



What's Hot

GFWC of Rhode Island

September – October 2011

President
Debbie Capuano



It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and fall just around the corner. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer participating in their favorite activity.

On July 28th the 1st Executive Committee and the 1st Board of Directors meetings were held, exciting ideas were exchanged between all who attended. Planning for this club year is well under way and it is very exciting for me to hear from Club Presidents and State Chairman about all of the wonderful plans taking shape.

GFWC Strategic Planning and Leadership Meeting was held on August 20th at the EBC Center. Sheila Shea, GFWC 2nd Vice President was the facilitator. All of the ideas shared during this meeting will be presented to the strategic planning committee to begin their work developing the GFWC of RI Plan.

As we continue on our "Tour of Rhode Island" the next stop will be the GFWC of RI Fall State Meeting being planned for Saturday October 15th at the Johnson and Wales Culinary Arts Museum in Providence, RI. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at what promise to be an exciting meeting.

I look forward to continue visiting each of the clubs during this administration. Club Presidents remember to use the invitation given to you at the first board meeting during this administration to earn a bead.

It is my pleasure to announce Suzan Amaroso, GFWC Women's Club of South County as GFWC of RI's nominee for the Jennie Award. The Jennie Award is awarded once per administration. The award



is a medal of honor given to only 8 (one selected from each region) of the more than 100,000 volunteers who make up one of the world's oldest and largest women's volunteer service organizations. The Jennie Award is the only national award presented by GFWC that singles out and honors members for personal excellence. The Jennie Award honors those extraordinary clubwomen who perform their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. The award is named in honor of GFWC founder Jane Cunningham Croly, who began the international organization more than 117 years ago. The nomination process is two years long and includes detailed information about each woman's contributions to her club, community, and family. The Jennie Award is presented during the June 2012 International Convention.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your GFWC of Rhode Island President.
Yours in Federation Service,
Debbie

Federation
Debbie Capuano

GFWC Convention Highlights

The 120th International Convention was held in Milwaukee, WI June 16th through the 21st. This President along with 6 other GFWC of RI clubwomen joined more than 600 other clubwomen from around the world in Living the Vision: Today, Tomorrow and Beyond.

The Opening Ceremony on Saturday morning was very heartwarming as GFWC of RI President elect Madeline Perreault carried the Rhode Island flag and escorted GFWC of RI President Debra Capuano



into the convention along with flags from the 50 states and 6 international countries.

The GFWC clubwomen from Wisconsin were wonderful convention hostesses. There were pre-convention activities and during the convention there were instructive workshops, informative business sessions, inspiring speakers, awesome award presentations and countless opportunities to share with other clubwomen.

During this convention GFWC of RI received 4 certificates of recognition.

- Leadership
- Newsletter Contest
- Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
- UNICEF

Congratulations to all GFWC of RI clubwomen for your hard work and dedication, which made the recognition possible.

President-elect Madeline Perreault

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

—Margaret Mead



O M G I'm going to be the state federation president in nine months! The birth of the 60th presidency is up to ME! But not really – GFWC of Rhode Island is composed of many

creative, talented women who have proven over and over again that they can accomplish anything. Think about it – promoting literacy, advocating for children, addressing the issue of domestic violence, working with children and the elderly, supporting the arts, working to end homelessness, recycling pill bottles and sneakers, stopping bullies, planting trees and flowers, donating underwear – and many others! We have engaged in community improvement projects both big and small and have consistently addressed those issues that negatively affect our world.

So now I challenge my fellow clubwomen to “put on your thinking caps” * and help me focus our efforts in our 117th year. We have begun the process by holding a Strategic Planning session (August 20) but I need the collective thoughts of every member if GFWC of RI is going to move forward. Please address the items below and return your comments and suggestions to me by email or post within the next month (by October 1). I look forward to reading your insights and suggestions. As the quote above reflects – we might be small in number but WE ARE MIGHTY together!

*PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAP

Meaning: Carefully and thoughtfully consider something

Origin: In previous centuries, it was customary for judges to put a cap on before sentencing criminals. Because judges were respected thinkers, it was referred to as a “thinking cap” (From Gordon’s Book of Familiar Phrases)

- A theme for the next administration
- An issue GFWC RI should address
- A project/program we must continue
- Publicity for ourselves thru
- A fund raising idea for clubs to work on together
- A legislative initiative If I was President, I would
- Comments for the good of the organization

Vice-President Janet Trombetti

I received this article from Anita Pfister of the GFWC Mississippi Valley Region. She is on their membership committee and has sent this all state membership chairmen. She has some great ideas – check them out.

A Summer Check-up for Our GFWC Clubs

We know that summer is hot and, in the words of George Gershwin’s Summertime, “the living is easy.” Many pro-active individuals don't follow that philosophy and find it the perfect time to do routine check-ups, make adjustments, and perform needed maintenance with their cars, homes, and



even their own personal health. Why not join those forward-thinking individuals and make this the time to conduct check-ups, perform needed maintenance, and make future plans for your own GFWC Club?

HOW? Here are some ideas from state membership chairmen and individual clubs on examples of what GFWC clubs are doing for their summer check-ups:

Check how your club stays connected.

GFWC Foothills Woman's Club of South Carolina, like many other clubs, does not meet during the summer. To keep in touch they hold mini-meetings and adjourn early to go out to dinner together. In support of the GFWC-SC President's Special Project—Girlfriends Who Care: Take Care of Yourself, the club exercises together after work as a way to get in shape.



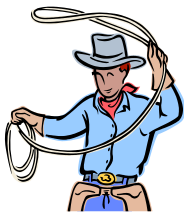
Many clubs find that socials are a way to keep members connected. Try a game night, pot luck night, hiking, out to breakfast, tour of historic venue, pool party, ice cream social, or coffee shop gathering.

Check how you thank and involve family members.

GFWC Woman's Club of Duquesne of Pennsylvania held a Family Night to thank family members for supporting club members. A catered dinner, entertainment, and gifts for children were part of the evening. Clubs also hosted summer family picnics and ice cream socials. This is a GREAT way to not only keep members connected but to introduce family members to the reasons their loved one has such a passion for GFWC.

Check how your club retains members.

Involve: Jan Moore of GFWC Kansas says "I would strongly suggest that keeping your membership active in all aspects of your club's work - setting up programs, working with the community on projects, reporting, etc., is a fine way to put women to work. Don't let any member sit on the sidelines and not do anything - even if they are infirm or not able to get around (financially or otherwise), they still



have mental skills that can make them invaluable assets to a club. We have lost "new members" in the past because no one gave them anything to do. Women who join service clubs want work!"

Appreciate: "We need to work at keeping current members as much as we need to work to get new members," says GFWC Minnesota Membership Chairman Kay James. Current members are valuable. They know GFWC and the great work clubs do. Thank them for being a valuable part of your club, and give them a special invitation to continue their membership.

Recognize: GFWC Iowa state officers visit clubs to recognize 50-year members in Iowa. "We encourage club presidents to honor a member in their club with 50 years of membership and invite a state officer to present the pin. We celebrate these members, and it's a happy reason to visit clubs and make a connection." State officers Carma Bisinger, Karen Martinek, and Kay Basham individually visited six clubs in one week presenting pins, thanking members for their service, and encouraging clubs---and that's just one week! At State Convention, 25 and 50 year members were recognized. Clubs were recognized with 75, 100, 105 and 110 year anniversaries. Clubs earning "Seasons of Recruitment" awards and clubs with new members also were recognized.

Check how to conduct a Federation Refresher.

During one of your social gatherings you can conduct Federation Refreshers by playing games and performing skits. Members that are knowledgeable will be more active and will feel a sense of ownership.

Check for Leadership Training.

