



# GFWC-OKLAHOMA QUARTERLY

## GFWC-OK OFFICERS

2024 – 2026

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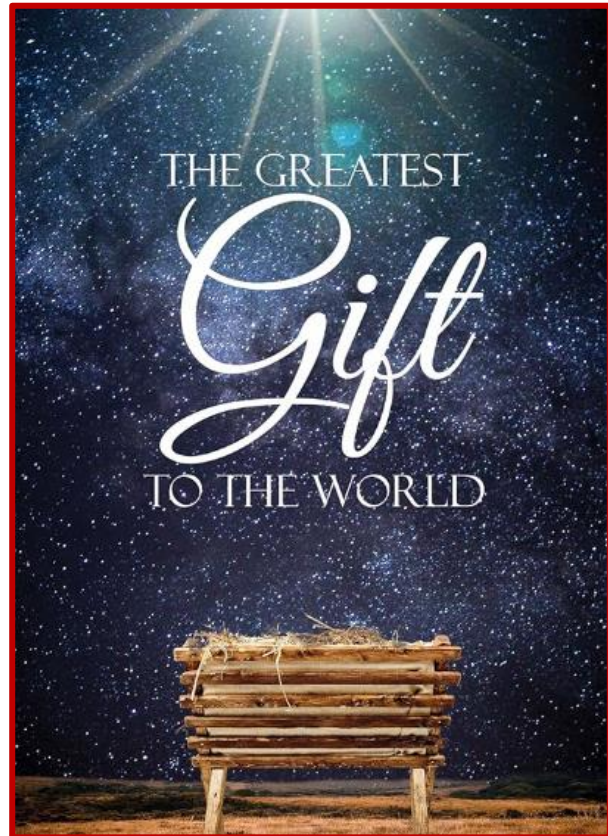
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## GFWC-OKLAHOMA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oklahoma State Convention  
 April 25 & 26, 2025  
 Tulsa, OK

International Convention  
 June 7-9, 2025  
 Atlanta, Georgia

South Central Region Conference  
 September 4-7, 2025  
 San Antonio Texas Riverwalk



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Membership Dues**      Dec 1  
 Please send New Member Dues  
 when they join your club

**A MEMBER DUES BREAKDOWN:**  
 Gfwc International    \$15.00  
 Gfwc-Oklahoma        4.00  
Gfwc-Ok Districts     1.00  
**TOTAL:            \$20.00**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2024**  
**CLUB REPORTS**

2024 Reports Due      Jan 31  
 2025-2026 Officers    Feb 1  
 LEADS Applications    Feb 15  
 Initiative Goals Report   Apr 1

LOOK FOR THE FILLABLE REPORT  
 FORMS ON OUR WEBSITE.  
[www.gfwc-ok.org](http://www.gfwc-ok.org)

**GFWC-OK PRESIDENT  
 HOPES...**

2 New Club Members or more  
 during the 2024-2026 two -year  
 administration.

**Goal: 36+**

**18 New Members as of today!**

50 GFWC-OK club members join  
 the Legislative Action Center on  
 GFWC's website during 2024-  
 2026. Be a voice for those who  
 have no voice. Advocate!

**20 have joined as of today!**



**GFWC OKLAHOMA**  
 GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS  
*living the volunteer spirit.*



**Boots, Big Hearts and Bling a Success!**

Thank you, GFWC-Oklahoma! We met our Oklahoma  
 attendance goal! Ninety-four (94) attended our South  
 Central Region Conference in Oklahoma City:

Arizona 7; Arkansas 14; Louisiana 2; New Mexico 9;  
**Oklahoma 34**; Texas 18; International 2; Boosters  
 (spouses) 4; and Guests 4

Go to [www.gfwc-ok.org](http://www.gfwc-ok.org) to see photos!

