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OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**  
**GEORGIA**

*Let's Stay Connected!*

**September 2024**



**The GFWC Georgia**

# Monthly Connections

September – that month that contains the last bursts of summer and the beginnings of autumn. We turn over a new leaf, say goodbye to the hot and lazy afternoons, sharpen our pencils, and dive into our work as GFWC Georgia clubwomen. While it may not be a new club year for many, it may be a restart of meetings and activities after a summer hiatus for some clubs. With all the wonderful information presented at the 2024 GFWC Georgia LEADS and Institute’s “Georgia... On My Mind,” clubs are invigorated and eager to carry out the new plan of work presented in our State Yearbook and the GFWC Club Manual. So, let this harvest season be productive for all clubwomen in all their endeavors. ***Welcome September!***

## Fall District Meetings

It's that time of the year for the Districts to hold their Fall Meetings. It's the first one for the new District Presidents, as they introduce themselves and their goals and share food, fun, and fellowship with their District members. They will also welcome the 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia President Cathy Jones and the 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs Jennifer Stalvey, who will share their vision for the next two years.



**SE District President  
Ginger Readdick Lloyd**

### South East District

#### Date

Saturday, September 7,  
2024

#### Place

First United Methodist  
Church  
Fellowship Hall  
1400 Norwich St.  
Brunswick, GA 31520

#### Time

10:00 AM Registration &  
Refreshments  
11:00 AM Business  
Meeting  
12:00 PM Lunch  
12:30 PM Business  
Meeting Resumed

#### Cost

\$25.00

**Host Clubs**

GFWC Brunswick Woman's  
Club  
GFWC GA Woodbine  
Woman's Club



**CW District President  
Libby Bond**

**Central West  
District**

**Date**

Saturday, September 14,  
2024

**Place**

Methodist Children's Home  
304 Pierce Street  
Macon, GA

**Time**

9:15 AM Registration &  
Coffee  
10:00 AM Business  
Meeting  
12:00 PM Lunch

**Cost**

\$30.00

**Host Clubs**

GFWC Macon Woman's  
Club  
GFWC Macon Service  
League  
GFWC Old Campbell  
County Woman's Club



**SW District President  
Sonya Aldridge**

## **South West District**

### **Date**

Saturday, September 21,  
2024

### **Place**

First Presbyterian Church  
of Tifton  
Fellowship Hall  
217 Park Ave.  
Tifton, GA

### **Time**

10:00 AM Registration &  
Coffee/Refreshments  
10:30 AM Business  
Meeting  
12:00 PM Lunch

### **Cost**

\$30.00

### **Host Clubs**

GFWC Tifton Woman's  
Club  
GFWC Tifton Junior  
Woman's Club



## **North East District**

### **Date**

Saturday, September 28,  
2024

### **Place**

Kelley's Tavern & Grill  
628 E. E. Butler Parkway  
Gainesville, GA 30501

### **Time**

9:30 AM Registration  
10:00 AM Business  
Meeting

### **Cost**

**NE District President  
Debbie Borovitsky**

**\$21.00**

**Host Clubs**  
GFWC Gainesville Phoenix  
Woman's Club  
GFWC Toccoa Federated  
Woman's Club

## Club Events

### 3rd Annual GFWC GA Family Day

Atlanta Braves vs. Los Angeles  
Dodgers

GFWC Georgia has a unique fundraising opportunity to sell tickets to the Atlanta Braves game on September 15, 2024, at a drastically reduced price. These tickets are selling for over \$100, but GFWC GA has the opportunity to sell them at almost half price until **September 1**.


