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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings:

Words cannot express how profoundly elated I am that you made the decision to become a part of our newly formed group of women who share common interests, goals, and a vision to give back to our communities here in Leon and Gadsden county. I am also humbled and honored that you have selected me to be your Founding Charter President. When we had our first organizational meeting, I had hoped for big things when I invited women from the community who were seeking an outlet to share their skills and

expertise, and who were passionate about the idea of helping people. But our charter membership has greatly surpassed my hopes, and now I need to adjust my vision for great things to come.

It's amazing that we were able to organize in the midst of a Pandemic via Zoom meetings. This Pandemic has placed a lot of challenges at our feet regarding contact volunteerism, but you Ladies always showed up and showed out that even the masks you were wearing couldn't hide your AWESOMENESS! You each deserve a Purple Cape and an "S" on your chest for being a SHero! We have a lot of work to do, my Sisters, are you up for the challenge? Of course you are... we are Sisters of Service, and we eat challenge for breakfast (smile). On behalf of the General Federal of Women's Clubs (GFWC), Sisters of Service Woman's Club, WELCOME, and let's get ready to RUUUUUUUUUUMMMMMBLE!



Our HERstory Begins

"Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them." Madame C. J. Walker

On May 8, 2020, Vanessa J. Moore sent communications to the Second Vice President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Florida to request a meeting to discuss the opportunity to start a new club under the GFWC Florida. Endowed with all the information to move forward...our journey began. On May 17, 2020, 19 Women gathered in the midst of a Pandemic via a Zoom meeting. A motion was moved and properly 2nd that these women present would start a Woman's Club for the sole purpose of giving back to the community, with a vision to ensure that the needs of the community would be met. These Women also decided that the name of the club would be representational of the club's vision. So, by a unanimous vote, the Sisters of Service Woman's Club was born.

The vision of the club was to bring together Women who were diverse in age, culture, educational levels, professions, and faith but share a common passion: making a difference in our community by changing lives. We needed a brand in the form of a logo that would reiterate our working goal: Unity in Diversity, which also happens to be the motto of the GFWC. Our logo depicts 4 Women, diverse in culture, joined together by a common purpose. The colors within are black, purple, and white, which are the club's official colors. The color black represents strength, seriousness, power, and authority; the color white represents purity, goodness, illumination, and beginnings; and the color purple represents royalty, benevolence, passion, and courage.

On May 31, 2020, 24 Women gathered again via a Zoom meeting, and the now formed club held its first election of officers. The GFWC Second Vice President, Sara Dessureau, was the installing officer. The Charter Executive Board is Vanessa J. Moore, Founding President, Donna J. Collier, Vice-President, Cameka N. Gardner, Recording Secretary, Crystal J. Bryant, Corresponding Secretary, and Kim L. Brown, Treasurer. Precious Boatwright was immediately appointed as the Parliamentarian. Congratulations, Ladies, you have just made history.

Our journey continues....



We Now Have A Home on the Web

My Corresponding Secretary is better than yours! Wait a minute...she is the same person (smile).

I would like to give two snaps up and around the world applause to our amazingly AWESOME Corresponding Secretary and Communications Chair, Crystal J. Bryant. Not only did she create this beautiful newsletter, she also did an outstanding job on the club's website....AND...we've gone social. Our club doors are now open to visitation from the communities we serve.

We also have a Facebook Discussion Board Group. The purpose of the group is to give both member and interested party a convenient outlet to find out about the current activities and goings-on in the club. Interested parties have to participate in one activity and attend one meeting to join the club. The club's entire membership has been added automatically to the group. If you cannot access the group, please send me an email: presidentsoswc@gmail.com.

Our web address and social media sites are as follows:

Website - <https://gfwcsistersofserviceswomansclu.godaddysites.com/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SistersOfServiceInc>

Facebook Discussion Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3543529738997165>

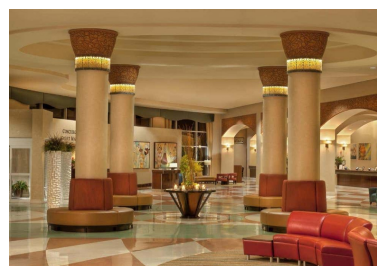
Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/gfwcsoswc/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/GFWCSOSWCInc>.

SAVE THE DATE: Fall Board in Orlando - Induction Ceremony

*"I define joy as a sustained sense of well-being and internal peace – a connection to what matters."
– Oprah Winfrey*

The Florida Federation of Women's Clubs Fall Board of Directors Meeting will be held September 25 - 27, 2020 at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando, Florida. Please be on the lookout in your email inbox for further details. Due to COVID-19 there will be a registration cap. Our club will be officially voted into the Federation during this time. I would like for us to have a nice size entourage to attend, if possible. Sisters, we are making history and I would love to see your beautiful faces as I accept the Gavel in the name of the GFWC Sisters of Service Woman's Club, Inc. So, who's with me? Further discussion to come at our next meeting. See you soon.



