



GFS Highlights

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Welcome to GFS USA Highlights Fall 2018. The current editor is Lydia Rawlins. If you have any future information you would like included in GFS Highlights, then please email Lydia Rawlins at OTLIDOT@AOL.com.

National Assembly 2019

When: June 30, 2019 to July 6, 2019

Where: Malvern Retreat House and Conference Center in Malvern, Pa.

Cost: \$550.00. Deposit of \$200.00 non-refundable on November 30, 2018. Final Payment of \$300.00 due March 1, 2019.

Email: All correspondence for GFS National Assembly should be directed to nationalgfspa@gmail.com



World Day of Prayer

This is a day of prayer that GFS participate in around the world. It usually occurs around September 29. Each year a service is written from the GFS World Wide Community member. This year's theme was "Worship and Service" shared by the country of South Africa.



Gender Violence Initiative

The Girls Friendly Society is supporting the GFS ambassador's platform to end Gender Violence. This was initially introduced by Delores Alleyne Diocese of Connecticut. To that end, GFS members in the USA wear their GFS Gender Violence T-shirts the 25th day of every month. Some messages we can share with our girls regarding Gender Violence are:

- Violence is never ok.
- It isn't never your fault.
- It is not your job to fix the abuser.
- Tell someone and keep telling if you are experiencing gender violence.



The United Nations Conference on Women

Orange Days by Delores M. Alleyne

On the 25th of each month GFS becomes “Orange Days,” a day to raise awareness of and if possible to take action to end violence against girls and women. The bright and optimistic color of orange, represents hope, and encouragement, the color orange represents a future free from violence against girls and women. Orange Days would call upon all our GFS sisters and our GFS sisters globally, to wear orange to symbolize that we stand together in preventing and ending violence against girls and women, not only once a year on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on the 25th of November, but every month. GFS/USA and our sister globally become a catalyst to give greater voice to girls and women who do not have a voice but for us to become the voice of the voiceless within our community and the greater Anglican Communion to foster a more just world in which girls and women have equal voices and opportunities.

From South Africa:

The Girls’ Friendly Society, in South Africa has created a male equivalent and together, young men and women are learning to tackle gender-based violence.

In support of GFS/USA program against the abuse of woman and girls.

Members wear an orange color and speak out on issues of abuse and do something about it. In South Africa, GFS decided that the issue couldn’t be tackled properly without involving boys, so created a Boys’ Friendly Society. “We cannot fight gender-based violence if we do not raise boys with the values of respecting girls and raise them together,” the Johannesburg-based World President of GFS, Thembeke Pama, said.



Photo: Young South African men and women from the Girls’ Friendly Society and Boy’s Friendly Society wear orange as part of their campaign against gender-based violence. Photo Credit: GFS South Africa

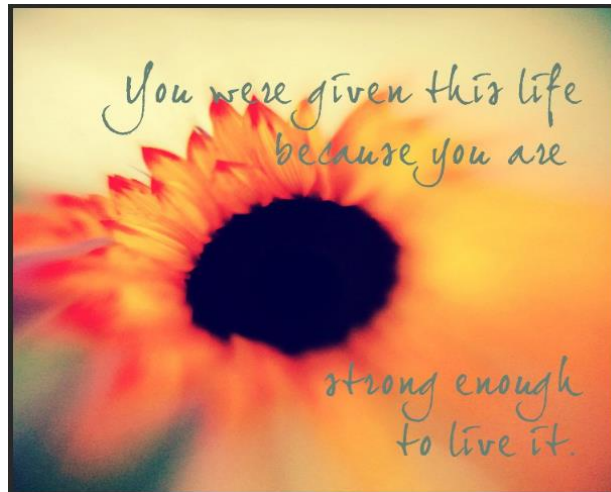
"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2



GFS WORLD PROJECT 2017-2019



This is an update from our sisters in Sri Lanka. Breaking News! The GFS World Project is now in Batticaloa!! A historic moment in the life of our GFS: The commencement of the second batch - "English for Employment Prospects" - on Sep. 15 in the Eastern Province, in collaboration with the American College of Higher Education, Sri Lanka. (The first batch commenced in Colombo in May) Here, Rev. Gnanakaruniyan, Area Dean - Eastern Province, Diocese of Colombo, Anglican Church (Sri Lanka) speaks to the students after praying for the class. The lecturer is on the left.



CRAFT SUGGESTIONS: ALL ITEMS CAN BE FOUND ON INTERNET



For GFS Teddy Bears and Young Juniors:

Cup Cake Holder Flowers Craft

- Cup Cake Holders
- Paper Punch Designs
- Craft Stick
- Buttons or Gems for center of Flower
- Construction Paper: draw leaves
- Glue and Glue gun

Just punch, assemble, and glue.



For Juniors and Seniors:

Yarn Wall Hanging

- Square Card Board Weave Board
- Weaving Needle
- Beads
- Different Colored Yarn
- Stick or Wood Dowel

Make a simple weave board. Have girls thread yarn over and under on board. Leave tail of yarn at the end of board. Make pom pom and add to weave tails. Hang on the weave on the wall.

GFS Ambassador Program

GFS/USA is looking to grow and build a firm future by reconnecting with its young women aged 18-30. This age group includes transitioning high school graduates, college students and working professionals that could benefit from renewed and continuous support from our organization. By closing the age gap between senior girls and adult members, we can create an environment that is more likely to produce new leaders. For more information

See GFS USA Ambassador on Facebook



Girls Just Want to Have FUN



Left: Orange Day at Triennial 2018 in Houston Texas

Right: GFS PA Sponsors Weekend 2018

Girls Just Want to Have Fun Continue



GFS Pa World Day of Prayer 2018



Welcome GFS Honduras. GFS is growing.



GFS Los Angeles serving tea at the United Thank Offering Tea at the Bishop's home. October 6, 2018.



GFS Mercerville Yoga and Meditation Night October 2018



From July 2018 GFS PA: Our girls have just returned from GFS Week at Holiday House July 2018 where they learned to put into practice their virtues of acceptance gratitude, respect, resilience, and forgiveness. Besides going to the beach each day, morning meetings, and team building, we had bible study, campfire, created gifts for seniors, made cookies for the local lifeguards, police officers, and firefighters, played bunco, practice etiquette at all meals, went to a movie on the beach, had shopping night, spa day, and compline each night. A successful gfs camp was had! These pictures feature our girls are the beach, crafting, and wearing this beautiful corona!