Federation Friday

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GFWC-NC is calling and I must go

Friday's Focus: GFWC Legislative Action Center

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Advocacy in Action

In accordance with the resolutions adopted by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, GFWC often joins other national organizations to urge congressional or federal agency action. These letters, in addition to individual clubwomen contacting members of Congress directly through the Legislative Action Center, result in a national network of grassroots advocates working together to improve the lives of club members, their communities, our nation, and the global community.

To promote the interests of the Federation and its members, GFWC provides additional information including bill summaries, congressional conference reports, and research findings germane to GFWC advocacy efforts.

Go to www.gfwc.org – click on *What We Do* and follow the link and easy instructions. Be sure to check the *Remember Me* and *Email Opt In* boxes. With **one** click, GFWC sends your letter to **all** your legislators. **And**, when there is an issue that is important to GFWC members, you will receive an email Alert as a reminder. Nothing could be easier. The new goal is to add ***500*** new GFWC-NC members to the GFWC Legislation Action Center.

Another way to stay informed on current legislative issues is to be connected to the GFWC-NC Legislative E-Alert System. Send your name, email address and club name to GFWC-NC Legislative Chairman Judi Stankowich at judistankowich@atmc.net to be included.

*Signing up is the first step, but we must **use** the tools!*

When you receive a legislative alert, act on it. If you see or hear something that you think needs action, contact GFWC-NC Legislative Chairman Judi Stankowich.

Join the *GFWC Recognize the Red* campaign.

- Any time a GFWC member sends a traditional letter or an email to a legislator, she should use the color RED, the color of GFWC's official flower, the red rose, for her signature.
- Include the sentence "As a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs – an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service and its member clubs GFWC of North Carolina and (name of member's club), I urge…"
- For traditional letters, the member should write her return address in RED and put a big check mark in RED on the outside of the envelope. Eventually, when a legislator or legislative aide sees a red signature or a red return address, she will recognize that she is again hearing from a GFWC member.

GFWC-NC was awarded first place at the 2018 GFWC Convention for Greatest Increase in enrollment in **the** GFWC Legislative Action Center. Do I hear a "Let's win that again"?

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