Summer is a good time to check that club officers know the duties and responsibilities of their offices. Many district or state Federations offer summer leadership training. A club can also hold its own training where each officer runs through an officer checklist offered through GFWC materials. Officers who are well-prepared and who know GFWC's history can enthusiastically lead their club for the coming club year.



Check for Recruiting New Members.

Recruitment for GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia, South Carolina, began with a summer social at a local clubhouse. After a welcome to the club, guests were given a "passport" for four areas of information: membership, community service projects, Palmetto Place (club special project which is a shelter for children), and fundraising. The stations were staffed by the club project chairmen. After the informational session, the prospective new member put their "passport" in a raffle and each guest received a prize. All guests received a pamphlet about the club, membership application, orientation dates, and gift of a beverage insulator emblazoned with the club name and the club president's symbol, the peacock.

Don't prejudge their answers:

"The thing that worked best for us was to make a list of people we could ask, went through the phone book, listed people we knew," writes GFWC Nebraska Membership Chairman Nancy Galaway, as she explains how their GFWC Fairmont Woman's Club reached a membership of 24 members in a small town of 600 residents. "I suggested inviting our city clerk to join, but the girls said she works," Nancy continued. "I called anyway, and she said she would love to join but had to first get the okay from city council to attend. They gave her permission, and she's now a member. So, don't judge first who might or could join, just ask them!"



Invite newly-retired individuals: GFWC Iowa encourages clubs to watch the local newspapers in their small towns for the listing of retiring teachers and to send these teachers a written invitation to a club meeting.

One state initiated "a decade younger campaign" and asked members to invite guests ten years younger than their own age. The next year these new members invited guests ten years younger. The goal is to rejuvenate clubs who need younger members.

Check Out Celebrating Your Successes.

Let your state membership chairman and GFWC Headquarters know of your membership successes. Use the new "A Time For GFWC Membership" form to report new members. Provide photographs and narratives of events for inclusion in GFWC Clubwoman Magazine and the GFWC e-newsletter News & Notes. Celebrate and share your club's successes



Arts Doris Landry

October is National Arts and Humanities Month. Last year the clubs designed "Thank You" cards for veterans to be distributed on Veterans Day at the VA Hospital in Providence and the Veterans Home in Bristol, RI. I would like the clubs to continue this worthwhile project in October and bring them to the GFWC of RI Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 15, 2011. If unable to do this for October, please plan to create cards for the veterans for Valentine's Day and bring them to the Mid-Winter Meeting on Saturday, February 4, 2012.



Conservation Roberta Bianco



Just a few ramblings and suggestions for you. Alas, fall is fast approaching. Consider planting bulbs at a homeless or domestic

violence shelter. Also volunteer to do a fall cleanup of the grounds. Check with local schools, many have gardens that the children maintain. Offer them supplies or assistance.

Mugs for meetings proved a success with all but 17 taken by clubs. Please let me know how your club is using them. Once we have are accounted for all of the first order, we will place a second order if clubs want more. Some suggestions for their use: members bring mugs to club meetings; give mugs with goodies inside to speakers and when a new member is installed; sell as a club fundraiser (of course encouraging members to bring the mug to meetings).



Paula gave each Wampanoag member a mug filled with goodies at the final meeting of the year. It's a nice thank you for their work throughout the year. Warwick donated eight mugs to the newest Elizabeth Buffum Chase transition house. Whenever a resident drinks her tea of coffee she'll know they were a gift from GFWC.

Once again I am pushing for clubs to become involved in Reuse-a-Shoe by collecting sneakers that otherwise would be thrown out. Presently two clubs, Bristol County and Warwick, are participating. It is easy to do. Ask family and friends, go to schools (kids leave all kinds of articles at the end of a school year) and to gyms and ask that you be able to collect their old sneakers. Warwick has delivered 135 pair so far this year and has begun on its third collection.

How do you feel about a "field trip" to the RI Resource Recovery Corp. (RIRRC) facility? It is supposed to be both educational and enjoyable. I would like to have a state event, unless, of course, individual clubs undertake these tours on their own. We might even be able to arrange a luncheon (off site!) after the tour. Before I actually plan a tour, I would like to hear from clubs as to whether they would be interested.



