



# The Georgia Clubwoman

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### Summer 2025

**Wow!** We've had a busy and exciting Spring in GFWC Georgia! [Click here](#) for a complete look at what your state officers and district presidents have been doing.

Presiding over our 129<sup>th</sup> GFWC Georgia Convention was such an honor. We changed our latitude to 34.177753 at the Legacy Lodge on Lanier Island. Club women had lots of opportunities to visit with Federation sisters, shop in our fundraising room, and relax at the lovely lakefront resort. Our North East District hosted a tropical-themed weekend where we improved our attitude while conducting business, celebrating achievements, enjoying wonderful meals, and having fun together.

Awards were presented in the five Community Service Programs, the six Advancement Areas and our Special Programs. We are so proud of all our clubs for the incredible projects completed during 2024. Please join me in congratulating our top clubs: Dunwoody Woman's Club, winner of the Georgia Federation Cup, and Sylvania Junior Woman's Club, winner of the Gertrude Harris Award. A complete list of winners is also posted on the GFWC Georgia website, or by clicking [here](#).

We also handled the tedious business of amending our Bylaws. The Strategic Planning Committee and the Jr. Conference Executive Committee provided recommendations, which our bylaws committee thoughtfully and carefully considered before presenting the proposed amendments. Revised Bylaws and Standing Rules are now posted on our GFWC Georgia website.

*The Songs You Know By Heart* Lip Sync Battle was a hoot on Saturday night! Ten groups donned costumes and performed songs to a captive audience. The GFWC President, Cathy Jones, and Director of Jun-

ior Clubs, Jennifer Stalvey, opened the event with a Sonny & Cher impersonation of "I Got You Babe." Congratulations to the Bremen Juniors who now hold the bragging rights of Lip Sync Champions with their rendition of "The Beat." Our District Presidents, aka Peggy's Princesses, won the coveted People's Choice Award for their performance of Abba's "Dancing Queen." This event netted over \$1600 for The Cottage, a sexual abuse and child advocacy center in Athens. It was an evening to remember!

Our NE District is to be commended for making each event unique, with table décor fitting the themes and special donations to organizations that our clubs support instead of door prizes.

A tiki hut and beach backdrop made photo-taking such fun. Special thanks to our Convention Chairman, Jill Bagley, and Co-Chair, Barbara Brooks, for leading the District.

As this edition of our GFWC Georgia newsletter "goes to print," final plans and last-minute adjustments are being made for the 2025 GFWC Convention scheduled for June 6-9 at Atlanta's Omni Hotel. Planning began in 2015 when President Elaine Singley Chandler first planted the idea for Georgia to host. When the COVID pandemic cancelled the 2020 GFWC Convention, Georgia was disappointed but remained confident that we would have a turn again. Many years and countless hours of preparation later, here we are...*Spinning Vision Into Reality*.



**GFWC GA OFFICERS****2024- 2026****President****Cathy Jones****First Vice President****Peggy Wilson****Second Vice President****Julie Walters****Third Vice-President****Dale Reddick****Director of Junior Clubs****Jennifer Stalvey****Secretary****Cimi Douglass****Treasurer****Becky Bolden****Parliamentary Advisor****Brenda Martin****Chaplain****Shelby Holland**

*The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than 20 countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by advocating for women, children, and families on issues such as domestic violence and sexual assault, food insecurity/hunger, and promoting healthy lifestyles. GFWC also supports the arts, works to preserve natural resources, advances education, encourages civic involvement, and works toward world peace and understanding. For more information, please visit [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) or call 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).*

Next up is our LEADS training and summer Institute, scheduled for August 15 – 17, 2025, in Macon at the Marriott City Center. We're going to *Reach for the Stars* and showcase winning club projects from 2024. Watch for the Call on Constant Contact soon.

Again, I am humbled to serve as the 60<sup>th</sup> GFWC Georgia President. I thank you for your continued support and service to GFWC Georgia, as hand-in-hand, together we engage, educate, and empower our members.

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Where, oh, where have the first five months of 2025 gone? It seems like it was just yesterday that we were celebrating a new year, but here we are looking at June! My, where does time go when you are enjoying life to the fullest? It will be August and time for Institute as we gather to learn how to implement new ideas and learn how we can make GFWC Georgia thrive throughout our state. Hope to see each of you in Macon at Institute!

I have been traveling to events across the state and enjoying meeting members of GFWC Georgia. I have attended the Central West District meeting, judging at Little Ocmulgee State Park, salad luncheon at Macon Service League, State Convention, Dallas Woman's Club luncheon/ Mother's Day Tea, Dunwoody Woman's Club, Morrow Civic Woman's Club kick off for summer reading, and Manchester Woman's

Club Memorial Day events. If something special is happening in your club, please invite me. I enjoy meeting club members throughout Georgia.

Vince Lombardi once stated that perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence. Emotional wellness is the ability to handle life's stresses, adapt to change, and difficult times. How do we do this? By remembering our good deeds, forgiving ourselves, and spending more time with our friends.

Remember, happiness is found within us, and positive thoughts create positive things. Smiles are contagious, and kindness is free. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Macon as we make a difference in our world.

**Peggy's Princesses**

## Central East District -PRESIDENT Laedenia Jewell

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**Project:** Women's Heart Health—Go Red for Women, The Heart Truth, The American Heart Association

The Central East District had a great Spring District Meeting in Oxford, GA. The theme was "Ladies First". We had a great turnout. The photo area was so much fun with an amazing variety of hats that ladies could wear during their photo opportunities. The vendors were amazing, especially the one selling goat milk soaps! Our ladies brought in lots of items for the local Newton County animal shelters and had a lot of fun swapping books for the ESO book swap. Information was shared from the American Heart Association. Our hostess clubs provided wonderful women's history booklets, and everyone got a jingle wand to use instead of clapping (which I loved since clapping was difficult). We had a lot of fun during our fundraising game.

I think the most memorable part of our meeting was watching all of our award winners don the

hats from the hat racks and pose together for photos.

Our next meeting will be in Winder, at the Winder Woman's Club. The theme is "Fall into Love with GFWC." This meeting will be hosted by the Winder WC, Athens-Oconee JWC, Morrow JWC, and Violets JWC. It will be on October 11th, 2025, starting at 10:30 to give our sisters plenty of time to get to us.



## Central West District – PRESIDENT Libby Bond

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**Project:** Leadership

Most of the clubs in the Central West District take a 2- 3 month break from formal meetings for the summer. However, this does not mean that we are not active! On June 6 and 7, two clubs will hold their annual yard sales: GFWC Reynolds Woman's Club at their clubhouse and GFWC Old Campbell County at the First Baptist Church of Fairburn in the parking lot. These are major fundraisers for each club and are looked forward to by the communities.

- GFWC West Georgia Woman's Club is having a members' and their families' Appreciation Family Cookout at a member's house in June.
- GFWC College Park Woman's Club had over 50 people attend their Welcome to Summer Barbecue, including 20 guests.
- GFWC Macon Service League is a Summer Social in July, which they will also use as a fundraiser by playing Bingo and bringing change for Crescent House.
- GFWC Macon Woman's Club is one of the clubs that meets over the summer, and is famed for its lunch adventures in and around the Middle Georgia area.
- GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club is

preparing for its annual Yard Sale, which is August 8-9 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Carrollton. They will also hold their annual Salad Luncheon in October. They are also celebrating 14 new members!

- GFWC Manchester just observed Memorial Day with local veterans' groups that involved speeches, prayers, patriotic songs, laying a wreath at an eternal flame, a missing man table, and rounded it off with delicious hot dogs.
- GFWC Locust Grove is encouraging its members to collect food for its local food pantry and food and clothing for veterans, which will be distributed this fall.
- GFWC Bremen Junior Woman's Club is preparing for its Bremen Olde Festival, which it organizes and hosts for the town of Bremen.
- GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club is culminating two years of work in celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Morrow Branch of the Clayton County Library System, which the Morrow Junior Woman's Club spearheaded the effort to bring a library branch to the Morrow/Rex/Ellenwood area in 1973.



## North East District - PRESIDENT Debbie Borovitzky

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Our North East District Spring meeting was held on March 29<sup>th</sup> in Lilburn.

We were fortunate to have both Cathy and Jennifer attend.

We had 57 members attending, representing 6 of our 8 clubs. We also had 8 first-time attendees. In addition to giving out awards, we displayed and judged 14 member Arts and Crafts entries and displayed 3 student art winners. We raised \$272 on the 50/50 raffle.

I have decided to have a timekeeper for all future meetings. With so much going on in the

district, it can be hard to keep speakers on track. Our fall district meeting will be in Dawsonville on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The location and other details are still being worked out.

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**Project:** Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County and other clinics in the GA Charitable Care Network

## North West District – PRESIDENT Maria Barnhart

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Thank you to the clubs in the North West District for a successful Spring Meeting held in Dunwoody on March 29, 2025. We had a strong attendance, with 77 people attending. Thank you to the host clubs, Dunwoody, Marietta, and Buchanan, for their planning, coordination, and hard work for this meeting, and to the NW District officers, chairmen, club presidents and club members for your dedication, leadership, and participation. The brunch was delicious, and the “Spring into Action” decorations were beautiful.

We streamlined the Spring meeting in two ways: We served “brunch” instead of lunch, which saved time. Instead of “live” reports, most reports were included in a NW District Spring newsletter with helpful program information. The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m., and members could get on with the rest of their day.

Charity collection: Club members generously donated baby items (approximately \$2200 in kind) and \$400 in monetary donations for “Jack’s Basket” that were presented to Sheryl Arno, Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta. A Jack’s basket is delivered to new parents of a baby with Down syndrome to celebrate the birth of the baby and provide helpful resources and useful baby items. Often these baskets are delivered by a parent raising a child with Down Syndrome. Danny Bryant, self-advocate, led the pledge and shared his journey of inclusion and independence.

