



GFWC-OKLAHOMA NEWSLETTER

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GFWC-OKLAHOMA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

International Annual Convention
 June 7-9, 2025
 Atlanta, Georgia

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

GFWC-OKLAHOMA 126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

International Executive Officer Mary Beth Williams will be attending our state convention in Tulsa. Let's welcome her.



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IMPORTANT 2025 DATE

Initiative Goals Report

Due April 1, Report on the club year 2024-2025 (July-March) A Goals Initiative Form will be sent via email to Club Presidents by March 1. If you do not receive, check your junk/spam e mail or text Charlene. Complete the form and email or mail to GFWC-OK President Ridgway. Let's celebrate your club achievements!

Please inform all club members of our website and Facebook page.

Facebook: GFWC Oklahoma

Website: www.gfwc-ok.org

Send club photos with information on service and membership projects to social media administrator **Monica Bartling**.

GFWC-OK STATE PRESIDENT 2024-26 Initiative Goals

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

Goal: 36+; New Members: 32

Members join the bipartisan Legislative Action Center on GFWC's website during **2024-2026**. Be a voice for those who have no voice!

Goal: 50

14 have joined LAC; OK Total 33

GFWC-OKLAHOMA 126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Who: All GFWC-OK Membership, State Executive Officers, State District and Club Presidents, State Community Service Chairmen, State Special Committee Chairmen, Past State Presidents are invited to attend convention. See State Bylaws regarding Board of Directors meeting attendees. Dress business casual or dress comfortably--Your choice. **Each club is to bring one silent auction basket and one \$15-20 value Store or Restaurant Gift Card for door prize.**

Where: Downtown Tulsa, Oklahoma

Convention Date: Begins Friday, April 25, 6 p.m. with a banquet and ends Saturday, April 26, 3 p.m. or before.

Pre-Convention Lunch & Tour: Friday, April 25, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; We will tour the Bob Dylan & Woody Guthrie Centers and the Greenwood Rising Black Wall Street History Center. Wear GFWC Apparel if able.

Board of Directors Meeting: Friday, April 25, 4 p.m.

Convention Registration Fee: \$10 per attendee

Hotel: The Indigo Hotel, 121 S Elgin Avenue, Tulsa

Hotel Reservation: 918-779-4445

Hotel Block Code: GFWC-OK

Book by March 25, 2025, for the best room rate of \$129; Same rate if you plan to stay the 24th. **After March 25, the room rate is \$169;** Members who book early will have a **chance to win a GFWC-OK one night stay hotel convention room!** The drawing will be Friday night of convention.

Please let your state president know asap if your club has 50-year, 50 + (increment of 5) or 75-year members. She wants to list names in the convention program. Be specific on membership years. These members will be honored at convention.

2025 Club Milestone Anniversaries to be recognized: **Heeko, Monday Forum, and Cheyenne Platonic.** We wish to recognize and celebrate you at our state convention.

More information to follow in our 2025 Call to Convention & Registration.





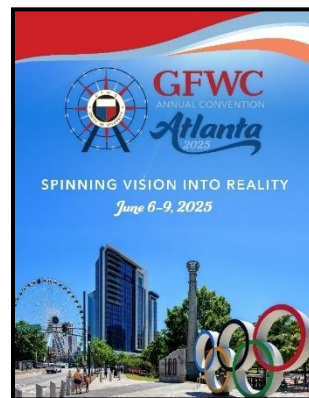
Save the Date!

GFWC-Texas extends a warm welcome to the **2025 South Central Region Conference September 4-7, 2025**, at the Courtyard by Marriott Riverwalk in beautiful San Antonio! The meeting room opens

directly out onto the Riverwalk. Experience the beautiful and historic city of the Alamo! Steeped in Spanish culture, visit the Alamo, the La Villita Historic Village, the Spanish Governor’s Palace, or the Market Square. Ride the Old Town Trolley to the King William District. And eat good Mexican food! It will be hot, but it will be a meeting that you will never forget! Club Presidents will be sent the registration information to share with club members.



We are thrilled to invite you to the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, **June 6-9**. Featuring renowned speakers, exciting tours, workshops, and business sessions during which key decisions will be made about the future of GFWC. Celebrate the unique bonds of GFWC members, together in the heart of Downtown Atlanta!



Register before March 13 for the best rates!



