

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC- JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

PUBLIC ISSUES - FALL 2011 BULLETIN

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"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

-John Quincy Adams - American 6th US President (1825-1829)

Hello Jersey Juniors and Junioresses,

It's a pleasure to be serving another year as the Public Issues Chairwoman. I want to welcome everyone back after the summer as we move ahead into the fall season with new ideas on how to serve, educate and promote awareness of public issues to our communities. As many of the clubs are gearing up for new projects or reproducing successful one's of the past, I want to share other's clubs projects that can motivate us all. Please check the www.jerseyjuniors.com website for bulletins with ideas for upcoming projects for your club on the Junior and Junioress level related to Public Issues. If you have any questions or suggestions for projects throughout the state feel free to contact me at - publicissues@jerseyjuniors.com

In Junior Spirit,

Susan

According to the GFWC Public Issues Community Service Program 2010-2012 Club Manual:

The goals for the GFWC Public Issues Community Service Program are listed below in order to assist you in measuring project success and positive change in your communities.

1. Provide comfort and resources to members of the armed forces and their families in recognition of their sacrifices to protect our country.
2. Utilize our GFWC Resolutions to increase members' patriotism, pride in heritage, and to become more involved in community leadership roles.
3. Create safer communities and overall well-being of all citizens.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Plan events around days, weeks, and months of celebration and commemoration to support Public Issues.

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
September 5, 2011 - Labor Day September 15- 18, 2011 - GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Conference September 21, 2011 - International Peace Day	Domestic Violence Awareness Month October Crime Prevention Month October 9-15, 2011 - Fire Prevention Week October 17, 2011- New Jersey State Federation Of Women's Clubs of GFWC - State Fall Conference - Hyatt Regency New Brunswick, Two Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ October 22, 2011 - Federation Day of Service	Child Safety and Protection Month November 8, 2011 - Election Day November 11, 2011 - Veterans Day

GFWC MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION CONFERENCE

Thursday September 15 - Sunday September 18, 2011

Hyatt Regency New Brunswick, Two Albany Street,

New Brunswick, NJ

http://www.njsfwc.org/index.php/news_events/events_fullview/60

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

September 18-24, 2011

Promote the proper use of child safety and booster seats. Booster seats are for children who are too small to be properly protected by adult seatbelts, but are too big for child safety seats. These generally are children from ages four to nine, and under 4 feet 9 inches tall.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

September 21, 2011

<http://internationaldayofpeace.org/>

"The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. It was established by a United Nations resolution in 1981 to coincide with the opening of the General Assembly. The first Peace Day was celebrated in September 1982."

To find activities to celebrate and/or participate in for the International Peace Day at -

http://internationaldayofpeace.org/participate/find_an_event.html

INTERFAITH PEACE CELEBRATION

September 21, 2011 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Parish

Carnavale Center (Downey Hall)

10 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

This is an Interfaith Peace celebration in recognition of the International Day of Peace. The celebration will feature a presentation about peace by local spiritual leaders of four faiths:

Roman Catholic • Protestant • Jewish • Muslim

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

As noted on the Domestic Violence Awareness Project website, <http://dvam.vawnet.org/about/index.php>:

"In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline. In 1989 the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Such legislation has passed every year since with NCADV providing key leadership in this effort. Each year, the Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday of Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

In October, encourage your club members to wear the color purple (ribbons or t-shirts) to a Junior or Juniorette meeting to honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Request your club women to wear or give away purple ribbons or rubber bracelets at projects hosted in October to raise domestic violence awareness to the community. Provide local resources at the event serving both victims and abusers.

If your club chooses to sell purple ribbons or rubber bracelets, the money raised should be donated to an organization that supports ending domestic violence.

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Below is a website with more information that your club can use as a resource to help create projects on the local level.

http://www.helpchangekansas.com/10_Things_You_Can_Do.html

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 9-15, 2011

Work with your local fire department or hospital community liaison to hold a fire safety awareness day for children and parents. Include topics such as home fire drills, what to do once you've escaped a burning structure, residential sprinklers, safe storage of combustibles, and special concerns for children and older adults.

Establish an awareness campaign to remind community members to change batteries in smoke detectors when clocks change back to standard time.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP - STATE FALL CONFERENCE

CANCELLED (was scheduled for October 15, 2011)

In lieu of this event, we hope your clubs will attend some Mid Atlantic Region events (see above GFWC MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION CONFERENCE) and participate in the "Federation Day of Service"

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC - STATE FALL CONFERENCE IS HAPPENING!

Monday, October 17, 2011

http://www.njsfwc.org/index.php/news_events/events_fullview/172

FEDERATION DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, October 22, 2011

All clubs in NJ (Juniors / Junioresses / Women / EMD)

Collect and donate the following items for Veterans' Homes in NJ:

NJSFWC DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, October 22, 2011

ITEMS TO COLLECT FOR VETERANS' HOMES

By Darlene Hughes, Day of Service Chairman

The Veterans Homes of New Jersey will be the receiptants of our efforts in service on NJSFWC Day of Service on October 22, 2011. There are three facilities (Menlo Park, Paramus and Vineland) for which we'll collect and present items requested from their "wish lists." These items are common to all three locations.

