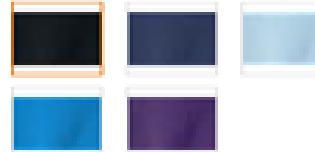
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Our Merchandise Manager is Paula Juvinal at pjuvinal@gmail.com and you can order any bijouterie by contacting her directly. The earrings are \$10, the bracelets are \$15 apiece and the umbrella pin is \$10. If your order needs to be **shipped, there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

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 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

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, as well as Dianne and the Communications Team.

Thank you!



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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
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!



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

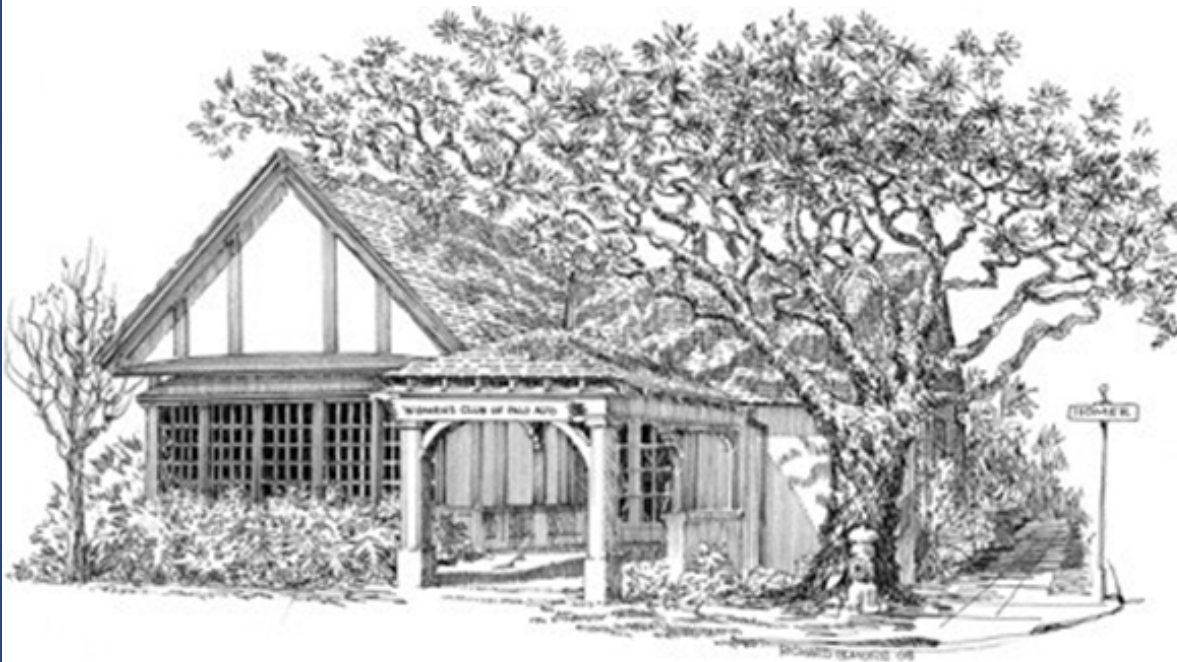
GFWC Blue Umbrella Club Inc.

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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