GFWC-OKLAHOMA

GFWC South Central Region Conference hosted by GFWC-Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, October 2024. GFWC-Presentations and GFWC-TX Fundraising for next year's SCR Conference, OKC National Guard, GFWC-AZ Fundraising for International Convention to be held in AZ in 2026, Past South Central Region June Ferguson, GFWC-Oklahoma on Oklahoma Night. Center seated are GFWC-OK State President Charlene Ridgway, GFWC International President Suellen Brazil, and GFWC International President-Elect Wendy Carriker, GFWC SCR Vice President Miriam Costilow, and Past GFWC SCR President Fleta Haskins.



GFWC-ARIZONA



GFWC-NEW MEXICO



GFWC-TEXAS



GFWC-ARKANSAS



GFWC-LOUISIANA

HONOR THE LEGACY - SUSTAIN THE FUTURE

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.

NEW INFORMATION UPDATE:

Many GFWC members have reached out for information about supporting the GFWC pledge of \$75,000 toward the Women's Suffrage National Monument.

GFWC has established a link in the homepage of the GFWC website. If you would like to contribute to its effort, please go to the home page of the GFWC website and click twice to the right arrow and you should be on the banner about the Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation. It includes the picture of the Executive Committee.



You will see the "Support Today" button. Your donation will be included in our total donations. This is a dedicated link for GFWC. The WSNMF also has a donate button. If any of our members go there, they will be asked to identify the organization to which they belong and GFWC is listed.

www.womensmonument.org

Be sure to mention GFWC!

GFWC has agreed to support the **Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation (WSNMF)** 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.



Children’s Advocacy Week is March 3-7, 2025, with Children’s Advocacy Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 5th! The Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy Day will be on Tuesday, March 11, at the Oklahoma State Capitol. “We not only provide answers for issues facing children, but we also hold a chili cook-off in the parking lot which allows child-serving programs to network with lawmakers and offer solutions.”

Done-in-a-Day Project
126th
Annual State Convention



ST. JUDE AFFILIATE CLINIC AT THE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL AT SAINT FRANCIS, TULSA, OK

BRING TOYS FOR CANCER PATIENT CHILDREN—I WILL ATTACH THE HOSPITAL WISH LIST TO THE CALL TO CONVENTION.

WISH LIST TOP TEN: (NEW ITEMS)

LEGO SETS, CRAYOLA CRAFT SUPPLIES, PLAY-DOH, INFANT TOYS, TEEN GIFTS (NAIL POLISH/JOURNALS, ETC), INFANT TOYS, LIGHT UP & MUSICAL TOYS, PLASTIC TOYS, CARS/DOLLS, CRAFT AND STEM KITS

Most focus areas have a month that is considered their “advocacy” month. Many GFWC programs may be emphasized during established advocacy months. These can be used to plan for your club year.

January: Human Trafficking – Blue
Stalking Awareness Month - Yellow

February: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month - Orange

April: Child Abuse Awareness Month – Blue;
Sexual Assault Awareness Month – Teal
(Campus, Military, Native American)

May: Missing & Murdered Indigenous Person Awareness Day – Red hand over mouth (May 5)
Mental Health Awareness - Green

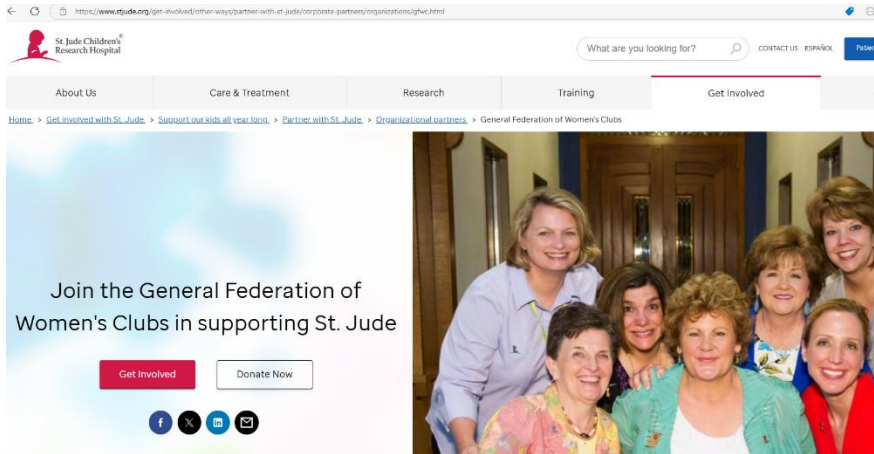
June: Elder Abuse Awareness Month - Purple

September: National Suicide Prevention Month - (Purple & Teal)

October: Domestic Violence Month – Purple;
National Bullying Prevention Month - Blue

November: Native American Heritage Month – Red;
Veteran’s Day/Military Sexual Assault (Nov 11)

Please Support our GFWC Affiliates:



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.

