



2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE STATE OFFICERS  
AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS





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The GFWC Georgia President's theme for 2024-2026 is "Hand-in-hand, together we can...engage, educate, empower," using a circle of hands to symbolize the importance of combining our volunteer efforts to serve our communities. The premise is simple: as volunteer clubwomen, we can do so much good with our hands – create art, feed the hungry, pick up trash, hold a book and read to children, comfort the sick, protect the helpless, vote, or write a check. Our two hands can do a whole lot of good. But together if we multiply that one pair of hands by five or twenty or fifty times, just think what we can accomplish!

The Special project adopted for this administration is focused on literacy and is entitled "Books for Little Hands." GFWC Georgia club members embraced the project in many creative and effective ways such as stocking new or existing Little Free Libraries, collecting and cleaning gently used books for distribution to hospitals and schools, filling baskets with books at Easter and Christmas for foster children, and establishing a reading corner at a local laundromat. Two clubs co-sponsored a Taste of Chocolate event, earning over \$9000 to purchase books through the Ferst Foundation. Clubs partnered with police departments, schools, advocacy centers, public libraries, physician's offices, health departments, childcare centers, and shelters to provide books for children. Over 12,400 books were distributed to little hands in Georgia's communities.

This administration's special project for Tallulah Falls School is to purchase a cellular gate access system which will allow the authorized administrators and security personnel to use phone devices or web-based interfaces to remotely open the gates for visitors. To date, clubs have contributed over \$1100 to this cause.

To promote the use of hands in all areas of work, members were issued the President's Hands-On Challenges. For example, "Crafted by Hand" encourages members to host a craft booth at a community event. Other challenges include "Lend A Hand" to a veteran, "Get Your Hands Dirty" by picking up trash, support "Healing Hands" at hospitals, endorse the "Business At Hand" by voting, or help the "Hands That Rock the Cradle" by supporting a child advocacy center. Members are excited by these and other challenges for all the CSPs, Advancement Areas and Special Programs.

As our members think of ways to use their hands, we turn to our leaders for guidance. Georgia is fortunate to have legacy leaders whose guiding principles, core values, and integrity guide us. This administration is utilizing a top-down, bottom-up shared leadership model, where State leaders facilitate continuous learning, encourage autonomy, provide constructive feedback, and reward success. Leaders reinforce the connection between our clubs, our Districts, the State, and as an extension, our Region and International counterparts, so that members understand

the impact of our organization. State and District meetings are opportunities for members to engage with Federation sisters, learn new skills and share a common purpose.

Plans for the new administration began In February 2024, at a weekend retreat for officers at the Lipscomb Cottage. It was an opportunity for the group to bond and discuss strategies for improving GFWC Georgia. Job descriptions were created for all positions on the Leadership team, tentative schedules were set, and a shared vision was adopted. Once appointments for the new administration were completed, the new leaders and officers attended an all-day orientation in April to meet other members of the Leadership Team and learn about their respective responsibilities. “Hand-in-Hand: Engage” introduced the Leadership Team to the President’s vision and provided job descriptions. “Good Leaders Defined: Educate” activities included duties of the Leadership Team, protocol matters, “Talk to the Hand” (strategic planning), and “What’s Your Why.” The “Build Your Team: Empower” session afforded committees time to collaborate with members and make plans.

After installation at the Georgia Convention in late April, the Leadership Team was busy, gathering information to write Georgia’s plan of work. Each section contains suggestions for projects to coincide with GFWC programs and emphasis areas, including Community Connection Initiatives, the State President’s Hands-on Challenge, affiliate organization information, special monthly observances or dates to remember, and Georgia Bylaws and Standing Rules. Once chairs completed their sections, a Proofing Palooza was held at the lakeside home of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President to edit the plan of work. The 350-page Yearbook was published in print-form or on a thumb drive for purchase by members and distributed at our Summer Institute. Later in the fall our state yearbook was uploaded to our GFWC Georgia website, giving all members access to the information in digital form.

Georgia’s Strategic Planning Committee began the process of updating our long-range plan. A virtual meeting was held with GFWC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jolie Frankfurth for guidance. As a result of the committee’s study, proposals were submitted to the Bylaws Committee to update the responsibilities of elected officers and revise the structure of the Strategic Planning Committee. The Georgia Junior Conference appointed a committee to study trends and make decisions regarding the future. Subsequently, recommendations for amendments to the Bylaws were suggested in regard to Junior Conference roles and responsibilities. All proposals were reviewed by the Bylaws Committee and recommendations were sent to all members for consideration with the Call to the 2025 GFWC Georgia Convention.

The Membership Committee held a retreat in May 2024 to discuss ways to retain and recruit members. Using a Nancy Drew theme, the members of the committee began thinking of ways to unlock the mysteries of membership. Statistical information and trends over the last ten years were studied. Clubs with ten or less members were put on a “watch” list. T-shirts were printed for the Membership Committee to wear at State meetings. Skits were written by committee members to present at District and State meetings to emphasize the importance of being a GFWC Georgia member. To encourage club members to attend State events, a Send-A-Sister Scholarship was developed, and funds were included in the budget. This scholarship provides twelve \$50-stipends for members to attend both the Summer Institute and

Convention during this administration. Georgia is proud that our membership increased by 119 members from 1509 to 1628 in the year 2024.

Georgia's LEADS workshop was held the day prior to our Summer Institute in August. Fifty-five club members attended a day-long training session, exploring ways to become effective leaders in their club and community. The theme focused on the 6 E's of Leadership which included: (1) Envision – GFWC history and What's Your Why; (2) Engaging – conflict management and volunteering; (3) Educate – parliamentary procedure, protocol, and club positions; (4) Enable – leadership notebooks; (5) Empower – delegating and how to volunteer the right way; (6) Execute – putting plans into action and utilizing skills learned.

Using the theme "GFWC Georgia On My Mind," the Summer Institute began with the GFWC Georgia State Fair where our CSP, Advancement Area and Special Programs showcased their programs/projects of work. Members circulated among booth spaces featuring each program area. Booths sported tri-boards filled with colorful information including brochures and swag obtained from affiliates. Chairmen dressed in costumes or coordinated outfits and provided fun activities to engage and educate participants about each program area. Think Carnival games with a GFWC Georgia twist! Members played area-specific games such as Throw Your Hat in the Ring Legislative Toss, Nutrition-packed Pick-up Ducks, Strategic Planning Cupcake Walk, Leadership Yatzee, Wheel of Fortune Arts & Crafts, or Continuing Education Corn Hole. Members won tickets to spend at the prize booth where GFWC Georgia- branded items were awarded. Later that afternoon, chairmen hosted break-out sessions to explain their plans of work and afford members the opportunity for Q and A. General sessions were also held (1) to review Georgia's online reporting, (2) to teach members about Georgia's new reporting AP called Track It Forward, which enables members to record live data (# members & hours) during projects, and (3) to give tips on maneuvering the Google drive. Featured speakers included our GFWC LEADS candidate, the Executive Director from the Georgia City Solutions & the Mayor's Book Project, and the director of a child advocacy center.