Have you thought about composting but were afraid to try it? Composting can be done in a heap or a bin. If you want a bin, RIRRC sells Earth Machines M-F from 8:30 to 4 at a discounted rate of \$40.

Homelife Susan Porth

Here are some great ideas from the GFWC Home Life Collaboration Chairman Judy Martin

Grassroots Ideas for Programs and Projects

1. Coordinate with your local Health Department to co-sponsor a Medicine Take Back Day, where citizens bring unusable medicines for safe disposal and are given information on properly storing and inventorying medicines.

2. Visit the American Dental Association website www.ada.org and obtain free materials to promote National Children's Dental Health Month in February. Work with an elementary school to sponsor an art contest for students and distribute information on dental health.

5. Sponsor a Halloween Party at a nursing home. Bring costumed children and adult volunteers to nursing home and invite the seniors to join in the fun.



Serve refreshments in a common area and distribute "Trick or Treat" bags of basics items instead of candy.

6. Consult with your local nursing home or senior center to provide personalized birthday cards and/or small gifts for senior birthdays.

7. Hold a "Senior Shower" at a club meeting and invite a representative of a local senior service agency or facility to speak on the needs of seniors in your community. Present the shower items to the speaker for distribution.

Look for more great ideas at Community Service Programs and Special Projects, at GFWC.org

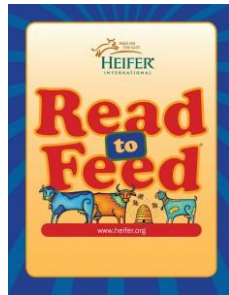
Remember you don't have to do it alone, partner with another GFWC of RI club.

International Outreach Ruth Bennett

Heifer International is a GFWC Partnership Organization. Heifer's mission is to work with communities around the world to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out,



they empower them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope. A village, orphanage, and a specialized boarding school of 120 children with various learning and behavior difficulties in Latvia are receiving training in small-animal husbandry, gardening, and marketing. Then they will receive poultry, sheep or goats, and berry plants to raise or grow. Then after a year they will pass on the gifts to other families and schools nearby thus re-establishing the economy and civic life of the village. Heifer still needs just over \$2,000.00 to complete this project. Club members could take part in the "Read to Feed" program where members would make donations for books or magazines that they read during a month. Book marks are available to clubs that wish to participate.



Overlook Farm, a Heifer farm, in Rutland, Massachusetts, just outside of Worcester, MA is holding a Harvest Festival on the weekend of October 1st and 2nd from 11 AM to 4 PM. If you are interested in visiting the farm where you will be able to explore Heifer's Global Village, see the International animals, learn about harvest celebrations from Peru to Poland, and enjoy farm-fresh lunch or desserts, contact Ruth Bennett who is planning a trip there on Saturday, October 1st.

Signature Project: Domestic Violence Prevention Judith Earle



GFWC Sock Project Step Away from Abuse

Since the selection of domestic violence as General Federation of Women's Clubs' signature project, it is important that Clubs continue to focus on this issue while they engage in their community activities. The state federation has

decided to support a project that was introduced at the GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee.

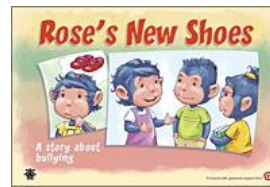
GFWC RI is preparing one quart plastic bags inscribed with the following label:

"As you begin your new life and Step Away from Abuse, we hope you will find comfort and warmth as you walk into your newly found freedom."

Included on the label are the GFWC purple ribbon logo and the GFWC web site citation. Clubs may add their own labels on the back.

The idea is for clubs to fill each bag with a pair of women's socks or slipper socks, and then to distribute them to the local domestic violence agency in their area. As you know many women leave their situations with little more than the clothes they are wearing. This project supplies a necessary item but also sends a message of support. A dozen bags will be provided to each club president at the GFWC RI Board Meeting on October 6th. The number of socks distributed is up to the individual club. As October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, this is a most appropriate way to support the issue.

Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children Roberta Bianco



As state chairman of Advocates for Children, I ordered 600 copies (the maximum allowed) of Rose's New Shoes, a story about bullying. I

contacted clubs to get an idea of interest in the booklets. At least one club was ordering on its own, and a few contacted me with their interest in obtaining books. At the last GFWC of RI board meeting, 200 were distributed. Some of the remaining 400 are accounted for, but there are still some available.

I ask that clubs research the distribution of these booklets before taking them. Some suggestions are local elementary schools, day care centers, after school programs such as Boys and Girls Club, and DV centers. This will assure that the booklets will go to groups that will put them to use.

I also contacted Kate Begin at Prevent Child Abuse RI, and she had ordered some too. She thought that my suggestion of day care centers was a good one. They can be used with children who attend before and after school programs at the centers. She, as always, is ready and willing to offer help and ideas to clubs.

At one of our state meetings, we discussed trying to develop some kind of bullying program that was more than just reinventing the wheel. As I spoke to various groups about this, it seemed that since there are so many groups who have developed programs, our doing so seems redundant. However, the Rose's New Shoes program still affords GFWC of RI to get involved with a bullying program. However, if there is still an interest among those who said they would like to develop a program, we can still meet and brainstorm ideas.

Please consider reporting all your club's efforts for children in the Advocates for Children category. If you collect books, school supplies, art projects, items for children in shelters, and they are stand alone in a reporting category, think how effective they will be if reported all together in the Junior Special Project category.

Day of Service

Roberta Bianco & Betty Challengren

It is not too soon to plan events for the next Day of Service. As with the past two, clubs will choose a project that best serves its community. Please consider partnering with another club. For example, the Holly Charette House project was shared by Cranston, Pawtucket and Warwick this past April. We still have not completed that one, but with the extreme heat of this past summer, we opted to finish the curtain part of the project in the fall.

Club presidents were asked to offer ideas for projects and to talk about the successes and difficulties encountered this past April. Please share this information with me.

For the most part, our efforts have centered around the homeless in RI, but this is not necessarily what we need to do going forward. Clubs should discuss the Day of Service at a meeting and report to me at a

board meeting of GFWC of RI so that a "master plan" can be worked on. The Day of Service is a great way to spread the word about GFWC of RI and individual clubs. We need to work on better publicizing our efforts next year.

Once again, I say thank you to those clubs that participated in the Day of Service this last April. Now let's work on making the 2012 day the most successful yet. – both for those we help and for GFWC of RI.

Leadership

Alexandra Hahn

On a muggy, warm summer morning, 14 GFWC of RI leaders met around the Elizabeth Buffum Chase Center board table to discuss the future of GFWC of RI. After a casual continental breakfast (and a 20 minute interruption that included VERY good looking men as well as devoted former students), the ladies got down to business.

President Debra Capuano welcomed the group and discussed kindness as a way of life. Leadership Chairman Alexandra Hahn set the tone of the meeting, suggesting all attending keep an open mind, think outside their comfort zones, and always consider their club membership when making decisions for their future.

Fellow GFWC New England Region friend and GFWC 2nd Vice-President, Sheila Shea facilitated the meeting – leading the group through the strategic planning process from discerning the important issues, to setting goals, to identifying objectives for those goals all the way to creating action plans.

After much discussion, the three most important issues were Membership (acquiring and retaining), Leadership (creating and retaining), and Awareness (both external and internal). The group worked through creating goals and objectives for each issue and then divided into break-out groups to create action plans for each objective.



The group worked hard, shared great discussions, ideas and concerns and solidified a great 5-year plan. From here, the Strategy Committee will take these

suggestions and hone the outline into a viable strategy for the state and clubs to focus on for the next 5 years. Good work ladies!