GFWC SOSWC Club Masks for Sale

Our club masks are here. There are three (3) different masks designs you can purchase from the club for \$12.00 each. The darker colored ones have a way to insert a filter, but they are durably made to help keep you safe. No mask is 100 percent, but the CDC recommends that everyone wear a mask indoors and outdoors to keep safe, so let us do our part. We are only getting 20 of each of the designs (a total of 60). You can purchase them for YOUR personal wear only, since it bears our logo. We will not order any more masks until all of the masks are purchased on a first come, first serve basis. The designer is only charging us \$10 for the masks and the \$2 goes into our treasury to cover administrative costs. Please consider purchasing a mask and display our brand. I couldn't decide which one I like best, so I bought all three...but that's just me (smile).



GFWC Florida Clubwoman Newsletter and Member Center

“You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas.” - Shirley Chisholm

This Just In: The GFWC Florida website has been updated to include a Member Center. To keep members of GFWC Florida informed and up to date with what is going on in the GFWC and the GFWC Florida, the Clubwoman Newsletter comes out every Monday. It features different areas of focus each Monday with aligning articles, stories, club activities, and photos from our Sister Clubs from all over the state of Florida. To receive the newsletter directly in your email inbox, go to: <https://www.gfwcflorida.org/> on the bottom right hand side you will see the area to sign up. Just that simple. Your Executive Board is encouraging all members to sign up. You will be glad you did. While you are on the site, click the link that says Member Center and register for a username to access all the resources available to all members of the GFWC Florida. Just click the link that says Join Us, create a username and password and you're in like Flynn (smile). Have questions? Contact Crystal Bryant, Communications Chair, at gfwcsistersofservice@gmail.com.



GFWC Florida
GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS
living the volunteer spirit



Let's Get Ready to Rumble

"You know, you do need mentors, but in the end, you really just need to believe in yourself."

- Diana Ross

Sisters, it's time to get ready to work. The challenges of COVID-19 leaves us much work to do to help our communities make it through these challenging times. Through our partnerships, we have seized the opportunity for volunteerism. All of these project partnerships were coordinated by our Community Service Program (CSP) Chair, Alfreda James. For more information, contact her at blackat@nettally.com. Please check your email and follow the links for the sign-up sheets for the following upcoming community service activities:

FAMU COVID 19 Testing Site Volunteers – Volunteers are needed to greet individuals, distribute masks and education material, direct clients to the stations and distribute water to volunteers throughout the day. Please sign up by Monday, August 24, 2020.

Keep Tallahassee Beautiful – Shoreline Cleanup – Volunteers are needed to help Leon County clean selected park areas near lakes and shorelines in Leon county. Keep Tallahassee Beautiful will provide all supplies. The selected park is Jack Lee Vause Park and the cleanup will take place September 19, 2020 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Please sign up by Monday, August 24, 2020.

OneBlood Donation Drive – Our Club will be hosting a OneBlood Donation Drive on September 19th. We need at least 10 volunteers from the club to donate blood. OneBlood will provide the promotional flyer which we will blast on our social media outlets. Please sign-up by Monday, August 24, 2020.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Program – BBBS of the Big Bend needs Bigs (Mentors) that are willing to commit to at least one year in the program. This commitment is on an individual basis that requires a thorough application process. If you are interested, please sign up by Monday, August 24, 2020 and the BBBS of the Big Bend will reach out to you directly.

Rags to Bags Masks Cutting – Sustainable Tallahassee Rags to Bags need volunteers who can either cut and sew material into masks, or who can cut the material and drop off. There is no sign-up sheet for this activity. We are registered as a group. Please go by 2200 North Meridian Road to the parking lot of Faith Presbyterian Church any Thursday from 11 am - 2 pm. You will be given a bundle with instructions. You can drop off the completed tasks by the following Thursday. Thanks ladies for all that you do...YOU ROCK!

Pandemic Hardship Relief Giveaway

The GFWC Sisters of Service Woman's Club, Inc. held its first fundraiser as a new club, the *Pandemic Hardship Relief Giveaway*. Tickets sold for a \$10 donation per ticket, a chance to win one of three \$500 cash prizes. The drawing was held on Friday, August 21, 2020, via a live feed on the club's Facebook page. The GFWC SOSWC hosted this fundraiser in an effort to raise money to support members of the Tallahassee community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the GFWC SOSWC community service efforts. This fundraising activity has been organized by our Fundraising Chair Nikki McGlockton. For more information, contact her at Niknatural612@aol.com.

100 Women in Prayer

Many thanks to those who joined us on Saturday, August 29, 2020, for our 100 Women in Prayer virtual community service event. Four (4) dynamic women of faith offered a prayer for students, teachers, and administrators around the world returning to school during the COVID-19 pandemic. They were Minister Sharon Finney from the Church Without Walls in Acokeek, Maryland, Reverend Val Grissom of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Florida, Mrs. Lauren Levwood, Chaplain Intern for TMH of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Tallahassee and Leah Cassorla is studying to be a Rabbi. Our prayer is for the healing of the land.



AUGUST 29 2020

GFWC
SISTERS OF SERVICE WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.

JOIN US VIRTUALLY FOR
100 WOMEN
IN PRAYER

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND A HEALING OVER THE LAND.