**Time**  
7:10 PM

**Place**  
Truist Park  
755 Battery Avenue  
Atlanta, GA 30339

**Opponents**  
Atlanta Braves vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

**Seats**  
Sections 144-146 (Under Cover)

**Purchase**  
Click on the Button to Purchase Tickets  
and use the Password.

JOIN US TO SEE THE  
*Atlanta Braves v.  
Dodgers*  
**at our 3rd Annual  
GFWC GA FAMILY  
DAY**  
**SEPT. 15, 2024  
7:10 P.M.**  **GFWC TRUIST PARK**  
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This fundraiser will benefit GFWC Georgia. Please share this on your social media pages, neighborhood friends, nextdoor neighbor app and more. These tickets are selling for over \$100 each and we have the opportunity to sell them at half price until Sept. 1, as a fundraiser. Our combined efforts can increase our brand awareness and fundraising goals. Our goal is to sell 100 tickets.

Share this link with your family and friends to join us at our GFWC Georgia Family Day!  
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/GFWC>  
Password to purchase on page is: GFWC2024

**Click Here to Purchase  
Tickets**

**Use Password to Purchase:  
GFWC2024**



GFWC Covington Woman's Club  
GFWC Heartland Woman's Club  
GFWC Service Guild of Covington  
are

hosting a  
"Pack the Pantry" peanut butter and Jelly drive

Please help us collect peanut butter and jelly.  
Donations will be used to help families with  
need within our community.

**DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:**

**Allen Memorial UMC** 803 Whatcoat St. Oxford 30054

**Bates Insurance Group** 6176 US-278, Covington, 30014

**Covington Visitor Information Center** 1143 Oak St SE, Covington,  
30014

**Keep Newton Beautiful** 8134 Geiger St NW, Covington 30014

**Pinnacle Bank** 6124 Hwy 278 NE, Covington 30014

**Curvy Market** 3140 Hwy 278 Covington 30014

**Wild Art Gallery** 105 Washington St SW, Covington 30014

**Southern Heartland Art Gallery** 1132 Monticello St SW Covington



LAST DAY TO DROP OFF: 9/23/24

## "Pack the Pantry"

### Peanut and Jelly Drive

**Sponsored by:**  
GFWC Covington  
Woman's Club

GFWC Heartland  
Woman's Club

GFWC Service Guild of  
Covington

Many Drop-Off Locations

**Last Date:**  
**September 23, 2024**

## GFWC National Day of Service



### 2024 GFWC National Day of Service

The GFWC National Day of Service (GFWC NDS) is a day in which all of GFWC comes together in service to highlight an area of need, take action to address the need, and raise public

awareness about its importance. This year's GFWC NDS issue of focus is food insecurity. To initiate the planning process, GFWC encourages you to contact your local food banks and food pantries — wherever people go for food — to find out how best to be of service.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture:

- 34 million people in the U.S. are food insecure,
- 9 million children are hungry,
- 53 million people turned to food banks following COVID-19 due to unemployment, and
- 100 percent of U.S. counties have families suffering from food insecurity.

Food insecurity and hunger are terms used interchangeably, but it is important to understand the difference between the two. When someone suffers from **food insecurity**, it is an economic condition. Meaning the person/family is having to choose between paying a bill or buying food. A person that suffers from **hunger** is physically feeling hungry and does not have access to food.

It is a common misconception by many in the United States to think those that are hungry and food insecure are homeless. The reality is that people that utilize food banks and charitable food sources are working. They make too much to qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which helps low-income families afford nutritious food options. The largest U.S. constituency effected by food insecurity and hunger are our working poor. Feeding America reports that the average annual income for those that suffer from hunger is \$10,030. To qualify for SNAP benefits, a family of four can net no more than \$2,313 a month or \$27,766 annually based on national guidelines.

Food insecurity and hunger adversely impacts the health care system, as many who do not have access to healthy and nutritious food are obese, suffer from chronic health conditions, such as heart disease and diabetes, along with other diseases caused by malnutrition.

Don't delay -- register today!

[Register Here](#)

**2025 GFWC Convention**

## The Countdown has Begun!

GFWC Georgia is honored to be the Convention Host for the 2025 GFWC Convention, which will be held June 6-10, 2025, in Atlanta, GA, at the Omni Hotel. June will be here before we know it!

### How Can You Help?

- **Business Meetings and Door Pages**

You will greet everyone with a warm smile and say hello to ensure that everyone entering the meeting has a name badge.