GFWC Women's History & Resource Ctr Ann Hogan



The August-September newsletter of the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center is full of interesting facts and pictures of recent events held by clubs as well as the National Convention. When you look closely I am sure you will find a familiar face! There is a page including materials that can be ordered from the GFWC Marketplace, an article on contributions to GFWC Archives, and everything you ever wanted to know about becoming a "Friend of WHRC".

Now is the time to think about joining those who are members. There are different levels of support starting at \$25.00 per year and what members receive for belonging. Each membership helps the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center: Preserve and maintain GFWC collections – increase research library acquisitions – provide student field study opportunities – honor and support WHRC volunteers.

Think about joining today!

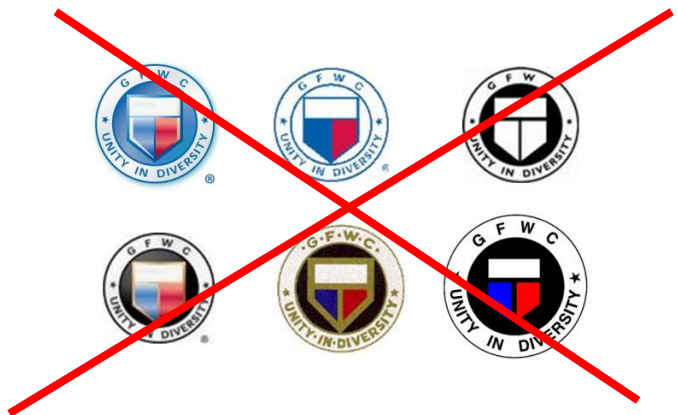
GFWC Identity Janice Adler

As of September 2010, GFWC has published new guidelines and versions of the GFWC Emblem and Typeface. Accordingly, please be sure to rid your files of previous Emblems, and begin using the new Emblem. All Emblems MUST feature the ® registration mark to the bottom right. In fact, clubs and state federations are in conflict with the GFWC Trademark and Usage Policies if an improper Emblem is being used. Take time to review all of your print and online materials to make sure you are in compliance.

These are the proper Emblems your club should be using.



These Emblems should **NOT** be used. Please delete them from your computer.



Please visit www.GFWC.org/Emblems for more information

GFWC Cranston Community Women's Club Ethel Dellasandro, President

Our members have been busy working on the Historical Cemetery that we have maintained for so many years now. We all got together pulling weeds that seem to pop out of nowhere and cut the grass, brushed off the cemetery stones and took a little short break reading what was engraved on them again. It is so interesting! We are still working with "We are Group Hug" that works with the homeless and (ACOS) Aids Care Ocean States clients. The numbers of these homeless people keeps growing and growing.

Our members are still donating pink, socks, booties and slippers and we in turn, donate them to "Sox



it to Cancer". These pink items are brought to the hospitals and in turn they are being given to cancer patients to wear when they are receiving their treatments, with hopes that this will comfort them during these stressful times. We assisted the ALS of RI, at their "Night of Hope" event, by manning the registration tables and greeting attendees. We also assisted them with their Silent Auction.

In October our members will be volunteering at their "Defeat ALS of RI Races" (Lou Gehrig ALS) by manning the food tables; greeting people as they arrive and manning their registration stations. We continue to collect books and bring them to local day care centers; who great us with open arms. Throughout the month of October we encourage our members, families and friends to wear the color purple and support Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Again this year we support "World Food Day" in October by collecting food and bringing it to the RI Food Bank.

We are planning our "Day of Service" throughout the summer months, meeting at member' homes and at the same time we have enjoyed a full day by the water. Our members are working with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary on their programs for the VA Hospital. We are also making more tray favors for them to distribute to the residents. They so enjoy these tray favors. We are still working on our GFWC Community Improvement Program Award project at the Holly Charette House. We extended an invitation to all our clubs in GFWC of RI to assist us. We can do it, we are Club Women! Pencil in on your 2012 Calendar that we will be having our "Tea by the Sea II" on May 20, 2012.