*Our hearts are with the victims of Hurricane  
 Helene and all those impacted across North  
 Carolina.*

Over **\$2500** was collected and sent from  
 South Central Region and **\$1,086** was  
 collected and sent from GFWC-Oklahoma

*"It is times such as these that you truly realize  
 the love of GFWC sisterhood."*

**Want your club project to be featured in an upcoming issue of  
 News & Notes?**

Simply send your full club name, State Federation, and 100 words  
 describing your club's favorite project to [PR@GFWC.org](mailto:PR@GFWC.org).  
 Make sure to add a great action shot or two that brings your project to life!



## HEADQUARTER'S SPOTLIGHT Donations are Welcome



### GFWC Façade Beautification and Restoration

Help us restore the iconic façade of GFWC's beloved headquarters by donating to GFWC Headquarters Façade Restoration and Beautification Project. Your donations will allow us to restore the iconic white, front-facing exterior walls of GFWC's Headquarters buildings. This restoration will not only enhance the beauty of our Headquarters, it will also protect the historic interior spaces and collections and secure the buildings' long-term structural integrity.

Over time, the brick and stonework on GFWC's historic headquarters has deteriorated and needs major repairs. One of the main restoration projects will be tuckpointing the exterior of all three GFWC townhouses.



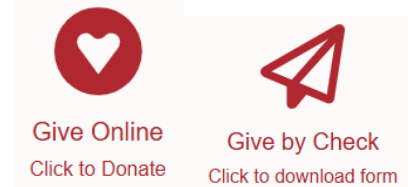
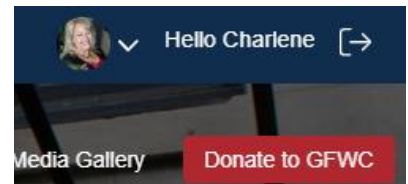
#### What is Tuckpointing?

We're so glad you asked. In the last hundred years, the exposure to weather and time has broken down the mortar between the bricks of our exterior walls. This allows water to creep inside and the paint to crack outside. Preventing further water damage is key to preserving our historic landmark for the next generation of GFWC members.



- 1-Go to [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)
- 2-Login to Member Portal
- 3-Click **Donate** to GFWC
- 4-Donate individually or as a club. Donate Online (or Print Form to send to headquarters with check.)
- 5-Click down arrow to see donation list to choose Façade Beautification Restoration

*An Opportunity to Support GFWC*



- What would you like to support?
- GFWC 1734 Society
  - GFWC Annual Giving Program
  - GFWC Endowment Fund
  - GFWC Headquarters Façade Restoration and Beautification Project Fund
  - GFWC Jana Cunningham Croly Gravesite Fund
  - GFWC Library Replenishment Fund
  - GFWC Programs Fund
  - GFWC Women's History & Resource Center Fund

**HONOR THE LEGACY -**

**SUSTAIN THE FUTURE**




**WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE**  
National Monument Foundation

## OUR MISSION

Establish a national monument in Washington, D.C. to commemorate women's fight for the vote and honor the pioneers of the early American movement for women's equality.

### Introducing Our Honorary Chairs

As Honorary Chairs of the Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation, Dr. Jill Biden, Mrs. Melania Trump, Mrs. Michelle Obama, Mrs. Laura Bush, and Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton are working together to ensure that the 36 million people who visit our National Mall each year experience a deeper and more inclusive American story.

[www.womensmonument.org](http://www.womensmonument.org)

**Be sure to mention GFWC!**



GFWC has agreed to support the **Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation (WSNMF)**, the entity authorized by the U.S. Congress to establish a commemorative work on federal land in Washington, D.C. to honor the pioneers of the early American movement for women's equality.

GFWC will launch a **fundraising campaign to raise \$150,000**. Incorporated in this goal will be a \$35,000 In-Kind Donation for hosting an annual event at the GFWC Headquarters and a very generous \$26,000 contribution made by South Central Region (Texas) Colonel Carol Habgood, USAF Retired. She currently serves as our GFWC Parliamentarian.

The remaining **\$89,000 will be raised by members, clubs, etc. over the 9-year period leading up to the unveiling of the monument**. WSNMF will track GFWC donations made by check or the GFWC Fund Donation button on the WSNMF donation website.

Thank you to all GFWC clubwomen who advocated through letters, emails, GFWC's Legislative Action Center!