Congratulations to all the NW district clubs who

were recognized for their hard work in their communities and impactful service with district awards. Members got a chance to see creative student and member art.

Thank you to Sharon Cannon and Caroline Largent for the meaningful memorial ceremony for the district members who passed away in 2024.

We supported the GFWC-GA President’s project, “Books for Little Hands,” at the Spring meeting. Dunwoody W.C. raised approximately \$2500 towards the purchase of a book vending machine for a Title 1 elementary school. Each club received the State’s top 10 projects booklet compiled by Julie Walters.

GFWC-GA State Convention: Congratulations to the North West District clubs who were recognized for outstanding service — Dunwoody WC and LaFayette Juniores received the top awards for their excellence in the community service program work.

A number of clubs in the NW District held Spring luncheons, awarded scholarships, and recognized milestone years of club membership. Club members made diaper cakes and sashes for convention volunteers for the GFWC International Convention. Thank you, Julie Bates, Cindy Tisdale, and Cimi Douglass, for leading the charge for our GFWC convention preparations!

The North West District is living the volunteer spirit, and we continue to “Be the Good” in our communities.



**Project:** Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta and Wellroot Family Services

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It has been a busy spring in the South East District.

Millen has been busy collecting books for the local pop-up libraries and local Daycares. They are currently planning all sorts of fundraisers to support a scholarship for a Young Women majoring in Business. Millen has been handing out coloring pages and volunteering for a day of food at a local theatre music camp.

Gordon is collecting shoes to raise money to publish a new addition of their yummy Cookbook!

Sylvania Juniors just had their Livestock Pageant!!! Total success despite the event having to move its venue.

Brunswick celebrated Peggy Tuten receiving the American Patriots Award. Peggy is a long-time GFWC member and a nurse who has served her community in many capacities. They also packed the Pantry at the Nunnally House.

Woodbine Women's Club had their biggest fundraiser, a bake sale, at the Crawfish Festival. They made a big donation to the local library, they started, and they plan to sell hot dogs at the unofficial Woodbine 4th of July celebration.

Magnolia has been busy with the Convention in Atlanta.

We are all looking forward to Atlanta!

Our next District meeting is on October 4, 2025.



*Project: Environment*



**Bee  
The  
Reason  
Someone  
Smiles  
Today!**



*Project: Changing  
Lives Through Literacy — “Bee” A  
Literacy Leader in  
Your Community!*

## South West District – PRESIDENT Sonya Aldridge

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On Saturday, March 15, 2025, each of the 9 clubs in our 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. The South West district is excited to report that 248 books were donated and shared with our host clubs for distribution in Moultrie (Boys & Girls Club) and Sylvester (Margaret Jones Library).



On Sunday, April 27, the South West District issued the invitation to the 2026 GFWC Georgia Convention, "Flying High" scheduled for April 24-26 in Warner Robins. Round of applause to our "pilots" Kathie Byrd & Sharon Wilkin!!



On Saturday, May 10, 24 members gathered in Tifton to pack welcome bags and assemble centerpieces for the GFWC International Convention in June. A shout-out to Shirene Daniell and Jamie Stewart for coordinating and organizing our work day. Special thanks to Peace Lutheran Church for their generous hospitality in allowing us to use the fellowship hall.



## Second Vice President — Julie Walters

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Happy Spring to everyone, and congratulations to all the clubs that were recognized for their impact at our state convention. Big kudos to all those who submitted reports and to the judges for reading and evaluating them.

### Top Projects

We have compiled the Top Projects GFWC Georgia clubs reported for the past year into one booklet. We handed out a hard copy to each club president at the convention, and a PDF was posted on the GFWC Georgia website. Or you can download it [here](#). You are encouraged to read it and take some ideas for projects for your club to hold in your community.

### Online Reporting

Our goal is to always be improving and encouraging clubs to report their impact. We are thrilled that 85% of clubs reported in 2025! We have made many changes to online reporting this



past year, and we want to check in with you and get some feedback. We encourage everyone to complete this simple survey and share their thoughts. <https://forms.office.com/r/VXnFVzW6XX>

### Track it Forward

If your club has not yet signed up for a Track it Forward account, let me know, and I can send you the link to an account and a training guide.

Clubs that used it last year found it a beneficial tool in writing their reports this year.

### Changes to Yearbook

Please note the following change in your 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Yearbook. The new Women's History Resource Center chairman is Jenny Nall, and her email is [nallj3926@gmail.com](mailto:nallj3926@gmail.com)



## Third Vice President — Dale Reddick

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Traditionally, summer for most clubs is a time for not meeting. However, we should never stop our **search** for new members. Summer,

for most, brings additional opportunities to **find those new members** or even sometimes the **“lost ones.”** Use activities with your children and other parents, such as vacation bible school, vacations, family gatherings, and sports activities, as places where potential new members may be at. Train yourself to think, **“That new member could be just anywhere, so I need to always be looking.”**

Remember to take advantage of all your summer opportunities and use your **Why Speech/“Elevator Speech.”** Never miss the opportunity to talk about your club and Federation to anyone willing to listen. We don't want to be the **best-kept secret in**



### Georgia.

**Institute** with our summer workshops will be here before we know it. Don't forget to have someone from your club apply for the **“Send a Sister Scholarship.”** There will be two people selected from EACH district to receive the scholarship. It is an excellent time to honor an outstanding member, encourage a new member to attend, help a member who could use financial assistance, or for a first-time attendee. Doesn't have to be a **“reason”** it could simply be a name drawn from your membership list who will get to apply. **Hope to see lots of applications!** [Click here for a fillable application.](#)



**Congratulations** to all the clubs that submitted Membership reports this past year and to all the winners at our Annual Convention. I really enjoyed reading your membership reports. Your efforts, Ladies, we got this..... **Let's do it one more time.**





## Junior Conference Membership— Tina Neese

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### Ignite Your GFWC Journey: Don't Miss the Junior Conference Orientation!

**Unlock Your Potential:**  
**GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Orientation for Members**

Ready to dive deeper into the Junior Conference and your GFWC membership? New to your club? Experienced but not sure about the junior conference?

Join us for an informative orientation!

**What you'll discover:**

- **The Junior Conference:** Get the inside scoop on what the Junior Conference is all about – its purpose, activities and benefits!
- **Membership in GFWC:** Understand the power of belonging to the organization and the opportunities it offers.
- **GFWC Georgia:** Learn about our state federation, its initiatives, and how you can get involved at the local and state levels.

Join Us Online at 7:00 PM on one of these Monday dates:

September 15, 2025    October 20, 2025    January 26, 2026

**GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Membership Orientation**

Presented by the GFWC GA Junior Conference Membership Team

Contact Tina Neese, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for more information

*Are you eager to learn more about the vibrant world of the Junior Conference and how your membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and GFWC Georgia can empower you?* Then mark your calendars for an essential series of online orientation sessions designed just for you.

Whether you're a new member or a seasoned clubwoman looking to deepen your understanding, these informative sessions will illuminate the exciting opportunities that await you. We'll delve into the heart of the Junior Conference, exploring its purpose, the dynamic activities it encompasses, and the invaluable benefits of participation. Discover how this integral part of GFWC fosters leadership, camaraderie, and impactful community service.

But that's not all! We'll also explore the significance of your membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a powerful international organization dedicated to volunteer service. Learn how your involvement contributes to a legacy of positive change and connects you with a network of passionate

women worldwide.

And of course, we'll shine a spotlight on GFWC Georgia, our very own state federation. Discover the initiatives happening here in our state, understand how you can engage at the local and state levels, and learn about our collective impact in our communities.

**Don't miss these valuable opportunities to connect, learn, and grow! Join us online at 7:00 PM on one of the following dates:**

- **September 15, 2025**
- **October 20, 2025**
- **January 26, 2026**

These sessions are your gateway to unlocking the full potential of your GFWC and GFWC Georgia membership and becoming an active and informed participant in the Junior Conference.

**Ready to embark on this enriching journey? Join with this link: [Unlock Your Potential](#)**

**Have questions? Contact a member of the Junior Conference Membership Team:**

- **Tina Neese, 1st Vice President, or**
- **your District Junior Director**
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  - **CW: Amanda Mann**
  - **SE: Betsy Wheeler**
  - **SW: Becky Smith**

## REMINDER

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

Spring: FOCUS ON: "Professional Development"

*Report Due for April, May and June Recruitments*

**Deadline: July 1, 2025**

Complete the fillable [Campaign Report Form](#) and send to:

- GFWC via mail (address is on form) or email — [GFWC@GFWC.org](mailto:GFWC@GFWC.org).
- Send a copy of the report to [membership@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:membership@gfwcgeorgia.org) for the GFWC Georgia Third Vice President.

## GFWC V.I.O.L.E.T.S. — Georgia's Only Virtual Junior Woman's Club

**Connect. Empower. Grow.**

**Introducing the GFWC  
V.I.O.L.E.T.S. Virtual Junior  
Woman's Club – Georgia's only  
virtual club!**



Virtual clubs have emerged as a vibrant and surprisingly effective way to connect, learn, and grow in a world increasingly shaped by digital interactions. Once viewed as a temporary substitute for in-person gatherings, these online communities have proven their staying power, offering a unique blend of accessibility, convenience, and diverse engagement. This is what **VIOLETS JWC** in GFWC Georgia offers as the only virtual club in our state!

While the initial surge in virtual clubs was undeniably fueled by necessity during lockdowns, their continued popularity highlights their inherent advantages. They're not just a "second-best" option but a powerful tool for building connections in the modern age.

One of the most significant positives of virtual clubs is their unparalleled accessibility. Geographic limitations are dissolved, allowing members from all corners of the globe to participate. **GFWC VIOLETS** has members representing five states!

This opens a world of diverse perspectives and experiences, enriching discussions and fostering a truly global community. Virtual clubs can cultivate

strong and meaningful connections despite the lack of physical presence.

