



GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Newsletter No. 1

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Fall is coming fast. Welcome back as you begin your new club year and new activities. We love your enthusiasm and excitement about this administration's programs. Here is a brief update on what is happening in Civic Engagement and Outreach.

GFWC National Day of Service. Thank you to every clubwoman and club that participated in this endeavor. Your local food banks/pantries are grateful for the donations and assistance. Food insecurity is a tragic consequence of many things. Remember to check with your local food bank/pantry throughout the year for what their needs are at that time. Often the need is for pet food, female sanitary products and paper goods.

Voting Events. The national election is approaching and in many states early voting has already begun. Help members of your community register to vote and get to polling places on election day. Local races often get

overlooked during a Presidential election but they have a more direct impact on our daily lives than some national offices. Help bring attention to the local and state offices that up for election in your community. While GFWC remains non-partisan, we can host a candidates' night to introduce them and highlight the issues being discussed. Consider offering to serve a meal to election day polling-place workers. Offer rides to/from polling places. Consider setting up a table outside a polling place to thank voters with a simple cookie or snack gift. Wear your club swag and have membership forms available.

Community Connection Initiative. My emphasis this administration is Emergency Preparedness. At the August Board of Directors meeting, I share information on how to prepare a Family Emergency Notebook. Being ready to leave in an emergency was made very "real" this past week with the damage caused by the most recent hurricane. Please encourage all clubwoman to assemble their Emergency Binder now. It is too late once the "evacuation order" is given. The 2-page instruction sheet to create the binder is attached to this Newsletter.

If any clubwoman needs help or has questions, please reach out to me. I am always ready to assist you.