## 2024 GFWC National Day of Service Breaks Records

The 2024 GFWC National Day of Service (NDS) tallied record-breaking results! Thank you to the 1,076 groups worldwide who contributed to our collective success. GFWC is pleased to report the following outcomes, which doubled from last year:

- GFWC members collected 221,142 pounds of nonperishable food
- Collected \$242,731 in monetary donations for food pantries and school feeding programs
- Prepared 69,660 meals



## Join us for the Winter 2025 GFWC Learning Gateway Series

Learn from 2024-2026 GFWC Honorary Chairmen and gain insight into these varied topics:

January 27, 2025 at 7 p.m. ET - ESO Beyond the Page, Mystery with a Mission

<https://bit.ly/3AkgYoc>

February 5, 2025 at 7 p.m. ET - Heart Health Awareness Month <https://bit.ly/48Epc7g>

February 11, 2025 at 7 p.m. ET - The Role Storytelling Plays in Advancing a Brand and Building Membership <https://bit.ly/3UI3Srs>



## GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)

The GFWC Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar identifies GFWC members at the local level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help up-and-coming leaders gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher positions and serve with distinction. GFWC LEADS is typically held annually on the day prior to the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention.

Application Process: [Each State Federation may select one LEADS attendee annually.](#)

Application Deadline: [February 15](#)

LEADS Candidate: [Return the application form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members to your State Federation.](#)

Click Here: [LEADS Application Form](#)

*Please Support our GFWC Affiliates:*

### Send holiday messages to St. Jude kids



The [St. Jude Virtual Holiday Card Portal](#) is live and ready to bring holiday cheer, joy, and comfort to our patient families. This year, we're celebrating a variety of holidays through patient art, including Christmas, Hanukkah, and Three Kings Day. Please take a moment to send our incredible families a virtual card, and please share your experiences on social media. Just click on the highlighted link! As always, thank you for all that you do for the children and families of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. **You may donate online via check or credit card by visiting [www.stjude.org/gfwc](http://www.stjude.org/gfwc).** Please note the following on the memo line: **GFWC**

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While family caregivers should be celebrated every day, this is a time to recognize and honor caregivers nationally, raise awareness around caregiving issues, educate communities, and work to increase support for our nation's caregivers. Being a caregiver requires one to be caring, strong, cheerful, and thick-skinned. Of even greater importance as a caregiver is to share your specific needs. Lessen the mental load of caregivers by offering specific tasks such as delivering basic groceries, mowing the lawn, folding laundry, or staying with the individual for a few hours. The Alzheimer's Association has compiled a great

list of [100 ways you can support a caregiver](#) in your life. Clubs can reach out and provide support. Start NOW, the holidays are a difficult time for caregivers, and caregivers who have lost a loved one.

## Shot@Life Measles Campaign

Thanks to your support and participation, Shot@Life not only reached, but *exceeded* the goal of our year-long *Get a Shot. Give a Shot.*® partnership with Walgreens. **More than 100 million doses** of lifesaving vaccines was given to children around the world! GFWC clubs will help UN partners (WHO and UNICEF) provide lifesaving measles vaccines to children worldwide. By raising \$80,000 over the two years, clubwomen will help protect 16,000 children from measles. Because of the urgent to stop the spread of measles, GFWC's *Measles Mission* with Shot@Life will be a priority over *Get a Shot, Give a Shot*® going forward. Measles are one of the most contagious diseases and kills more than 136,000 people, mostly unvaccinated children, each year. Global measles cases doubled between 2021 and 2022 and are continuing to surge in 2024, putting children's health and futures at risk. Fortunately, measles vaccines are effective and inexpensive. For only \$5, a child can receive the two doses they need to be protected against the disease for life. We need your help to get these lifesaving vaccines to children in low-resource countries, where they are urgently needed. Download the One-Page Flyer in the GFWC Digital Library by searching "Measles Mission." Learn how your club can helpat: <https://fundraise.unfoundation.org/campaign/gfwcs-measles-mission-with-shot-life/c579916>



*Living the Volunteer Spirit!*