Online platforms offer various interaction tools, including video conferencing, chat forums, and shared virtual spaces. These tools facilitate real-time discussions, collaborative projects, and social events, creating shared experience and belonging.

And, yes, the club has meetings, projects, and active members at the district, state, and international levels. Projects include supporting Girl Scouts, providing books to little hands, and wearing red!

Virtual clubs are not just a passing trend. They represent a fundamental shift in connecting, learning, and building community. By embracing the power of digital technology, we can create inclusive and accessible spaces that foster meaningful connections and enrich our lives. As technology continues to evolve, the possibilities for virtual clubs are endless, promising a future of even greater connection and collaboration.

**Are you a woman looking for:**

- Continued growth and empowerment?
- Opportunities to enhance your life skills?
- Connection with like-minded individuals?
- Flexibility to participate from anywhere?

**Then the GFWC V.I.O.L.E.T.S.  
Virtual Junior Woman's Club is for  
YOU!**

**We're a dynamic group designed for:**

- Juniores transitioning to the next phase.
- College-bound women seeking continued connection.

- Former Junior Woman's Club members across GFWC!
- Anyone eager to share skills and learn from fellow federated sisters.
- A place for those whose club is not accessible to them anymore.

**What We Offer:**

- **Virtual meetings and workshops:** Conveniently participate from anywhere.
- **Skill-building sessions:** Covering a wide range of topics.
- **Networking opportunities:** Connect with other women across the state.
- **Community service projects:** Make a difference together.
- **Mentorship and support:** Learn from experienced members.
- **Flexible Schedules:** We understand the busy lives of women.

**Join us and:**

- Strengthen your leadership skills.
- Expand your network.
- Contribute to meaningful causes.
- Find your community!

**Become a V.I.O.L.E.T.S. today –  
Volunteers In Organization Loving  
Each Other Through Service!**

**Contact a member today or  
President Christine Steele.**





## Director of Junior Clubs—Jennifer Stalvey

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Thank you for attending the GFWC Georgia 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. Your presence and participation made the convention a truly special occasion. If you missed this event, I hope to see you in Macon in August at Institute.

From the unforgettable Lip-Sync Battle to the celebration of our members' achievements during the awards presentations, your energy and enthusiasm helped make every moment memorable. It was a joy to share laughter, recognition, and fellowship with so many dedicated and passionate members from the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference. The Junior Conference has so much to be proud of; membership grew 18% in 2024. All clubs maintained or grew membership. I am so proud that each club from the Junior

Conference was represented at the convention. The proposed bylaws were approved at convention, and we can continue the work we want to accomplish. The work that has been completed in projects for Advocates for Children is astonishing, and the money that has been raised for our Junior Conference Perpetual Scholarship, "Dollars for Col-lars", is a sign of the continued commitment that our conference wants to establish for Tallulah Falls School.

But before we meet in Macon, the 2025 GFWC Convention will be held in Atlanta from June 6 to 9. Please consider making your way to Atlanta to participate in this event. GFWC Georgia needs volunteers for Friday, Hollywood of the South State Night. Members of GFWC Georgia will host tables that evening to keep the conversation going and represent GFWC Georgia.

## Secretary - Cimi Douglass

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### The Importance of Digital Legacy Planning

A Recording Secretary plays a crucial role in documenting official meetings, maintaining accurate records, and organizing key documents for their club or organization. However, this responsibility extends beyond just meeting minutes—it also involves establishing a structured system for preserving important templates, forms, and historical records.

If your club does not have a centralized Google Drive for essential documents—and instead, each leader is saving records individually to their personal drive, iPad, etc.—this article is for you. Actually, this article is for everyone to apply in their personal lives as it provides guidance not only for club record-keeping and access to the same, but also for your personal archives, including meaningful family momentos and photos for your family members.

I'm talking about digital legacy planning—ensuring that your personal or club's important records that may be kept on your iPad, iPhone, or personal Google Drive are preserved and accessible to your family and for the future. I encourage you to take a moment to read this article and reflect on how you manage your own personal digital legacy.

As many of you know, my mother and quasi-sister-in-law passed away unexpectedly in November and December. Through these difficult times, I've learned some valuable information about digital legacy planning that I want to share.

In today's world, so much of our lives—photos, accounts, and important information—are tied to our phones, social media, and devices like iPads. When my sister-in-law passed, she had recently purchased a new iPad, but we didn't have her login credentials. Unfortunately, without either a court order or the original receipt (from three years ago!), we have no way to access it. Even if we simply wanted to factory reset it for someone else to use, we couldn't—once reset, the iPad remains locked to her Apple ID with no way around it.

To prevent your loved ones from facing a similar situation, I strongly encourage everyone to take a few minutes to set up a Legacy Contact on your Apple devices. This allows a trusted person or family member to access your information or reset your device, if needed. You can do this by going to Settings [Your Name], Sign-in and Security, Legacy Contact, and following the instructions. Apple will provide an ID number that your designated person can use to gain access quickly and securely when the time comes.

The same applies to Facebook—naming a Legacy Contact ensures that someone you trust can manage your account, access important photos, or even memorialize it rather than having it disappear over time.

As a friend, I ask each one of you to set up a legacy contact with your devices for your loved ones. If you are a leader and have many club resources that can assist your club members,

name a family member as a Legacy contact, and in time, your club can reach out to your family member to obtain important documents for the club. Also, on a personal level, if you don't have Digital Assets language in your Will, think about adding a paragraph in there.

Here's a link to special language that can be used: [Digital Asset Language](#)

While these things may not seem urgent now, taking a few minutes to set them up can make things much easier for your loved ones in the future. I just wanted to pass this along in case it can help someone else.

## Treasurer — Becky Bolden

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### VOUCHERS – What are the differences?

There was some confusion regarding the GFWC Georgia Vouchers when clubs paid their dues in 2024.

Let's look at the different vouchers and their purposes:

- **2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Voucher** – This form is used to pay your GFWC Georgia dues of \$25 per member. You can make additional donations to the following on the Voucher:

- ◇ The Ella F White Endowment Fund – This fund helps support GFWC Georgia and its operating costs.
- ◇ Lipscomb Society – This fund helps with the upkeep of our GFWC Georgia state office.
- ◇ GFWC Georgia President's TFS Special Project – Guardians of the Gateway
- ◇ GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Club's TFS Special Project – Dollars for Collars – Perpetual Scholarship
- ◇ Student Art Fund – This funds our GFWC Georgia annual art awards (See the GFWC Georgia yearbook for further information).
- ◇ TFS Student Activity Fee – This fund graduation gifts for TFS seniors, and any other gifts for the students at TFS.
- ◇ 1734 Society – This supports our GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC These funds are sent to GFWC.

- **Junior Club Voucher**—This is for GFWC Georgia Junior Conference clubs that pay an additional \$2 per member in dues to the Junior Conference.
- **Juniorette Voucher** – This is for GFWC Georgia Juniorette clubs. All of their dues are paid on this voucher. They Do Not use the 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Voucher.
- **District Voucher**—This voucher is for the payment of

your club's district dues, which are paid to your district. All of the information is on the voucher.

- **District Convention Voucher**—This voucher is for each District to pay to GFWC Georgia at the rate of \$1 per member. The funds are used to assist the hosting district with the upcoming GFWC Georgia state convention. Clubs should NOT pay these dues—only the District.
- **Tallulah Falls Voucher** – This voucher is for special donations to the Tallulah Falls School. Details are included on the voucher.

All of the vouchers can be found at [www.gfwcgeorgia.org](http://www.gfwcgeorgia.org) under Resources.

If you have any questions, please email me at [Treasurer@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:Treasurer@gfwcgeorgia.org). I will be happy to answer you as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued support of GFWC Georgia!!



## Parliamentary Advisor — Brenda Martin

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### Parliamentary Tips



#### Do Committee Recommendations Require a Second???

One phrase frequently heard in meetings, particularly board meetings, is: “Because the motion is from a committee, it doesn’t need a second.” But is this actually true? Let’s see. First, regardless of your approach, the parliamentary policy won’t show up at your meeting. That said, a presiding officer demonstrates leadership by using proper parliamentary phrasing, which helps maintain professionalism and clarity. To begin, we’re discussing formal procedures here – situations typically involving larger assemblies, such as annual meetings, conventions, or boards with more than 12 members present. For smaller boards and committees, parliamentary rules are generally less rigid. In fact, Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised includes a whole section on “Procedure in Small Boards” in Chapter 49, which notes that motions in small bodies tend not to require seconds. Further explanation at another time.

In larger or more formal settings, the phrase “A motion from a committee does not need a second” is technically wrong. Here’s why: If a committee makes a recommendation to take action, the motion from the committee requires a second, just

like other main motions. However, there’s an important nuance: If a motion comes from a committee with more than one member on the committee, the second is already there. For a motion to come FROM the committee, it must have been supported by multiple committee members. Therefore, the more accurate phrasing is that the committee recommendation “doesn’t require an additional second from the floor.”

When a committee presents its recommendation and the committee chair ends with “On behalf of the committee, I move .....,” the presiding officer can simply say:

“It is moved and seconded that...”

This phrasing acknowledges the committee’s endorsement without requiring further action. If clarity is a concern, the chair could also explain:

“Because the motion is from a committee, it already carries a second” {or, “is considered seconded.”}

This explanation helps participants understand the process without confusion.

By paying attention to proper phrasing, good chairs can eliminate misunderstandings and ensure smooth, efficient meetings. Clear communication fosters confidence in leadership and helps ensure everyone is on the same page.

This information comes from an article written by Jim Slaughter, an attorney, Certified Professional Parliamentarian, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, and past President of the American College of Parliamentary Lawyers. January 2025

## In Memoriam *Remembering Our Lost Members*

**Oneta Kitchens**

GFWC Cochran Woman’s Club



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### June- National Safety Month

For National Safety Month (June):

- Provide “Summer Safety Tips” flyers to families, neighborhoods, childcare, summer programs, churches, and businesses.
- Support and thank local police and fire departments for keeping the community safe.
- Work with fire departments to provide fire safety awareness.
- Promote vehicle safety.
- Promote “Hand’s Free” Georgia law and “NO Texting While Driving.” Participate in “Bee A Buckler” programs/projects.