ZOOM MEETING ID: 886 4474 9396

FACEBOOK LIVE:
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SISTERSOFSERVICEINC](https://www.facebook.com/sistersofserviceinc)

EVENT STARTS AT 5PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL: NISHARE7189@GMAIL.COM

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Club Social Events

7/18- Wine Down Virtual Social Hour
at 6:00 pm

GFWC Sisters of Service Woman's Club, Inc.

Wine Down Virtual Social Hour



Date: Friday, July 17, 2020
Time: 6:00pm
Video Chat Platform: Zoom

Just because we're social distancing doesn't mean we have to drink alone. So grab a glass of wine or drink of choice and let's connect for a virtual social hour. Please send your favorite song to Precious, preciousone72@yahoo.com to be added to the virtual hour playlist.

8/21 - Virtual Wine Bingo at 6:30 pm

GFWC SISTERS OF SERVICE WOMAN'S CLUB, INC. SOCIAL EVENT

Virtual Wine Bingo



WINE BINGO

AROMA	ROSE	SYRAH	ORAY	MERLOT
CABERNET	BODY	MOSCATO	PINOT GREGO	DRY
REISLING	LEGS		FRUITY	BOTTLE
TASTE	SWEET	BLIND	MAJEC	ZINFANDEL
PINOT NOIR	SAUVIGNON BLANC	ACEDTY	SHARDONNAV	WINE

DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020

TIME: 6:30PM

LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEO CHAT

IF YOU WISH TO PLAY BINGO, PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS EVENT NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 TO GFWCSISTERSOFSERVICE@GMAIL.COM

Volunteers in Action Photo Gallery

Second Harvest in August



2020 Calendar of Events

June:

- 14 - Regular Meeting
- 17 - Special Meeting
- 28 - Regular Meeting

July:

- 06 - Executive Board Meeting
- 12 - Regular Meeting
- 18 - GFWC Florida Summer Planning Meeting
- 18 - Wine Down Virtual Social
- 25 - GFWC Leadership Workshop
- 26 - Executive Board Meeting

August:

- 07 - Regular Meeting
- 08 - GFWC Leadership Workshop
- 21 - Pandemic Hardship Giveaway
- 21 - Virtual Wine Bingo
- 22 - Executive Board Meeting
- 23 - Regular Meeting
- 24 - Deadline to Sign-Up for Community Service Activities
- 29 - 100 Women In Prayer Facebook Live Event

September:

- 01 - Sign-Up for Second Harvest Volunteer Spots for the Month
- 03 - Pick-Up Material from Rags2Bags
- 03 - Volunteers at FAMU COVID Testing Site
- 03 - GFWC Fall Board Registration Deadline
- 10 - Pick-Up/Drop Off Material from Rags2Bags
- 12 - Volunteers at FAMU COVID Testing Site
- 19 - OneBlood Donation Drive
- 19 - Shoreline Clean Up
- 19 - Volunteers at FAMU COVID Testing Site
- 19 - Executive Board Meeting
- 20 - Regular Meeting
- 25 - GFWC Fall Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando
- 26 - GFWC Sisters of Service Induction Ceremony @ Fall Board





Community Service Programs

2020 Calendar of Events Continued

September:

- 27 - Last Day of Fall Board
- 17 - Special Meeting
- 28 - Regular Meeting

October:

- 08 - Executive Board Meeting
- 15 - District 3 Fall Tour of Officers
- 18 - Regular Meeting
- 20 - Executive Board Meeting
- 21 - Start Ty's Sweets and Pies Fundraiser
- 22 - Start Poinsettia Sale
- 22 - Refuge House Donations
- 22 - Domestic Violence Awareness Facebook Live - Survivor Speaks
- 23 - Cancer Center Donations
- 29 - Advocates for Children Facebook Live Event
- 29 - End Poinsettia Sale
- 31 - Trunk or Treat
- 31 - End Ty's Sweets and Pies Fundraiser

November:

- TBD

December:

- TBD

ARTS AND CULTURE – The study of art and culture enriches the human experience. Art education improves problem solving and critical thinking skills, builds focus and perseverance, and nurtures creativity, confidence, and collaboration. Cultural awareness promotes effective communication and profoundly increases the ability to appreciate and enjoy a variety of new people and experiences.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH – The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program reminds GFWC members that each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. The four broad strokes of this effort include: Citizenship; Crime Prevention, Safety, and Disaster Preparedness; the Needy, Hungry, and Homeless; and Our Military Personnel and Veterans.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – GFWC members promote education in both children and adults. We aim to help others, while we also continue to learn. Projects in the Education Community Service Program are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities, and to promote literacy, libraries, and the love of a good book. Through these efforts, we encourage the growth of individuals and communities at home and around the world.

ENVIRONMENT – The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, and beautify our communities and enjoy nature.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS – The human body, mind, and spirit comprise our health and wellness. To improve our wellbeing, we must address three key components: nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care. This Community Service Program aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.

If you have questions regarding any community service activity or have recommendations for the club, please contact our Community Service Program (CSP) Chair.