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## GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



### LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

### NEWSLETTER

### RAISE OUR UNITED VOICES

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### Tracking Club Members' Advocacy Using the Legislative Ladder

Val Redington, GFWC South Central Region Representative

***"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."  
Martin Luther King***

The dictionary defines advocacy as "the act or process of supporting a cause or proposal." Advocacy is developed through "the act of standing up for someone who could not stand up for or protect themselves."

***"It is about speaking for someone whose voice is being ignored or not heard."  
Cara Morgan (The Borgen Project)***

**Why Does Advocacy Matter?** Just as it is our civic duty to vote, it is our civic responsibility to inform our elected officials what issues affect our communities and each of us. If elected officials do not hear from us, they cannot know what policies and programs are important to their constituents.

GFWC Resolutions clearly outline our organization's priorities. Legislators *do* want to hear what is important to us as members of a grassroots organization! When members are actively engaged with the **GFWC Legislative Action Center**, they receive timely alerts for pending bipartisan legislation, enabling them to "speak" directly to their individual Representatives and Senators in Washington, DC. Our united voices are powerful!

During the second year of this administration, all clubs will continue to be challenged to "step up" to **EDUCATE, ENGAGE, EMPOWER** through the steps of the Legislative Ladder. Consider taking on the challenge of the Legislative Ladder this year beginning with the first step by signing up more members on the LAC (steps need not be taken sequentially). The Ladder may be found in the Club Manual after page 171 or on the GFWC member portal library home page.

The GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Team completed their vision for the first year of this Administration through the Legislative Ladder with recognition of those Clubs that successfully demonstrated their members' Legislative Advocacy. As a reminder,

Legislation Action Center (LAC)  
registration site



Clubs were awarded points for achieving steps of the Legislative Ladder. A Club could earn 25 points simply by increasing enrollment in the Legislative Action Center by 10% over this past year and/or some of the seven additional steps to reach the recognition minimum threshold of 35 points. Congratulations to the following clubs:

CLUB
• Junior Cyberlinks Club, GFWC OH
• Muskego Woman’s Club, GFWC WI
• Woman’s Club of Baden, GFWC PA
• GFWC Yankton Women’s Club, GFWC SD
• GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces, GFWC NM
• Woman’s Club of Charleston, GFWC WV
• GFWC of Holden Beach, GFWC NC
• Stone Mountain Women’s Club, GFWC GA
• GFWC Morrow Civic Woman’s Club, GFWC GA
• Sylvester Woman’s Club, GFWC GA
• GFWC Leading Ladies, GFWC WY
• GFWC Laramie Woman’s Club, GFWC WY
• GFWC Meadowlarks, GFWC WY
• GFWC Women’s Civic League of Cheyenne, GFWC WY
• Women’s Club of Sweetwater County, GFWC WY
• GFWC X-JWC, GFWC WY
• Laguna Niguel Woman’s Club, GFWC CA

***Let’s not be silent!!***

***Unite our voices within GFWC by signing up more of members on the LAC!***