GFWC Pawtucket Woman's Club Ruth Bennett, President

We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. During the summer hiatus, the Board met twice to plan the coming year's activities, speakers, and events. Thank you, Janice, for already listing them on the website and for including our summer newsletter. On August 17th, twelve members and one



guest got together for a lunch and swim party at the home of Eunice Brooks. Everyone had a wonderful time catching up on each other's summer activities and plans.

Three members, Ann Hogan, Doris Landry, and Ruth Bennett attended the Leadership Seminar at EBC. A lot of what was accomplished was applicable to the local clubs and easy to implement.

We are looking forward to the GFWC New England Region Conference in Mystic, CT and our first meeting of the club on October 3rd when Kim Chemelowski will be showing the new Scentsy products as a fundraiser for the club.

GFWC Warwick Women's Club Janet Trombetti, President

GFWC Warwick Women's Club Outfits the Kitchen of the Elizabeth Buffum Chace Transition House

"If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen." That's a phrase that most have heard. However, on the hottest July 22 in Rhode Island since 1926, members of the GFWC Warwick Women's Club decided to go into the kitchen of the latest transitional house of the Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center to outfit it for its first tenants.

The Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the victims of domestic violence. Created as a Community



Improvement Project in 1981 by the Warwick Juniors, the EBC Center has grown from a domestic violence shelter to addressing all aspects of the issue – from awareness to prevention. Most recently, EBC has targeted adolescent dating violence and elder abuse along with providing transitional housing for women and their children.

Through donations of the club and every individual member, the newly renovated house was provided with everything a kitchen needs. Members lined drawers and cupboards and set

up everything from small appliances to pots and pans to gadgets and cleaning supplies to towels and bake ware and many more items that every well equipped kitchen should have. Of course, WWC also added 8 GFWC logo mugs for the resident's use!



Towels and placemats coordinate with the white and red dinner plates and colorful curtains brighten the beautiful new kitchen. All it needs now is the first residents, a mom and her two young children to move in to add the final touch – the joy and laughter of a family getting a fresh start.

GFWC Women's Club of South County Carol Sugerman, President

The GFWC Women's Club of South County pledged the largest amount of all the teams walking at the Andrea Rizzo Foundation Walk for Children, which took place on Aug. 14, 2011 in Newport. There were only 4 walkers, but they had collectively managed to get sponsors pledging \$1000. Despite a foreboding forecast, they were able to walk rain-free. The



Foundation has awarded the GFWC Women's Club of South County a \$500 prize to be donated to the charity of its choice.

Meetings Mary D. Irons

Save the Date

GFWC of Rhode Island
Fall State Meeting
October 15, 2011
Johnson & Wales Culinary Arts Museum



Communications Janice Adler

Clubs: Please take a moment to review your web page on the GFWC of RI website www.gfwcri.org. Any information you would like updated should be e-mailed to me at JLAdler@aol.com

Calendar for the 2011-2012 Club Year

Fall State Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Winter State Meeting

Saturday, February 4, 2012
(note new date)

Annual State Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2012

GFWC New England Region Conference

September 23-25, 2011 – Mystic, CT

GFWC International Convention

June 14 - 17, 2012 Charlotte, NC

GFWC Leadership Training

August 20, 2011

GFWC Federation Day

April 24, 2012

GFWC of RI Executive Committee Meetings

**Noon – 16 Hesper Drive, Warwick, RI*

Thursday, July 28, 2011 (6 pm Independence Square)

Thursday, October 6, 2011 (6 pm Independence Square)

**Thursday, December 15, 2011*

**Thursday, January 5, 2012*

**Thursday, April 5, 2012*

GFWC of RI Board of Directors Meetings

Thursday, July 28, 2011 – 7-9 pm – Independence Sq. Pawtucket

Thursday, October 6, 2011 – 7-9 pm – Independence Sq. Kingston

Saturday, January 7, 2012 – 9-11 am – EBC Center, Warwick

Thursday, April 12, 2012 – 7-9 pm Independence Sq. Pawtucket

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