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OKLAHOMA

**2024 - 2026
GFWC-OKLAHOMA
YEARBOOK**

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LETTER FROM OUR GFWC PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

With great enthusiasm, I extend my welcome to the 2024-2026 administration. I am honored to serve as your 55th GFWC International President during this pivotal period. Together, we are on the brink of a new era. I know we stand together and are ready to amplify our collective impact and push the boundaries of service in our communities and beyond.

Service and personal development have been central to our mission for 134 years. Through these, lies the concept of the “circle of influence” – a dynamic sphere within which our actions radiate outward, touching lives and effecting change. Within this circle, as symbolized on our emblem, we find our power to transform, uplift, and inspire. As members of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, each of us occupies a unique position within this circle, endowed with the capacity to enact meaningful change and to leave an indelible mark upon the world.

In the spirit of transformation, I’m sure you will join me as we endeavor to reimagine the landscape of service, surpassing traditional boundaries and embracing innovation. Harness the full potential of our combined resources and expertise to address the pressing issues of our time. By challenging ourselves to think creatively and act boldly, we can unlock new avenues for progress and effect a lasting footprint within our communities.

Under the banner of “**Educate, Engage, Empower,**” let us strive to empower individuals from all walks of life, equipping them with the tools and knowledge needed to shape our destiny. With education, we unlock the doors of opportunity and foster a culture of continued learning. Increased engagement forges meaningful connections and cultivates a sense of belonging. Empowerment emboldens others to become agents of change, amplifying the reach and impact of our united efforts.

As we step into this new administration, our Strategic Plan has been meticulously crafted to guide our focused efforts. Our leaders have prepared the Club Manual, a treasure trove of ideas, tools, and tips for grassroots involvement. Take full advantage of this powerful resource that can aid in our growth and development.

Together, as we embark on this new chapter, hold fast to the values that define our organization - camaraderie, collaboration, and commitment to changing lives. Celebrate our diversity of perspectives and experiences, recognizing that it is through our differences that we find our strength. Above all, let us be mindful of the profound potential within each of us to reimagine what can become.

Together In Living the Volunteer Spirit,

Suellen B. Brazil
GFWC International President



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Physician and Historian Luke wrote. *“And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”* Acts 20:35



Welcome to the GFWC South Central Region Conference Debbie Thomas, SCR President

Dear Club Members,

What an honor and privilege to serve with you in our South Central Region. I wish to celebrate all that you and your clubs have accomplished in your community! Your volunteer hours and projects have benefitted so many.

I look forward to working with our International President Suellen Brazil, 2024-2026 whose theme is "Educate, Engage and Empower".

There are so many things to anticipate as we begin our new Club Year. I hope you will explore the new GFWC Manual - Looking at our Community Service Programs, Day of Service and our Partnerships like, UNICEF, Shot @ Life, Canine Companions, Heifer International, March of Dimes, St. Jude's, and our newest affiliate, Alzheimer's Association.

Mark your SCR Calendar for September 4-7, 2025 San Antonio, TX. My theme for the 2024-2026 administration is our own GFWC **#Living the Volunteer Spirit!**

I hope your clubs are excited as I am at all the ways our new logo is print ready and easily accessible for all your club use. It is up to date and clearly defines who we are and there is a section of your GFWC Manual for any questions you have concerning its use.

If you need to contact me, please text me or call 479 651 0810 (Central Time Zone). I will happily answer or call you back asap.

The heart of a Volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.

God Bless,

Debbie Thomas

South Central Region President



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Welcome to the **2024-2026 GFWC-OK Leadership Team!** Congratulations on being elected to serve as your Club or District President! This is an honor for you. I am honored to serve as your 60th GFWC-Oklahoma President. I will serve to the full extent of my energy and abilities, working hand in hand with all of you. Oklahoma is stronger and more vibrant when state members work together toward a common goal. Please join me in embracing the fellowship, leadership, and service opportunities that will be ours over the next two years. Your club volunteerism and contributions will fund compelling initiatives in our state. I want to encourage you to attend one or both International Conventions during your two-year administration. Not only is it educational and beneficial to your club, it's also fun, and you meet federated sisters from all states and our world.

"Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others." (Jack Welch) My goal for GFWC-Oklahoma is to continue strengthening our leadership to ensure the future and sustainability of our state organization. My hope is to **educate** leaders who follow us so that they do better than us.

History is important, but we must live in the present and look to the future as we continue to make a difference in the lives of others through our actions within our state communities. We must remind ourselves that we are the keepers of GFWC and GFWC-Oklahoma History and Legacy. We stand on the shoulders of women before us. I want to thank each of you for bringing significance to the lives of others! We are Oklahoma Strong!

Communication is key! My goal is to get our state organization name and mission out there! I have created a membership booklet with a PowerPoint presentation for your use. Gaining new members and nurturing existing members is essential. Each member shares her talents, gifts, and strengths to help further our mission of community impact. We are role models to prospective members and the younger generation who follow.

The common bond of passion, compassion, service, and philanthropy connects us all, no matter how young or old we are or where we live. It's through educating, giving, and sharing that we discover its true joy or reward to the heart. Our new International President, Suellen Brazil, has selected the theme, "Educate, Engage, and Empower." Please take time to read her letter. Although our GFWC Signature Program of Domestic Abuse Awareness and Prevention continues to be important at all levels of our organization, my focus is **Advocating for Children—their mental, behavioral and physical health and safety**. One in five Oklahoma children suffer from mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety. Oklahoma's suicide rate is among the worst in the nation. Hope is Rising in Oklahoma. Oklahoma is stepping up and so should our organization!

Thank you for placing your trust in me. Together, let's prepare for two years that will take us to new heights where we can soar together and celebrate our achievements.

Love in Federation,

Charlene C. Ridgway
GFWC-OK President

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GFWC-OKLAHOMA – Federated in 1898

State President's Motto

Together We Serve, Together We Grow, Together We Succeed

Theme

“Advocate in a way that will positively impact society and that will lead others to join you because, where passion and compassion meet action, lives change.” **Charlene Ridgway**

Bless the Beasts and Children

Song by the Carpenters

Songwriters: Barry De Vorzon, Perry L Botkin

Bless the beasts and the children
For in this world they have no voice
They have no choice...
Light their way
When the darkness surrounds them
Give them love
Let it shine all around them
Bless the beasts and the children
Give them shelter from the storm
Keep them safe
Keep them warm
Light their way...
Bless the beasts and the children



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DATES TO REMEMBER

2024 - 126th Year	
August 10	GFWC-OK Leadership Training, Guthrie, OK
September 21	Southwest/Central District Meeting, Cheyenne, OK
September 28	GFWC National Day of Service (Food Insecurity & Hunger)
October 1	Send Club Yearbooks to State President & Treasurer
October 10-13	GFWC South Central Region Conference, OKC, OK
October 20-26	Advocates for Children's Week
November 9	Southeast District Meeting, Hugo, OK
November 12	Northeast District Meeting, Tulsa, OK
November 1	Send Member Dues to State Treasurer Online Fillable Forms are available at gfwc-ok.org
December 1	State Dues to Treasurer Deadline Date
2025 - 127th Year	
January 31	Volunteer Hours Report Cover Sheet Due Club Statistics & Narrative Reports Due Online Fillable Forms are available at gfwc-ok.org
February 1	Club Membership Report Due Annual Officer Election Report Due (Year 2024-2025) Online Fillable Forms are available at gfwc-ok.org
February 15	LEADS Candidate Application Deadline Date
March 5	GFWC Women's History Celebration
April 25 & 26	GFWC-Oklahoma Convention, Tulsa, OK
April 20-26 April 24	GFWC Volunteers in Action Week GFWC Federation Day > 135th Year!
June 5 - 9	GFWC 2025 Annual Convention Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center Atlanta, Georgia / \$234 Room Rate

2025	
June 5	GFWC Annual Convention Tours
June 6 June 7	LEADS (Leadership, Education, & Development Seminar) LEADS Graduate Breakfast
September 4-6	South Central Region Conference, San Antonio, TX
September (TBA)	Southwest/Central District Meeting
September 27	GFWC National Day of Service (Food Insecurity & Hunger)
October 1	Send Club Yearbook to State President & Treasurer
October 19-25	Advocates for Children's Week
October (TBA)	Northeast District Meeting
November (TBA)	Southeast District Meeting
November 1	Send Dues to State Treasurer Online Fillable Forms are available at gfwc-ok.org
December 1	State Dues to Treasurer Deadline Date
2026 – 128th Year	
January 8 - 11	2026-2028 GFWC Administration Orientation
January 31	Volunteer Hours Report Cover Sheet Due Club Statistics & Narrative Reports Due Online Fillable Forms are available at gfwc-ok.org
February 1	Club Membership Report Due Annual Officer Election Report Due (2025-2026) Online Fillable Forms are available at gfwc-ok.org
February 15	LEADS Candidate Application Deadline Date
April 24 & 25	GFWC-Oklahoma Convention
April 19 – 25 April 24	GFWC Volunteers in Action Week GFWC Federation Day
June 25 – 29	GFWC 2026 Annual Convention Westin Kierland Resort & Spa Scottsdale, Arizona / \$229 Room Rate
June 25	GFWC Annual Convention Tours
June 26 June 27	LEADS (Leadership, Education, & Development Seminar) LEADS Graduate Breakfast
July 4	250 th Birthday UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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GFWC-OKLAHOMA LEADERSHIP

National Level

Washington, D.C. Headquarters

Region Level

GFWC South Central Region

Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

State Level

GFWC-Oklahoma



District Level

North Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest/Central

Local Level

Our GFWC-Oklahoma Clubs

Award Categories based on State Membership Totals (July 1, 2024)

Category	Total Membership	Number of States
Category 1	1,600 or More	9 States
Category 2	1,000 to 1,599	9 States
Category 3	500 to 999	11 States
Category 4	230 to 499	10 States
Category 5	229 or less	12 States

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." **Helen Keller**



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2024-2026 AWARD CATEGORIES

AWARD CATEGORIES BASED ON
 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF JULY 1, 2024

CATEGORY 1

1,600 members or more

- California
- Florida
- New Jersey
- Illinois
- Virginia
- North Carolina
- Texas
- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia

CATEGORY 2

1,000-1,599 members

- Georgia
- Wisconsin
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Alabama
- Tennessee
- Connecticut
- South Carolina
- Missouri

CATEGORY 3

500-999 members

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Maryland | Delaware |
| Mississippi | New Hampshire |
| Massachusetts | Minnesota |
| Arizona | Iowa |
| Ohio | Montana |
| New York | |

CATEGORY 4

230-499 members

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| Wyoming | Washington |
| Nebraska | Louisiana |
| Oklahoma | Indiana |
| Maine | New Mexico |
| Kansas | Arkansas |

CATEGORY 5

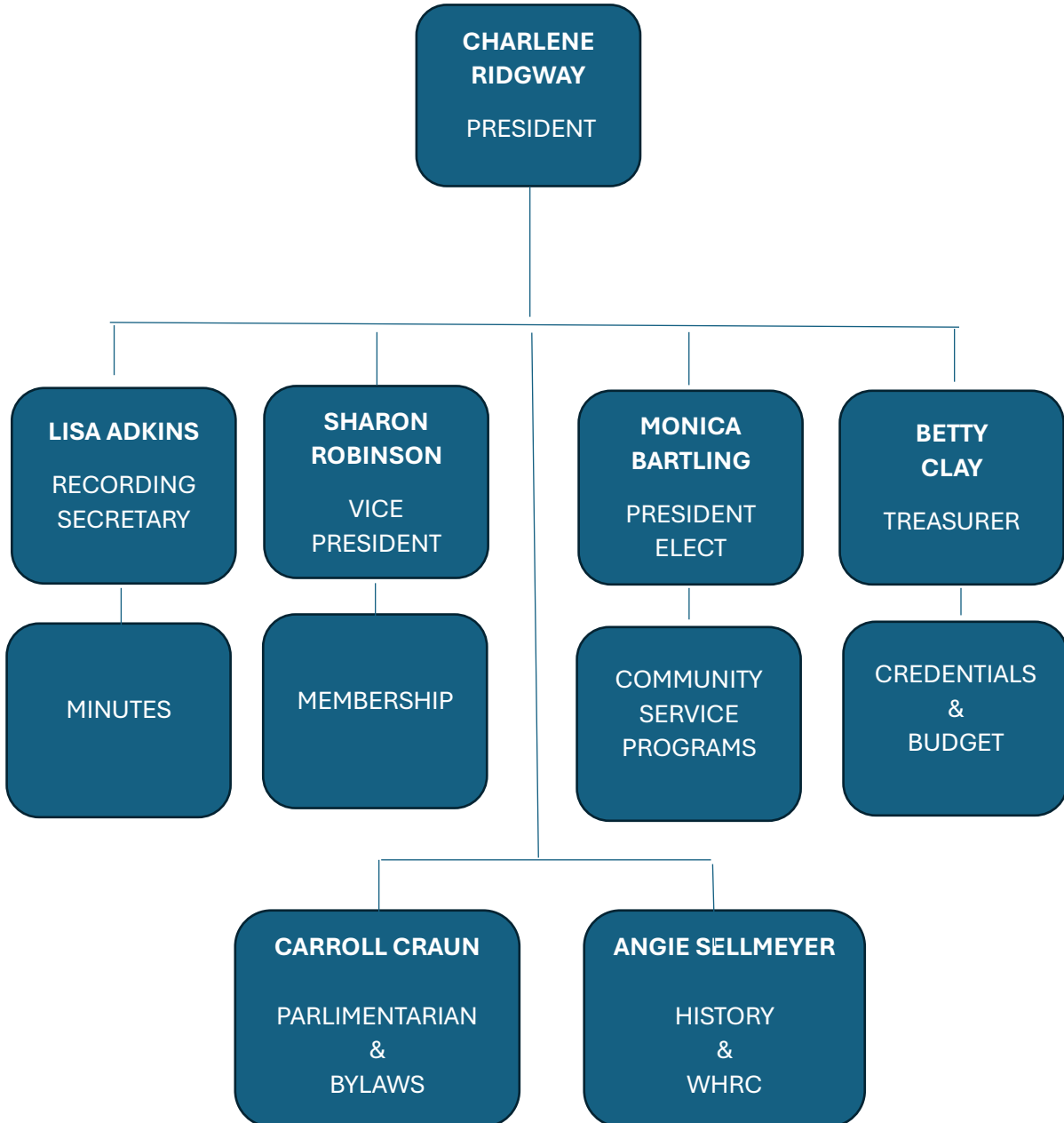
229 members or less

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| Colorado | South Dakota |
| Rhode Island | North Dakota |
| Oregon | Idaho |
| Nevada | Alaska |
| Vermont | District of Columbia* |
| Utah | Hawaii |

**Eligible to submit
 awards entries upon
 establishment of a
 Federation.*



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PSP denotes Past State President

DUES AND FINANCES

The fiscal year for GFWC-Oklahoma shall be from July 1 through June 30; our **January** reporting for International will be from January 1 to December 31 the previous year. January 2025 report is for reporting Jan-Dec 2024 year.