- Clothing
 - Sweatshirts (L to 3XL)
 - Sweatpants (L to 3XL)
 - Tee Shirts (M to 3XL)
 - Hats; Baseball caps with adjustable band and knit winter hats
 - Socks; Non-skid bottoms and crew socks without elastic top

- Personal Care
 - Deodorant or Body Sprays (No trial size or economy sizes)
 - Hair Brushes & wide tooth Combs
 - Tooth paste & Tooth brushes
 - Denture care products; adhesives and cleansers
 - Nail Products; polish, remover and emery boards

- Miscellaneous items
 - Batteries; all sizes "AA" to "D", even hearing aid sizes
 - Sunglasses with dark lenses
 - Electric Razors

Also, please begin saving **paper shopping bags with handles, shoe boxes with lids and plastic bags with drawstrings.** These items will used to deliver the collected items.

It's not too early to start planning what your clubs can contribute to the Veterans Homes. More details will be made available at Convention in May. Your continued support is greatly anticipated and appreciated with Day of Service on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

NOVEMBER CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION MONTH

AMBER ALERT

www.AmberAlert.gov

The AMBER Alert™ Program is a voluntary partnership between law-enforcement agencies, broadcasters, transportation agencies, and the wireless industry, to activate an urgent bulletin in the most serious child-abduction cases. The goal of an AMBER Alert is to instantly galvanize the entire community to assist in the search for and the safe recovery of the child. Order a Toolkit for Raising Awareness with success stories, publications, posters and fliers, state contacts, and public service announcements at www.AmberAlert.gov/ToolKit.htm.

CODE ADAM

www.missingkids.com

Code Adam is a powerful search tool for lost and possibly abducted children currently used in tens of thousands of establishments across the nation. Investigate whether Code Adam has been adopted by stores in your community.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS>

Find out if your local law enforcement agency and fire/rescue personnel have taken courses in the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration training. If not, provide information on the need for training and how it can be obtained, including sources of possible subsidies to reduce costs to participants.

ELECTION DAY

November 8, 2011

PROJECT VOTE SMART

www.VoteSmart.org

Project Vote Smart, a national non-partisan research organization, tracks the job performances of more than 40,000 candidates and incumbents at the presidential, congressional, gubernatorial and state legislative levels, and provides the information at www.VoteSmart.org and over the toll-free Voter's Research Hotline (1-888-VOTE SMART/1-888-868-3762), which also serves as a help line. Through its Voter's Self-Defense System, you can compare what your representatives said during the campaign with how they actually voted on the record; access biographical and contact information; view the results of candidates' responses on issue positions; evaluate their special interest group ratings; read their public statements; and review their campaign finances.

VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2011

Honor local servicewomen, women military leaders, and women veterans. Provide support for these women in the community. Encourage the governor, mayor, or city council to proclaim the week preceding Veterans Day as "Women Veterans Recognition Week."

Seek volunteer opportunities through the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service. Assist with the care of outpatients in community care clinics as well as in Veterans Hospitals.

Conduct projects that recognize and honor all veterans, and encourage young veterans to join the Veterans Association.

WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE FOR AMERICA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

www.WomensMemorial.org

Contact: Marilla Cushman, Director of Public Relations
E: HG@WomensMemorial.org | P: 703-533-1155 | Toll Free: 800-222-2294 | F: 703-931-4208

The purpose of WIMSA is to recognize and tell the stories of the commitment and patriotic service of all women who have served in the defense of this country. By focusing on these women, WIMSA makes their contributions a visible part of history and presents them as role models for future generations.

Sponsor WIMSA registration drives at the club, district, or state level. Although two million women have served, only 15 percent are registered.

Find and identify women veterans (members and non-members, living or deceased); send their information to WIMSA with designation that the names were sent by a GFWC club.

The majority of the resources from the Important Dates section were taken

from: http://gfwc.org/gfwc/Club_manual.asp

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PROJECTS TO BENEFIT SOLDIERS AND CHILDREN CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

<http://cellphonesforsoldiers.com/faq.html>

"Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist from Norwell, Mass., with \$21 of their own money. Since then, the registered 501c3 non-profit organization has raised almost \$2 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas."

You can recruit at your local schools, libraries or with local organizations to become official collectors for cell phones, calling cards, cash donations, phone chargers and batteries for soldiers in all branches of the armed forces.

For questions regarding calling cards:

Contact Cell Phones for Soldiers at 781-588-2608, bob@cellphonesforsoldiers.com

For all other inquiries regarding the Cell Phones for Soldiers Program:

Call TOLL FREE: 800-426-1031 or

email cellphonesforsoldiers@recellular.com

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN NEW JERSEY

Did you ever want to know a child's rights to make decisions: in one's family, school, in an out-of home placement and in court?