The fall brought District meetings and other opportunities to share information with Georgia club women. Virtual webinars were held to educate club members about our online reporting system and to assist our chairmen with preparations for judging the reports submitted by clubs. Face Book pages were created or updated for our program areas to disseminate timely information or provide project ideas. The State Newsletter, which is issued quarterly, provided reports from officers and chairmen, as well as reminders about GFWC and GFWC Georgia events and pictorial scrapbooks showing our members in action. A monthly "Connections" newsletter is published to remind members about special days or projects that may coordinate with specific months, such as National Day of Service in September, Child Advocacy Week in October or Wreaths Across America in December.

Approximately 90% of Georgia clubs participated in the National Day of Service. During our Summer Institute, any club that had registered their intent to participate by that date was entered into a drawing for a monetary award to be used as seed money for their project. Also, members were given a disposable spoon labeled with NDOS dates as a reminder to participate. Clubs supported local food banks at churches, shelters, or schools. Members filled Little Free

Libraries with non-perishable food, served meals at homeless shelters, filled backpacks for children, donated money for school lunches, packed a pantry for an automobile accident victim, and solicited donations from their communities. There was a “soup swap” where a bowl of homemade soup was provided for a donation of canned soup and an “empty bowl” luncheon with hand-painted bowls used as gifts for guests. There was even a scarecrow entry at a community event using a food insecurities theme.

The 2025 Georgia Convention was held at the Legacy Lodge on Lanier Islands near Buford, Georgia.

Over 125 members attended the three-day event hosted by the North East District which used the theme “Changes of Latitude – Changes in Attitude.” The NE District clubs chose to support organizations in the area in lieu of door prizes which showed our hearts of caring. Jimmy Buffet music and tropical décor encouraged a more relaxed atmosphere as members visited, laughed, sang and danced. After careful consideration and some debate, members approved many amendments to our Bylaws that will help us better complete our business in the future. Fundraising netted over \$4000 from 50/50 drawings, GFWC Georgia-branded items, District baskets and a silent auction. The Songs You Know By Heart Lip Sync Battle was a hoot and raised over \$1600 for The Cottage, a sexual abuse and child advocacy center in Athens. A very touching Memorial Service was conducted to remember our Federation members who passed away during 2024. GFWC Georgia was proud to present a charter to our newest club, the Lake Lanier Woman’s Club. Awards were presented in all Community Service Programs, Advancement Areas and Special Programs.

GFWC Georgia clubwomen have used their hands to do a lot of good work during 2024. They have embraced the President’s vision that hand-in-hand, together we can!



**Peggy Wilson**  
First Vice President  
Activities Report  
April 2024 -April 2025

**April 6, 2024** – I attended Cathy Jones' GFWC Georgia Orientation Meeting and held a meeting with six district presidents.

**April 11, 2024**, - I attended the GFWC Macon Service League's annual card party.

**April 14, 2024** – I attended GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club Luncheon in Atlanta, GA where I shared information and plans for GFWC Georgia administration.

**April 26-28, 2024** – Attended GFWC Georgia Convention. During the Executive Board meeting, I introduced the 2024-2025 six district presidents. Each district president shared their theme and as well as information about their upcoming district meetings.

**May 3, 2024** – I was asked to visit GFWC Georgia Manchester Woman's Club to install their officers for 2024-2026 club year. I prepared an installation using the theme bees. Each officer was given a bee pin in recognition of the incoming president's theme.

**May 13, 2024** – I was asked by Peggy Pruett to attend the Atlanta Woman's Club Luncheon and to installation of Peggy Pruett as president of the club as well as I installed all of the other officers.

**Jun 26-July 2, 2024** -Attended GFWC National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. It was an interesting week where I learned more about GFWC.

**July 13, 2024** – I met with Julie Walters and a group of GFWC Georgia club member to Proof the 2024-2025 Yearbook at Julie Walters' home in Jackson, GA.

**July 27, 2024** – Attended the first 2024-2025 Central West Executive Board Meeting in Reynolds, GA.

July 27, 2024 – I went to a reception honoring Cathy Jones in Vienna, Georgia. The reception provided me with an opportunity to see GFWC Georgia members that I had not seen at state meetings recently. It was great seeing and reconnecting with others.

**August 10, 2024** – Attended Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club's "For Her Glory" Fundraiser for Breast Cancer. The Breast Cancer fundraising event afforded me the opportunity to enjoy a great lunch as well as make new friends.

**August 15-18, 2024** – Attended GFWC Georgia Institute and LEADS at the Hilton Garden Inn in Albany, GA. The program provided me with an opportunity to reconnect with others as well LEADS was informative and entertaining. I also explained how important it is to provide information to our GFWC Georgia on what they accomplished during the year.

In September and October, I attended the following District meetings: South East District, Central West District, South West District, Northwest District, and North East District. Each District President had their own unique way of presenting their information to members. All of the meetings were held on a Saturday, and I felt like I was on a tour of Georgia.

**October 25, 2024**— I participated in the Day of Service for GFWC Georgia at First Baptist Church of Morrow. My first assignment was to fill bags of rice without spilling all of it onto the floor.

**December 12, 2024** – I was invited to the Macon Service League’s Christmas party in Macon, Georgia. This is an annual event put together by one of their club members/

**December 18, 2024** – I attended, supported, and made cookies for the Tallulah Falls School Holiday appreciation for staff members at the school.

**February 21-22, 2025** – I attended Judging weekend and Executive Board Meeting at Little Ocmulgee State Park.

**March 22, 2025** – As a member of the Central West District, I attended our district meeting in Bremen, Georgia. Awards were presented to clubs for their outstanding work throughout Georgia. Thank you to all the clubs for their excellent participation in writing reports.

**April 25-27, 2025** – I attended the Executive meeting and Convention at Lake Lanier Island. While at the convention, I met with personnel at the lodge to discuss the upcoming Southern Regional meeting which will be held at Lake Lanier.



**Julie Walters**  
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Activity Report  
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My theme is Bees. Welcome to the hive.