Annual dues are payable to the State Treasurer preferably by November 1 but are due on or before **December 1** each club year. Her report is due to International in February. Dues are **\$20** per active member or Member-at-Large. The State Treasurer divides the dues per member as follows: \$15 to International for GFWC membership, \$4 to State, \$1 to District.



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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

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NORTHEAST DISTRICT (14 COUNTIES): Osage, Washington, Nowata, Craig, Ottawa, Tulsa, Rogers, Hays, Delaware, Wagoner, Cherokee, Adair, Muskogee, Sequoyah

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT (14 COUNTIES): Grant, Kay, Garfield, Noble, Pawnee, Kingfisher, Logan, Payne, Creek, Canadian, Oklahoma, Lincoln, Okfuskee, Okmulgee

NORTHWEST DISTRICT (11 COUNTIES): Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper, Woods, Alfalfa, Ellis, Woodward, Major, Dewey, Blain

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT (16 COUNTIES): McIntosh, Haskell, Pittsburg, Latimer, LeFlore, Atoka, Pushmataha, McCurtain, Bryan, Coal, Choctaw, Hughes, Pontotoc, Marshall, Murray, Johnston

SOUTHWEST/CENTRAL DISTRICT (22 COUNTIES): Grady, McClain, Cleveland, Pottawatomie, Seminole, Garvin, Stephens, Carter, Jefferson, Love, Roger Mills, Custer, Beckham, Washita, Caddo, Greer, Kiowa, Harmon, Jackson, Tillman, Comanche, Cotton



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“The Greatest Contribution of a Leader is to Make Other Leaders.” -Simon Sinek

“Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.”-Jack Welch

NORTHEAST DISTRICT CLUBS AND OFFICERS

<p>HEEKO CLUB (PAWHUSKA) Federated: 1915 & 1935 Total Members: 12 Meetings: 2nd Monday Sept – May 11:00 AM</p>	<p>President Debbie Reed P.O. Box 695 Pawhuska, OK 74056 C: 918-607-9856 E: debbiejreed51@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Treasurer Paula Rabb P.O. Box 82 Pawhuska, OK 74056 C: 918-740-8411 E: pkrabb@hotmail.com</p>
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NORTHWEST DISTRICT

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“When you were made a leader, you weren’t given a crown; you were given the responsibility to bring out the best in others.” -Jack Welch

“Progress is fueled by the undying belief that the future is bright.” -Simon Sinek

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT CLUBS AND OFFICERS

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<p>THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB OF MCALESTER Federated: 1904 Total Members: 56 Meetings: Monthly Departments 1st Monday > Arts & Crafts 2nd Wednesday > Literary 3rd Tuesday > Casual Gourmet</p>	<p>President Brenda Calahan 532 E. Morris Avenue McAlester, OK 74501 C: 918-916-0947 E: brendacalahan@gmail.com</p>	<p>Treasurer Tonya Ettner 1420 Timber Lane McAlester, OK 74501 C: 918-420-5524 E: tonya@ettner.com</p>



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SOUTHWEST/CENTRAL DISTRICT CLUBS AND OFFICERS

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<p>CHEYENNE SOROSIS CLUB Federated: 1949 Total Members: 32 Meetings: 1st & 3rd Monday Oct – May 6:00 PM</p>	<p>President Ashley Martindale P.O. Box 1222 Cheyenne, OK 73628 C:405-837-0411 ashleymartindale15@gmail.com</p>	<p>Treasurer Glenna Kirk 19450 E. 1100 Road Elk City, OK 73644 C: 580-497-7197 glennak48@gmail.com</p>
<p>OWL CLUB (DUNCAN) Federated: 1919 Total Members: 10 Meetings: 1st Thursday Sept – May 1:30 PM</p>	<p>President Virginia LaQuey 795 Woodside Drive Duncan, OK 73533 C: 580-467-3976 E: v1laquey@gmail.com</p>	<p>Treasurer Beth Liles 1002 Primrose Street Duncan, OK 73533 P: 580-255-7928 E: lbeth321@sbcglobal.net</p>
<p>PHILOMATHIC CLUB OF ANADARKO Federated: 1899 Total Members: 22 Meetings: 3rd Tuesday Sept – May 1:30 PM</p>	<p>President Anita Akin 705 W. Virginia Anadarko, OK 73005 C: 405-606-1760 E: neetandgene@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>Treasurer Sherry Shenold 38123 CS 2650 Anadarko, OK 73005 H: 405-933-0258 E: sherryshenold@gmail.com</p>
<p>PHILOMATHIC CLUB OF DUNCAN Federated: 1919 Total Members: 24 Meetings: 1st Tuesday Sept-May 6:30 PM</p>	<p>President Nancy Roop 1602 Timbercreek Drive Duncan, OK 73533 C: 580-467-0818 E: nancyroop09@gmail.com</p>	<p>Treasurer Caren Morris 7808 Clear Creek Road Duncan, OK 73533 C: 580-656-6174 E: carenmorris72@yahoo.com</p>
<p>SULPHUR SOROSIS CLUB Federated: 1907 Total Members: 17 Meetings: 2nd Thursday Aug – May 11:30 AM</p>	<p>President Donna John 1226 W. Tahlequah Avenue Sulphur, OK 73086 H: 580-622-8394 C: 580-618-0788 E: daybreakdj@brightok.net</p>	<p>Treasurer Donna John 1226 W. Tahlequah Avenue Sulphur, OK 73086 H: 580-622-8394 C: 580-618-0788 E: daybreakdj@brightok.net</p>
<p>WAURIKA SOROSIS CLUB Federated: 1919 Total Members: 37 Meetings: 3rd Friday monthly 1:00 PM</p>	<p>President Ginger Fitzgerald 605 N. Pine Street Waurika, OK 73573 C: 580-512-9783 E: fitzgeraldoil2@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Treasurer Joanna Dyer 7680 E. 1950 Road Waurika, OK 73573 C: 580-313-0700 E: dyermail@sbcglobal.net</p>
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<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE President-Elect Monica Bartling Chairman Betty Clay Member</p>	<p>LEGISLATIVE/RESOLUTION COMMITTEE Legislative – Two Members per Bylaws Resolution – Three Members per Bylaws</p>
<p>BYLAWS COMMITTEE President-Elect Monica Bartling Parliamentarian Carroll Craun Member</p>	<p>NOMINATING COMMITTEE Five Members Elected Odd Year - 2025</p>
<p>CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE Chairman Caroll Craun Treasurer Betty Clay Corresponding Secretary per Bylaws</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Chairman Sharon Robinson All District Membership Chairmen All Past State Presidents</p>



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2024-2026 OKLAHOMA SPECIAL PROJECTS CHAIRMEN

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Attention Club & District Presidents:
 Please send club pictures and information to Monica for our state website.

CLUB PRESIDENT REPORTS

REPORT (Based on Jan-Dec Calendar Year)	DEADLINE DATE
Annual Club Treasurer's Report	December 1
Annual Club Statistical Report	January 31
Annual Club Narrative Reports	January 31
Community Impact Award	January 31
Annual Membership Report	February 1
Annual Club Election Form	February 1
Club LEADS Candidate	February 15



THE BRIDGE TO PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Ten of the Most Common Errors in Parliamentary Procedure

1. *"The Secretary will read the minutes of the 'Last' meeting.* If the "last" meeting was the LAST meeting you would not be meeting today. Preferred term: "The Secretary will read the minutes of the (date) meeting" or "the previous meeting."
2. *"Are their corrections or additions to the minutes?"* An addition is a correction. More properly asked, "Are their corrections to the Minutes?" "Hearing none the minutes are approved as read.
3. *"Are their corrections to the Treasurer's report?"* The assembly does not have access to the Treasurer's records; therefore they are unable to know if all is correct. The Treasurer gives his report; the Presiding Officers asks if there are questions regarding the statement of the Treasurer. If there are none, he simply states the statement is filed or filed for audit.
4. *"I move to accept the Treasurer's report."* No motion is needed to accept the statement of the Treasurer. The report is filed.
5. *"Is there any 'Old' business?"* If the business is "OLD" there is no need to discuss it any more. The proper term is "unfinished." The Presiding Officer does not ask, "Is there any unfinished business?" He will know this from the minutes of the previous meeting and will have it so listed on his agenda.
6. *"I so move."* What are you moving? What does the Secretary write as to what the motion was? Correct way to state a motion, "Mr. Chairman, I move" that ...and state the action desired.
7. *"Opposed same sign."* Proper way to call a motion: "All in favor say 'aye' ...all opposed, 'no'." The motion carries and we will do (whatever the motion stated) or the motion is lost and we will not do (what the motion stated).
8. *Presiding Officer states, "I will now TURN the meeting over to the Program Chairman."* The Presiding Officer recognizes the Program Chairman who will introduce the program. Or say, (name of person) will present the program today. The Presiding Officer does not TURN the meeting over to the one offering the opening prayer, a committee chairman giving a report, an honored guest, not anyone, unless he wishes to relinquish his chair to speak to a motion. At this point the next officer in line will preside.
9. *"Pass Out."* How often do you hear, "I am going to PASS OUT this material?" We don't want you to "PASSOUT!" More properly, DISTRIBUTE the material.
10. *"Respectfully submitted."* The Secretary does not sign the minutes, "Respectfully Submitted." The minutes are signed (Secretary's name), Secretary.



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2024 GFWC SOUTH CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE — OCTOBER 11-12, 2024



OKLAHOMA CITY

Sheraton Hotel Downtown/Bricktown
1-800-325-3535 and give the operator the group code: CG8 GFWC South Central
Board of Directors Meeting & Dinner — October 10
Tour the NEW First American's Museum (FAM), Lunch and Activity October 11
Opening Ceremony & Dinner — October 11
Meeting, Dinner & Closing Ceremony — October 12 starting
Meet your International & Regional Officers and Learn what's new with GFWC

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GFWC-Oklahoma Club Presidents



Chris Calvert
Cheyenne Platonic Club
(Cheyenne)



Ashley Martindale
Cheyenne Sorosis Club
(Cheyenne)



Debbie Reed
Heeko Club
(Pawhuska)



Metra Christofferson
Hugo Inter Se Club
(Hugo)



Marilyn Inselman
Ladies Tuesday Afternoon
Club (Perry)



Debbie Fink
La-Kee-Kon Club
(Nowata)



Brenda Calahan
McAlester Fortnightly
Club (McAlester)



Peggy Rains
Monday Forum Club
(Pryor)



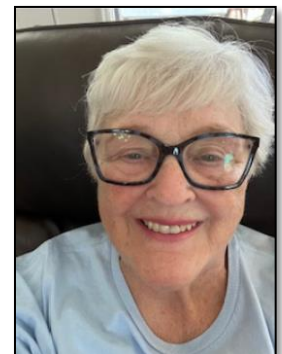
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Owl Club
(Duncan)



Corrie Buchanan
Pa-A-Linn Club
(Haskell)



Anita Akin
Philomathic Club
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Nancy Roop
Philomathic Club
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Donna John
Sulphur Sorosis Club
(Sulphur)



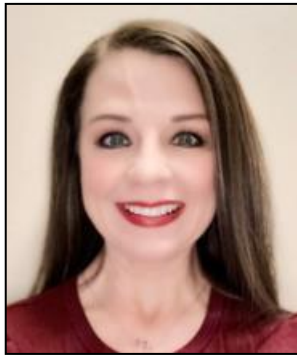
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The Fortnightly Club
(Durant)



Joan Ludlum
The Silver Foxes Club
(Tulsa)



Karen Inman
Tishomingo's Daughters
Club (Tishomingo)



Rebecca Birchfield
Twentieth Century
Club (Antlers)



Ginger Fitzgerald
Waurika Sorosis Club
(Waurika)

"The best leaders are also the best followers. They follow a purpose, cause, or belief bigger than themselves." -[Simon Sinek](#)

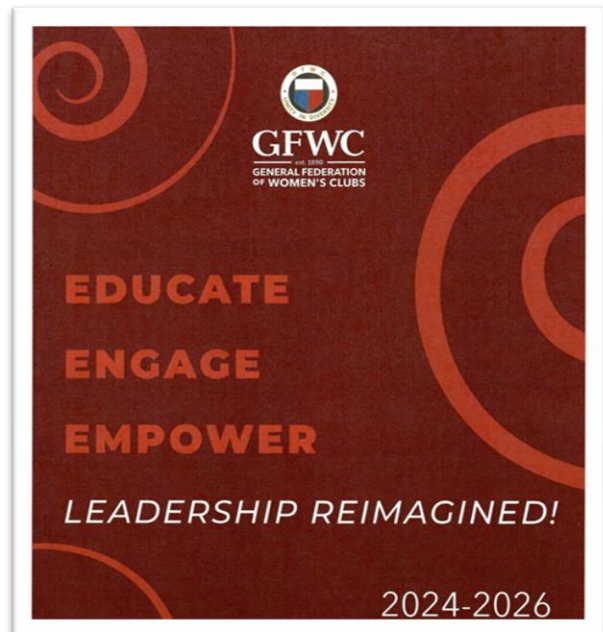
Here's to
STRONG WOMEN
May we KNOW them.
May we BE them.
May we RAISE them.

*Thank
you*

FOR SERVING AS A GFWC-OKLAHOMA
CLUB PRESIDENT!

"The best way to find yourself is to
lose yourself in the service of
others."

— [Mahatma Gandhi](#)



Special Programs and Community Service Programs

GFWC has launched its five new Community Service Programs to build upon the difference that the Federation has collectively made throughout the United States—and across the globe. The Community Service Programs and Special Programs have been re-structured to help clubs light a path for the future and better address the current and upcoming needs of its communities.

Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

The Signature Program’s goal is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of violence against women in communities across the nation—and the globe. Areas of focus include Intimate Partner Violence, Child Abuse, Teen Dating Violence, Campus Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse, Violence Against Native American Women, Military Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking.



Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children

GFWC Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children is designed to encourage all woman’s, Junior Woman’s, Juniorette, and International Affiliate Clubs to make a difference in the life of a child by being an advocate. The Program was envisioned as a way for clubwomen to provide a voice for children and to teach and encourage parents and other caregivers to advocate for children at the grassroots level.



Arts and Culture Community Service Program

The GFWC Arts and Culture Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support art and cultural programs in their clubs and communities, and to expand understanding on every level, from local and regional to national and international. Our goal is to create projects that include crafts, dance, drama, food, music, and other manifestations of art and culture that develop skills, awareness, and appreciation. It is designed to inspire clubwomen and ignite within them a desire to make the world a more beautiful, thoughtful, and caring place.



Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program

The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program reminds GFWC members that each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community—locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. This Community Service Program highlights and encourages citizenship; crime prevention, safety, and disaster preparedness; the needy, hungry, and homeless; and our military personnel and veterans.



Education and Libraries Community Service Program

We aim to help others, while we also continue to learn. Projects in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities. These projects promote libraries, literacy, and the love of a good book. Through these efforts, we encourage the growth of individuals and communities at home and around the world.



Environment Community Service Program

The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world’s resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, and beautify our communities and enjoy nature. Environmental degradation is cumulative, and many scientists warn that we are at a tipping point. There is no time like the present to act.



Health and Wellness Community Service Program

The human body, mind, and spirit comprise our health and wellness. To improve our well-being, we must address three key components: nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care. This Community Service Program aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.



Resources: The guides for each Community Service Program and Special Program are available for download in the [GFWC Member Portal](#) under GFWC Resources.

GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)



The GFWC Leadership Education and Development (LEADS) Seminar program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. It is a full day of activities and includes breakfast and lunch. Each graduating class receives a certificate and a LEADS pin. International and State both reimburse the LEADS graduate a portion of the cost for attending this seminar. Each year, graduates may attend the annual breakfast to reunite with their graduating classmates.

Application and Selection Process

Each State Federation and International Affiliate may select one LEADS attendee annually.

LEADS Candidate: Return the LEADS application form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members to your State Federation by the state application deadline. If your state has a form, use that instead. The LEADS application form is available in the [GFWC Member Portal](#) in the LEADS Application and Information subfolder under L in the Digital Library.

State President or Leadership Chairman: Your chosen LEADS Candidate's application form and photo is due to GFWC Second Vice President Mary Beth Williams and Leadership Chairman Ann Landis by March 15, 2023.

Criteria for LEADS Participation

It is highly recommended that each State Federation LEADS candidate meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project or committee chairman.
- Exhibits a commitment to the Federation.
- Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved.
- Demonstrates leadership characteristics, including, but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility.
- Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in GFWC.
- Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the State Federation.
- Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation.

- Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level (this criterion is highly recommended, but not required, to encourage potential leaders at the club level to apply).
- Has not attended a previous LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend only once.
- Agrees to make every effort to attend the Fall GFWC Region Conference to report on their LEADS experience.
- Must be a member of a per capita dues paying club, or a delegate of an International Affiliate as noted in the Expenses section below.

Expenses Paid By GFWC

GFWC demonstrates its commitment to training leaders by funding a portion of the expenses of candidates who are members of per capita dues paying clubs. State Federations may consider underwriting a portion of an attendee's expenses. LEADS candidates are asked to be responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment to leadership development and training. LEADS participants are responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements.

State Federation Attendees:

- **Transportation and lodging stipend of \$325.00.**
- **Lunch during the LEADS program (no registration fee is required).**

Checks will be distributed to candidates upon completion of the seminar.

Expenses Paid By GFWC-OKLAHOMA

GFWC-Oklahoma also demonstrates its commitment to training leaders by funding a portion of the expenses of Oklahoma candidates who are members of per capita dues paying clubs. Our Oklahoma attendee shall be allowed **\$300** for attending LEADS at International Convention. A check will be distributed to our State LEADS candidate upon completion of the seminar.

Membership Grants

GFWC grants are available to clubs to assist with recruitment efforts and to State Federations to assist in the development of a new membership recruitment project/campaign at the state level. Designated for each GFWC fiscal year, which begins July 1 and ends June 30, GFWC offers \$50 to clubs for member recruitment programs and \$100 to State Federations for new state-level membership projects/campaigns.

To apply, download the Membership Grant Application for clubs or State Federations by logging into the Member Portal at www.GFWC.org/MemberPortal. Click on the profile icon in the upper right-hand corner of the screen and select "My Digital Library" from the dropdown menu. The forms can then be found in the "M" Resources folder.

Return the form to GFWC at least 45 days prior to the event. GFWC will award no more than one grant per club or State Federation per GFWC fiscal year. If you have any questions or need help accessing the grant application, contact GFWC@GFWC.org or call 202-347-3168.

Grants, Awards, Contests

GFWC gives awards for outstanding achievements on an annual or biennial basis at our Annual Convention. Awards are given to clubs and State Federations to recognize their efforts in the program and partnership areas within each [GFWC Community Service Program](#) and [Special Program](#). In addition to the GFWC Community Service Program and Special Program awards, GFWC provides awards to recognize individual member accomplishments, club activities, and community improvement efforts.

Community Improvement Program Award

Our longest standing project, the Community Improvement Program Award is the heart and soul of GFWC and aims to meet the needs of individual communities. The Community Improvement Program Award provides a vision for the future of the relationships between clubs and their communities. [You can download the Community Improvement Program Award Entry Form from the Club Manual.](#)

National CIP Awards

First Place	\$5,000
Second Place	\$3,500
Third Place	\$2,500
Fourth Place	\$1,500
Fifth Place	\$500
International Affiliate Award	\$250
Total National Monetary Awards	\$13,250

GFWC State Awards

First Place	\$50
Second Place	\$35
Third Place	\$25
Total Per State	\$110
Total for 50 State Federations	\$5,610

GFWC Jennie Award



The GFWC Jennie Award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. They are chosen by their clubs to compete at state, region, and national levels for their outstanding personal commitment to club, community, and family.

The GFWC Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym, "Jennie June." The award highlights those extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. Although GFWC has many awards for states and clubs, the GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence. In fact, it is the highest honor bestowed by GFWC.

Croly Award

The Jane Cunningham Croly Award for Excellence in Journalism Covering Issues of Concern to Women recognizes journalists who best capture the courage, vision, and spirit of Jane Cunningham Croly. Jane Cunningham Croly was a pioneering journalist who devoted her life to helping women improve their lives and expand their rights. The Croly Award winner must demonstrate a concern for the rights and the advancement of women in our society; an awareness of women's sensitivity, strength, and courage; and/or an attempt to counteract existing sexism.

Charlotte Emerson Brown Award



CHARLOTTE EMERSON BROWN, our first President (1890-1894), shown at the end of her administration.

The Charlotte Emerson Brown Award for Excellence in State Leadership will recognize the exemplary service of State Presidents to their State Federations and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The 2024-2026 honorees will be recognized at the 2026 GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago this June. If multiple nominees meet the criteria, multiple awards will be presented. The purpose of the award is to recognize GFWC State Presidents who have demonstrated leadership and commitment that goes above and beyond expectations.

For more details regarding the Awards Program, contact the GFWC Programs Department at Programs@GFWC.org.

Writing Contests

The GFWC Writing Contests seek to provide an avenue for GFWC members and community members of all ages to freely express themselves, as well as draw upon their experiences through writing. These submissions illustrate the talent of GFWC members and reflect our communities. There are four categories for entries:

- GFWC Member Short Story Writing Contest
- GFWC Member Poetry Writing Contest
- Youth Short Story Writing Contest
- Youth Poetry Writing Contest

Photography Contests

The GFWC Photography Contests encourage our members' artistic expression and recognize and support members' achievements in photography. GFWC offers three opportunities to participate in the GFWC Photography Contests:

- The World in Pictures
 - Living Things
 - Scenes
 - Still Life
- GFWC Volunteers in Action
- A Year in Pictures

Newsletter Contest

Newsletters are one of the most effective and efficient methods of informing GFWC members about current, ongoing, and new initiatives. A newsletter should be informative and convey knowledge, generate enthusiasm, and contribute to your public relations outreach; membership recruiting and retention; program development and reporting; and operational planning. The [GFWC Newsletter Contest](#) encourages clubs and State Federations to establish a strong newsletter program aimed at increasing awareness about ongoing projects, programs, events, and issues that affect GFWC members, clubs, and communities.

Website Contest

Clear-cut, well-organized, and frequently updated websites convey credibility, enthusiasm, and effectiveness. They can be a key component in your club's public relations outreach; membership recruiting and retention; program development and reporting; and operational planning. The [GFWC Website Contest](#) aims to challenge clubs and states to employ their websites as membership tools with organized and updated content that presents a professional and credible source of information.

2024–2026 Administration Logo



Affiliate Organizations

GFWC is proud to work side-by-side with a few dynamic and impactful organizations. Together, we work to improve our communities and better our world. Our Affiliate Organizations offer unique and customized services, including materials, speakers, kits, and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs. These resources are filled under Affiliate Organizations in the digital library of the [GFWC Member Portal](#).

NEW AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION

Did you know 2/3 of patients are women?



Heifer International

For more than 70 years, [Heifer International](#) has provided gifts of livestock and environmentally-sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income. Since 1944, Heifer has helped over 22 million families in more than 125 countries through training in livestock development and livestock gifts that multiply.



Hope for Justice

Founded in 2008 in the United Kingdom, [Hope for Justice](#) works from more than 30 locations across five continents to bring an end to modern day slavery and human trafficking by preventing exploitation, rescuing victims, restoring lives, and reforming society. Hope for Justice is made up of world-class specialists with the skills and experience to help end human trafficking and provide trauma-informed care to survivors. Hope for Justice focuses on rescuing victims, empowering people to protect themselves and their families, working with survivors to rebuild their lives, and reforming society by training professionals to spot the signs of trafficking.



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

[St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other deadly diseases. Everything the organization does is centered on finding cures and saving children. And families never receive a bill from St. Jude.

St. Jude continues the vision of its founder, Danny Thomas, that no child is denied treatment based on race, religion, or a family's ability to pay. By sharing our knowledge freely and exchanging ideas openly, St. Jude inspires more collaboration between doctors and researchers worldwide, and, as a result, more lifesaving treatments for children everywhere.

Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to 80 percent since it opened 50 years ago.

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United Nations Foundation Shot@Life Campaign

[Shot@Life](#), a United Nations Foundation's campaign, seeks to educate, connect, and empower Americans to champion vaccines in order to save children in developing countries. Every 20 seconds, a child dies of a vaccine-preventable disease like pneumonia, diarrhea, measles, and polio. You can help save a child's life by encouraging, learning about, advocating for, and donating vaccines.



Canine Companions

Canine Companions is the oldest and largest assistance dog program providing trained dogs for children, adults, and veterans with physical disabilities. Founded in 1975, Canine for Companions is the leader in the field and has placed more than 6,300 assistance dogs. Canine Companions breeds and trains their own dogs to get the temperament, intelligence, focus, health, and work ethic needed. Their breeding program is highly regarded and looked at by others for best practices. At eight weeks old, puppies are placed with volunteer puppy raisers who raise the puppies for 15 months, teaching basic obedience commands and socialization skills. Then they return the dog to Canine Companions for four to nine months of professional training to learn the 40+ commands they need to know to do tasks for people with disabilities.

**HEALTHY
MOMS.
STRONG
BABIES.**



March of Dimes

March of Dimes leads the fight for the health of all moms and babies. Together with supporters like you, we're protecting the health of families by funding research, providing resources and programs and advocating for policies to help parents throughout their pregnancies. Building on a successful 80-year legacy, we create lasting change to make America more equitable for all and help every family get the best possible start.

Operation Smile

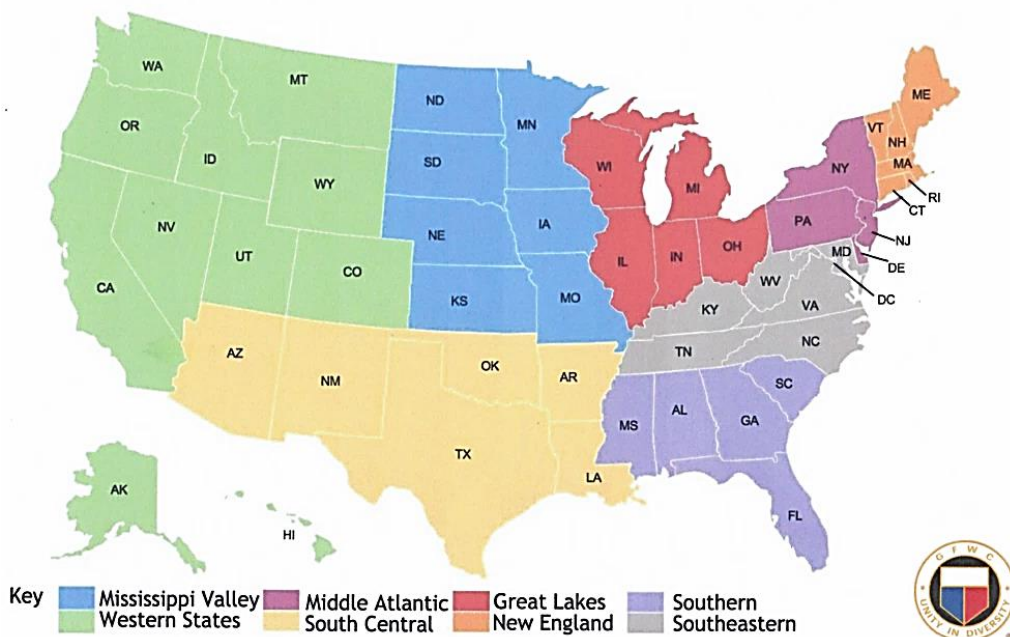
Operation Smile is an international children’s medical charity focused on restoring children’s smiles through performing surgery on facial deformities such as cleft lip and cleft palate. They are dedicated to raising awareness of this life-threatening issue and providing lasting solutions that will allow children to be healed, regardless of financial standing, well into the future. Operation Smile’s free surgeries and medical missions are made possible by the thousands of volunteers and donors, throughout the world, who generously contribute time, talent and resources.