### Senior Summer Safety Tips



### Citizenship/Patriotism

- Encourage the display of the American flag (donate to schools, senior centers, publicize flag flying days).
- Host an “Independence Day” parade each year to celebrate our nation’s birthday at a local park or within your community or neighborhood.
- Honor and celebrate patriotic holidays by hosting or volun-

teering for events commemorating Presidents’ Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, Constitution Day, and others.



# Summer Safety Checklist



## Driving

- Buckle up... properly! Bottom strap across hips and shoulder strap across chest.
- Do not be distracted by other passengers, motorists, cell phones, radio, etc. Stay focused!
- Obey car and booster seat guidelines.

## Swimming and diving

- Do not dive in less than nine feet of water.
- No board, no diving!

## Personal watercrafts

- Be watchful, defensive, obey speeds, and keep your distance.

## Body boarding

- Hold board so it extends past head.

## General Water Safety

- No re-dos; do not combine alcohol and water-related activities!
- Be aware of sandbars.
- Feet-first entry.

## Bicycle Riding

- Wear a helmet... properly! A helmet should be worn snug, fitted, and level.
- Replace helmet after three to five years and/or if cracked.

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SUPPORT AND AID WOMEN VETERANS

- Donate comfort and useful items such as soothing lotions and bath gels, beauty products, cozy socks and slippers, adult inspirational coloring books and colored pencils (a great favorite!), games and playing cards, and/or gift cards to salons, coffee shops, and retail and grocery stores.
- Supply beverages and snacks for the waiting area of the Veteran Women’s Health Clinic, with a small group of members hosting to provide camaraderie and new contacts.
- Collect new and slightly used jewelry and hold a club social for polishing and packaging the jewelry in decorated boxes or bags for distribution at the Veteran Women’s Health Clinic.
- Work with the Veterans Administration Medical Center to hold a games afternoon or painting social. Make new friends and have fun!
- Create “Beauty Bags” for women veterans, including face care, body care, feminine products, and nail care products. Provide hand cream, cleansers, brushes, combs, special soaps, shampoo, and bath bombs. Include a special beauty item like a lip gloss or lipstick, earrings or cologne.
- Coordinate with the WVP Manager to help women veterans celebrate special moments in their lives, with gifts and thoughtful cards for new babies, family birthdays, and other meaningful occasions.

\*If your community does not have a WVP Manager, reach out to a local assisted residential living manager that can identify those in their care who are female Veterans.

Beads of Valor to Celebrate Women Veterans

The Exeter Area GFWC (EAGFWC) Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee brought a special new art therapy program to New Hampshire women veterans at the Manchester VA Medical Center with its first EAGFWC Beads of Valor Workshop, intended to foster a sense of community. Women veterans spent an afternoon designing and making custom, one-of-a-kind bracelets, which included sharing with others why they chose specific beads, and added certain charms or words. The workshop provided a powerful and meaningful experience for everyone in attendance.

Woman’s Suffrage National Monument

On December 20, 2024, the U.S. Senate passed H.R. 1318 which authorizes the Women’s Suffrage National Monument to be built on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. With the passage of this historic legislation, the Foundation is working with planning agencies across the nation’s capital to finalize the location of the monument on the National Mall. The final site on the National Mall is expected to be announced in 2026.

GFWC has established a fund to raise \$150,000 for the Woman’s Suffrage monument, with a \$26,000 founding gift for the fund to be contributed by Colonel Carol A. Habgood, USAF Retired, GFWC Parliamentarian.

Of the 40 monuments, memorials, and statues that currently exist on the National Mall – the most visited National Park in the United States – NONE are dedicated to the great women of American history. It is time to tell their stories.

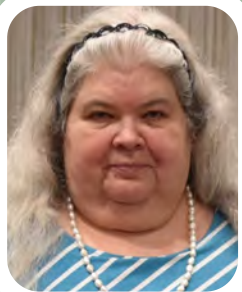
“GFWC’s commitment to women’s equality began in 1868 when journalist Jane Cunningham Croly attempted to attend a dinner at an all-male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Because she was a woman, Croly was denied admittance. In response, she formed a women’s club that would eventually become known as the General Federation of Women’s Clubs. GFWC’s history is the history of women’s fight for equity and inclusion, and we are honored to be one more chapter in GFWC’s story.”

The monument will commemorate the suffragists who secured women’s right to vote, catalyzed a movement for change, and transformed American democracy.

- Collect books that celebrate women of the suffrage movement or other women and girls of historical or societal importance, and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex.
- In Commemoration of **Woman’s Equality Day August 26, 2025-** Please consider donating to GFWC’s fund to raise money for the Woman’s Suffrage Memorial.
- **Women’s Equality Day** is celebrated in the United States on August 26 to commemorate the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment (Amendment XIX) to the United States Constitution, which prohibits the United States and states from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States based on sex.

Calendar of Ideas	Dates to Remember
<b>June</b> Identify highway-railroad crossings in your County that have the potential to pose a threat to the safety of vehicles crossing the tracks and bring to the attention of the county commissioners.	<b>June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flag Day—June 14</li><li>• National Safety Month</li></ul>
<b>July</b> Donate a flag and a stand to the local Library and/or schools in the county.	<b>July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Independence Day—July 4</li></ul>
<b>August</b> Promote “Law Officers are your Friends” to Pre-K and Kindergarten students.	<b>August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Night Out—August 4</li><li>• Purple Heart Day—August 7</li><li>• Women’s Equality Day—August 26</li></ul>





## Education and Libraries CSP

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On behalf of the Education & Libraries CSP, I would like to thank everyone who submitted reports. Congratulations to all the Winners. Enjoy your summer break. Stay safe. Continue to work on your projects,

and I look forward to being able to judge next year. Thanks to Jenny Keyes, Co-Chair, Julie Walters, and anyone else who helped judge the reports this year.

For a Calendar of Ideas, please look in the Yearbook on page 134.

Dates to Remember:

### June

- Children's Awareness Month

- National Higher Education Day— June 6

### July

- National Parenting Gifted Children Week

### August

- National Back to School Month
- National Crayon Collection Month
- National Get Ready for Kindergarten Month
- Coloring Book Day— August 2

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and kind words on my health issues. Seems I had flu, pneumonia, upper respiratory infection, and Covid all at the same time. Its going to be 6 months to a year for full recovery.

## Environment CSP — Judine Heard

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This month, we will examine two resources outlined in GFWC Georgia's Yearbook and [Environment CSP](#) website.



Honeybees play a crucial role in agriculture. They pollinate \$15 billion worth of crops in the U.S. each year, including more than 130 fruits and vegetables.

Bee populations worldwide are threatened by intensive farming practices, mono-cropping, excessive use of agricultural chemicals, and climate change.

ference between a bumble bee and honey bee? Don't worry, visit the website at [The Great Southeast Pollinator Census – Citizen Science at Work](#). You will find everything needed from a counting sheet to information on how to submit your count.



Involve your community. Visit the [resource](#) page on the website. There you will find resources that can be shared with club members and your community.

### Did you know?

- Nearly one-third of our food depends on insects for pollination.
- California, Georgia, and Texas are the top 3 states in producing honeybees and queen bees for sale.
- Bees must visit 2 million flowers to produce 1 pound of honey.
- An average worker bee only makes about one-twelfth (1/12) of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.

Source (full article and other projects): [Apiary Program \(Honeybees\)](#) | [Georgia Department of Agriculture](#)

[The Great Southeast Pollinator Census](#) is on August 22nd and 23rd, 2025. Take part in the count. Do you know the dif-

### Dates to Remember:

#### June

- Clean Air Day—June 2
- World Environment Day—June 5
- World Oceans Day—June 8
- National Pollinator Week—June 16-22

#### July

- World Population Day—July 11

#### August

- National Honey Bee Day—August 15
- The Great Southeast Pollinator Census—August 22 & 23

## Health and Wellness CSP — Shelia Jones

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"Your body is your most priceless possession... take care of it!" — Jack LaLanne

So let's Get Fit Within our Communities -----fit in body, in mind, and in spirit.



Regular physical activity improves these components, leading to better health, energy, mental well-being, and a reduced risk of chronic diseases. GFWC clubs are encouraged to integrate physical fitness activities during club meetings. If you don't meet during the summer, challenge your

members by using an app such as Charity Miles or FitBit Challenge. During your meetings, practice chair yoga, line dancing, balance training, or flexibility exercises.

**Physical fitness** refers to a person's ability to perform daily activities with optimal performance, endurance, and strength while managing fatigue and stress. It includes several key components:

- **Cardiovascular endurance** – the ability of the heart and lungs to supply oxygen during sustained physical activity (e.g., running, cycling)
- **Muscular strength** – the amount of force a muscle can produce (e.g., weightlifting).
- **Muscular endurance** – the ability of muscles to perform repeated actions over time without tiring.
- **Flexibility** – the range of motion around joints (e.g., stretching, yoga).
- **Body composition** – the ratio of fat to lean mass (muscles, bones, organs) in the body

On another note ----during the summer months ----

- In June — Stock the pantry of your local Ronald McDon-

ald House with healthy snack food items.

- In July — Provide healthy snacks for first responders, such as local police and firefighters, or hospital workers.
- In August — Vaccination Time - Order tool kits from [Vaccines.gov](http://Vaccines.gov) and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to provide information about vaccines during National Immunization Awareness Month in August.

### Dates to Remember:

#### June

- Cancer from the Sun Month
- Vision Research Month
- Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month
- Scoliosis Awareness Month
- National Cancer Survivors Day - June 1
- World Sickle Cell Day—June 19

#### July

- Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
- National Minority Mental Health Month

#### August

- National Immunization Awareness Month
- Family Heritage Month
- Children's Eye Health & Safety Month
- National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Have a great summer!