The phrase 'busy as a bee' is derived from the fact that bees are one of the most energetic and hardworking living beings. But as hard as they hustle individually, it's their innate ability to work together as a team that makes the hive stronger and keeps everyone safe.

I created a packet for incoming chairman and presented it at Orientation. It provided all of the information they needed to write their plan of work for the yearbook, review online reporting forms, and be prepared to judge reports. I emailed it to the ladies who could not attend in person.

I provided them guidelines and suggestions and then gathered all of the information from everyone and created the 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Yearbook.

I made changes and improvements to the online reporting forms.

I updated the reporting and judging information presented on the GFWC Georgia website.

I held multiple virtual meetings with the Chairman and sent lots of emails to help plan and prepare for GFWC Georgia Institute.

I presented a reporting workshop and Track it Forward workshop at Institute.

I held 5 virtual Track It Forward training sessions and signed up members to gain access to our account.

In December I held a virtual Reporting Workshop where members could get their questions answered.

In January I held a virtual meeting with the chairman review reporting and judging and presented the packet I created- How Do I Judge These Dang Reports.

Sent email reminders to Chairman about reporting and judging.

Attended Judging weekend and ensured all reports were judged and Awards sheets signed and turned in.

Reviewed and submitted all GFWC Georgia reports to GFWC.

Created a Top Projects booklet of reported projects.

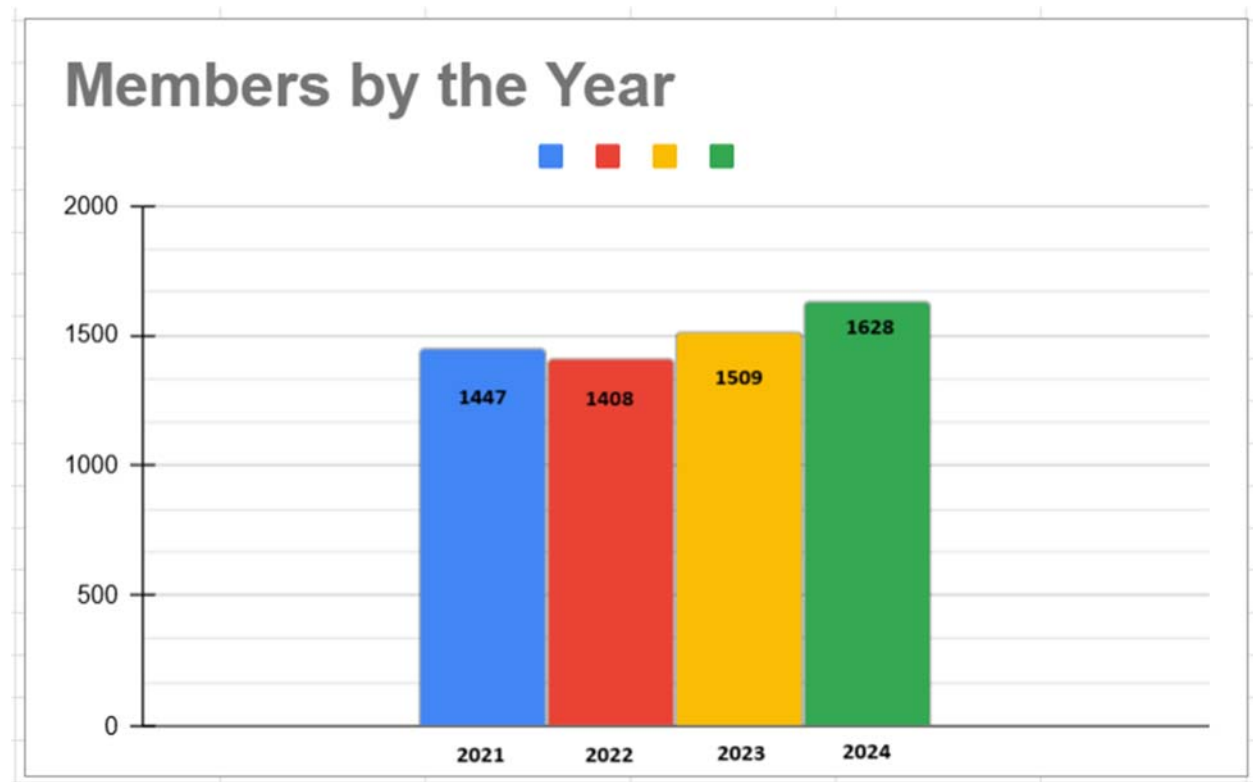
Attended the GFWC Executive Board meetings, Institute, Judging Weekend and Convention.





**Dale Reddick**  
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It has been an exciting time for membership in Georgia during our first year of the 2024-2026 administration. The theme for membership for this administration is Solving the Mysteries of Membership and GFWC Georgia has been doing just that. Four out of our six districts increased membership, as well as the Junior Conference. As a result, we increased membership by 119 members. While unfortunately we lost one club in 2024, however on a positive note we did gain one new club.