U.S. Fund For UNICEF

For more than six decades, GFWC has supported UNICEF, the United Nations Children’s Fund, in its efforts to ensure the world’s most vulnerable children have access to health, and immunization, clean water, nutrition, education, emergency and disaster relief, and more.

GFWC Region Map





Our Mission

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

GFWC clubs and clubwomen are the heart of not only the Federation, but the communities in which they live and work. By *Living the Volunteer Spirit*, GFWC clubwomen transform lives each day, not simply with monetary donations, but with hands-on tangible projects that provide immediate impact. With a grassroots approach that often thinks locally but impacts globally, GFWC, its clubs and members remain committed to serving as a force for global good, as it has done since its formation.

With more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia, and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members work in their own communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), one of the oldest women's volunteer organizations, seeks to build global communities where people unite in diversity and dedicate their service to changing lives. GFWC celebrates the engagement of people of all backgrounds and believes in fostering an inclusive, equitable climate and culture where community members can thrive.

Our Story

Founded in 1890, GFWC's roots can be traced back to 1868 when **Jane Cunningham Croly**, a professional journalist, attempted to attend a dinner at an all-male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Croly was denied admittance based upon her gender, and in response, formed a woman's club—Sorosis. In celebration of Sorosis' 21st anniversary in 1889, Jane Croly invited women's clubs throughout the United States to pursue the cause of federation by attending a convention in New York City. On April 24, 1890, 63 clubs officially formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs by ratifying the GFWC constitution.

Since 1890, GFWC's impact has been felt throughout communities across the United States and the globe.



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Jane Cunningham Croly



Jane Cunningham Croly, journalist, author, editor, and woman's club leader was born in Market Harborough, Leicestershire, England. Croly was the fourth child of Jane Scott and Joseph Howes Cunningham, a Unitarian preacher. Her father's unpopular beliefs reportedly led to the stoning of their house and the impetus for the family's move to the United States in 1841.

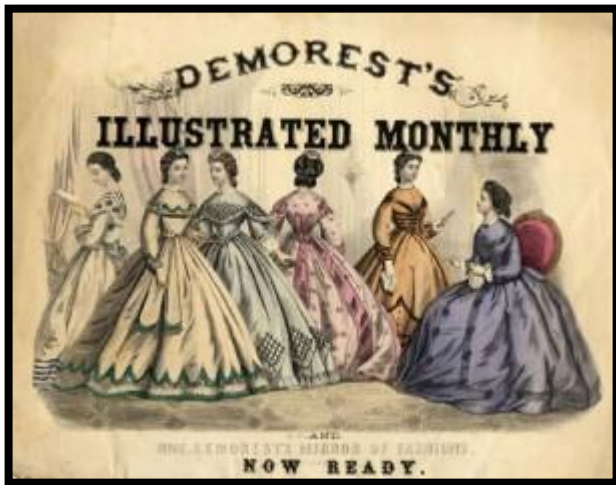
Jane finished her childhood in Poughkeepsie and Wappinger's Falls, New York. She received her early education by reading widely in her father's library. She lived and kept house for her brother, a Congregationalist minister in Worcester, Massachusetts. She taught school there and wrote a semi-monthly newspaper for her brother's congregation.

In 1854, at age 25, Jane arrived in New York City in search of work. The *New York Tribune* accepted her first article. She then began working as a journalist for the *New York Sunday Times* and *Noah's Weekly Messenger*, where she started using the pen name Jennie June and wrote a women's column called "Parlor and Side-walk Gossip." One account describes her as "small of stature...charming in manner with attractive blue eyes and brown hair, but beneath her engaging personality dwelt an independent spirit."

Jane's column was popular, and by 1857, she became one of the first women syndicated columnists, appearing in newspapers in New Orleans, Richmond, Baltimore, and Louisville.

In 1856, she married a staff writer for the *Herald*, David Goodman Croly, a self-educated Irish immigrant who, as an editor, would be credited with pioneering the format of the modern Sunday newspaper. Jane's column was popular, and by 1857, she became one of the first women syndicated columnists, appearing in newspapers in New Orleans, Richmond, Baltimore, and Louisville.

The couple moved to Rockford, Illinois in 1859, home of Jane's sister Mary and her family, and Jane gave birth to her first daughter, Minnie. With the financial backing of Mary's husband, the Croly couple started up the *Rockford Daily News*, but the newspaper failed a year later, and they moved back to New York. Jane ran the women's department at *New York World* (1862 – 1872), where her husband was managing editor, and became chief staff writer of *Mme. Demorest's Mirror of Fashions*, later *Demorest's Monthly Magazine* (1860 – 1887). During this period, she had four more children—a son who died in infancy, two more daughters, Viola and Alice, and a son Herbert David (1869 – 1930), the first editor of the *New Republic*.



In 1864, Croly published her first book, *Talks on Woman's Topics*, a collection of newspaper pieces. In 1866 she published *Jennie June's American Cookery Book*, a domestic manual dedicated to the young housekeepers of America. As expected from an ambitious, busy mother, she gave much advice on efficiency, preparedness, economy, and discipline.

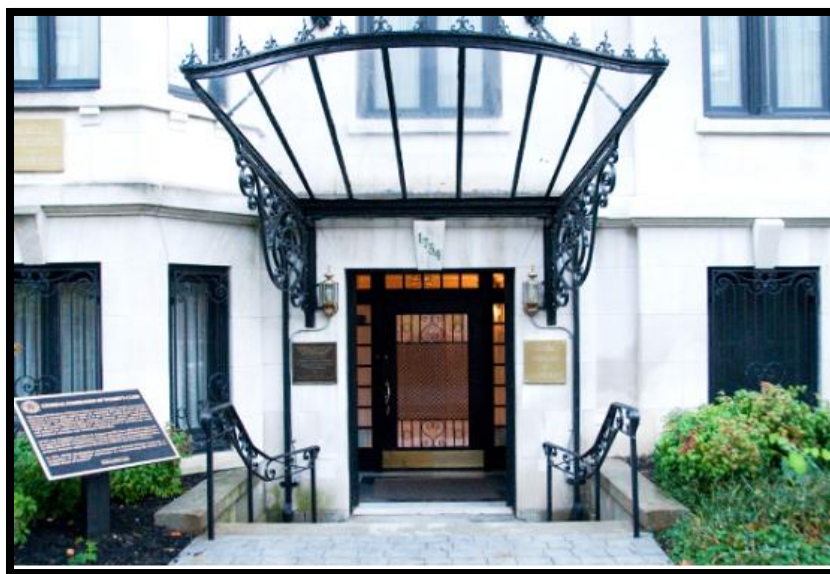
Aware of her dual roles as mother and journalist, as well as the changing status of women—middle-class women, especially—Jane spent much of her life organizing venues for women to meet, learn, and discuss issues surrounding their roles in society.

She started her first organization, the Women's Parliament, in 1856. Then, in 1869, she and other female journalists were denied tickets to hear Charles Dickens speak in New York City. This spurred her to form the famous women's club, Sorosis—a "Centre of Unity" that had neither a charitable nor socio-economic purpose but sought "collective elevation and advancement." As women's clubs began forming across the country, they became a center of educational advocacy and a sort of college for older women who wanted to learn. "The woman has been the one isolated fact in the universe," she wrote in her best-known book, *The History of the Woman's Club Movement in America* (1898). "The outlook upon the world, the means of education, the opportunities for advancement, had all been denied her."

Croly formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1890, to support clubs throughout the nation and further their efforts at providing education, improved working conditions, health care, scholarships, and other reforms. Croly also founded the New York Women's Press Club in 1889.

Throughout her life, Croly would be the major provider for her family. Her husband quit his editing position in 1877 to spread the doctrine of Auguste Comte's Positivism. Croly became the sole source of the family's income when her husband's health began to decline, leaving him an invalid until his death in 1889. Meanwhile, with the end of Demorest's magazine ventures in 1887 and an unsuccessful attempt to revive *Godey's Lady's Book* (in which she bought a half interest) Croly turned her attention toward the founding of a magazine for her Federation, initially entitled the *Woman's Cycle*. Croly spent her last years writing her *History of the Woman's Club Movement*. She died in New York City in 1901, and was buried in Lakewood, N.J., beside her husband.

Like many prominent women of her day, Croly's position on women's issues was contradictory. She recognized that the middle-class woman was losing her place of authority in the home as industrialization and servants freed her from housework, and new avenues of responsibility outside the home opened slowly if at all; she was becoming, as she wrote in 1869, "a child to be caressed, waited upon, and provided for." Croly wrote earlier in her career that the answer to this problem lay not in political empowerment or outside employment, but in paying more attention to housekeeping and mothering. However, Croly became very involved in improving working conditions for women, supporting professional female journalists, and advising and assisting educated girls looking for employment. Through her dedication to women's clubs, she committed to helping other women obtain the education that the society of men had failed to support. Jennie June was looking ahead, not behind.



GFWC Headquarters

It's not just an office, it's a home. During her Administration, the GFWC International President lives at GFWC Headquarters in Washington D.C.

GFWC Headquarters is a National Historic Landmark located at 1734 N Street, NW in Washington D.C. The building became GFWC's official headquarters in 1922, and its historic Victorian style has been maintained through generous contributions from members and friends. Headquarters serves as the

working offices for the GFWC International President and staff, but it is so much more. It is also the home of the Women’s History and Resource Center, which collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of the GFWC and women volunteers. Headquarters is the literal home to the GFWC International President during her two-year administration, with residences occupying 1734’s upper floors. Headquarters serves as host to events, such as the annual Women’s History Month event and Holiday Open House, and the property houses the popular [Iron Gate Inn Restaurant](#).

Finally, as a National Historic Landmark, GFWC Headquarters is a snapshot in time. The beautifully decorated rooms, furniture, and historic collections are certainly worth a visit!

Our Headquarters Building at 1734 N Street NW

In 1901, the 56th U.S. Congress granted GFWC a Federal Charter, which stipulated that it maintain its headquarters in Washington, D.C. GFWC maintained temporary war service and editorial offices in the nation’s capital during WWI, and in 1920 adopted a resolution to establish permanent headquarters there that would “be commensurate with the dignity, size and influence of the organization.” In 1922, President Alice Ames Winter located the elegant five-story Victorian mansion and GFWC clubwomen purchased 1734 N Street NW in the fashionable Dupont Circle neighborhood, acquiring an elegant mansion complete with its former owners’ colorful stories.



Retired Rear Admiral William Radford (1808-1890) built the grand home at 1736 (now 1734) N Street NW in 1875, when the neighborhood’s central feature was known as “Pacific Circle.” It would not be identified as “Dupont Circle” until 1884 with the erection of a statue memorializing Rear Admiral Samuel Du Pont. The Radford family lived in the home for several years; in one of Washington society’s most notable events, Admiral Radford’s daughter Sophia married Russian diplomat Vladimir de Meissner in the family home in 1878.

A unique feature of 1734 N Street is the long, narrow room above the former carriageway (now the entrance to the [Iron Gate Inn Restaurant](#)), constructed in 1884 by owners Thaddeus and Augusta Markley. Having purchased a portion of the adjoining lot to create a grand driveway and permit more light into their home, the Markley family were dismayed to discover that plans for neighboring 1728 included windows overlooking their property. They constructed a wall to protect their privacy, but city building regulations limited its height; undeterred, they built an extension from the second floor, creating a space 12 ½ feet wide by 65 feet long that neighbors dubbed the “spite room.”

General Nelson A. Miles (1839-1925), who achieved military notoriety in the American Civil War and Indian Wars, was the home's next owner. In late 1895, soon after Miles' transfer to Washington to assume command of the U.S. Army, "The General Miles Testimonial Association" organized in New York to raise funds toward the purchase of a home for him in the capital city. *The Washington Post* later reported that about \$40,000 was collected for the purchase of 1736 N Street NW.

General Miles used the long gallery over the carriageway, which was adjacent to his library, to display the many artifacts he had collected during the Indian Wars, "a veritable museum of historical and ethnological objects" according to a February 1899 *New York Times* feature story on the home.



General Miles sold the home to New Yorkers John and Grace Hoffman White in 1908. The Whites extensively modernized both the exterior and interior of the home. The décor reflected Mr. White's interest in exotic animals and birds, such as those depicted by noted muralist Albert Herter on the painted wall canvases in the drawing room. Like General Miles, John White used the room above the carriageway to display artifacts and big game trophies. Grace Hoffman White, a suffragist, peace activist, and writer, decorated some of the home's

furnishings with poetic sentiments. A few of these are now in GFWC's collections, including the music room mantel engraved with the words: "I cannot warm you if your heart be cold."

The Whites leased the home to Uruguay for its legation during World War I, and to the new nation of Czechoslovakia after the war, before selling it to GFWC in 1922. GFWC Headquarters was named a National Historic Landmark in 1991.

Visiting Headquarters



GFWC Headquarters, ca. 1922

GFWC Headquarters is not just an office. It's a home and a National Historic Landmark, located at 1734 N Street, NW in Washington D.C. The building became GFWC's official headquarters in 1922. GFWC members, political dignitaries, celebrities, notable professionals, and historians are among the thousands of visitors to have walked Headquarters' venerable hallways since 1922. The building's historic style has been maintained through generous contributions from members and friends. It is also home to our archives and library, the **Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC)**.

Visits to Headquarters, whether to do research in the WHRC or to tour the historic rowhouses that make up our Headquarters building, are by appointment only and on a limited schedule. We are not able to welcome walk-in visitors currently. Nonetheless, if you are planning to be in D.C. and want to visit us, please contact our [front office](#) or the [WHRC](#) (for research) at least two weeks in advance, and we will do our best to accommodate you!

GFWC Leadership

National Level

GFWC is a community service organization with many levels of leadership and membership. The Executive Committee and Board of Directors, which consists of Region Presidents, State Presidents, State Directors of Junior Clubs, Committee Chairmen, Committee Members, and Special Appointments, represent GFWC members on a national scale. GFWC members involved with the committees are appointed by the GFWC International President at the beginning of her two-year term. All members of the GFWC Board have leadership responsibilities and are expected to attend the GFWC Annual Convention.

Region Level

Each region holds an annual conference in the fall, separate from the GFWC Annual Convention held in the summer.