- **Georgia Welcome Table**

You will Welcome ladies, offer them snacks and drinks, and help replenish this table with donated items.

- **Meal Event Door Pages**

You will greet everyone with a warm smile, say hello, and take meal tickets at the door.

- **Tour Hostess and Bus Captains**

You will help ensure the ladies taking the tour are on the bus. You will help distribute the drink/snack totes.

- **Table Hostess**

You will be the Georgia representative at the meal function. You will help keep the conversation going during dinner and make everyone feel welcome.



### Want to Help?

All the positions and times needed are listed on the Sign-Up Site.

[Sign-Up Here](#)

### Questions?

Convention Chairman  
Tina Neese  
[tinadaniel1224@gmail.com](mailto:tinadaniel1224@gmail.com)

Convention Co-Chairman  
Cimi Douglass  
[cimi.douglass@gmail.com](mailto:cimi.douglass@gmail.com)

## September Observances

- Hispanic Heritage Month

- National Recovery Month
- Blood Cancer Awareness Month
- Skin Cancer Awareness Month



- National Library Card Sign-Up Month
- National Literacy Month
- National Suicide Prevention Month
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- National Infant Mortality Awareness Month
- National Cholesterol Education and Awareness Month
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- National Campus Safety Awareness Month
- Classical Music Month
- National Piano Month
- National Service Dog Month
- National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

- International Women's Friendship Month
- World Alzheimer's Month
- Baby Safety Month
- National Yoga Awareness Month
- National Preparedness Month
- Save Your Photos Month
- Healthy Aging Month



## The Month of September

September is the 9th month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. September comes from the Latin *septem* because this was the seventh month of the early Roman calendar. The Romans associated September with Vulcan, the Roman god of fire, quite possibly because it was a fiery hot month when was the seventh month of the year. The Anglo-Saxons had two names for the month of September: *Gerst Monath*, which means "barley month" as this was the time to harvest the barley crop and to brew a drink from it, and *Haefest Monath*, translated to mean harvest month



**Stone = Sapphire**

**Flowers = Aster and Morning Glory**

Sapphire is September's primary birthstone. For thousands of years, the sapphire has symbolized truth, sincerity, and nobility. It has been closely associated with royalty. The ancient Greeks and Romans believed the owner of a sapphire would be protected from harm and envy, and it was thought to attract wealth.

September's birth flowers are the aster and morning glory. They carry profound symbolic meanings. The Aster symbolizes love, faith, friendship, purity, and wisdom, while the Morning Glory represents affection and mortality.

**"By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer." - Helen Hunt Jackson**

## Calendar of Events

(Events in **Bold** are GFWC/GFWC Georgia events.)

September 2	Labor Day
September 2	V-J (Victory over Japan) Day
September 4	National Wildlife Day
September 5	International Day of Charity
September 6	National Read a Book Day
<b>September 7</b>	<b>GFWC Georgia South East District Fall Meeting, Brunswick, GA</b>
September 8	National Grandparents' Day
September 8	International Literacy Day
September 8 -14	National Arts in Education Week
September 8 -14	Suicide Prevention Week
September 10	World Suicide Prevention Day
September 11	Patriot Day & National Day of Service & Remembrance
September 12	National Day of Encouragement
<b>September 12</b>	<b>Last Day to Register for the GFWC Southern Region Conference and Reserve a Hotel Room at the Hyatt Regency Greenville, Greenville, SC</b>
September 13	Stand Up to Cancer Day
<b>September 14</b>	<b>GFWC Georgia Central West District Fall Meeting, Macon, GA</b>
<b>September 15</b>	<b>GFWC Georgia Braves Family Day -- Truist Park, Atlanta, GA -- 7:10 PM</b>
September 15	National Women's Friendship Day
September 15-21	Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week
September 16	Mayflower Day
September 17	International Country Music Day
September 17	Constitution Day & Citizenship Day
September 17-23	Constitution Week
September 18	U.S. Air Force Birthday
September 20	National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 21	International Day of Peace
September 21	World Alzheimer's Day
September 21	National Cleanup Day
<b>September 21</b>	<b>GFWC Georgia South West District Fall Meeting, Tifton, GA</b>

