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The GFWC Lakeshore Woman's Club took Honoring the Flag of the United States of America to whole new level. So very proud of these members and I thank you for bringing "our flag" to the forefront.

GFWC Lakeshore Woman's Club: Honoring the Flag of the United States of America. The GFWC Lakeshore Woman's Club held our first "Flag Day" program on June 14, 2017. Our President had a vision to have a community event to honor our Flag since our city did not have a celebration for this. A committee was formed, and the preparations were made. It was decided to serve BBQ chicken dinners at a cost, but we also served hot dogs, chips and drinks for free for those who brought children or who did not have the funds to purchase the chicken dinner. Various members donated everything to make the day successful which included paper goods, food, programs, flags, decorations, beverages, water and crafts for the children. Members met the day before to set up and decorate the club. Round tables were put up inside and decorated with red or blue centerpieces. The 6-foot tables outside were decorated with a red or blue centerpiece. One of our booster members set up big tents outside and flag poles that all flew "Old Glory". Our club had flags everywhere. Guests were invited to eat outside or stay inside.

100+ chairs were arranged facing our stage. All the chairs were filled and with some standing. The stage was decorated with flags and a table with a white cloth and rocking chair decorated with a red, white and blue square quilt thrown on the back of the rocker. These were put up front in the middle of the stage with a microphone. This is where Betsy Ross gave us a wonderful rendition about creating the flag and the role she played in the early forming of our nation. She wore her blue traditional dress and white cap trimmed with ruffles, with 3/4 sleeves with lace at the cuff, a large white collar trimmed with lace with a broach at the neckline and a plain white apron. She had on her arm a flag with a loom around stars as she would be sewing on another star. On her table she had a picture of George Washington and a basket which she used to carry her thread, etc. You could have heard a pin drop when her dramatization was being performed. Children and adults were able to paint an American Flag Rock, make a red, white and blue bracelet, or color a patriotic page. They were also given patriotic bubbles.

Some of the greatest things of the day were the different organizations that helped the event be such a huge success. The Atlantic Coast Young Marines came and passed out a flag and a program to all attendees. They did a folded flag presentation and then on bended knee presented it to "Betsy Ross". The VFW had a table set up that told all about the history of the Red Poppies. The Boy Scouts came with an Eagle Scout telling about what the flag meant to him. The American Legion came and presented the colors. All the organizations did whatever they could to help that day. It was so wonderful to bring our community and its various organizations together on this special day. We were able to donate to each group that came that day. The introductions and friendships made that Flag Day will forever be cherished. We hope to continue this tradition and celebrate the Flag of this GREAT COUNTRY each June 14th!

I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.
Edward Everett