GFWC Great Lakes Region

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin

GFWC Middle Atlantic Region

Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania

GFWC Mississippi Valley Region

Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota

GFWC New England Region

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont

GFWC South Central Region

Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

GFWC Southeastern Region

District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia

GFWC Southern Region

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina

GFWC Western States Region

Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

State Level

GFWC has members in each of the 50 states. State Federations host individual conferences each spring. County and district levels are contained within the state level. These two Federation categories vary from state to state; some states choose not to have county and district levels, whereas other states contain multiple counties and districts.

Local Level

GFWC is comprised of nearly 2,600 local clubs. Clubs elect officers and works independently on various projects in their community.

GFWC Governance

The General Federation of Women’s Clubs is a **501(c)3 nonprofit organization** chartered in Washington, D.C. to fulfill the mission of enhancing communities through volunteer service.

Bylaws

The GFWC Bylaws is a comprehensive document that outlines the rules that govern the internal management of our organization. Bylaws are written by the organization’s Bylaws Committee and cover the organizational structure, membership, constituency, dues and finance, officer duties, nominations and elections, conventions, how board and executive committee members are elected, community service programs, committees, amendments, and ethical standards, among others.

GFWC Motto



“**Unity in Diversity**” was authored by **Ella Dietz Clymer**, speaking to delegates at the first Federation Conference in 1889, when she said, “We look for unity, but unity in diversity. We hope that you will enrich us by your varied experiences...” The aptness of the motto is evident in the diverse interests and talents of GFWC members, who have implemented a broad range of programs and projects tailored to meet the needs of their communities. Adopted as the official motto in 1957 “Unity in Diversity” set the tone for the flexibility that has enabled GFWC to grow and adapt to the changing lifestyles and concerns of women throughout more than a century of volunteer work.

Women’s History Heritage Pin



At the first Convention in 1892, Dr. Leila G. Bedell of the Chicago Woman’s Club (Illinois) recommended that the Federation design a “simple little badge pin” for GFWC members to purchase and wear for identification. In 1892, the Committee on the Federation Badge Pin was created to design an image that would reflect the aim of GFWC. Appointees included GFWC’s founder, **Jane Cunningham Croly**, and its first president, **Charlotte Emmerson Brown**. The Committee chose the sun’s rays and blue as elements to symbolize the Federation.

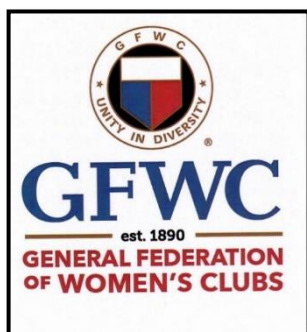
A light blue, signifying constancy, was chosen as the official Federation color. The resulting pin, GFWC’s original emblem, featured an image of the rising sun in a blue sky above snow-capped mountains with its rays illuminating “GFWC” in block lettering. An upturned, russet colored banner displayed the motto, “Unity in Diversity.”

GFWC Emblem



In 1920, GFWC President **Alice Ames Winter** felt the rising sun symbol was no longer appropriate. After 30 years of progress, GFWC could acknowledge that “the sun had risen.” She recommended that the Federation create a design that more accurately represented a mature organization. Within a year, GFWC approved Douglas Donaldson’s new design, whose central feature is a crusader’s shield, signifying enlightenment, emerging from a black center, representing a darkened world.

The white band encircling the shield signifies eternity and is inscribed with the letters “GFWC” and the motto “Unity in Diversity”. The shield’s colors are red, white, and blue – the colors of the United State of America. Red signifies courage, white is for purity, and blue represents constancy.



The **General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC)** recently underwent a rebranding to enhance its national profile and ensure better recognition. As part of the **2022-2024 Administration’s Strategic Plan**, the GFWC decided to update its brand, honoring both its rich history and its commitment to the future.

Here are the key reasons behind the rebrand:

1. **Increased National Profile:** The GFWC aimed to raise awareness and visibility on a national scale. GFWC hopes to reach more people and highlight the impactful work of club members in their communities through volunteerism.

2. **Honoring Tradition:** While the shield emblem remains unchanged, the rebranded design now prominently features the acronym “GFWC” in blue, along with the founding year, 1890. This inclusion pays homage to the organization’s 133-year legacy.

3. **Name Recognition:** The full name, “General Federation of Women’s Clubs,” is now spelled out in the emblem. This ensures that people recognize the organization by its full name and understand the positive contributions made by GFWC members. To maintain consistency across the Federation, a brand identity brochure and style guide were developed for clubs to follow when using the rebranded emblem. Overall, this strategic rebranding aims to propel the GFWC well into the **21st century** while preserving its enduring mission of community service and empowerment.

GFWC Flag



GFWC Flag The official flag of GFWC consists of an embroidered GFWC emblem on a Federation blue background, which was unfurled for the first time at the Golden Jubilee celebration in Atlantic City, N.J., on May 19, 1941.

GFWC Flower

Federation Flower The red rose was officially adopted at the Council Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in May 1940. It was selected from suggestions sent in by various clubs.



GFWC Song

GFWC Official Song In 1922, Katherine Bates’ “**America, the Beautiful**” was chosen as the official song because it “is a song of dignity and beauty, easily sung, and reflecting the true spirit of America and the ideals of this Federation.”

GFWC Tagline



A tagline is the shortest version of a brand. It is the simplest, easy way to represent who an organization is and what they do. In 2012, “**Living the Volunteer Spirit**” was selected as the new GFWC tagline.

GFWC Elevator Speech

A speech – not just for elevators! It explains who we are and what we stand for. It helps others outside our organization value and respect GFWC as an organization. An elevator speech leaves a brand summary that can be quickly used to define an organization. An elevator speech is the perfect tool when asked, “What is GFWC or What is General Federation of Women’s Clubs?” Know how to answer in enough time for a quick elevator ride!

Elevator Speech...

“General Federation of Women’s Clubs is an international women’s organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others.”

GFWC Creed

The Federation teaches me to give graciously of what is mine- to pour my strength into three great channels of life, my home and family, my church, and my world. The Federation demands that I feed my urges that I serve my church with steadfast heart. Added to that, the Federation directs me in service to my world; it shows me the larger view that lies over the horizon outside myself. The Federation teaches me that I am a necessary part in a pattern devised and perpetuated by women of all classes and creeds who believe that all the best in America is a priceless heritage worth working for and worth defending. And what do I owe an organization with principles such as these? Not lethargy, not acquiescence to lesser demands and not efforts beneath my abilities. If I am a true clubwoman, I will give unstintingly of what is mine.

Support GFWC



Your contributions help GFWC fund club grants and awards, maintain GFWC Headquarters as a National Historic Landmark, support the GFWC Women’s History and Resource Center, and meet community needs in times of disaster.

Your donation may be tax deductible (according to current tax laws), and there are several funds, plans, and programs designed to maximize your commitment to assisting GFWC and its members in meeting the mission of enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

You can support all these funds via **GFWC’s Member Portal**. You can also mail a check. Be sure to specify which fund you wish to support and mail your check. You may contribute by honoring a member in your club. Your name will be listed on the GFWC website by Region, State, Club, or Member

Annual Giving Funds

GFWC FUND DEVELOPMENT

GFWC Designated Funds support the work of GFWC by providing essential funding in targeted areas. They are vital to continue GFWC's mission of strengthening our communities and enhancing the lives of others.



GFWC ANNUAL FUND/UNRESTRICTED

This fund is unrestricted and funds will be used for the area most in need at the time, as determined by the GFWC Executive Committee. This fund is essential and enables the use of funds to be added to other funds to complete major projects such as the recent Marquees Project, a critical need for which funds had not been designated.



GFWC ENDOWMENT FUND

The GFWC Endowment Fund was started in 1910 to help ensure a firm financial foundation and assist in providing for the future needs of GFWC. Contributions to this fund are permanently restricted, but interest earned on the fund is unrestricted and has been used to support programs, advocacy, outreach efforts, and overall membership development opportunities.



GFWC HEADQUARTERS FACADE RESTORATION AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT FUND

Donations to the GFWC Headquarters Façade Restoration and Beautification Project will go towards the restoration of the iconic white front facing exterior walls of GFWC's beloved Headquarters buildings. Over time, the brick and stonework that gives our Headquarters its grand and elegant appearance has deteriorated and needs major repairs. Restoration work will include stripping existing paint, cleaning and sealing, mortar and stonework repair, repainting, and more. This restoration will not only enhance the beauty of our Headquarters, but it will also protect the historic interior spaces and collections and secure the buildings' long-term structural integrity.



GFWC JANE CUNNINGHAM CROLY GRAVESITE FUND

Help honor our founding mother by donating to the GFWC Jane Cunningham Croly Gravesite Fund. This fund provides the necessary means to maintain her gravesite in Lakewood, NJ. In 2010, thanks to your generosity, the Croly family gravesite was refurbished.



GFWC LIBRARY REPLENISHMENT FUND

Tying together members' generous financial gifts and passion for literacy with our mission of community improvement through volunteer service, the GFWC Library Replenishment Fund assists in restocking the collections of public- and public-school libraries that have been affected by natural and manmade disasters.



GFWC PROGRAMS FUND

The GFWC Programs Fund offers an opportunity to donate to one of GFWC's Special or Community Service Programs, which help clubs more effectively develop projects and programs that address their current and upcoming community needs. Donations collected for each program will be used to fund various scholarships, educational events, speakers, webinars, and other activities that support the program.



1734 SOCIETY FUND

Named for the GFWC Headquarters' address at historic 1734 N Street NW in Washington, DC, the 1734 Society is dedicated to preserving and maintaining the building as a National Historic Landmark. Those donating to the 1734 Society understand the importance of historic preservation and take pride in supporting GFWC Headquarters.



GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: SUCCESS FOR SURVIVORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Improve the lives of domestic and sexual violence survivors around the country by making an investment in their future with a donation to the *GFWC Signature Program: Success for Survivors Scholarship Fund*. Money from the fund allows GFWC to award survivors with a scholarship, giving them hope for a better tomorrow. The GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship was created through GFWC's commitment to our Signature Program to change the lives of survivors as they take the next step in reshaping their future in a positive way through higher education. For nearly half a century, GFWC has fought to eliminate domestic violence, and the establishment of this fund is one way that GFWC moves toward achieving that goal.



WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER (WHRC) FUND

Founded in 1984, the Women's History and Resource Center collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of the GFWC and women volunteers. Funds donated to the WHRC are used to purchase preservation supplies, collections management technology, and books for the WHRC research library. In addition, WHRC donations support outreach activities directed toward students, teachers, and others.

Our Impact & Accomplishments

GFWC is distinguished from other service organizations by the breadth of our outreach. Our community service programs span all areas of the lives of our members, their families, and communities: arts and culture, civic engagement and outreach, education and libraries, environment, and health and wellness.

GFWC has earned a reputation as a powerful force in the fight against domestic violence. GFWC was recognized on the floor of the United States Senate as “a gem among our midst” by then-Senator Joseph Biden (Del.) for our work in bringing hope to victims and survivors of domestic violence and abuse, and our early support for the Violence Against Women Act.

1898: GFWC unanimously passed a resolution against child labor. With the help of clubwoman Jane Addams (1860-1935), child labor became a major area of concern for the Federation. In 1901, Addams headed the Federation’s Child Labor Committee to work for the maintenance and improvement of child labor laws.

1899: GFWC’s Chicago Woman’s Club supported the juvenile court law, the first ever to be passed in the United States. This law became the model for all subsequent juvenile court laws, many of which were passed at the insistence of GFWC clubwomen. Julia Lathrop (1858-1932) led this club effort and was appointed by President William Howard Taft to head the Children’s Bureau in 1912.

1906: GFWC member Alice Lakey (1857-1935) spearheaded a letter and telegram writing campaign, which was essential to the passage of the **Pure Food and Drug Act**. Dr. Harvey Wiley, the first chief of the Pure Food Bureau, attributed the bill’s passing to GFWC.

1910s: GFWC supported legislation for the eight-hour workday, workplace safety and inspection, and workmen’s compensation. Members also supported prison reform legislation.

1916: Under the leadership of Mary Belle King Sherman (Colorado) serving as GFWC’s Conservation Department, GFWC was a strong influence in the founding of **America’s first national park** (six new national parks) and supported the creation of the National Park Service. Each Federation established a park in their own state. Many, such as the Everglades National Park, were turned over to the National Park Service and now are enjoyed by millions yearly.

1916: GFWC worked with the Children’s Bureau to promote National Baby Week. Over 2,000 clubs participated by focusing on infant and maternal mortality, birth registration, and public health facilities. The Federation’s efforts resulted in the passage of the Sheppard-Towner Act (1921), which advanced maternal education. GFWC suggested making the Naturalization Ceremony a part of Independence Day Celebration, still a tradition today.

WWI: GFWC raised \$4,880,000 in Liberty Bonds, \$90,000 for the Red Cross, \$55,106 for camp libraries, and \$89,788 for the YMCA.

1919: Under the direction of the YMCA, GFWC created the Overseas Service Unit and sent 100 young women to Europe to assist wounded soldiers in the aftermath of World War I.

1920s: GFWC started a campaign to name official state birds and flowers.

1921: GFWC created the Indian Welfare Committee, which worked improving both education and health facilities on reservations, as well as preserving Native American culture.

1925: GFWC initiated a nationwide Federation survey of the American home, which placed a spotlight on the status of technology in the home. The survey led to the inclusion of homemaker as an occupation on the 1930 United States Census

1930s: Having founded over 474 free public libraries and 4,655 traveling libraries, women's clubs were credited by the American Library Association with establishing 75 percent of America's public libraries. Supporting local libraries continues to be a Federation priority today.

1934: GFWC began a 10-year study to review the question of the **Equal Rights Amendment** (ERA). In 1944, GFWC adopted a resolution in support of the ERA, which the Federation continues to support today.

1944: GFWC raised \$101,617, 750 to buy bombers, (many manufactured here in Oklahoma at the Douglas Plant in Tulsa and in Oklahoma City). GFWC raised \$154,459,132 to buy 431 planes, and \$90,794,182 for Victory Loans. State Federations provided \$234,834 in scholarships and \$46,601 in loans to train nurses. The Federation recruited over 6,000 young women to serve in the Cadet Nurses Corps. Over 4,500 juniors enlisted in the various military services established for women.