September 21-October 6	Oktoberfest
September 22	Autumn Begins
September 22	American Business Women's Day
September 23	National Family Day
September 25	Women's Health & Fitness Day
September 25	National Daughters Day
September 27	Ancestor Appreciation Day
September 28	National Public Lands Day
<b>September 28</b>	<b>GFWC Georgia North East District Fall Meeting, Gainesville, GA</b>
September 28	National Self Awareness Day
<b>September 28</b>	<b>GFWC National Day of Service -- Fighting Food Insecurity and Hunger</b>
September 29	Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day
September 29	National Veterans of Foreign Wars Day
September 29	World Heart Day
September 29-October 5	Banned Book Week
September 30	Georgia Reads Day

## Reminders

**2024 GFWC Southern Region Conference**

## THE HILLS ARE ALIVE GFWC Southern Region Conference



*Cooking up a Good Time in Greenville*

Save the date  
October 3-6, 2024

**September 12, 2024**

**Last Day** to Reserve a Room in the Southern Region Block and  
to Register for the Conference without paying a Penalty

### *The Hills Are Alive*

Southern Sisters from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Aruba, and Belize will assemble for a weekend of fellowship, fun, and learning in upstate South Carolina, where the hills are alive. During this early October weekend, they will hear presentations by their GFWC chairmen and committee members and State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs, tour the Greenville County Museum of Art, participate in a cooking demonstration at The Cook's Station, and hear inspiring words from guest speakers. Joining the sisters for the weekend will be the 2024-2026 GFWC International President, Suellen Brazil, and GFWC President-Elect, Wendy Carriker, and they will update all on the GFWC programs for the next two years. *The Hills Will Certainly be Alive in South Carolina in early October!*

### **When**

Thursday, October 3 -- Sunday, October 6, 2024

### **Where**

Hyatt Regency Greenville  
220 N. Main Street  
Greenville, SC 29601  
864-235-1234

### **Schedule**

**Thursday, Oct. 3**

Board of Directors Dinner

**Friday, October 4**

Tour: Greenville Art Museum, Cook's Station  
State Night Dinner  
Junior Fun Night--Bingo and Pajama Contest

**Saturday, October 5**

Business Session  
Southern Region Dinner

**Sunday, October 6**

Brunch  
Invitation to the 2025 GFWC Southern Region Conference in Alabama

**Special Guests**

Suellen Brazil, 2024-2026 GFWC International President  
Wendy Carriker, 2024-2026 GFWC President-Elect

**Host**

General Federation of Women's Clubs South Carolina

**Call to 2024 GFWC SRC**

**2024 GFWC SRC Registration Form**

## The 2024-2026 GFWC Membership "Educate, Engage, and Empower" Recruitment Campaign

### New Club Members?

Did you add new members to your club during the summer - July, August, or September? Then, remember to complete a Recruitment Campaign form and send it to GFWC and our State Membership Chairman, Dale Reddick -- ([membership@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:membership@gfwcgeorgia.org))

In addition to submitting the number of NEW members joining your club quarterly, the GFWC Membership Committee is asking you to concentrate on particular internal focus areas designed to help your club strengthen membership retention while attracting NEW members!

#### **July, August, September: Focus on Clear Communication**

Concentrate on regularly providing your members with updates through email, newsletters, social media, and your





club website. Be sure to note how they can contact leadership with feedback or any concerns.

**Deadline to Send: October 1, 2024**

**Fillable  
Recruitment  
Campaign Form**

*The GFWC Georgia Monthly Connections* is a monthly e-bulletin supplementing *The Georgia Clubwoman*, our state newsletter. It offers more in-depth monthly information on GFWC and GFWC Georgia events, projects, programs, deadlines, issues and includes monthly observances and a calendar.

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