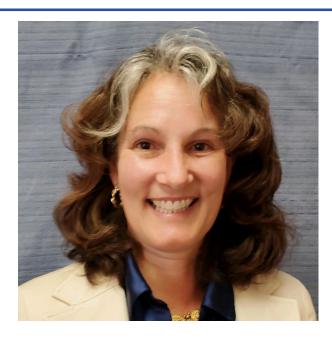


Monthly Connections

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

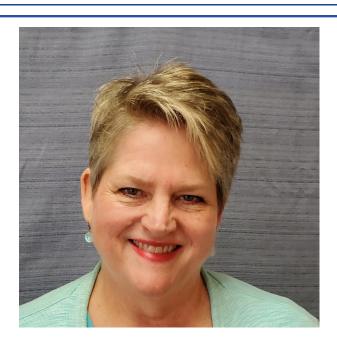
10:00 AM Registration & Refreshments
11:00 AM Business
Meeting
12:00 PM Lunch
12:30 PM Business
Meeting Resumed

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

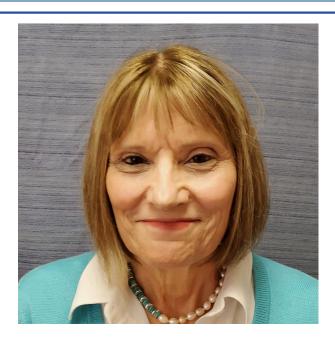
10:00 AM Registration & Coffee/Refreshments 10:30 AM Business Meeting 12:00 PM Lunch

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 Borovitcky \$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

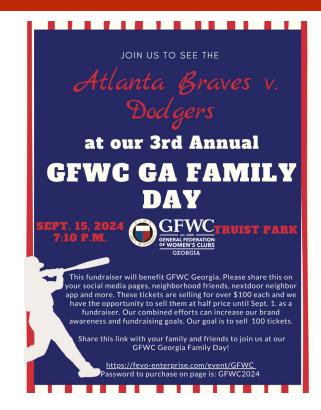
Atlanta Braves vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

Seats

Sections 144-146 (Under Cover)

Purchase

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



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

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



"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

Convention Co-Chairman Cimi Douglass 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
September 7	GFWC Georgia South East District Fall Meeting, Brunswick, GA
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
September 12	Last Day to Register for the GFWC Southern Region Conference and Reserve a Hotel Room at the Hyatt Regency Greenville, Greenville, SC
September 13	Stand Up to Cancer Day
September 14	GFWC Georgia Central West District Fall Meeting, Macon, GA
September 15	GFWC Georgia Braves Family Day Truist Park, Atlanta, GA 7:10 PM
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
September 21	GFWC Georgia South West District Fall Meeting, Tifton, GA

September 21- October 6	ctoberfest
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
September 28	GFWC Georgia North East District Fall Meeting, Gainesville, GA
September 28	National Self Awareness Day
September 28	GFWC National Day of Service Fighting Food Insecurity and
	Hunger
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-Octob	er Banned Book Week
September 30	Georgia Reads Day

Reminders

2024 GFWC Southern Region Conference



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)

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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