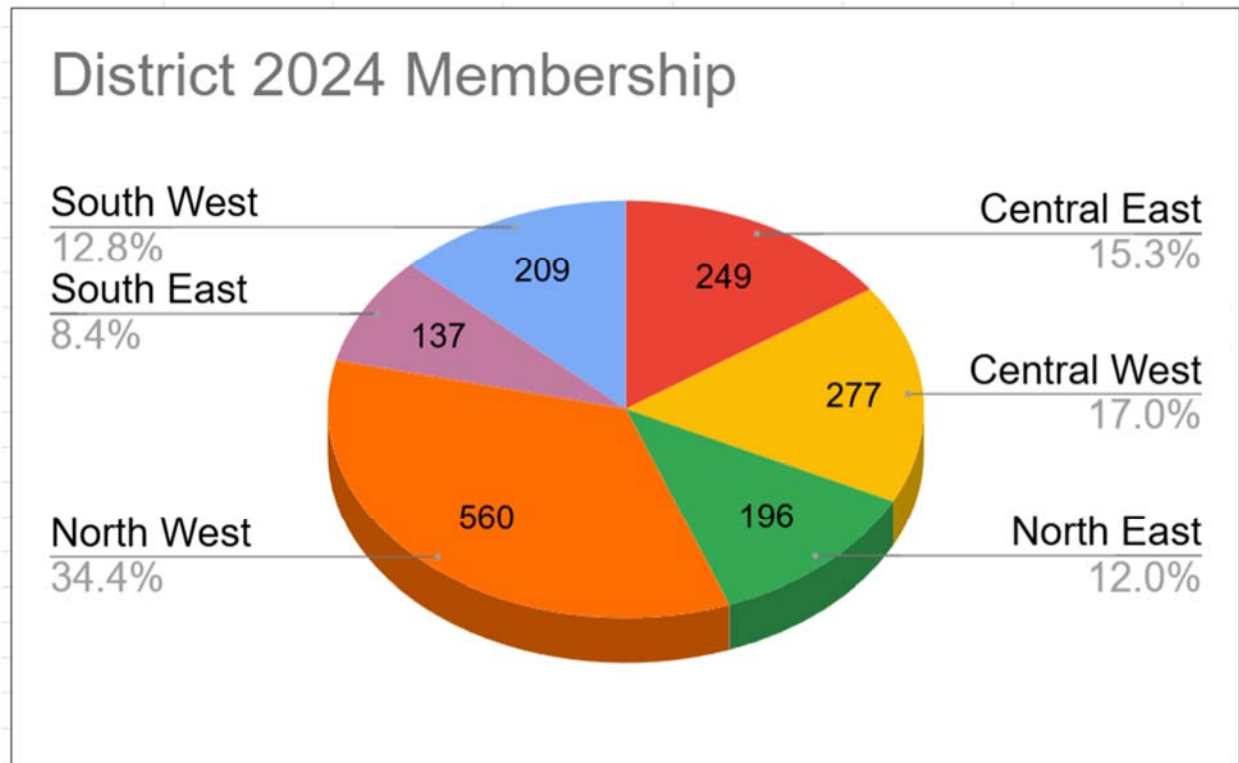


The membership committee started the administration off with a weekend retreat at the State Office to talk about the issues of finding new members, retaining current members and bringing back lost clubs. As a result of lots of ideas, members of the committees in turn worked with their respective districts and clubs to solve membership mysteries. District First Vice Presidents and Junior Directors at their district meetings reported on membership and performed membership-based skits to encourage growth in our organization.

Incentives to increase membership attendance at our state meetings were provided at both the Institute and at the Convention. These included offering two "Send a Sister Scholarships" to

each district and recognizing First Time Attendees. Also, a financial incentive to encourage clubs to register for the GFWC National Day of Service was awarded at the Institute.

Finally, the Membership Team recognized all the National Day of Service club participants, club milestones, and 50 + years members. I as well as the Membership Team are looking forward to the second half of the administration.





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There are 9 Junior Clubs and 139 members in the State of Georgia. The State of Georgia has six districts with 5 districts having at least one Junior Club. I have attended at least one meeting at each District since taking the position of Junior Director Elect, except for the North East District. Since being installed as Director of Junior Clubs, I have attended three additional District meetings in the Fall 2024. I was scheduled to attend the North East District fall meeting, but Hurricane Helene kept me from attending. However, I will attend the March 29, 2025 North East District spring meeting. Since I have attended 2024 State Convention and Institute, I have met with members of each of the 9 Junior Clubs. In addition, I have attended meetings of 3 Junior Clubs since installation and attended projects at two clubs. I have also attended 2024 GFWC Convention Chicago, 2024 GFWC Board of Director Meeting in DC and 2024 Southern Region Conference.

Membership increased 18% from 118 members in 2024 to 139 members in 2025. The Junior Conference completed 437 projects totaling 10,584 hours with \$86,333 donated and \$33,240 in-kind donations. The perpetual scholarship in honor of the Junior Conference, "Dollars for Collars," has received \$2,832 of the \$5,000 goal. Fundraising has totaled \$1,388.30 since installation in April 2024.

Regarding Advocates for Children, the greatest work that was accomplished as Director of Junior Clubs in 2024 was at GFWC Georgia Institute. Since the Advocates for Children Chairman is a Junior, she and I set up the fair booth with a peg board game, informative flyers and pinwheels. The pinwheels were given as a prize for anyone that left less than 3 pegs, and boxes of pinwheels were provided to clubs for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. The booth was decorated with pinwheels, colorful balloons and an Advocates for Children banner.

On Saturday afternoon, the Domestic Violence Chairman and Advocates for Children Chairman held a breakout session. At the breakout session, a game was played, and information was provided about projects that support both Advocates for Children and Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention. That evening, GFWC Georgia and GFWC Georgia Junior Conference held a joint Pajama Party. Admission into the pajama party was either a children's book or a pair of pajamas. The items were collected for Lilypad Child Advocacy Center. The center provides free services to victims of sexual assault. GFWC Georgia donated over 590 books and 168 pairs of pajamas to Lilypad Child Advocacy Center.

Sunday morning at GFWC Georgia Institute began with the Junior Conference Board Meeting. That morning, I presided over the meeting, and I had three workstations for the Junior Conference to complete projects for Advocates for Children. The three stations were worry stones, painted rocks and buttons. After the Junior Board Meeting, Mary Fabrizio, Lilypad Executive Director spoke at the closing of GFWC Georgia Institute.

At Southern Region, Juniors raised money for Camp Greenville at a Pajama Party. Initially, the monies raised would fund a camper, but Hurricane Helene severely damaged the chapel. Michelle Blackman, South Carolina Director of Junior Clubs, decided to donate the money to repair and clean up Camp Greenville from the damage caused by the hurricane. The pajama party raised \$1,600 for Camp Greenville.

Regarding the support of Advocates for Children in the State of Georgia, GFWC Georgia clubs executed 87 projects, representing 1,130 hours, donated \$4,656.88, raised \$8,442.67, spent \$5,924.93 and provided \$13,927.55 in-kind donations.

The GFWC Junior Conference is represented in the Georgia Clubwoman in each publication. The May 2024 Georgia Clubwoman article provided detailed information about my administration, and the December Georgia Clubwoman highlighted with accomplishments of the Junior Conference in 2024. The September 2024 issue of The Georgia Clubwoman detailed the highlights of GFWC Georgia Institute. The March 2025 Georgia Clubwoman article has been submitted, and it focuses on GFWC Georgia Convention 2025.

This administration was charged with working “Stronger Together” from the moment of installation. GFWC Georgia President, Cathy Jones, and I met prior to convention last year and agreed that we would serve as a unified team for the 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Administration. The unified team was agreed upon prior to the vote concerning the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference that was held at GFWC Georgia Convention in April 2024. The vote for the dissolution was opposed; however, GFWC Georgia Juniors were charged with presenting a new set of bylaws to the GFWC Georgia Bylaws Committee by December 2024. Immediately after convention, a committee was selected to work on the bylaws led by Becky Bolden. The committee worked diligently over the last year to present bylaws that reflect the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference and the work that we want to accomplish. The Junior Conference is proud of the work that has taken place, and the committee is confident in what has been presented to the GFWC Georgia Bylaws Committee. This work is truly an example of how a group of women can come together and present a path for the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference to exist for many years to come.