### Beat the Heat: Summer Food Tips

 <p><b>Stay Hydrated</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drink plenty of water</li> <li>• Eat water-rich fruits &amp; veggies: Watermelon, cucumber, etc</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Spice Wisely</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spices like cumin, coriander, and turmeric aid digestion</li> <li>• Go easy on chillies-too much can irritate your stomach</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Seasonal Feast</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoy summer fruits: mangoes, oranges, berries, and melons</li> <li>• Packed with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Limit Sugar &amp; Fried</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit sugary drinks, fried snacks, and desserts</li> <li>• Keep healthy snacks like fruits, nuts, or yoghurt handy</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Light Meals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose easy-to-digest meals: Salads, yoghurt parfaits, lentil soup</li> <li>• Avoid fried foods, processed snacks, and sugary drinks</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Fuel Up for the Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't skip breakfast!</li> <li>• Choose healthy options for breakfast</li> </ul>

## GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention — Deborah Brown

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### WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS



**June is World Elder Abuse Awareness Month**

**June 15th is Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

**Do you know there are six different kinds of Elder Abuse?**

✦ **Physical abuse** - using physical force to coerce or to inflict bodily harm. It often, but not always, causes physical discomfort, pain, or injury. It may include the willful deprivation of essential services, such as medical care, food, or water.

✦ **Emotional abuse** - using tactics, such as harassment, insults, intimidation, isolation, or threats that cause mental or emotional anguish. It diminishes the person's sense of identity, dignity, and self-worth.

✦ **Sexual abuse** - any sexual behavior directed towards an at-risk adult without the person's full knowledge and consent. A spouse, partner, family member, or other trusted person can perpetrate sexual abuse.

✦ **Financial abuse or exploitation** - improperly or illegally using a person's resources for the benefit of another person, for example, using a Power of Attorney to gain access to an adult's assets for personal gain or using undue influence, false representation, and other means to gain access to an adult's

monthly government checks.

✦ **Neglect** - occurs when a caregiver refuses or fails to provide essential services (food, water, shelter, medical care, etc.) to the degree that it harms or threatens to harm an older and/or disabled adult.

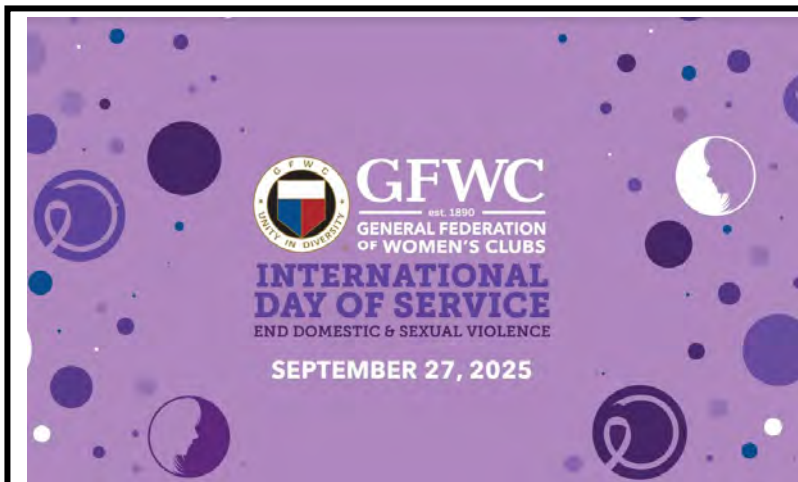
✦ **Self-neglect** - failing to perform essential self-care, such as depriving oneself of necessities such as food, water, or medication. Consciously putting oneself in harm's way or being unable to handle the needs of day-to-day living because of medical, mental health, or other disabilities. Self-neglect is not a crime.

**What can you do if you suspect abuse, neglect, or exploitation?** Call 911 if someone is in immediate danger.

If you suspect the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an older or disabled adult, **contact the Division of Aging Services' Adult Protective Services Central Intake at 1-866-552-4464 and select "3"**.

**What can your club do?**

Plan an event at a nursing home with games, songs, and snacks. Add a few prizes like socks, individually wrapped snacks, lotion, nail care items, and anything else the nursing staff might suggest that the seniors need. Hand out an Elder Abuse flyer to the residents or announce the six different types of Elder Abuse.



**Remember to Register for the 2025 GFWC International Day of Service.**

**September 27, 2025**

**[Register Today](#)**

Thanks to all the clubs who have already registered.



# Committees

## AWARDS

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### GFWC Georgia Awards Update

Yes, you may return the awards won by your club at the 2025 Convention at Institute on August 16, 2025.

Clubs receiving silver, pewter, acrylic, or other physical awards at the 2025 Convention must return them before or at the **February 20-21, 2026**, Judging Weekend.

Awards may be brought to Kathryn Youles, Anette Head, or Shelby Holland for Junior Awards. Alternatively, awards may be returned to your District President at your Fall District Meetings. Ensure awards are given only to Kathryn, Anette, Shelby, or your District President.

Silver awards must be returned polished. Again, the deadline for all returns is the February 20-21, 2026, Judging Weekend.

If there were any misspellings on any certificates you received at the 2025 GFWC Georgia Convention, please let us know, and we will correct them.

For a complete listing of the 2024 GFWC Georgia Awards, [click here](#).

### Time to get serious about a Community Impact Program (CIP) project.

Look at some projects your club are already doing and see if one of them could be expanded for CIP.

Projects must be started and completed by the award period January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025.

Your project can last one month or a year. Whatever works best for a project. And don't forget to take pictures.

Any grassroots project that makes a measurable impact in your local community and fits the criteria will be accepted for judging purposes.

GFWC clubs are encouraged to consider the Community Connection Initiative highlighted in the Special Program Areas and/or Community Service Programs.

- Signature Program: *Become a Champion – Be the Voice for Those That Have No Voice*
- Juniors' Special Program: *Be A Champion in the Lives of Children*
- Arts and Culture: *Developing Community Oriented Art*
- Civic Engagement and Outreach: *Preparation Saves Lives*
- Education and Libraries: *Support High-Quality Early Learning Programs*
- Environment: *National and State Parks Engage in Nature*
- Health and Wellness: *Caregivers' Circle*

## COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM

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### CALENDAR

**JANUARY 1, 2024 to DECEMBER 31, 2025** —Award period for Community Impact Program.

**MARCH 1, 2026** —Club entries must be sent to the state CIP Chairman via email (if digitally accepted by state chairman) or mail, postmarked/timestamped no later than this date, to the Community Impact Program Award State Chairman.

**MARCH 5-15, 2026** —Club entries are judged at the state level.

**MARCH 20, 2026** —Community Impact Program State Chairman – The Award Entry of the first-place state winner only must be emailed, or postmarked/timestamped no later than this date, to the GFWC CIP Chairman AND to the GFWC Second Vice President.

Check pages 213-216 in GFWC Georgia yearbook for entry form and guidelines.

There are monetary awards for state and national winners .

## Committees

### COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

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#### Does Your Website Have the Updated GFWC Logo?

Cimi Douglass, GFWC Georgia Webmaster

Branding is more than just a logo—it symbolizes identity, unity, and purpose. For the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), our logo represents more than 130 years of service, dedication, and advocacy. It's a unifying mark that connects every club across the country, including our GFWC Georgia clubs, under one shared mission.

**Is Your Club Using the Updated GFWC Logo?** As you know, GFWC updated its official logo, which should be used across all club websites, newsletters, promotional materials, and social media platforms. If your club still uses an outdated version or an altered design, now is the time to update it.

To ensure brand consistency, the official GFWC logo should:

- \* Be the most current version approved by GFWC
- \* Not be altered, stretched, or modified in any way
- \* Appear in high resolution for clarity and professionalism

#### Why Branding Matters

Brand consistency strengthens recognition. When people see the GFWC logo—whether on a website, social media post, or event banner—they should immediately associate it with our organization's values of volunteerism, leadership, and community impact. Consistent branding:

- **Builds Trust** – A recognizable logo reassures members and potential supporters that they are engaging with an official GFWC club.
- **Strengthens Unity**—By using the same logo, all clubs present a cohesive image that reinforces our connection to a larger, nationwide network.
- **Increases Visibility** – The more we use our updated branding, the more the public associates it with GFWC clubs' incredible work in Georgia and beyond.

#### How to Update Your Branding

1. Check Your Website & Materials – Review your club's website, Facebook page, and printed materials. If the logo is outdated, replace it with the current version.
2. Download the Official Logo – Visit the GFWC website or contact GFWC Georgia for the correct files and branding guidelines. The logos and style guides can be found on the GFWC Georgia website: <https://gfwcgeorgia.org/club-resources/resourceful-toolkits/> Remember, it is password-protected.
3. Educate Your Club Members – Please encourage members to use the official logo in presentations, emails, and promotional efforts.

**Let's Strengthen GFWC and GFWC Georgia's Brands Together!** Using the updated GFWC logos, we create a unified and professional image for all our clubs. This consistency helps us attract new members, build partnerships, and enhance our reputation as a powerful force for good in our communities.

Take a moment today to check your club's materials—does your website have the updated GFWC logo? If not, let's fix that together! As a webmaster and a member of the CPR team, I am happy to assist.



**Reminder: All official GFWC Georgia Communications are sent through the digital and email marketing platform — Constant Contact.**

Are you receiving these from GFWC Georgia?

- GFWC Georgia Monthly *Connections* (except June and July) - monthly e-bulletins
- *The Georgia Clubwoman* — the state newsletter
- Call to State Events — Institute, Convention, special happenings, Judging Weekend (if appropriate)
- Special Messages /Surveys from the State Leadership Team — State President, Vice Presidents, Newsletter Edi-

tor, etc.

If not, contact Lisa Ramsey ([cpr@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:cpr@gfwcgeorgia.org)) or Brenda Martin ([brenmartin516@gmail.com](mailto:brenmartin516@gmail.com)) to be added to the contact list.