1945: GFWC was one of the five women's organizations chosen to participate in the conference to form the United Nations. At the

conference, GFWC representatives supported the ratification of the United Nations Charter.

1950: GFWC began its relationship with the Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere (CARE). The organizations jointly distributed relief shipments to Korea.

1953: GFWC clubwomen undertook a fundraising and education campaign of \$200,000 to promote American History for the restoration of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1955: GFWC first established the Community Achievement Program, which recognized clubs that best improved the quality of life in their communities. Now called the Community Impact Award, it remains one of GFWC's longest running and most important efforts.

1960s: Modern safety measures were early GFWC programs. The Federation campaigned for seatbelts in all cars, streetlights on neighborhood streets and accurate labeling of food and medications. **Brighten the Night** was a nationwide Federation campaign for street lighting to prevent crime and accidents. GFWC's Women's **Crusade for Seat Belts** program resulted in the installation of more than one million seat belts over the course of one year.

1965: GFWC was awarded a stamp by the United States Post Office in honor of its 75th anniversary.

1986: In keeping with GFWC's commitment to conservation, the Federation instituted programs to protect and preserve endangered species.

1988: First Lady Barbara Bush served as honorary chairman of the GFWC Literary Program.

1990s: GFWC actively supported the passage of the **Violence Against Women Act**; the **Americans with Disabilities Act**; the **Family and Medical Leave Act**; and legislation supporting handgun control.

1990: GFWC celebrated its centennial anniversary in New York City.

1994: GFWC founder Jane Cunningham Croly was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York.

1997: GFWC renewed its commitment to libraries with the "**Libraries 2000**" project. Over a five-year period, GFWC clubwomen raised and donated \$13.5 million to public libraries and public-school libraries across the United States.

2000s: GFWC actively supported the passage of the Violence Against Women Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

2002: GFWC Clubwomen contributed thousands to the National World War Memorial Fund.

2004: GFWC members contributed \$180,000 for a fully equipped ambulance for use by the New York Fire Department in response to the loss of equipment suffered during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

2011: GFWC introduces the *Success for Survivors Scholarship*, created as part of our efforts to highlight the importance of rebuilding one's life after experiencing intimate partner violence. Each year, GFWC

awards \$2,500 scholarships to help intimate partner survivors obtain a post-secondary education that will offer them the chance to reshape their future by securing employment and gaining personal independence.

2015: GFWC celebrated 125 years of Federation on April 24 (Federation Day). The GFWC Annual Convention held in Memphis, Tennessee, was based around this theme.

2019: GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock (2018-2020) attended and delivered a speech during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Lorton, Virginia. The memorial honors the millions of suffragists who fought to win the vote for women for more than seven decades.

2020: Club women are currently faced with an extraordinary challenge of, helping America regain its strength during and following the Coronavirus Pandemic. Women raised funds for needed medical supplies, made masks, and donated supplies, and helped in general to secure the well-being of all members of our population.

2022: On April 1, GFWC celebrated the 100th anniversary of GFWC Headquarters at 1734 N St. NW, Washington, DC. To celebrate this occasion, GFWC International President Marian St. Clair (2020-2022) hosted a virtual tour for clubwomen to commemorate the purchase of the building in 1922.

Notable Women of GFWC

Margaret Chase Smith was an active member of GFWC Sorosis Club of Skowhegan, Maine. She was the first woman to ever be elected to both Houses of Congress and in 1964, became the first woman to campaign for the presidential nomination of a majority political party. **Fun Fact:** Margaret Chase Smith wore a red rose on her lapel every day when Congress was in session.

Julia Ward Howe was best known for authoring the poem, “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” was a prolific writer, a leader in the suffrage movement and a respected lecturer. She helped organize the New England Women’s Club in 1868 and eventually served as President of the Massachusetts Federation of Women’s Clubs. **Fun Fact:** Living in Boston, Julia Ward Howe’s circle of friends included Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Eleanor Roosevelt was a First Lady, social reformer, teacher, and political activist. She was a tireless advocate for the poor and disadvantaged and exercised influence as a speaker and writer. She served on the first U.S. delegation to the United Nations (UN) and drafted the Declaration of Human Rights while chairing the Human Rights Commission for the UN. She was an active member of the Chautauqua Woman’s Club in New York and had strong ties with GFWC throughout her years as First Lady. **Fun Fact:** Mrs. Roosevelt often hosted groups of GFWC members in the White House. In 1936, during a tea given by Mrs. Roosevelt, President Roosevelt unexpectedly joined the group!

Jane Adams founded Hull House, a settlement home for immigrants, the poor and homeless in Chicago. She was a vocal advocate for working women and child labor laws. Miss Adams was a member of the Chicago Woman’s Club and served as Chairman of the GFWC Committee on Child Labor. **Fun Fact:** In 1931, she became the first woman awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Nellie Ross became the first female governor of Wyoming in 1924. Following her term, she served as vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee. In 1922, she became the first woman to be appointed Director of the United States mint. She was a member and past president of the Woman’s Club of Cheyenne. **Fun Fact:** Six days after her husband died from appendicitis, state officials asked her to run for governor herself in the election being held to replace her husband. She accepted at the last minute and defeated her opponent.

Dr. Julia Lathrop was the first woman to lead a government agency when President Taft, in 1912, appointed her to lead the Children’s Bureau in the Department of Commerce and Labor. After living and working in Hull House in Chicago, she became a vocal advocate for major problems such as infant mortality, poor nutrition, and juvenile delinquency. As a member of the Chicago Woman’s Club, she assisted the club in working for juvenile court laws, including providing education for boys in county jail and worked tirelessly to provide a separate school for boys. **Fun Fact:** Under her leadership, a nationwide baby week was initiated to study and work in child hygiene, education, and labor laws.

Ellen Demorest helped revolutionize the fashion industry in the 1860s with the invention of mass-production of paper dress-making patterns. She owned a successful dressmaking shop in New York City and a popular magazine which featured Jennie June as one of the chief writers. She was a founding member of the Sorosis Club, serving as vice president and treasurer of the club. **Fun Fact:** Jennie June is also known to us as Jane Cunningham Croly, founder of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Dr. June McCarroll was a pioneer doctor in southern California, who developed the idea for white center highway lines. In 1917, while driving her Model T Ford to see a patient, she was run off the road by a truck. Through her membership in the Indio Woman's Club, she launched a statewide letter writing campaign for all highways to have center stripes. The idea was finally adopted in 1924 by the California Highway Commission. **Fun Fact:** While waiting for the Highway Commission to act on her idea, she took a can of paint and personally painted the first stripe on Indio Boulevard!

Ellen Woodward was an active member of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs elected to the state legislature in 1925. After serving her state in various leadership positions, she was asked to come to Washington D.C. to serve in the administration of Franklin Roosevelt in the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. Soon after, she oversaw a division of the Works Progress Administration having at its peak 480,000 women in her area. **Fun Fact:** Next to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, Ellen Woodward was said to be the most important woman in the New Deal.

Bertha Landes held positions of leadership in several women's organizations. In 1921, as President of the Seattle Federation of Women's Clubs, she organized a weeklong manufacturer's exhibit staffed by more than 1000 clubwomen. In 1926, after many accomplishments on the Seattle City Council, Bertha Landes was elected mayor of Seattle, becoming the first woman to be elected mayor of a major city. Despite her success in office, Landes lost her bid for re-election in 1928, under the sentiment that a city of stature should be led by a man. **Fun Fact:** Perhaps its ironic that her male successor was recalled in 1931 by angry voters.

Oklahoma's **Roberta Campbell Lawson**, (GFWC President 1935-38) was half Delaware Indian; she published books on Native American Music, as well as transcribed Lakota chants. When she died, her vast collection of Native American artifacts was donated to the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Benefits of Belonging

More than 60,000 members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs are united in their dedication to volunteer community service. While diverse in age, interests, and experiences, all clubwomen are united by a desire to create positive change in their communities.

With roots in local communities and branches around the world, GFWC members enjoy opportunities to learn from and share with one another at District, State Federation, Region, and international meetings, seminars, and conventions. Operating under the broad umbrella of community service, GFWC clubs can assess the needs of their individual communities, consider the abilities and interests of their members, and focus their projects and programs in areas that satisfy the needs of both. Program guidelines, materials, and resources provided by GFWC and State Federations assist clubs in serving the needs of their communities effectively and efficiently.

Belonging to a GFWC club provides the opportunity to:

- Satisfaction in knowing your time spent helping others makes an immediate positive impact.
- Participate in interesting, informative, and inspiring programs.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Explore and sharpen skills that can lead to professional advancement.
- Build lifelong friendships and your professional network.
- Connecting with volunteer-motivated members.
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- Have fun!



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Membership Matters, formerly known as Membership Quarterly, is an electronic newsletter exclusively for GFWC Club Presidents. Each issue focuses on membership topics that matter to club members and has articles on ways to offer members more benefits and resources through Headquarters.

WHRC Newsletter is a quarterly newsletter sent to all friends of the WHRC. The newsletter includes feature articles about GFWC's rich history, club projects, WHRC related activities, updates on the WHRC Achieves and more. According to Past President Carroll Craun, "This is an excellent source for information, not only about GFWC International and National activities but also our own State. Their archives are extensive, and I have used them with great success, the staff is fantastic! Service is free to all members of the Federation."

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Arkansas	62	62	62
Louisiana	40	40	41
New Mexico	15	16	17
Oklahoma	19	21	23
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Children are being groomed, enticed, exploited, trafficked, and abused online through the platforms we use every day. Congress should act now to protect children from online child sexual exploitation. Over 99.5% of the reports received by the National CyberTipline in 2022...



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As uncertainty in our world and country arises, we must help those in need within our communities and we must especially shield young children and teens from online harassment, exploitation, abuse, and exposure to extreme violence and sexual content. Let's be a strong advocate for our young people. Let's be their voice. They are the future. - Charlene



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SUPPORT THE REPORT ACT AND KIDS ONLINE SAFETY ACT (KOSA)

CHARLENE,

Law enforcement has repeatedly warned that children are groomed, enticed, exploited, trafficked, and abused online through the platforms we use every day.

In 2022, 31.9 million reports of child sexual abuse material were made to the CyberTipline hosted by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), the nation's clearinghouse and comprehensive reporting center for all issues related to the prevention of and recovery from child victimization.

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, take action to urge Congress to act now to Protect Children and Stop Online Child Sexual Exploitation!

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- Senator Markwayne Mullin
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Call to Action: REPORT Act and Kids Online Safe

Message Body

As a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) – a women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service – I urge you to honor National Child Abuse Prevention Month and enact the REPORT Act and the Kids Online Safety Act

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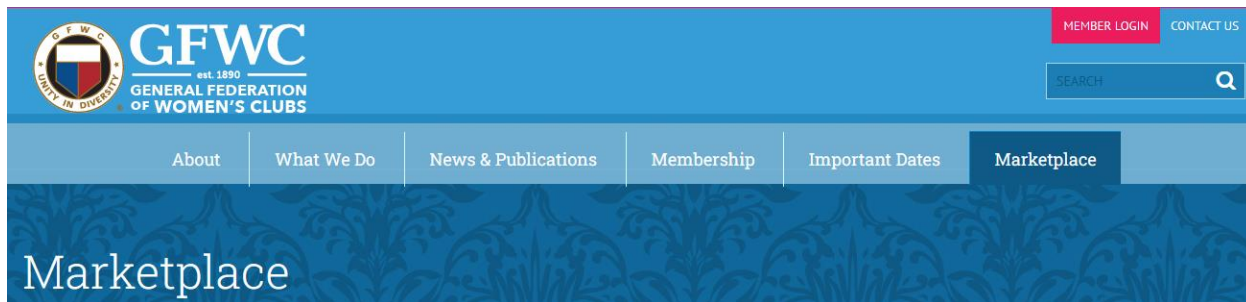
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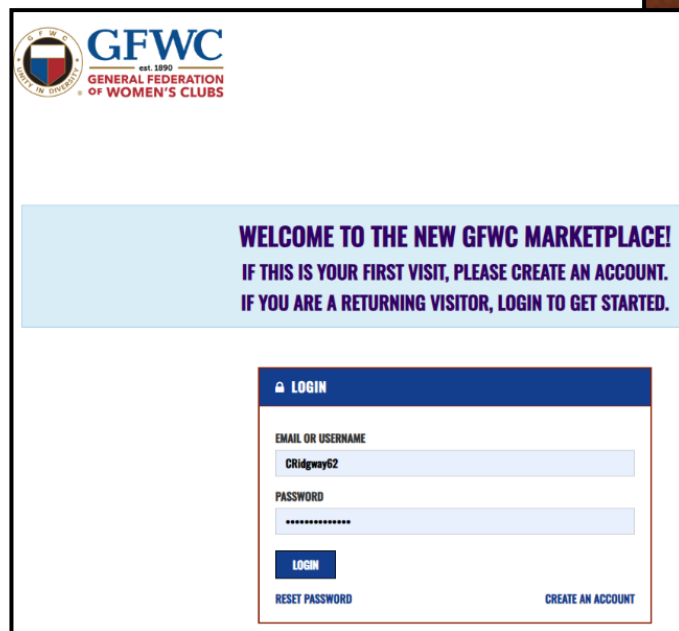