Cathy and I have taken the “Stronger Together” initiative to the GFWC Georgia State meetings. At GFWC Georgia Institute, we held a joint Pajama Party. The Pajama Party featured bingo, snacks and prizes. At GFWC Georgia Convention in April 2025, we will hold a joint Lip Sync Battle. The proceeds from the Lip Sync battle will benefit a local children’s advocacy center in the Northeast District where convention is being held.



Cimi Douglass, Recording Secretary 2024-2026  
Annual Recording Secretary Report  
April 2024-April 2025  
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#### **April 2024 through April 2025**

Over the past year, I have fulfilled my responsibilities as Recording Secretary by recording the minutes for all executive and general membership meetings, ensuring that discussions, decisions, and action items were accurately documented and made available for review in a timely manner. This helps facilitate transparency and efficiency in our operations.

**Recording Secretary Workshop** At the 2024 Institute, I prepared and hosted a workshop designed to enhance the skills of recording secretaries across our organization. This session provided best practices, tools, and guidelines to improve documentation accuracy and efficiency. Attendees gained insights into effective note-taking, record maintenance, and compliance with organizational standards.

**Newsletter Contributions** Throughout the year, I contributed articles to our newsletters, keeping members informed about key meeting highlights, procedural updates, and best practices in record-keeping. These articles served as a resource for members to stay informed about our club's administrative functions. I also corresponded with GFWC regarding the proper recording and maintenance of club records.

I look forward to continuing these efforts in the coming year.



**Becky Bolden**  
Treasurer, GFWC Georgia  
Report for April 2024-April 2025

I have fulfilled the duties of the office of Treasurer for GFWC Georgia. Some of the tasks completed are:

Arranged for signature changes on the bank accounts with Cathy, Peggy, and Cimi, including documentation.

Revised the treasurer's vouchers for the 2024-2026 yearbook.

Met with Cathy and Deborah on procedures for money management.

Prepared a Google sheet for all the banking transactions.

Updated all of the financial statements since assuming office.

Paid all allotments and invoices for the state.

Prepared and taught a treasurer workshop at the GFWC GA Institute in August 2024.

Wrote articles for the quarterly GFWC Georgia newsletter.

Wrote checks at Institute 2024 and made all deposits from the event.

Balanced all bank accounts monthly.

Prepared for the annual budget meeting and hosted the meeting.

Prepared various reports for the committee chairmen on the donations from 2024.

Prepared restricted fund procedure for presentation at the GA 2025 convention.

Prepared financial reports for the Feb 2025 EC meeting. Attended the meeting to present financial results.

Prepared financial reports for the April 2025 GA convention. Attended the meeting to present financial results.

Wrote checks and made deposits on monies collected at the GA 2025 Convention.

Answered all email requests.

Arranged with CaroleAnn to review the transactions of the past year and Form 990.

Various other duties as requested by the President and Executive Committee members.



**Brenda Martin**  
Parliamentary Advisor  
April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

The goal that was set for this 2024-2026 Administration was to engage, educate and empower club members about Parliamentary procedures and how important these procedures are to running effective and efficient meetings.

This officer worked with the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Parliamentary Advisor to prepare a workshop at Institute on how to conduct a productive and efficient meeting. This was to educate further the importance of following Parliamentary Procedures to help streamline club and District meetings.

Articles have been submitted to the GFWC Georgia Newsletters on tips and other information to further educate members.

1. Simplified Rules of Order – August Newsletter
2. Encouraging members to review by-laws of their club – November Newsletter

The goal for the last year of this administration will be to continue to educate club members on how to conduct their meetings, help with their club by-laws, answer questions on Parliamentary procedures and be available whenever possible.

There is one thought that should be always remembered:

The rights of the minority must be protected, but the will of the majority must prevail. Minority viewpoints deserve consideration, but the majority's decision will guide the council's actions. Use parliamentary procedure as a tool, not a bludgeon.



**Laedenia Jewell**  
Central East District President  
Executive Committee Report  
April 30, 2025

Wow, what a year! I have loved being a part of Peggy's Princesses. I started planning for this administration in January of 2024. I chose the heart with the hands inside as my symbol and started working with the American Heart Association. I love the team of dedicated women who said yes and chose to become part of my executive board. I was installed at our district annual meeting in the spring. We had a great time making decor in March at the 2024 convention decor workshop and also had some great fellowship as well. The Maxey's Woman's Club invited me to visit and install their officers in April. I attended The GFWC GA orientation also in April where we learned about what was expected of us as district presidents. My district hosted the 2024 convention and I was installed at the state level. We had a reception during the convention for Marybeth and myself. After the convention I attended the State Executive committee meeting.

In May, I attended the State membership Meeting in Tallulah Falls for our District in place of Brenda Price. We had a lot of fun looking for the clues to finding more members. Then in June I attended the Violets Junior Woman's club for their meeting and installation of new members. I also hosted an orientation/strategic planning meeting for the new administration of the Central East District. During our orientation we went over our calendar, roles, expectations, and standing rules. I also gave out district yearbooks.

In July, I attended the reception for State President Cathy Jones on behalf of the CED. In August, I attended the State Institute and board meeting in Albany. Then in September, we had our first official Executive board meeting. Hurricane Helene impacted our state drastically affecting the Augusta area. I attended the Southern Region Conference in Greenville, SC. During the SRC we were working to pivot our plans for our fall district meeting that was supposed to be held in Augusta and have the American Heart Association join us with a speaker about women's heart health. Instead we met in Winder (Augusta still hosted but Winder catered) and had a speaker I had asked back in March if she would come to one of the meetings during my term to speak, Karen Allen (inspirational Speaker and fitness coach). We still had our day of Service project of food collection to be donated to the Augusta area but after the hurricane it was much needed. We also voted to give all the registration money to the Augusta area for hurricane relief. Each club was given red dress stickers for all of their club members to wear at their February meetings.

In December I attended the reception at the Lipscomb Cottage on behalf of the district (though my son had to drive as I was still in a cast from breaking my elbow.). February we had our spring executive board meeting to prepare for our March annual meeting. Clubs reported wearing red to their club meetings for Heart health awareness in February or on Go Red for Women day! Pictures were sent to the newsletter. I also attended the State Executive Board meeting/judging weekend. In March we had our annual meeting in Oxford, GA. The hostess



clubs did a beautiful job decorating and the food was amazing. The American Heart Association was still all a buzz from February so they could not attend but sent a video and some infographics to share.