Check with your fellow club members to see if they are receiving all communications and if not, send their particulars to Lisa or Brenda.

Please be aware of phishing emails impersonating the state office or a member of the state leadership team. If in doubt, contact the team member directly, not responding to the bogus email.

## Committees



The 2024-2026 Leadership/LEADS Committee would like to congratulate **Andrea Redmond**, our 2025 International LEADS candidate. We can't wait to hear all about her experience at the Institute in August!

Our Leadership/LEADS committee has been busy balancing summer starting, planning Georgia LEADS, and helping with the International Convention. We are excited for our TWO sessions for GA LEADS 2025 coming in August! Those who attend LEADS 101 will be able to attend 201 that afternoon, and anyone who wants to attend LEADS 101 for the umpteenth time is welcome as well—we welcome your seasoned knowledge!

Our first session will be in the morning and will be LEADS 101, which consists of our traditional LEADS topics. We will discuss Conflict Management, What's Your Why, and Building Leadership in Clubs. Our committee is excited to lead a discussion on building leadership in our clubs, districts, and state organizations.

Our second session will be after lunch and will be LEADS 201, which will consist of Parliamentary Procedures with our very own Kathryn Youles and Brenda Martin joining us for a mock meeting that's sure to be one for the history books! We are expecting there to be some ruckus and passionate dialogue during the meeting.

And then join our very own Julie Walters for some reporting

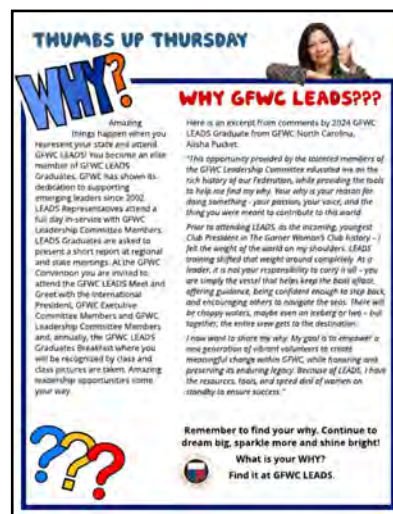
### LEADERSHIP/LEADS

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magic as she shares with us why we report, tips and tricks on reporting, and some points on 2025 reporting!

So, how can you, as a clubwoman, help us have another great GA LEADS in 2025? We need your input! If you haven't already liked our Facebook site, please join us at *GWFC Georgia Leadership*. Simply type in our name in the search bar and click on us when we pull up! Once you've joined and we have shared our hospitality with our GWFC sister at the International Convention, be on the lookout for a Facebook post asking for your input!

[Click the Thumbs Up Thursday Icon](#) below to read about why GFWC LEADS is important.





## Committees



### CONSIDER STARTING OR ENHANCING YOUR STATE LEADS PROGRAM

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IS FOR EVERYONE.



AT GFWC, WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.  
START BUILDING LEADERSHIP SKILLS RIGHT IN  
YOUR OWN CLUB—LEADERSHIP BEGINS AT THE  
LOCAL LEVEL!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL INVOLVES:



#### IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL LEADERS

Recognize members who show interest, initiative, or passion.  
Encourage newer members to take on small roles or projects.



#### ACCESSING MATERIALS

Consult your GFWC Leadership Regional Chairman.  
Review materials in the GFWC Membership Portal and the LEADERSHIP TOOL KIT.



#### PROVIDING TRAINING & MENTORSHIP

Offer workshops, guest speakers, or peer-led sessions.  
Pair experienced members with those interested in learning.



#### CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO LEAD

Rotate chairman roles or committee leadership.  
Give members a chance to lead projects, events, or meetings.



#### ENCOURAGING CONFIDENCE AND GROWTH

Celebrate efforts and successes, big or small.  
Provide supportive feedback and constructive coaching.



#### BUILDING A LEADERSHIP PIPELINE

Help members understand club, district, state, and national roles.  
Guide interested members on the path to higher leadership.



#### FOSTERING A CULTURE OF SUPPORT

Make leadership accessible—not intimidating.  
Share resources and stories from women who've grown into leadership roles.



### BENEFITS OF DEVELOPING LEADERS

- ▶ Strengthens Our Club's Future
- ▶ Educates and Empowers Women to Step Up
- ▶ Enhances Our Community Impact
- ▶ Engages a Supportive Network
- ▶ Aligns with GFWC's Mission

## Committees

### LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

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## LEGISLATIVE LADDER

EDUCATE  
EMPOWER  
ENGAGE

As we begin the second half of 2025, please take note of your club's work on the GFWC Legislative Ladder. Has your club completed any of the tasks? Yes/No?

Over the next six months, sufficient time remains to complete the tasks needed to earn the goal of 35+ points. What, you say! Your club members are not familiar with the GFWC Legislative Ladder. No worries. Here's a quick summary.

During 2024-2026, GFWC clubs are being challenged to "step up" to EDUCATE, ENGAGE, and EMPOWER through specific Legislative advocacy steps that do not need to be completed sequentially. The document is available on pages 170-171 of the Legislation/Public Policy section of the 2024-2026 GFWC Club Manual and can also be accessed through the GFWC member portal at this site:

[https://memberportal.gfwc.org/resources/legislation-public-policy/311/gfwc-legislative-ladder\\_fillable](https://memberportal.gfwc.org/resources/legislation-public-policy/311/gfwc-legislative-ladder_fillable)

Clubs achieving 35+ points will be recognized during the 2025 and 2026 GFWC Annual Conventions. While it is too late to be recognized during the 2025 Convention in Atlanta, Georgia's Women's Clubs can be recognized for their Legislative work **that is completed this year at the 2026 annual GFWC Convention!**

Achieving 35 points is not out of reach. If your club increases enrollment by 10% annually in the Legislative Action Center (LAC), you will earn 25 points! Ten percent is doable!

Here's an excellent project for your club! During your meetings, invite clubwomen to go to <https://>

<https://www.votervoicenet/mobile/GFWC/home>



[www.votervoicenet/mobile/GFWC/home](https://www.votervoicenet/mobile/GFWC/home) to add their name and email address. Look for "SIGN UP FOR ALERTS" on the right side of the screen. To make it EASY, simply open this QR Code.

Whenever there is a current legislative issue important to GFWC members (like domestic violence, online safety for children, or support for Alzheimer's patients and caregivers), LAC members are alerted and may take action immediately if they choose to do so. Remind your club members that GFWC is **nonpartisan**.

Be sure your club members are on the lookout for a Legislative Alert regarding VAWA funding (Violence Against Women Act) that will be sent after the GFWC Convention in June! Our GFWC Georgia goal is that each state club will increase its LAC membership by 10% - and that's very doable! Additionally, EACH CLUB SISTER will be completing GFWC Georgia's "Cathy Jones' President's Challenge" – to join the LAC!

**So, let's aim to be recognized in 2026 for our work on the GFWC's Legislative Ladder!**



How else can your club earn Legislative Ladder points? Another way is to connect a club project to a GFWC Resolution. Explaining the relationship between the club project and resolution will add 15 points to your score. Let's see, 25 points for LAC membership and 15 points for project and resolution equals 40 points, and with that total score, your club would be recognized at the annual GFWC Convention!

Where do you find the GFWC Resolutions? Go to: <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/GFWC-Resolutions-Booklet-Approved-Aug-2024.pdf>, or you can search for GFWC priorities at <https://www.gfwc.org/priorities/> and then open the GFWC Resolutions box.

Here's an example:

**150-045 Educational Professional Support and Appreciation (Convention 2024)**



# Committees

WHEREAS, Educational professionals, including teachers, teacher assistants, and other educational staff, are often underpaid, overworked, and underappreciated, resulting in burnout and shortages; and

WHEREAS, Wages directly affect the ability of school districts to recruit and retain educational professionals; and

WHEREAS, Educational professionals regularly purchase essential school supplies in excess of the deduction allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS); therefore


RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs urges its member clubs to:

- Advocate for increased local, state, and federal funding to offer educational professionals a living wage, which will encourage quality teacher candidates as well as the retention of all educational professionals;
- Endorse increasing the allowable deduction for essential school supplies;
- Support educational professionals through donations of classroom supplies, adopt-a-classroom-type programs, and recognition events.

**EXAMPLE of a CLUB PROJECT:** Many GFWC GA clubs support local schools by providing school supplies, teacher treats, and student recognition in the arts. Such endeavors and outreach are directly related to GFWC Resolution 150-045. This example is one of several that clubs can provide on the Legislative Ladder.

**So, will your club be recognized next year during the GFWC Convention for your work on GFWC’s Legislative Ladder? Let’s make GFWC Georgia proud. Note that only individual clubs may submit their Legislative Ladder in 2026.**

Here is a list of the GFWC Legislative Ladder’s Tasks with points: (Click on it for a fillable Legislative Ladder Report Form.)



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OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

**GFWC'S LEGISLATIVE LADDER**  
STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY  
2024-2026 GFWC ADMINISTRATION

**4. GFWC'S LEGISLATIVE LADDER**

Check applicable boxes

☐ 1. Increase club enrollment by 10% annually in the Legislative Action Center. (25 points)

Total club membership \_\_\_\_\_ Previously registered \_\_\_\_\_ Newly registered \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 2. Request a proclamation from a "decision-maker" (i.e., town council, mayor, state or U.S. Congressman, governor) recognizing, for example, a "week" promoted in one of the CSPs, a club anniversary, etc. (5 points)

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_ Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 3. Conduct a program on GFWC's Resolutions and how and why they are created and adopted. (5 points)

☐ 4. Invite a local decision-maker to discuss issues relevant to your community. (10 points)

Whom did you invite? \_\_\_\_\_ Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 5. Identify a GFWC Resolution and develop a club project to support the Resolution. (15 points)

Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_ Project: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 6. Take action on a current GFWC/State Resolution (i.e., write an email, send a "letter to the editor," speak at a local government meeting, or create a community coalition). (10 points)

Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_ Action: \_\_\_\_\_


☐ 7. Draft a Resolution to submit to your State for consideration. (15 points)

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 8. Visit a State legislator/staff to advocate on an issue of your choice. (15 points)

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR GFWC USE ONLY: Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Let’s aim high, GFWC Georgia, while making a difference!**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
**June 8, 2025 – GFWC Convention Workshops - Legislative and Public Policy** (Learn how to facilitate action on bipartisan legislative priorities supported by GFWC Resolutions, 9:30 am or 10:45 am)

**June 17, 2025 – Special Primary Public Service Commissioner (PSC)/Special Election** (Advance Voting Dates: May 27 – June 13)

GFWC Legislative Priorities are guided by our GFWC Resolutions which are voted on by delegates from State Federations each year at our Annual Convention. These decisions guide our volunteer programs and advocacy goals for the upcoming year and beyond. New Resolutions will be voted on at the 2025 GFWC International Convention in Atlanta, which will set future legislative priorities.