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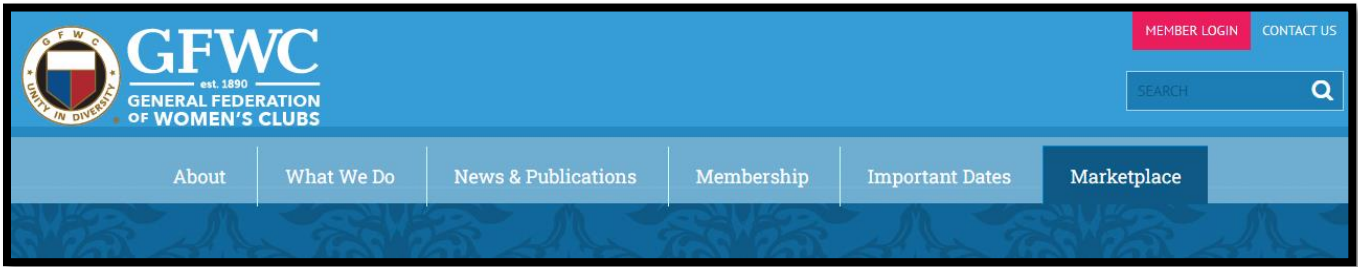
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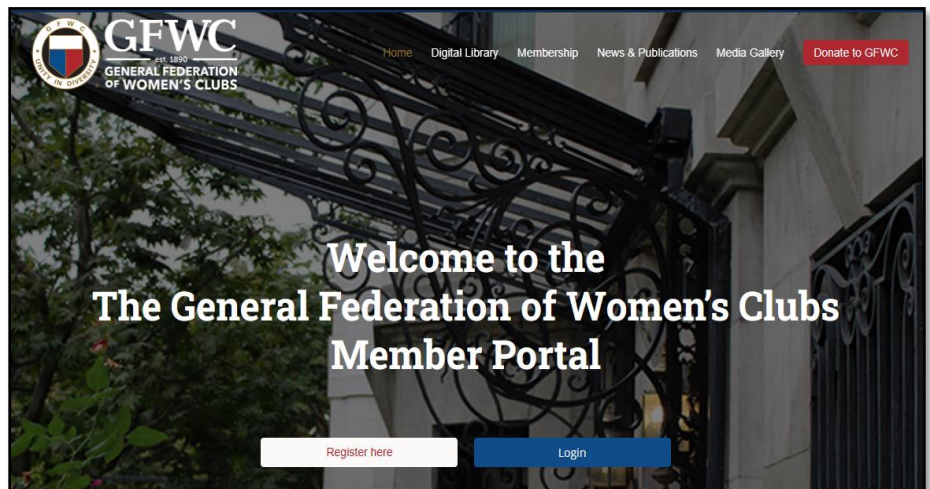
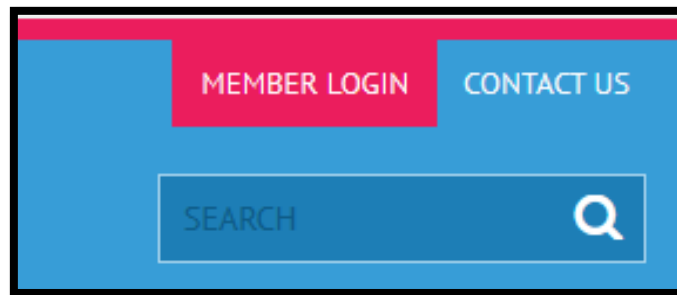


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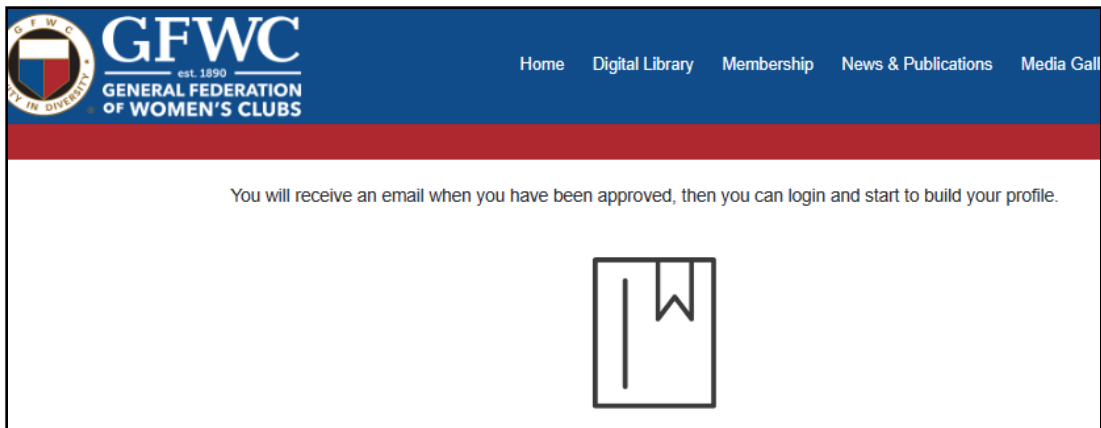
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A Club Collect for Women

KEEP US, O GOD, from pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

LET US BE DONE with fault-finding
And leave off self-seeking.

MAY WE PUT AWAY all pretense
And meet each other face to face,
Without self-pity and without prejudice.

MAY WE NEVER BE HASTY in judgment
And always generous.

LET US TAKE TIME for all things;
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

TEACH US TO PUT INTO ACTION our better impulses,
Straightforward and unafraid.

GRANT THAT WE MAY REALIZE it is
The little things that create differences
That in the big things of life, we are at one.

AND MAY WE STRIVE to touch and to know
The great, common human heart of us all.
And, O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!

Mary Stewart, April 1904

History of "A Collect for Clubwomen"



The Collect for Clubwomen, the official creed for GFWC, was written in 1904 by **Mary Stewart** in Longmont, Colorado. As women organizations formed across the country in the early 1900s, Mary Stewart wrote this personal prayer without any organization in mind but specifically inspire a new generation of women to aspire to greatness as a collective whole. Stewart felt that the new movement of women working together for a collective purpose was a fresh idea and decided that organizations deserved a meditation of its own. The General Federation of Women's Clubs was the first organization to officially adopt the Collect.

Mary was born in 1876 in Ohio and spent her childhood years in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. She is reported to have been a member of Colorado's Longmont Fortnightly Club, which later became the Longmont Colorado Business and Professional Women's Club. In 1927 her alma mater, the University of Colorado, presented her with an honorary degree to recognize her distinguished work in education, social and civic service. She was active in the fight for women's suffrage and remained active in women's organizations until her death in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1943.



GFWC OKLAHOMA

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living the volunteer spirit.

General Federation of Oklahoma State Seal

The seal for the General Federation of Oklahoma was accepted at convention May 3, 1966. It was designed by Mrs. A. L. Shuck (**Ida Richards Shuck**) of Weatherford, OK. The continuous outside circle is a symbol of eternity and denoted a world-wide friendship circle. The initials GFWC-OK are shown in the circle, plus the Oklahoma Federation motto: "Helpfulness and Kindness". The scattered stars recall phases of club work; business, social and service and the entire group of six represents the six departments of study in GFWC. As of 2020, we have five departments. The outline of the state of Oklahoma is shown and the shield from the General Federation and the year Oklahoma federated with the larger organization, 1898. The sun and moon not only add beauty to the seal, but they also constantly remind us of God's protective care, as well as denotes enlightenment which we receive from our studies. The rays from the rising sun over Oklahoma divide our state area into the nine original districts. Today we have five districts.



Ida Richards Shuck

Oklahoma General Federation Motto

"Kindness and Helpfulness"

Oklahoma Federation Flower

Oklahoma Rose

Oklahoma Federation State Colors

Green and White

Photograph used for a story in the Daily Oklahoman newspaper. Caption: "Dr. A. L. Shuck, professor of Botany, at Southwestern State College, is a critical observer as his wife, a college art student, puts the finishing touches to her painting, "Hinton Kiwanis Park."

Source: Oklahoma Historical Society website

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF OKLAHOMA

During the progressive era, American women endeavored to reform society's problems. Consequently, women formed volunteer clubs for self-improvement and community service. The General Federation of Women, inspired by Jane Cunningham Croly in 1890 was one such organization. Club members worked together to create public libraries, to lobby for the enactment of pure food and drug laws and child labor laws, to seek improvement of public education and a better juvenile justice system. While these endeavors were happening in other parts of the United States, Oklahoma's two territories (Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory) were being settled by groups of strong, determined women wanting to improve their lives on the frontier.

In Oklahoma Territory (O.T.) women formed clubs during the Territorial Era after each of the land openings. The first club in O.T. was the Chautauqua Library and Scientific Club of Guthrie, established in 1896. Next was the Philomatheia Club of Oklahoma City founded on October 17, 1891. The Atoka Pioneer Club, founded in 1896, was the first women's club in Indian Territory (I.T.). In May of 1898, **Sophia Julia Coleman Douglas**, a member of the Philomatheia Club, called on the clubs in the territory to federate. Twenty-four women, representing eleven clubs with two hundred members met at the Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City on May 24-25, 1898, and founded the Federation of Women's Clubs for Oklahoma and Indian Territories. Douglas served as the first state federated president. The Oklahoma Federation joined the General Federation on May 30, 1898. Within one year, the number of clubs had doubled. "Kindliness and Helpfulness" was selected as their state motto and standing committees were formed for art, literature, civics, and forestry. Membership at that time stood at 1,675. She served as principal of Oklahoma City High School before statehood.



Sophia Julia Douglas



Madeline Czarina Conlan

Five years later, in December 1903, ten clubs from I.T. decided to withdraw from the Oklahoma federation. Seven other clubs soon followed. Most of the members were of American Indian descent who desired to have clubs in which they were in the majority. **Madeline Czarina Colbert Conlan** of Atoka was the first state president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Indian Territory, which was admitted to the GFWC on January 27, 1904. The next photo shows Czarina as a young woman centered in the back row of the photo. Conlan served the Oklahoma Historical Society for over twenty years. She was the curator of the historical society's museum.



Judith Ann Carter Horton was an educator, librarian, and community leader who founded the first public library for African Americans in Oklahoma. In 1906, Judith founded the Excelsior Club in Guthrie, the first African American women's club. The African American Culture Club of Oklahoma City organized in 1907 with **Harriet Price Jacobson** serving as president. This club issued the call to form a state federation. Consequently, on April 16, 1910, African American women met at Avery Chapel A.M.E. Church in Oklahoma City and formed the Oklahoma Federation of Negro Women's Clubs. In 1921, the name was changed to the Oklahoma Federation of Colored Women's Clubs (OFCWC). The OFCWC sponsored a home for delinquent African American girls in Tulsa. The biennial meeting of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs convened at Oklahoma City in 1941 and 1994. The number of communities reporting active federated clubs rose from seven in 1910 to ninety-six in 1956. The *Sooner Woman* kept African American women informed of state federation news. In 1992-93 Ruby Hall of Oklahoma City served as chair of the National Historical Research Committee and National Convention Chair for the 1994 biennial meeting. Segregated women's clubs continued into the twenty-first century. The organization held many of the same values and goals as those of the General Federation and provided great service to the state of Oklahoma.



Judith Ann Horton

Under the leadership of Oklahoma Indian Territory third president, Lola Scott (1906), **The Oklahoma City Times-Journal** became the voice for the Federation. The quarterly **Oklahoma Club Women** became the official written voice in 1922. The name of the magazine changed three times, **Oklahoma State Federation News**, **the Oklahoma Club News** and finally **Oklahoma Club Women**.

On November 3, 1908, almost one year after Oklahoma statehood in 1907, the Oklahoma and Indian Territories women's clubs were united. Ninety-four O.T. clubs and fifty-six I.T. clubs with an estimated membership of thirteen hundred members formed the Oklahoma State Federation of Women's Clubs (OSFWC) and elected **Frances F. Threadgill** as the first OSFWC state president. The Oklahoma Federation was admitted to the GFWC on May 30, 1909. State clubs were divided into five districts corresponding to the congressional districts of that time. In 1923, the state federation was divided into nine districts.



Frances F. Threadgill

Early prominent members included Blanche Lucas, Annette Ross Hume, Dr. Winonah "Winnie" M. Sanger, Roberta Campbell Lawson, Lilah D. Lindsey, Lola Scott, and Myrtle McDougal. During the early 1900s, the Oklahoma Federation created a traveling library that served schools and communities before public libraries were established. The traveling library existed until 1919 when the federation persuaded the Oklahoma state legislature to create and fund the Oklahoma Library Commission. In 1909 the state federation set up the **Frances F. Threadgill Education Loan Fund**, which helped girls continue their education. Over 330 girls received financial aid and encouragement from this fund. In 1941, the education loan fund money (\$4,000) was invested in government bonds. A **Scholarship Fund** was established in 1949 from bond interest and membership gifts. In 2023 at the 124th GFWC-OK Annual Convention in Pawhuska, attendees, after a committee study and much discussion, voted to discontinue the state scholarship. Only eighteen clubs exist and many of the local clubs and/or districts have their own education scholarships. GFWC-OK Treasurer Betty Clay recommended, and it was approved to move the scholarship money into the General Fund.



Annette Ross Hume

The interest earned from the **Annette Ross Hume Endowment Fund** was established in 1915 at the State Convention in Nowata, Oklahoma. The fund was designated to be used for regular work of the State Federation and named in honor of outgoing State President **Annette Ross Hume**. This endowment no longer exists today.

Federated club activities filled vital needs in urban areas. Club members helped to establish city parks, kindergartens, hot lunch programs in the schools, and compulsory education legislation. Initially club women did not support the woman's suffrage movement; they believed that women involved in the suffrage movement were too militant and that association with them would detract from the work accomplished by the club women. However, by 1914, their attitudes had changed to support women's suffrage.

In the 1920s, Oklahoma City club women favored keeping dance halls opened for the entertainment of young people if there was adult supervision. Oklahoma club women raised money to construct a community house for the Oklahoma Industrial Institute and College for Girls at Tecumseh in 1922. In 1928 Oklahoma Club women advocated the construction of the State Historical Building in Oklahoma City.

By the 1930s, the Oklahoma Federation was instrumental in establishing **seventy-seven public libraries** in the State as well as the library on the Oklahoma State University campus. During World Wars I and II, club members were involved in **American the Red Cross** work, campaigns for the sale of **war bonds** and stamps, the collection of scrap metal and household grease, and preservation of home resources. During the war years, club women sold over four and a half million dollars' worth of war bonds. War bonds sold by the federation members paid for the construction of several bomber aircraft manufactured here in Oklahoma during WWII. Members became active in **USO** efforts sending care packages and books to the troops overseas.

The year 1948 was the **fifty-year anniversary** of the founding of the **Oklahoma Federation** and was a time to recognize what club members had contributed to the state and to the improvement of our way of life.

The 98th GFWC Annual Convention with over 700 delegates was held in the **Tulsa Performing Arts Center with Oklahoma** women as the hosts June 12-15, 1989. The musical Oklahoma was performed by the cast of Discoveryland and every Native American tribe in Oklahoma was represented in a tribal style show and dance.

During the GFWC-OK convention in 1995, changes were made to the state bylaws to make it easier for clubs to come into the Oklahoma Federation and two new member categories were approved. There would be Member-at-Large, for those that live in a town or city with no GFWC club available and Juniorettes whose membership would be composed of middle-school/junior high and high school age women. The state was also re-districted to six districts to meet the current needs of membership.