In April, I attended the GFWC Georgia Executive Committee meeting and Convention at Lake Lanier Islands. I was honored to receive the 3.25 award for our district. I had a lot of fun with the other princesses during the lip sync battle.

This year really has been full of love, laughter and friendship and I can't wait to see what this next year has in store.



**Libby Bond**

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I stepped in a year early as district president for the Central West District of the GFWC Georgia Federation, and I used that time to talk with clubwomen from the district as to my vision for my upcoming term. I am talking with my first vice-president about all of this and more so that she will feel more comfortable in taking her place as our next district president. I am also sharing tips and tricks with her.

My greatest desire as district president is to unify the eleven clubs. My vision is that the district serve as a resource for the clubs and not merely an obligation. I believe that each club has something useful for others in the district. My district president's special project is that of my clubs. I emphasized that especially at the Fall District Meeting. I requested that all of my chairmen, bring ideas that clubs could easily implement. We had loads of ideas and much excitement over the change in venue as well.

**May 4, 2024**, my first official act as District President for Central West District, I attended the Ladies Spring Luncheon of GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club. It was such fun.

**May the 13, 2024**, I was invited to install officers of the GFWC Locust Grove Woman's Club. I wrote an installation based on their club flower, the daisy. I also bought daisies to use in the ceremony. However, I had car trouble that day. I emailed the installation, one of their clubwomen went to the store and found sunflowers to substitute for daisies (It was the day after Mother's Day) and like good clubwomen the world over, saved the day.

**April 6, 2024**, I attended Cathy Jones' New Leader Orientation in Vienna and enjoyed the activities where I learned so much and also catching up with old friends.

**April 11, 2024**, I attended the GFWC Macon Service League's Annual Card Party Luncheon Fundraiser.

**April 26-28, 2024**, I attended Convention and enjoyed the Installation ceremony.

Over the summer of 2024, I delivered mementos from the memorial service at Convention to three clubs who were unable to attend. I also created my district president's flag with my symbol and motto.

**July 27, 2024**, I held my first executive committee meeting of my administration in the clubhouse of the GFWC Reynolds Woman's Club. At this meeting, I distributed copies of contact information in order to catch discrepancies. This worked well and enabled me to finalize my district handbook.

Also on July 27, 2024, I went to the Reception for Cathy Jones in Vienna. I even got to see some old friends who had defederated but came to wish Cathy well.

**August 16, 2024**, I attended LEADS. It is such a valuable program, and I learned more even though I have attended before!

**August 17-18, 2024**, I attended Institute in Albany and really enjoyed the State Fair format. It was at this meeting that I unveiled my flag. It is an open hand fan with the clubs on the sticks of the fan. My motto, Fanning the Flames of Volunteerism in the Central West District.

**August 28, 2024**, I was the guest of the GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club at their August meeting. Where I made some remarks about, Institute, and our district water project.

**September 14, 2024**, was my Fall District Meeting. It was held in Macon. This is the first time that our district has held a district meeting in a location that was not considered central.

**September 18, 2024**, I met with Pat Turner and Kay Williamson of the GFWC Manchester Woman's Club to count the proceeds of the Penny War Fundraiser that we held at the District Meeting the previous Saturday.

**December 12, 2024**, I was invited to the Macon Service League's Christmas Party which was held at a clubwoman's house in Macon.

**January 8, 2025**, I installed new officers in the Macon Service League. I wrote a Celtic Knot installation ceremony and was very touched by the warm welcome of the ladies that day, considering that I had to rush from that meeting to my own club's meeting.

**February 1, 2025**, I held my Executive Committee Meeting to prepare for the Annual District Meeting. It was held in Reynolds.

**February 7, 2025**, I and a clubwoman from my club attended the Wear Red Luncheon in Manchester that was a joint effort of the GFWC Manchester Woman's Club and the Rotary Club of Meriweather County. I learned so much about healthy eating and am using what I learned.

**February 22, 2025**, I attended the GFWC Georgia Federation's Executive Committee Meeting at Little Ocmulgee State Park which was a real treat. The area is beautiful and lots of lovely project ideas were shared.

**March 22, 2025**, The Central West District Meeting was held in Bremen at a remarkable event space. It was well attended, and we accomplished much business. This is where we presented a check for one half of a well in South Sudan to a foundation on World Water Day.

**April 10, 2025**, I attended the Macon Service League's Annual Card Party Luncheon Fundraiser in Macon. At that event, I picked up arts and crafts and student art for the ladies from GFWC Macon Woman's Club and GFWC Macon Service League to take to the Member Arts and Crafts Competition at Convention.

**April 25, 27, 2025**, I attended the Executive Committee Meeting and Convention at Lake Lanier, which was an incredibly beautiful venue. I also carried silver to the convention from a club that was unable to attend.

**April 28, 2025**, I met ladies in Macon to return their entries from the Member Arts and Crafts Competition at Convention.

I have held two district meetings and noted several things. First, the change in venue allowed club women from the hostess clubs to show up in numbers we previously have never seen. Second, we get to see a part of the communities in which our fellow district members live and do their work. Third, we have seen a lot of excitement in regards new ideas for meetings.



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### **February 2024 through State Convention 2024**

I agreed to serve as District President in February 2024 after the District President-elect dropped out. I selected my symbol (heart); my theme (Kind Hearts, Fierce Minds, and Brave Spirits); and District Project (Good Shepherd Clinic and other clinics in the Georgia Charitable Care Network); and was installed at the Spring District meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>. I attended Orientation in Vienna on April 6<sup>th</sup>, where I got to know the GFWC GA 1<sup>st</sup> VP and the other District Presidents and got some valuable advice about filling my positions, ordering my flag, and running meetings. The connections made were invaluable. After Orientation, I focused on filling my NED appointed positions and preparing my District Directory.

### **May 2024 through August 2024**

During this period, I spent time trying to understand the expectations of my position, building my team, and planning upcoming events. I coordinated with the club presidents to finalize my District meeting hostess club assignments and completed my District directory.

Two of the NED clubs had anniversary celebrations (Hartwell Service League's 50<sup>th</sup> in May and Toccoa Federated Woman's Club's 90<sup>th</sup> in June.) I was able to attend the Toccoa celebration but sadly, I had to miss the Hartwell event due to other commitments.

In preparation for LEADS/Institute in August, I designed and purchased my NED flag, assembled my District basket, and worked with the GFWC GA1<sup>st</sup> VP and the other District presidents on the DP skit. Unfortunately, I could not attend, but the NED was well represented by my first VP.