**GFWC 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities**



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### TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Linda Mote— [tallahfalls@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:tallahfalls@gfwcgeorgia.org)

#### SAVE THE DATE: 4TH ANNUAL GFWC GEORGIA FAMILY DAY At TRUIST PARK

#### PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL PROJECT

Calling all GFWC Georgia members and Tallulah Falls School Alumni. All are welcome! Please come out to support GFWC Georgia and the Atlanta Braves on Sunday, September 28th at 3:15 p.m. against the Pirates! Our 4th Annual GFWC Georgia Day will bring us together once again with our families and friends across the State to enjoy America's favorite pastime. A portion of each ticket purchase will support GFWC Georgia's mission and Tallulah Falls School project.

Please purchase your tickets by midnight on **September 14th** to secure your spot. Tickets are subject to availability; our goal is to sell 100 tickets.

Please show your GFWC pride by wearing GFWC or GFWC GA shirts, hats or accessories.

Go Braves and Go GFWC Georgia! Please share this link with your friends and families and let's enjoy this game with each other.

We have reserved Home Run Porch Sections 144 and 145 (144 is fully under cover, 145 is partially shaded). Tickets can be purchased here: [ATL vs PIT Sept-28th-GFWC Georgia Day](#)

**ATLANTA BRAVES v. PITTSBURGH PIRATES**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

**3:15 PM**

**TICKETS: \$56.00**

**PURCHASE DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 BY  
11:59 PM**

The evening prior (May 21) to Tallulah Falls School Graduation, the Senior Sunset event took place on the TFS soccer field. Members of GFWC Georgia hosted a reception for the Seniors during their Sunset activity.

L-R: Tonya Bonitatibus Augusta Woman's Club President; Cathy Jones, GFWC Georgia President; Linda Mote, GFWC Georgia TFS Chair; Mary Beth Joacobson, GFWC Georgia TFS Special Project Chair; Maya Powell, Sylvania Jr Woman's Club; Sandy Powell, GFWC Georgia TFS Co-chair; and Betsy Wheeler, TFS Jr Conference Chair.





### **Congratulations to the Class of 2025!**

The Class of 2025 is the largest class to graduate from Tallulah Falls School — 97 students.

TFS graduates from the Class of 2025 have been accepted to more than 125 outstanding colleges and universities and earned more than \$9 million in scholarships



# 129th GFWC Georgia State Convention





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## GFWC At a Glance

2025 GFWC International Day of Service — September 27, 2025

*Save the Date*



**2025 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

The General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) is united in its dedication to volunteer community service. The GFWC International Day of Service (IDS), formerly known as GFWC National Day of Service, launched in 2023, spotlights an area of need in communities across the nation and around the world to bring about positive change.

Every two years a new topic is selected by the GFWC Executive Committee. The 2023 and 2024 GFWC IDS focused on ending food insecurity and hunger in the United States and across the world. GFWC clubs organize community service projects in their communities to raise public awareness and gather the resources necessary to help those in need based on the year's theme.

The 2025 General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) will focus on *domestic and sexual violence*.

According to the World Health Organization, it is estimated that between 736 million to 852 million women, aged 15 years or older, have experienced domestic and sexual violence. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 16 million people in the United States are affected annually.

Community service projects for the 2025 GFWC IDS can focus on any area of domestic and sexual violence. Here are eight areas your club might consider:

- Campus Sexual Assault
- Child Abuse
- Elder Abuse
- Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Military Sexual Assault
- Teen Dating Violence
- Violence Against Native American Women

More information and project ideas for 2025 GFWC IDS will be available online at [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) and posted in the Digital Library



**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE**  
END DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

## ACTION-ORIENTED SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS

For clubs aiming for immediate and lasting impact, consider these hands-on initiatives:

- **Survivor Support Kits:** Assemble and distribute personalized care packages with essential hygiene items, clothing, and motivational notes.
- **Emergency Relocation Assistance:** Provide transportation, hotel stays, or security deposits for survivors escaping dangerous situations.
- **Home Restoration Projects:** Partner with local contractors to refurbish and furnish transitional housing for survivors and their families.
- **Legal Aid Support:** Coordinate an event with attorneys offering pro bono services to assist survivors in obtaining restraining orders, custody agreements, or financial restitution.
- **Children's Comfort Projects:** Stock shelters with backpacks filled with books, school supplies, and comfort items for children affected by domestic violence.
- **Pet Protection Initiative:** Arrange temporary foster care or donation drives for pet food and supplies to assist survivors who hesitate to leave due to concern for their animals.
- **Survivor Employment Assistance:** Set up job skills training workshops, resume-building sessions, and career coaching services for survivors re-entering the workforce.
- **Meal Prep for Shelters:** Organize a team to prepare and deliver healthy meals for shelters, ensuring residents have access to nutritious food.
- **Mobile Resource Units:** Arrange for mobile advocacy vans to travel to underserved areas, providing on-site counseling and legal resources.

GFWC At a Glance

GFWC JUNIOR CLUB LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION

FOR JUNIOR & JUNIORETTE CLUBS

by SHANNON BAILEY, GFWC DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS

One of the greatest benefits a club member can gain from membership in GFWC is leadership experience and personal development that can support the member in club work and in many other areas of life. The GFWC Leadership Toolkit provides a variety of materials and can be utilized to offer learning opportunities for clubs and club members, and a host of external resources are available to support leadership development.

I am proud to introduce to you the *Junior Club Leadership Certification* to provide a structured pathway for clubs to provide leadership and personal development. Completion of this program demonstrates a club's commitment to educating members on GFWC and supporting leadership and personal development for its individual members.

The Junior Club Leadership Certification is available to all GFWC Junior and Juniorette Clubs to provide a benefit in support of recruitment and retention. Clubs earning the Certification will be recognized at GFWC Convention, on the GFWC website, and on social media. They will have access to an exclusive graphic for use in club materials and on social media.

Each of the eight topics will be offered as a live webinar, with an

opportunity for Q&A and discussion. In this initial year of content offerings, two topics will be covered in each webinar. A recorded version of the topics will be released post-webinar, along with discussion questions to support on-demand learning. Additional resources and suggested reading lists will be provided for each topic. These resources will be available in the GFWC Member Portal. Additional topics will be covered in future Administrations.

To earn the Junior Club Leadership Certification for the 2024-2026 Administration, a club must complete an online form (available after the webinars have all been presented) by April 1, 2026, that will include the following:

Declaration that at least 50% of club members have taken part in the Zoom webinars or viewed the on-demand offerings, for all eight (8) topics.

- A short narrative explaining how your club promoted the content and encouraged member participation.
- Evaluation of the Certification program
- Once a club has earned the Leadership Certification, criteria will be established to retain Certification.

Online registration for these webinars will be found on the GFWC Member Portal prior to each webinar. Clubs can watch the webinars and complete the topics on their own schedule.

GFWC Junior Club Leadership Certification

2025



WEBINAR SCHEDULE



GFWC Resources & Overview, Legislation

19 May 8 pm ET

16 June 8 pm

Personal Development Part 1  
Leadership Development, Part 1

21 July 8 pm

Team Development  
Effective Meetings

18 Aug 8 pm

Personal Development Part 2  
Leadership Development, Part 2

Register at [memberportal.gfwc.org/events](https://memberportal.gfwc.org/events)



## Club Life Around the State

Click on the Scrapbook Icons below for club activities during March, April, and May.



March 2025



April 2025



May 2025

March saw all Districts hold their Annual Meetings and celebrate all women and their accomplishments during Women's History Month, wear a few items of green for St. Paddy Day, and celebrate our love of reading on Dr. Seuss' birthday.

April saw members from around the state gather to celebrate our accomplishments, with food, fun, and fellowship at our 129th Annual Convention at Lake Lanier, appreciate our planet with Earth and Arbor Day activities, and honor our founding with activities during GFWC Volunteers in Action week.

May saw many clubs recognize deserving students with scholarships, hold outdoor events, show admiration for our teachers, military, and nurses, and many wind down their activities for a summer break.

*Here are some examples.*

### GFWC Millen Woman's Club

By Shana Brinson

#### Millen Woman's Club continues 117 years of service!



The Millen Woman's Club was the first civic club organized in Jenkins County on Oct. 6, 1908, first federated in the First District, and the 11<sup>th</sup> oldest Woman's Club in Georgia. Today, club members continue that tradition of service that began 117 years ago, connecting with the community, partnering with other organizations, and sponsoring various projects throughout the year.



In April, Millen Woman's Club members rolled up their sleeves and took action to clean up Cotton Avenue in Millen. Before the club's monthly meeting on April 15, members walked along Cotton Avenue and picked up litter as part of their annual environmental project.



Millen Woman's Club also celebrated National Library Week in April. Members brought stories to life at The Poppy Patch Learning Center, delighting young minds with a special Dr. Seuss reading session. The inspiring event tied perfectly with National Library Week's theme, "Wake Up and Read!" Community service groups like the Millen Woman's Club help awaken the joy and curiosity that books spark, paving the way for lifelong learning. Club members look forward to supporting community projects and continuing the tradition of service that began so long ago.

