



Carlene A. Garner

GFWC International President 2010-2012

Carlene has been an active clubwoman for 40 years. After joining GFWC-Washington State as a Junior member, she served as club president, and held many positions at the district and state leadership levels, including district director. She was named Club Woman of the Year while a Junior member.

As a general member, Carlene helped establish a leadership club for her district. In addition to serving in several district chairmanships, she was elected district first vice-president and went on to become president of Peninsula District, 1984–1986.

In GFWC-Washington State, she held several chairmanships and was then elected treasurer, third, second, and first vice-presidents. In 1995, she chaired the GFWC Convention in Seattle, and was State President from 1996-98. She was appointed GFWC Community Improvement Program Chairman for 1998-2000.

In 2000, she was elected GFWC Treasurer. She has since served as Recording Secretary, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President and President-elect. An active participant in Western States Region she has served as Parliamentary Advisor, and chairman for Fundraising, Spiritual Values and Standing Rules.

An active member in her community, Carlene was president of her children's pre-school, president of her local PTA, president of Tacoma Symphony Women, county chairman for Northwest Development Officers' Association, co-founder of the Coalition for the Development of the Arts where she served as the first treasurer, editor of the AAUW newsletter, and she spent five years serving as a member of the Washington State Board of Pharmacy, an appointment made by the governor. In addition Carlene served as chairman of the Tacoma Public Schools Volunteer Advisory Board and as chairman of the High School Reorganization Task Force.

Carlene is a dedicated member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. She was Congregational president for two terms, and has been both a Sunday school teacher and a confirmation teacher. She has also been a member of several regional and national church-wide committees. In addition, she has served several related organizations, including ten years as a board member for the Tacoma Lutheran Home and over 12 years as a Tacoma/Narrows Conference board member.

A business and communications graduate of the University of Puget Sound, Carlene is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the West*. In addition to her BA, she holds a Certificate in Fund Raising Management from Purdue University and she is a certified Tour director for BalleTacoma for five years, and the executive director of the Tacoma Symphony for more than ten years. She also managed her own consulting firm for several years.

Carlene and husband Del are the proud parents of two grown sons and their favorite activity is spending time with their grandchildren. The Garner household currently includes Miles and Bella, their Caviler King Charles Spaniels.