I prepared the input to the call to the Fall NED meeting, which went out on August 12<sup>th</sup>. On August 24<sup>th</sup> I held my first NED Executive Committee meeting. Five of the seven club presidents attended, along with the elected and appointed officers, CSP chairs, and most other appointees. I distributed the NED Directory and we discussed NED responsibilities for GFWC GA 2025 convention and GFWC 2025 convention, as well as plans for the Fall 2024 NED meeting.

### **September 2024 through February 2025**

The Fall 2024 NED meeting was held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, in Gainesville, hosted by Gainesville Phoenix WC and Toccoa Federated Woman's Club. Thirty-nine members attended, representing 5 of the 7 clubs. We had one of the co-chairs of the GFWC 2025 convention attend and talk to us about volunteering to help out. We also discussed NED responsibilities for

GFWC GA 2025 convention. We collected \$205 for our 50/50 raffle. The winner graciously donated her winnings back to the District.

After the Fall meeting, clubs started collecting items for the GFWC 2025 convention welcome table and for table decorations for the meal functions assigned to NED. Beginning in January, I attended virtual meetings to discuss GFWC 2025 convention. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, district members met to review the table decor for our two meal functions and finalize these items. We also discussed how to volunteer to help with convention events.

In February I attended the GFWC GA winter executive committee meeting and spent more time getting to know the other District presidents and other members of the leadership team. I attended a memorial service for one of the District's much loved members. I also prepared the input to the call to the Spring NED meeting, which went out on February 10th and finalized the Spring 2025 NED newsletter.

### **March 2025 through April 2025**

I held my second District Executive committee meeting on March 8th, at which we welcomed a new club – the Lake Lanier Woman's Club. Six of the 8 club presidents attended, along with most of the elected and appointed officers, CSP chairs, and other appointees. I provided feedback from the state executive committee meeting and encouraged members to volunteer to help with the GFWC 2025 convention.

Our NED Spring meeting was held on March 29th in Lilburn, hosted by Lilburn Woman's Club. We had 56 members attending, representing 6 of the 8 District clubs. We also had 8 first-time attendees. In addition to giving out awards, we also displayed and judged 14 member Arts and Crafts entries and displayed 3 student art winners. We raised \$272 on the 50/50 raffle and again the winner donated her winnings back to the District.

NED hosted the GFWC GA convention at Lake Lanier Islands, April 25th-27th. Clubs in the district were assigned meal functions and they decorated the tables and provided table favors (including some hand-crafted items) for their assigned functions. In lieu of door prizes, the committee decided to donate funds to local charities of their choice and over \$1000 was donated. Most exciting news of all, the new Lake Lanier Woman's Club was officially chartered.

### **Lessons Learned**

Need to collaborate with the other District presidents to share ideas and solutions  
Need a timekeeper at meetings.  
Need to ensure all appointees understand their responsibilities.  
Need to keep the information flowing between clubs.



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My theme: **BE THE GOOD**

Inspiration: **B**e fully present, **E**xperience the Opportunities, **T**ake time for yourself, **H**ave hope, **E**xpect the goodness in people, **G**ive and grow an attitude of gratitude, **O**ne person can make a positive difference, **O**pen the door for kindness, **D**ecide to discover the possibilities

My flag includes my logo: the new GFWC logo with the words spelled out, Georgia underneath. I received approval from HQ to include North West District underneath Georgia.

My charities: Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta, Wellroot Family Services (provides suite of services for foster children, adoption services, support for those who age out of foster care and support for families at risk.)

I attended the new leader training in Vienna in April 2024 which provided a great opportunity to meet leaders in the new administration and understand expectations. Looking back on this meeting I realize how valuable it was. The workshops provided an effective “to do” list. I attended all EC meetings and gave a report on my district meetings.

Once I was installed as North West District President in April 2024 at convention, I finalized my district executive board, the North West District section of the 2024-2026 GFWC-GA Yearbook, provided the updated content for the North West District website, and worked with NW District Communications Chairman to publish a “*Welcome to the North West District 2024-2026 Administration*” newsletter for all district members. It included my theme, inspiration, my charities, and logo. I included a listing of board members with contact information, schedule of board and membership meetings along with important announcements from the 1<sup>st</sup> VP: 2024 GFWC Day of Service set for September 28, and send a sister scholarship. It included a reminder about Leads training and Institute August 16-18 in Albany.

I attended 2024 GFWC International Convention in June 2024 in Chicago in preparation for GFWC-GA hosting the 2025 convention. As a District President it was a valuable learning experience that I could draw on as a new leader visiting clubs in my district. I volunteered at the Georgia sellable table during the convention.

I have visited the following clubs in my district: Chickamauga, Marietta, LaFayette, Cartersville, Dallas, and Dunwoody. All district clubs submitted rosters and paid dues timely. 105 member increase.

Presided over the following meetings: 9/7/2024 board, 10/19/2024 membership meeting in LaFayette – attendance 45, 2/15/25 board, 3/29/25 membership meeting in Dunwoody, attendance 77. All board meetings held in Dunwoody at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church.

Key accomplishments:

- Issued newsletters with articles from district officers, chairmen and club presidents prior to district meetings to help streamline district meetings. The fall meeting I limited "live" report to 2-3 minutes as many officers and chairmen could provide their report information in the newsletter. This helps in 2 ways: all members can read the newsletter article and it is posted to the NW District website for future reference in contrast to only members attending the meeting hearing the live report. I printed a few copies of the newsletter for the fall meeting and they were all taken in a few minutes demonstrating the high level of interest in the newsletter information.
- Both the fall and spring meetings were adjourned by 1 pm. For the fall meeting lunch was served after the adjournment of the meeting and members could leave after lunch. For the spring meeting we served "brunch" instead of lunch and the meeting and brunch were finished at 1 pm. The feedback on having brunch instead of lunch was positive. Helps keep budget of \$25 per person and allows more time for agenda items.
- Conducted several reporting workshops via Zoom prior to the January 25 deadline. One workshop included a demonstration on how to complete the reporting forms. I shared my screen and demonstrated how to complete the forms. This is significant as there were many questions that revealed lack of understanding of basic aspects of the reporting system. Feedback from members on the workshop was very positive. One club was very reluctant to report and I worked with them with repeated calls and follow up. Because of my attention and encouragement, the president did complete reports. The result was the club was recognized at the March district meeting with a club award. The president came up to me and said "I do not know how to thank you for your help. You have inspired us to report even more of our projects next year."
- Added fun to Fall meeting with music bingo and prizes. Members loved this and kept the mood upbeat.
- Collected books for little hands at the Fall meeting for local charity in LaFayette. Monetary donation from winner of 50/50 to Wellroot Family Services for books for little hands.
- March 2025 -Spring meeting: Collected baby items for Jack's basket value of approximately \$2200 - \$400 in monetary donations to Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta.
- Completed NW District Yearbook and distributed copies at February 15, 2025 board meeting.



