



GFWC Rhode Island Briefs



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Reporting

Karen Leach, GFWC RI President

Thank you to all who got their reports done . The results were reported in my state statistical report that I sent to GFWC Headquarters. I will be writing my President's report soon and these statistics will be included.

GFWCRI completed the following:

- Total projects 179
- Total Volunteer hours 9,643
- Dollars donated to charities \$32,152.76
- In-kind Contributions \$10,958
- Fundraising \$47, 505,35.

Chairmen sent in 13 State Awards: International, Membership, Home Life, Leadership, Domestic Violence, Education, Fundraising ,Legislature, Advocates for Children, Arts, Conservation, Public Issues, Communications

2 Contest submissions: State Newsletter and State Website.

Chairman sent in 4 Creativity Awards that I received copies of: Leadership, Home life, Education, Fundraising . (If you sent a creativity award to your Chairman and I don't have it, please email to me)

I am feeling pretty sure that we have submitted some winning reports. The following states are in our competition group.: Vermont, Alaska, Utah , North & South Dakota, Hawaii, Washington, D.C., New Mexico, Idaho, Oregon.

I am presently working on the Grand Initiatives Report which is due April 1.

Thank you for all your hard work. State Awards will be given out at the June 9 meeting at Meritage in East Greenwich.

Legislative Action Committee

The Legislative Action Committee is excited to announce two upcoming spring events. One is the GALLERY WALK, which is sponsored by Rhode Island ESL teachers and takes place on **April 4th** at Providence College. GFWC members are encouraged to attend, and if you want to help in any way, want more information, or wish to carpool, please contact Peg Schembre at pegschembre6@gmail.com. The GALLERY WALK is a collection of multimedia presentations by Rhode Island's immigrant students about their experiences.

Between Two Places



An Educational Forum on Immigration

Guest Speaker: Gabriela Domenzain, President of Somo Humanos

Also featuring:

The firsthand accounts of the immigration experience through the eyes of three English Language students from Rhode Island.

Saturday, May 4, 2019
North Kingstown Library
100 Boone St., North Kingstown, RI 02852
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Come learn about the immigration process and hear their stories.



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Living the Volunteer Spirit



GFWC thanks Representatives Karen Bass (D-CA) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) for introducing a bipartisan bill to renew and improve the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This important legislation reauthorizes VAWA grant programs and makes modest yet vital enhancements to existing law. While VAWA has changed how our nation responds to sexual assault and domestic violence, there is still much more to be done and GFWC will continue to be at the forefront supporting victims of violence. In order to do this, GFWC needs you!

Contact your members of Congress today and urge them to support and sponsor H.R. 1585, The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019. The US Senate also needs to introduce companion legislation to H.R. 1585.

Contact your members of Congress today!

Take Action

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Let the popular Bill Graham entertain you at our *Little Black Dress* fundraiser!

REMINDER...and more information about our **Little Black Dress** event on *Tuesday, April 9, from 1-3 p.m.*

Join us for a **TEA PARTY** – where *Bill Graham, owner of Beautiful Things* in Salem MA will:

*** Entertain us with his wit and sense of humor ... while using his creativity in giving us tips in accessorizing a black dress for various occasions

*** Raffle off his beautiful floral arrangements to attendees

*** Tea and delicious sandwiches and desserts will be served

Bill Graham is an active speaker throughout New England sharing his talent and expertise with audiences. His knowledge and experience speak for themselves – his shop not only has fabulous floral arrangements but also specializes in gifts and original merchandise that includes hats and fascinators!!

*** *Join us for a fun, entertaining event, while supporting the GFWC Women's Club of South County... **all this for only \$30!** Net proceeds will go toward helping nonprofits in South County and scholarships for women in need!*

Please send your \$30 check with your name to the following:

GFWC-WCSC

P.O. Box 5684

Wakefield, RI 02880

Thank you for all you do to make our community a better place!



COMEDY FUNDRAISER

Featuring New England's Best Comedians

to benefit

GFWC WARWICK WOMEN'S CLUB

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Warwick Knights of Columbus

475 Sandy Lane | Warwick, RI 02889

Doors open at 5:30pm | Show starts at 7:00pm

BYOS - BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS

CASH BAR

RAFFLES, 50/50 DRAWING

18+ SHOW

Tickets \$20.00 online • \$25.00 offline

For tickets, to donate, or sponsor, please visit

www.funny4funds.com/events

For more information, please contact

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GFWC Emblem

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Did you know that the GFWC Emblem is a registered trademark and must adhere to specific guidelines when it is reproduced?



I've noticed lately that some clubwomen, when sending out a flyer or newsletter, use what is known as the glow logo. This logo (below) is not the registered trademark and **SHOULD NEVER** be used.



History of the GFWC Emblem

GFWC's emblem depicts a circular band signifying eternity. In the center of the circular band, the crusader's shield emerges from a darkened world (represented by the field of darkness), which represents enlightenment. The enameled colors—red, white, and blue—are the colors of the United States of America. The red implies courage, the white equals purity, and the blue stands for constancy.

The link to GFWC's emblem and logos is:

<https://www.gfwc.org/gfwc-resources/logos-emblems-icons/>

Save the Date
GFWC RI Annual Meeting - June 9
Meritage Restaurant, East Greenwich.
Agenda highlights: Club Awards, A Veteran who attended the Honor Flight Victory to speak on her experience.
GFWC Vice President, Debra Strahanoski .