Please note the following on the memo line of check: **GFWC**

Shot@Life Measles Campaign

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 going forward. Measles kills more than 136,000 people, mostly unvaccinated children, each year. Global measles cases have doubled and continued to surge in 2024. For only \$5, a child can receive the two doses they need to be **protected against measles 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 help at: <https://fundraise.unfoundation.org/campaign/gfwcs-measles-mission-with-shot-life/c579916>

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: JANE CUNNINGHAM CROLY AWARD

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025



NOMINATE A JOURNALIST IN YOUR COMMUNITY FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS JANE CUNNINGHAM CROLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE CROLY AWARD, TO RECOGNIZE THEIR MERITS IN JOURNALISM!

THIS HIGHLY COVETED GFWC AWARD IS PRESENTED BIENNIALLY TO A JOURNALIST WHO EMBODIES THE CORE ESSENCE OF JANE CROLY'S SPIRIT OF ADVOCACY BY ADDRESSING ISSUE OF WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Jane Cunningham Croly, Professional Journal & GFWC Founder

THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE 2025 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION, JUNE 7-9, IN ATLANTA, WITH ROOM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES FULLY COVERED. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE FORM.](#)

GFWC-OKLAHOMA 2023

STATISTICAL REPORTING FOR 17 of our 18 GFWC Oklahoma Clubs

2023-2024 STATE STATISTICAL FORMS				
SUMMARY OF 18 CLUBS with 17 REPORTING				
GFWC SPECIAL PROGRAMS	Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations
GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM	27	432	\$ 4,820.00	\$ 6,370.00
GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM				
GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM	Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations
ARTS AND CULTURE	49	9,293	\$ 55,981.00	\$ 3,905.00
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH	82	9,452	\$ 143,716.00	\$ 15,338.00
EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES	67	4,889	\$ 82,594.00	\$ 7,512.00
ENVIRONMENT	52	3,045	\$ 8,548.00	\$ 4,210.00
HEALTH AND WELLNESS	83	19,231	\$ 42,587.00	\$ 8,716.00
Total Special and Community Service Programs	360	46,342	\$ 338,246.00	\$ 46,051.00
STATE ADVANCEMENT PLANS				
		Number of	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Spent
COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS		17	114	\$ 1,600.00
LEADERSHIP		9	580	\$ -
LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY		1	2	\$ -
MEMBERSHIP		2	27	\$ 100.00
Total State Advancement Plans		29	723	\$ 1,700.00
FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT				
		Number of	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Raised
FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT		15	793	\$ 48,312.00
WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER				
	Number of Proje	Volunteer H	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations
WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER			-	\$ -
EPILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)				
			Volunteer Hours	Books Read
EPILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)			-	232

2024 OKLAHOMA STATS WILL BE REVEALED AT OUR CONVENTION

GFWC clubs around the globe educate and empower club woman and make positive and long-lasting impacts on our communities.

WE ARE GFWC.

HOW LARGE IS GFWC'S IMPACT?

We have 60,000 + members in affiliated clubs in every state and 2,600 volunteer clubs across the globe. GFWC was founded in 1890 and has been promoting and living the volunteer spirit for more than 100 years.

2023 GFWC Special Project Statistics

Projects Completed – **7,829**
Volunteer Hours Completed – **703,907**
Dollars Donated – **\$4,857,818**
In Kind Donations – **\$1,980,287**

2023 GFWC Community Service Statistics

Projects Completed – **44,807**
Volunteer Hours Completed – **2,588,591**
Dollars Donated – **\$10,605,862**
In Kind Donations – **\$8,468,271**

2023 GFWC Advancement Area Statistics

Projects Completed – **43,300**
Volunteer Hours Completed – **2,861,859**
Dollars Donated – **\$2,774,266**
In Kind Donations – **\$80,717**



Living the Volunteer Spirit!