- Reviewed NW District standing rules and worked with by-laws/standing rules chairmen to prepare amendments. The changes were adopted.
- Sellable table by club raised approximately \$2,000 that added with other funds for a book vending machine for a Title 1 school. Books for little hands.
- Took the lead on coordinating skit- lip sync contest with other District Presidents at 2025 state convention. It was fun and help build team spirit and help the fundraiser – The Cottage for victims of abuse.
- Coordinated transportation for volunteers for 2025 International convention in June 2025.



**Ginger Readdick-Lloyd**

South East District President  
Annual Summary Report  
April 2024-April 2025

I have really enjoyed being a District president. There is a lot to learn about protocol and my district has really helped me greatly! I have made friends with some of the most amazing women! In a world that went home for Covid, everyone has forgotten how to dress up and be outgoing. Protocols were thrown to the wayside. Decorum was forgotten, and a lot of our civility was lost, I am glad to say what an honor it has been to get back what I lost. I have worked from home since and my world got so small and dark. This position has brought me back out. This is what the position has meant to me.

Now, what have I done? I attended Leader Orientation and met my sister Presidents and built friendships. I met the leadership. I learned our goals, our President's special project, Tallulah's project and "Hand -in-hand, together we can..." After the meeting I put together a theme: "A person is never more beautiful than when they are helping others" Symbol-Wild purple aster and a butterfly, and my district project: Georgia Green Landscape. My flag has purple flowers and butterflies. I love nature! The symbol I use on our Facebook page is taken from my front yard. I have a Georgia Green Landscape. I believe with the catastrophic decline of global wildlife we can make a difference, even in our own yards. The birds..pollinators...fresh water...I could go on. The world that future generations see is up to us to save.

Next I got to attend my first Executive committee meeting. There was a lot to learn! Leads and Institute were in Albany and along with going to meetings, eating, and making new friends, I got to throw a "Bottle Shock" Wine tasting/Charcuterie room party for the Southeast district. I presented a report, and went to a PJ party for charity that was so much fun. These women are a hoot!

In September, my favorite month, there are lots of purple wild asters and butterflies, I got to hold my first District meeting. My executive meeting had been via zoom and Ladenia had helped facilitate. Our special guests were none other than Georgia State President Cathy Jones and Peggy Wilson our first vice-president. We had a quorum. We collected food for the Sparrows Nest, The Well, and clothing/underwear for Camden County schools clothing closet.

As District president I got to install 2- club presidents, a treasurer, a vice president, and a secretary. My theme for all was Denim and Pearls. Bonnie Rogers- a former district president gave me a book on installations, and I rewrote the pearl installation to fit the situations. This was the first time I have ever installed anyone. I added and had everyone's installation a little different.

My next meeting was our Spring executive meeting and Spring District meeting. We had a quorum again. We needed to make our fundraising budget so I had two fundraisers: 50/50 and Crisco Queen. Julies did the theatrics, made a tin foil crown and jeweled scepter, I sewed a pink

floral apron with a crown on it and we made our budget!!! I was so happy, what a relief.

I have made sure to post on social media and need to do more of our district's activities. Social media is how everyone gets their news now. We live in a new and different age now. I have also used AI in some of my activities.

Our next meeting was our State meeting at Lanier. This was a real challenge for me. I felt that my local club had been taking a back seat. I have missed our big money making and social events for the last two years attending State. I coordinated in my absence to have Barbara and Sandy transport my flag and raffle basket. Since both my vice presidents had to work and could not make the executive meeting to read my report, protocol said that State Vice president Peggy Wilson would. I wrote my report and emailed it. I arranged my flag and flag carrier. I really missed being there, but I learned from the experience, and I think after I worked with my club at our biggest event of the year, this year I made the right decision..



**Sonya M. Aldridge**

South West District President

April 2024 – April 2025

At the April 2024 Convention, it was an honor to represent the South West District in the processional with our district flag featuring my theme and symbol to “BEE” The Reason Someone Smiles Today!

This President had the honor of coordinating with the 9 clubs from the South West District to host a Reception to honor Cathy Jones, GFWC Georgia President on Saturday, July 27 from 2-4 pm at Vienna United Methodist Church.

The South West District Finance Committee meeting was hosted by me at Chili’s Restaurant in Tifton at 6 pm on August 12.

At the GFWC Georgia Institute on August 16 in Albany, with a gold cape and magic wand in hand, I was introduced as one of Peggy’s Princesses” from the South West.

The South West District’s Executive Board “Kick-off” meeting was held at 11 AM on Saturday, August 24 at Pit-Stop Bar-B-Q.

On September 16, I had the pleasure of meeting for lunch at Mi-Lady Bakery with representatives from the Tifton Woman’s Club & Tifton Junior Woman’s Club to finalize plans for the Fall District Meeting set for Saturday, September 21 at the Tifton First Presbyterian Church.

Forty-three members of the South West District gathered for our Fall Meeting with attendees bringing teacher-targeted supplies for distribution to area classrooms. In lieu of door prizes, our host clubs opted to embrace our district project “Bee A Literacy Leader in Your Community” by presenting a check to the Tifton-Tift County Literacy Foundation

I had the opportunity to attend a membership meeting of the Azalea City Woman’s Club on the evening of Monday, November 11; attendees packed Operation Christmas shoe boxes.

The South West District Executive Board meeting was hosted by me from 9:30 am – 11:30 am on Saturday, February 8 at Colquitt EMC’s meeting room in Tifton.

On Saturday, February 22 at the GFWC Georgia Executive Committee Meeting, I reported plans for the South West District Meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 15.

I am pleased to share that each of the 9 clubs in the South West District were represented at the spring meeting hosted by Moultrie Federated Guild and the Sylvester Woman’s Club at Sylvester First Baptist Church. In conjunction with our GFWC Georgia President’s Special Project, “Books for Little Hands” and our District Project to Bee A Literacy Leader, attendees were asked to bring children’s books. A total of 248 books were donated and shared with our host clubs for distribution in Moultrie (Boys & Girls Club) and Sylvester (Margaret Jones Library).