




GFWC Membership News



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Initiation of Club Members

Does your club initiate your new members? If not, it might be something to consider. An initiation ceremony is a great opportunity to welcome your new members to your group. It reinforces their sense of belonging to your local club. Taking the oath of membership and receiving a GFWC membership pin indicates a commitment to supporting and participating in the goals and activities of the club. Plan an initiation ceremony for your new members and at the same time give your current members a chance to reaffirm their membership commitment.

The *GFWC Ceremonies Guide* features select new club charter, new member initiation, installation, memorial, and anniversary ceremonies from GFWC State Federations and clubs across the country. A spiral bound copy may be purchased (\$8) from the GFWC Marketplace or members may receive a PDF of the guide at no cost by contacting GFWC at 1-800-443-GFWC (4392) or GFWC@GFWC.org. GFWC Membership pins may also be purchased (\$5 each) from The Marketplace.



In 1890, 22 years after Jane Cunningham Croly was denied entrance to a lecture featuring Charles Dickens, 63 clubs gathered in New York City and officially formed GFWC. Do your club members know about the work and activities of women's clubs that lead up to the ratification convention during those prior years? Read about their challenges. Take time to educate your members – share the history of GFWC. Refer to the book, *“Reaching Out: A Story of the General Federation of Women's Club”* by Mary Jean Houde for information of the growth and development of GFWC as an international organization of volunteers.



Certificate of Recognition

Certificates of Recognition are a great way to recognize members and/or clubs for outstanding volunteer work.

GFWC has made available a “Certificate of Recognition” on the website for your use. You may download a copy, found under the GFWC Resource tab and index “C.”

Happy Anniversary

GFWC acknowledges and celebrates milestone club anniversaries with a certificate, letter from the GFWC International President, and recognition in GFWC Clubwoman Magazine.

According to GFWC's bylaws, milestone anniversaries are 25, 50, 60, 70, and every five years thereafter (75, 80, 85, etc.). Anniversary dates are based on the date when a club joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs, not the date when the club was founded. Please contact Kate Garlick, Membership Service Manager, at GFWC, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990; or email: kgarlick@gfwc.org to submit your request.



Summer Seasonal Recruitment
GFWC - \$50 MEMBERSHIP GRANTS
Application deadline is June 1, 2017.



GFWC'S - "IT'S THE REAL DEAL"
RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN
March, April, May
52 PICK UP – A MEMBERSHIP TOOL
Report due June 1, 2017