Here is a resource for children in New Jersey. "You Have the Right- Your Rights as a Young Person in New Jersey" - by the Association for Children of New Jersey, Cecilia Zalkind, Esq. Executive Director and Anne Quinn, Project Coordinator- Sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation
The website-

<http://www.spannj.org/transition/TransitionCD/Champions%20for%20Progress/transition/youhavetheright.pdf>

RESOURCES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Parents Anonymous - A free statewide support for parents. - 1(800) 843-5437, website: pa-of-nj.org/

Children's System of Care - (877) 652-7624 (PerformCare). If in a crisis, but non life-threatening, request Children's Mobile Response: parent/guardian must call for service.

Addiction Services Hotline - (877) 652-1148 (connects to NJ211 Partnership, after message, press 22.)

NJ MentalHealthCares - (866) 202-HELP (4357). Mental health information, responds 24/7, njmentalhealthcares@mhanj.org

Suicide Prevention Lifeline - (800) 273- TALK (8255) - www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

JUNIOR CLUB CORNER - PUBLIC ISSUES

This is an opportunity for clubs to share what they are doing throughout the state specifically related to the Community Service Program - Public Issues. Often a club has a great activity and other clubs would love to modify it because they thought it was so clever and well thought out. E-mail me details about what your club is doing related to Public Issues and your club will be highlighted in the next bulletin for the entire state to see you SHINE! Please don't forget to send Juniorette projects. Clubs enjoy sharing and hearing about female youth creating, planning and executing interesting and worthwhile projects.

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS JUNIORS

9-11 Memorial: The club is currently selling rubber bracelets to raise monies for the 9-11 Memorial. They will be participating in the vigil being held on 9-11. They are also running a "Respect, Reflect and Remember" poster contest for all school aged children. The posters will be displayed in businesses along the Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights.

September 24, 2011- Town Day - A day when all the clubs/sports/organizations get together and "meet and greet" town residents. Juniors always have a table set up to promote membership and various fundraising events. This year they will be featuring their "Beautiful Baby Contest". Residents submit photos and then can vote for Hasbrouck

Heights most beautiful baby for \$1 per vote. Proceeds will benefit the Valerie Fund. They also support the Community Blood Bank by arranging for the blood mobile to be present at the event. They will also be selling tickets for their fall events. They are also featuring "Beads for Life" at their table as well!

October 1, 2011- Anniversary Breakfast - Hasbrouck Heights Juniors are celebrating 85 years! They will be having a bash at the Stony Hill Inn. The guest list will include former and current members: bringing together all and sharing memories of years past!

October 9, 2011- Munchkin Mash- at Woodland Park - Halloween and fall celebration featuring a pumpkin patch, story time and entertainment. They will be doing pumpkin decorating, face painting and sand art! Refreshments will be served.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP JUNIORS

October 2, 2011 at 9:00 am- The Junior Woman's Club of Jefferson Township will hold the 13th Annual Memorial Wrobo 5K Run/Walk. Each year the Memorial Wrobo Run is held in honor of 2nd Lt. John T. Wroblewski and raises funds for various community projects. Oak Ridge resident 2nd Lieutenant John Thomas (J.T.) Wroblewski succumbed to injuries sustained while battling in Ramadi, Iraq in April 2004. J.T. was a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He joined the Marines only days after the 9-11 attacks, determined to make a difference. He left behind his mom, dad, three younger brothers, his widow and many additional family members and friends.

The Junior Woman's Club of Jefferson Township has elected to donate the proceeds from this year's Wrobo Run to create a "Reading Garden" in memory of Robin Carlson, White Rock Teacher who passed away in 2011 after a long battle with cancer. Her dedication to the students will truly be missed. Twenty percent (20%) of the proceeds from this event is earmarked for the Jefferson Township High School scholarship award.

Register in advance at www.active.com or www.compuscore.com. You can also go to www.jeffersonjuniors.org and print out a registration form, which can be mailed or brought on the day of the race. Race Day registration is available from 7:30-8:30 am. Pre-registration cost is \$25 and race day registration is \$30. Race starts promptly at 9:00 am. Rain or Shine. The race is held at the Jefferson Township Municipal Building, 1033 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge NJ. Complimentary t-shirts and goody bags will be distributed while supplies last. Refreshments will be served after the race. Awards will be presented in several categories. Scoring is done by Compuscore and our course is USA Track and Field certified #NJ09505JHP.

Come out and support their race! Please call Kimberly at 973-409-4135 if you have any questions or would like to make a

monetary donation, Junior Woman's Club of Jefferson Township is a 501 (c) (3) Non Profit Organization. They are also accepting donations for the goody bags, which is a great way to advertise your business.

**If you have any questions or suggestions for projects throughout the state contact Susan Fenker-Warner at-publicissues@jerseyjuniors.com.