During one of the bleakest times in our State history, April 19, 1995, the **bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building** in Oklahoma City resulted in the death of 168 citizens and more than 650 were wounded. The club women of Oklahoma stepped up to help with the disaster, starting a fund to help, sending out the call to all our sister states and raised over **\$20,000** to be used to help the families of those killed or injured. Governor Frank Keating provided a certificate of appreciation that was presented at the 104th GFWC Convention in Seattle, thanking all the members across our nation for their help and support. Following this act of terrorism, Federated women of Oklahoma raised thousands of dollars for a scholarship fund for children of the victims to attend college or a trade school of their choosing.

During the tragic terror acts in New York City on September 11, 2001, our members again stepped up and helped in raising the **\$180,000** in funds needed to purchase a fully equipped ambulance for the New York fire department, a replacement of one of the many that were destroyed during that time.

State club membership peaked in 1942 with 376 clubs and 8,687 members, by 1950 the state federation had 350 clubs with approximately 7,500 members, Membership waned in later years as more women worked outside the home and as state and federal government enacted laws and created agencies to regulate labor, natural resources, food, and drugs. During the early 1980s, Oklahoma had 202 clubs with 5,174 members. Oklahoma membership continued to decline over the years. The ageing of our members is a major factor in the decline in membership. During the early 2000's, Oklahoma had 1,222 active members who belonged to 58 clubs in the state. In 2020, during the Coronis Virus Pandemic, we had 23 clubs in the state with a membership of approximately 461. With the pandemic behind us, in 2024 Oklahoma has 380 active members and 18 clubs in the state. We now have five districts in the state.

While GFWC-Oklahoma may be fewer in number, we are still a dynamic group of dedicated women that can band together to accomplish a lot for others. This has been proven again during the Covid-19 Pandemic, members stepped up to help in the crisis, making masks, caring for victims and their families, serving in the medical field as needed and providing hope and comfort where possible. Members held drive-through donation drop off locations of items to assist those in need.

At the turn of the twenty-first century, the GFWC had 6500 clubs in the United States and more than one million members worldwide. In 2024, with more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia, and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members work in their own communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding.

GFWC International Past Presidents from Oklahoma

Oklahoma Federation women have had the honor of having two members serve as International President. **Roberta Campbell Lawson** served as International President from 1935-38 and Mrs. **E. Lee Ozbirn (Katie)** who served as president from 1960-62.



Roberta Campbell Lawson

Roberta Campbell Lawson, thirteenth international president, is one of the founders of GFWC La-Kee-Kon Club, the first club in Nowata I. T. in 1903. She was the grand- daughter of Delaware Chief, Charles Journeycake. Her parents were prominent early day pioneers in Indian Territory, Oklahoma. She was born in Alluwe. She and her husband Eugene Lawson lived in Nowata, I. T. and started their family there, later moving to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1928 where she was instrumental in forming the Tulsa La- Kee -Kon Club.

She was the first Native American woman to serve as president (1935-38) of an international organization and became one of the best loved of our Federation leaders. Her administration keynote was "Education for Living," stating that "Women are the natural guardians of the home and

have learned the art of mingling.” At the convention in Detroit at which she became National President, one hundred forty- eight Oklahoma women traveled by special train to see that she was elected. She was efficient, fair, unselfish, a diplomat of sound judgment and with astute business skills. She knew the importance of women’s part in the welfare of the Nation.

Roberta was asked to explain for the Christian Science Monitor magazine what love of life was and part of her response: *“I don’t quite know-except that I feel it intensely, an impelling force, a persistent satisfaction, to love life-all of it, is to welcome the dawn for the possibilities each new day brings. There is never a day so dull, but that it can be made bright through service.”*

During her tenure, the Disney Bill was endorsed by Congress and the GFWC advocated for this bill in 1936. This bill established the National Academy of Public Affairs to train individuals for service in National Affairs. She served as Oklahoma State President from 1917-22, Director of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, trustee of the University of Tulsa and 18 years as a member of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma College for Women. She had a vast collection of Native American artifacts and works of art.

In August of 1968, the Oklahoma GFWC membership under the leadership of Mrs. G. E. Haslam of Anadarko worked to raise \$2,000 in funds toward the purchase of a bronze bust of Roberta Campbell Lawson to be placed in the American Indian Hall of Fame at Indian City, Oklahoma.



Katie Freeman Ozbirn

Katie Freeman Ozbirn, twenty-third international president, was born in Texas but moved to Oklahoma as a young girl. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma and began her club membership in Sentinel and later moved to Oklahoma City. She was elected as one of five women in Oklahoma making significant contributions to the state based upon her volunteer activities and was named the most outstanding woman of Oklahoma City. Katie was the first woman to be appointed by an Oklahoma Governor to the Governor’s Defense Committee, which in later years became known as the State War Council.

Under her leadership as GFWC International President, for the first time in our nation’s history the United States Department of Defense awarded GFWC the Meritorious Award; received the “Informed Vote Award” in 1961 from the American Heritage Foundation because of her nation-wide **crusade for seatbelts** and received a Gold Medal from the University of Panama Minister of Education of the University of Panama in recognition of her work in Latin America. She was one of twenty-one individuals identified by the editors of Who’s Who in the South and Southwest, the only Oklahoman to receive this award at that time.

During her term as GFWC President, Katie Ozbirn was particularly concerned with citizenship, international relations, and traffic safety. The theme of her administration was "Responsible, Responsive Citizenship for Survival." In 1961 GFWC members promoted the **Women's Crusade for Seat Belts**, a partnership with the Automobile Safety Foundation. GFWC also launched the **Conquer Uterine Cancer Crusade** with the American Cancer Society. A keynote of Ozbirn's administration was Western Hemisphere Solidarity, which

included promoting student exchanges and support for Latin American countries **CARE**, an organization fighting global poverty and world hunger. She also conducted several international tours with clubwomen and hosted many international dignitaries at GFWC Headquarters.

President Kennedy appointed Ozbirn to the Food for Peace National Committee, and to the Civil and Political Rights Committee of the President's Commission on the Status of Women. After her GFWC presidency, she moved to Texas and served as chairman for the creation of a women's pavilion at Hemis Fair '68 in San Antonio. She died on January 24, 1974.



Annette Ross Hume

The Annette Ross Hume Endowment Fund was established on November 5, 1915, at the fifth annual State Federation Convention held in Nowata Oklahoma. The fund was designated to be used for regular work of the State Federation and named in honor of outgoing State President **Annette Ross Hume**. Mrs. Hume served as chairman of this fund until poor health required that she step down, but she served as a trustee until her death in 1933. At the convention in 1915, eleven thousand dollars was raised to establish the Fund, the money to be invested in Federal Savings and Loan Associations that pay interest annually. This fund no longer exists today. In 2019, Hume Endowment Trustees Donna Talley (Pryor) and Angie Sellmeyer (McAlester) recommended, and it was approved at the 2019 GFWC-OK Annual Convention, that the CD and funds collected be added to the Scholarship Fund.

The Endowment Fund is controlled by three trustees elected biennially to serve for six years each. They meet to decide how the interest from the fund should be used each year and make recommendations to the Oklahoma Federation at State Conventions. The GFWC-OK Bylaws Article III section 3 states 'The interest on all investments shall be transferred once each year on June 1 to the general fund on order of the chairman of the trustees and countersigned by the secretary of the trustees.

Annette Ross Hume, amateur photographer and club woman was born March 8, 1858, in Perrysburg, Ohio. She married Dr. Charles R. Hume on December 27, 1876, and in 1890, they moved to Anadarko, Oklahoma Territory, where Dr. Hume was agency physician for the Kiowa, Comanche, and Wichita tribes. In the late 1800s, with the advent of light-weight cameras and less toxic chemicals, middle-class women enjoyed photography as a hobby. For 20 years, beginning 1891, she photographed American Indians (including Geronimo and Quanah Parker) living near the agency as well as the settling of Anadarko after the land run lottery of 1901. She created one of the most impressive and comprehensive collections of imagery of early Oklahoma Territory as it transitioned from reservation to towns and farmlands. Her photos are still used in history books and films.

Annette served as Oklahoma State president from 1913-1915, was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1930, was a charter member of Anadarko Philomathic Club, (organized in 1899) and wrote An Historical Sketch of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Oklahoma and Indian Territories, 1898- 1908.

The **Rose Garden** at the **Oklahoma Governor’s Mansion** originated with GFWC-OK member **Mrs. Frank Higginbotham**, Chairman of Conservation of Natural Resources committee during the administration of Mrs. Rainey. The garden was dedicated on April 19, 1932, and GFWC Oklahoma clubs purchased rose bushes for the garden. Names of past State Presidents, and the wives of governors who had served prior to 1932 were placed on markers.



Oklahoma Governor’s Mansion

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The idea of the garden was to be a lasting tribute to all the club women in the state, living and dead, who heroically carried on the tradition of service to their communities, holding high the standard of Federation Club work and volunteerism. The Garden was rededicated on May 27, 1939, with the addition of new names and plans were made to continue doing so with each administration. This tradition continues today. Each administration GFWC State President’s name and each Oklahoma First Lady’s or Gentleman’s name are put on a marker for all to see.

In 2018-19, the Rose Garden suffered a serious blight and had to be destroyed. All the roses were destroyed due to a disease from infected soil. Plans are underway to relocate the garden to a new location on the grounds of the state’s Executive Mansion. Sarah Stitt, the wife of Governor Kevin Stitt (2020) will have the final say, along with Oklahoma GFWC club women, on the new garden location and the types of roses to be planted. In 2020, a GFWC-OK committee of three was formed to oversee the Rose Garden fund. The committee oversees ordering and installing appropriate plaques as well as overseeing the purchase of roses when needed. The Rose Garden is an ongoing project of GFWC Oklahoma.



Source: The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History, Mrs. George Painey’s 1898-1939 History of Oklahoma State Federation of Women’s Clubs, Mrs. J.C. Pond’s 1898-1969 History of Oklahoma State Federation of Women’s Clubs, and Fleta Haskins History of General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Oklahoma 1898 -1996

PAST GFWC-OKLAHOMA STATE PRESIDENTS

*Deceased

Oklahoma Territory

1898 – 1902	*Mrs. Selwyn Douglas (Sophia)	Oklahoma City
1902 – 1904	*Mrs. J. C. Roberts	Kingfisher
1904 – 1906	*Mrs. A. C. Scott	Stillwater
1906 – 1908	*Mrs. J. Threadgill (Frances)	Oklahoma City

Indian Territory

1903 – 1905	*Mrs. Michael Conlan (Czarina)	Oklahoma City
1905 – 1907	*Mrs. C. E. Wilcox	Okmulgee
1907 – 1908	*Mrs. D.A. McDougal	Sapulpa

Oklahoma State

1908 – 1910	*Mrs. J. Threadgill (Frances)	Oklahoma City
1910 – 1913	*Mrs. D. A. McDougal	Sapulpa
1913 - 1915	*Mrs. Charles R. Hume (Annette)	Anadarko
1915 - 1917	*Mrs. Tom Hope	Ada
1917 - 1919	*Mrs. Eugene B. Lawson (Roberta)	Nowata
1919 - 1921	*Mrs. J. C. Pearson	Marshall
1921 - 1923	*Mrs. John R. Frazier	Wilburton
1924 – 1925	*Dr. Winnie M. Sanger	Bartlesville
1925 - 1927	*Mrs. J. R. Reihl	Blackwell
1927 - 1930	*Mrs. George Rainey	Guthrie
1930 (Apr-Sept)	*Mrs. F M. Blackwell	Heavener
1930 – 1934	*Mrs. J. Hale Edwards	Lawton
1934 - 1937	*Mrs. W. M. VanDivort	Nowata
1937 - 1940	*Mrs. C. Guy Cutlip	Wewoka
1940 - 1943	*Mrs. E. Lee Ozbirn (Katie)	Oklahoma City
1943 - 1945	*Mrs. D. W. Humphreys (Mabel)	Oklahoma City
1945 - 1947	*Mrs. T.G. Gibson	Ardmore
1947 - 1949	*Mrs. Frank Little	Ramona
1949 - 1951	*Mrs. Henry D. Miller	Mangum
1951 - 1953	*Mrs. C. H. Gibbons	Coweta
1953 - 1955	*Mrs. J. V. L. Morris	Alva
1955 - 1956	*Mrs. J. Warren Burgess (Lena)	Tulsa
1956 - 1958	*Mrs. Charles Strother	Madill
1958 - 1960	*Mrs. A.B. Cockrell	Oklahoma City
1960 - 1962	*Mrs. C. A. McCall (Louise)	Atoka
1962 - 1964	*Mrs. Darwin Wells	Hunter

1964 - 1966	*Mrs. Clyde Boyd	Sand Springs
1966 - 1968	*Mrs. Gilbert Haslam	Anadarko
1968 - 1970	*Mrs. John Fitch	El Reno
1970 - 1972	*Mrs. Marvin Couch (Bessye)	Buffalo
1972 - 1974	*Mrs. Vern Firestone (Anita)	Kingfisher
1974 - 1976	*Mrs. Randall Spears (Ida)	Ardmore
1976 - 1978	*Mrs. Nelson I. Bower (Ethel)	Oklahoma City
1978 - 1980	*Mrs. Carl Harper (Vashti)	Elk City
1980 - 1982	*Mrs. Edwin E. Vineyard (Imogene)	Tonkawa
1982 - 1984	*Mrs. J. Edwin Carman (Charlotte)	Duncan
1984 - 1986	*Mrs. W. R. Van Burkleo (Joan)	Antlers
1986 - 1988	*Mrs. Rudia Halliburton (LaVonne)	Tahlequah
1988 - 1990	*Mrs. Joe B. Milligan (Mary Crow)	Bartlesville
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1962 - 1964	*Mrs. D. W. Humphreys (Mabel)	Cushing
1972 - 1974	*Mrs. C. A. McCall (Louise)	Atoka
1980 -1982	*Mrs. Randall Spears (Ida)	Ardmore
2004 - 2006	Mrs. Lloyd Haskins (Fleta)	Sallisaw
2014 - 2016	Mrs. Edward Ward (Joyce)	Pawhuska

GFWC PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS FROM OKLAHOMA

1935 - 1938	*Roberta Campbell Lawson	Tulsa
1960 – 1962	*Katie Freeman Ozbirn	Oklahoma City

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