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GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS



Dear GFWC Members,

It is with pleasure and excitement that I share the 2010-2012 *GFWC Club Manual* with you. Taking to heart our “Unity in Diversity” motto, we are thrilled to enclose this printed, abridged version, and also direct you to the additional, expanded content comprising the entire *GFWC Club Manual*.

Using the best resources available, the 2010-2012 *GFWC Club Manual* is available at no charge at www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers. To accommodate those who prefer traditional, printed materials—while balancing print costs and conservation efforts—complete advancement guides, award and contest information, and additional resources and publications are available for purchase for a nominal fee through the GFWC Marketplace; for those who prefer to access the comprehensive *GFWC Club Manual* on a CD-ROM, that is also available from the GFWC Marketplace. The inclusive chart on the next page provides a detailed outline of the resources and information contained in the various sections of the *GFWC Club Manual*—and the variety of methods available to you to access this information.

You have received these printed materials by virtue of your Federation position (*i.e.*, club president, state leader), but this information is not yours alone. It is a resource to be shared with your fellow GFWC members. In fact, encourage all club members to access the information at www.GFWC.org/ClubManual.

We are excited to announce some significant changes to the way GFWC will manage its community service endeavors during this administration. After 75 years, the six areas of service that GFWC specializes in will be referred to as GFWC Community Service Programs, not departments. We are also premiering the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. Throughout the 2010-2012 *GFWC Club Manual* you will find project suggestions, partnership information, and resource ideas that will assist you and your fellow club members in your efforts to enhance the lives of others through volunteer service within your community and our world.

I hope you find all of the information in this *GFWC Club Manual* helpful as you continue to improve the lives of others through volunteer service. Thank you for the amazing work you do to make life better for your neighbors. Together, we will make our vision a new reality for GFWC.

Yours, in Federation Service,

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2010-2012 GFWC International President