Millen Woman's Club member Marilyn Knight provided an Easter Craft Kit Idea. Member Sherri Adams cut out all the different pieces and separated them into 20 individual kits that the club donated to the local library.

Millen Woman's Club members stuffed easter eggs with candy and donated them to the men and women at the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia, Jenkins County Service Center Facility.

### GFWC Winder Woman's Club

By Laedenia Jewell

The Winder Woman's Club recently hosted the reception for the 2025 GED graduation at the Wimberly Center in collaboration with Adult Literacy Barrow. We also provided a book scholarship to a GED graduate to further their education. While there, we dropped off blankets to Adventure Bags for needy children.



## Club Life Around the State

### GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club

By Kathleen Orians Dawson

#### GFWC Volunteers in Action Week — "Pack the Pantry" at Nunnally House

We participated in the GFWC Volunteers in Action week in a big way. We decided to "Pack the Pantry" at Nunnally House here in Brunswick. It is adjacent to the SGHS Brunswick Campus and offers rooms for cancer patients receiving treatment, families of critical care patients, medical students, and on-call staff. Members donated individually packaged snacks, cookies, crackers, granola bars, instant oatmeal, microwave popcorn, macaroni and cheese, fruit cups, soup, Chef Boyardee, coffee pods for the Keurig coffee maker, cans of ginger ale and Sprite, drink cups, plastic silverware, and heavy-duty paper plates/bowls—all with an estimated value between \$700 and \$750.

Ten members delivered the donations and were given a tour of the facility and the gardens by Bryan Thompson, Nunnally House Development Coordinator for the SGHS Foundation.

#### Tallulah Falls School Visit to Golden Isles

The 8th graders from TFS came to Golden Isles for their annual week-long visit. Several members welcomed them at their condos on St. Simons, and they joined the students and staff for dinner, catered by Olive Garden. Later in the week, several members met the students and staff at MAP International

and participated with them in their service project at the facility. They took boxes of supplies off the pallets, unpacked them in the staging areas, and filled the plastic bags with the needed items according to a precise diagram placed at each station. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of TFS have completed a service project for MAP.



#### Veterans Council Honors Member

The Veterans Council of the Golden Isles honored long time local nurse and GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club member, Peggy Tuten, with the American Patriot Award at the Memorial Day Observance at Veterans Memorial Park.

Peggy was recognized for her many military and civilian contributions beginning with her six years as a Navy nurse. In her third year of study for a degree in nursing, Tuten enlisted in the Navy and in 1967 volunteered for Vietnam, reporting to the USS Repose, a 721-bed hospital ship off the coast of Da Nang where she was a charge nurse and took turns in triage as the ship treated 12 to 25 personnel with combat wounds daily. She left the Navy as a lieutenant and subsequently served the community for 61 years as a nurse. Aside from her professional work, she has also made a tremendous impact as a volunteer and organizer in initiatives to help those with diabetes and cancer, starting a diabetes support group and organizing a local Walk for Diabetes for the American Diabetes Association. She has volunteered for 31 years in the Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society and is a member of VFW Post 4092 on St. Simons where she works to support needy veterans.



Peggy has been a member of the GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club for over 10 years and has held several positions, currently as the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP Chairman.

Eight members of our club were able to be there to celebrate this wonderful tribute with Peggy.

Congratulations Peggy!! We are so proud of you.



## Club Life Around the State

### GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club

By Kathy Mattox

It's been a busy spring for the Lilburn Woman's Club! Here are some highlights of what we've been doing and our plans for the future:

- We hosted the North East District meeting at the end of March. Twenty-nine of the 59 attendees were from LWC. We arranged for the art to be judged and served a fabulous Italian meal. Awards were presented to all the clubs, and everyone enjoyed themselves.
- Eight of us attended the annual Georgia GFWC Convention in April. We were in charge of decorating. It was a great weekend with casual attire and some fabulous Jimmy Buffett music! We received several awards, including the silver Stevens-Youles Communications Award!!
- We had 17 entries for scholarships this year. Our committee reviewed and selected three lucky high school ladies to each win a \$2,500 scholarship. From the Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science & Technology: Makenna Hollis and Allison Wong; from Parkview High School: Vicky Le. From Gwinnett Technical Institute for 2024-25: Mindy Hampton – Fall 2024 and Tina Karmon – Spring 2025. These ladies were each given a \$1,500 scholarship. All were recognized at our annual Scholarship and Awards reception in May, along with our Citizen of the Year, our local business partners, our members' graduating children and grandchildren, and special recognition to each of our thirteen Teachers of the Year! We also announced the club's 2024 awards from District and State to emphasize our community efforts in several areas to our guests.
- We also recognized two of our members who are moving away! Barbara Brooks is finally headed to her dream home in Florida, and Laurie Benken is headed to a new home in Tennessee! The club will genuinely miss them as they were very active members!
- We've begun planning for our annual Lilburn Daze Festival in October. Over 25 craft vendors and several food trucks have already signed up. We're organizing this year's committee, recruiting vendors, implementing our marketing plan, and arranging for the entertainment. There is a lot to do before October!
- We assisted with stuffing the Homeless Bags for the International Convention, and two of us are planning to attend. Starting Friday morning, we'll be putting together a balloon arch for the meetings.
- Our Health & Wellness ladies are now sewing bibs for the nursing homes in our area. This project will take a while to complete and will continue into the summer.
- Education is designing labels for the Dictionaries we will give out this fall with our new sponsor. They have been ordered and will be applied to the books, so we're ready to deliver in September! They also delivered trays overflowing with cookies and treats to the Berkmar and Lilburn Middle Schools staff in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week!
- Civic Engagement just organized our trip to Cumming to pack boxes for Treat the Troops. Five members attended, and eight sent various treats and sixteen ½ dozen cookies for the troops. They are hosting our June meeting with a speaker from the Lilburn City Police on internet security. They are also preparing for the International Day of Service this Fall.
- The Art & Culture committee is already contacting the local middle schools to get art entries for next year's Spring into Art! They have also planned to attend several plays with club members to expand our cultural experiences.
- And our Environment Committee is leading the effort to collect nonrecyclable plastics again! Several of us also recently attended a county Board of Commissioners meeting to protest some proposed development changes that would hurt the environment, specifically the Yellow River.
- Our largest summer excitement is that we have made a \$10,000 donation to Habitat for Humanity for a local Lilburn home!! As a result, we were able to personally sign several studs that will be used in the house building begins. We have also been invited to assist with building one of the homes. So, on July 12, 2025, fifteen of us will be helping to build, and others will be providing lunch for those building. We are very excited as we have never had a Lilburn Habitat for Humanity build.

### Living the Volunteer Spirit







# A Look Ahead



## **Club Officer Directory Due to State Office**

Sunday, June 1, 2025

## **Club Membership Year for GFWC and GFWC Georgia Begins**

Sunday, June 1, 2025

## **Postmark Deadline for Nomination Materials for GFWC Jennie Award**

Sunday, June 1, 2025

## **Deadline for State Bylaws Updates to State Office**

Sunday, June 1, 2025

## **GFWC Host State Georgia and GFWC Executive Committee Dinner**

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 — 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Wimbish House — Atlanta, GA

## **GFWC Convention Tour**

### **Experience Atlanta Tour**

Thursday, June 5, 2025 — 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Atlanta, GA

## **GFWC Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar (LEADS)**

Friday, June 6, 2025 — 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park — Atlanta, GA

## **GFWC Convention Tour**

### **Experience Atlanta Tour**

Thursday, June 6, 2025 — 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Atlanta, GA

## **“Hollywood of the South” GFWC Georgia State Night Banquet**

Friday, June 6, 2025 — 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park — Atlanta, GA

## **2025 GFWC Annual Convention**

Saturday, June 7, 2025—Monday, June 9, 2025

Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park — Atlanta, GA

## **Deadline for GFWC’s “Educate, Engage, and Empower” Recruitment Campaign**

Recruitments for April, May, and June

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

## **Deadline to apply for Send-A-Sister Scholarship for GFWC Georgia Institute**

Send to 3rd VP/State Membership Chairman, Dale Reddick

Friday, August 1, 2025

## **Deadline for State Jennie Award Report to GFWC Southern Region President**

Friday, August 1, 2025

## **GFWC Georgia LEADS**

Friday, August 15, 2025

Marriott City Center — Macon, GA

## **GFWC Georgia Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, August 15, 2025

Marriott City Center — Macon, GA

## **GFWC Georgia Institute— “Reach for the Stars”**

Saturday, August 16, 2025 - Sunday, August 17, 2025

Marriott City Center — Macon, GA

## **GFWC Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, August 21, 2025 to Sunday, August 24, 2025

Hilton Salt Lake City Center — Salt Lake City, UT

## **Deadline for Articles for the September 2025 issue of *The Georgia Clubwoman***

Friday, August 29, 2025



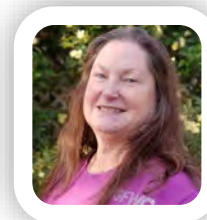
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- ♦ *Have you joined GFWC Georgia Members Facebook Group?*
- ♦ *Have you visited the GFWC Georgia or GFWC websites?*
- ♦ *Have you joined the GFWC Advancements and Programs Facebook Group?*
- ♦ *Have you subscribed to the GFWC News & Notes weekly bulletin?*
- ♦ *Have you joined the GFWC Legislative Action Committee?*
- ♦ *Have you sent your Club newsletters to [news@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:news@gfwcgeorgia.org)?*

***If not, then please do so!***

***All these platforms will help you STAY CONNECTED!***

We would also love to hear from you about your club activities. Please send articles, photos, and comments to:

[news@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:news@gfwcgeorgia.org).

**Deadline to submit articles for the September issue is:  
Friday, August 29, 2025.**

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