Benefits of Belonging

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT

Membership in GFWC is first and foremost about volunteerism. In all 50 states and more than a dozen countries, our members work locally to create global change. GFWC clubwomen are mothers, wives, daughters, doctors, teachers, and community leaders who are dedicated to enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

The greatest benefit of membership is being a part of a world-wide volunteer movement of women working to better the lives of countless men, women, and children all over the world. The collective impact of GFWC clubwomen working together to assist those in need demonstrates the true power of Federation.

GFWC is distinguished from other service organizations by the breadth of our outreach. Community service programs span all areas of the lives of our members, their families, and communities: arts, conservation, education, home life, international outreach, and public issues. Our members work each day to continue this legacy and to reshape their communities.

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.
FREE TOURS OF GFWC’S HISTORIC HEADQUARTERS
Thousands of clubwomen and their guests have visited GFWC’s Headquarters in the historic DuPont Circle neighborhood of Washington, D.C. Tours of Headquarters may be scheduled through the Women’s History and Resource Center by phone at 202-347-3168. Tours of this National Historic Landmark last one to two hours (depending upon the number of visitors) and include both a house tour and a visit to the Women’s History and Resource Center.

GFWC WEBSITE
Access vital Federation information on GFWC’s redesigned website, GFWC.org. The website includes updates on future events, the GFWC Club Manual, downloadable resources from Program Partners, and much more.

SUBSCRIPTION TO WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER
New & Notes is GFWC’s free electronic newsletter that is sent every Thursday morning, right to your inbox! It contains all the information you need to stay connected to GFWC such as partner spotlights, program updates, Marketplace discounts, clubs in the news, and more. To receive New & Notes contact GFWC@GFWC.org or enroll through the signup box at the bottom of the GFWC.org home page.

GFWC CLUBWOMAN MAGAZINE
As GFWC’s premier publication, GFWC Clubwoman Magazine is the ultimate resource for any member. Every issue is filled with valuable in-depth articles, highlights of club activities, news, and insights. The full-color publication details how clubwomen are working in their communities and bettering the lives of those around them.

Every club president receives a complimentary subscription to GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. To subscribe contact Membership Services at 202-347-3168 or toll-free at 800-443-4392.

FIND GFWC ON FACEBOOK
Special events, historic dates, club highlights, project ideas, and what is happening at Headquarters can be found daily on GFWC’s Facebook page. “Like” GFWC today!

ANNUAL CONVENTION
GFWC’s Annual Convention is in Palm Springs, California, June 23 to 26. There is still plenty of time to make your plans to be there. Register now at GFWC.org or call 202-347-3168 for more information.

GFWC LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER
Sign on to GFWC’s Legislative Action Center at GFWC.org, click “What We Do” on the home page, then “Public Policy” from the dropdown menu.

GFWC MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS
GFWC members can now get discounts on insurance, travel, and goods and services. Links to discounts can be accessed on GFWC’s website, GFWC.org. Click “Members” on the home page, then “Membership Discounts” from the dropdown menu.
THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING

Club Rewards

PARTNER WITH NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS
GFWC identifies and secures partnerships with trusted and effective nonprofits to create community service programs and special projects that are structured to enable GFWC clubs to harness the vast resources of our membership to address the emerging needs of their individual communities. GFWC Community Service Programs and Special Programs focus on the major issues of our time—supporting women’s health, preserving natural resources, promoting literacy and equality, and encouraging volunteer service.

GROUP EXEMPTION BENEFIT
GFWC is once again offering tax-exempt status as a benefit of membership under GFWC’s group exemption umbrella. Applications will be available on GFWC’s website, GFWC.org, December 1, 2017, and must be completed and submitted to GFWC by March 1, 2018.

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE WITH CLUB HISTORY PROJECTS
GFWC’s Women’s History and Resource Center (WHRC) provides assistance to clubs interested in tackling preservation and history projects. Program suggestions are provided in the GFWC Club Manual. Contact the WHRC by phone at 202-347-3168 for more information.

PROGRAMMING SUPPORT AND TRAINING
Call or email GFWC Monday through Friday, 9-5 EST for assistance with your club’s programming, fundraising efforts, membership requirements, and more.

ACCESS TO LIABILITY COVERAGE
GFWC offers members access to two insurance plans through our insurance partner, AH&T Insurance: Directors & Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance, intended to cover a variety of claims that allege a wrongful act attributable to the management or governance of an organization; and General Liability Insurance, which provides protection in the event of bodily injury or property damage to a third party due to alleged negligence. As a federated club, you have the opportunity to obtain coverage with more affordable premiums than if purchased individually. Each participating club will have its own policy and coverage.

General Liability Insurance premiums start at $300 annually, but may vary based on the number of members and other special considerations. D&O Liability Insurance premiums are $463.50 annually for all GFWC clubs. To learn more, visit AH&T Insurance’s website, or contact Amy Miller with AH&T Insurance at 703-554-6269 or amiller@ahtins.com.

LEADS OFFICER TRAINING
The GFWC LEADS program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help 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 Convention. It is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch. Each State Federation may select one LEADS attendee annually. Attendees are expected to meet the criteria listed above. GFWC provides State Federations with guidelines and forms to help them in selecting LEADS candidates, and utilizing LEADS graduates to enhance state leadership.

ENDORSED FUNDRAISERS
GFWC endorses select companies that have programs designed to assist clubs in their fundraising efforts. The club earns a commission based on the amount of product sold.

• Flower Power Fundraising offers only the finest bulbs and plants available from growers in Holland and the United States with an unconditional 100% money-back guarantee.
• Terri Lynn offers an extensive variety of gourmet raw and roasted nuts, dried fruits, chocolate, and candy products.

For more information go to GFWC.org, click on “Membership Services” on the home page, then “Fundraising” from the dropdown menu.
WAYS YOU CAN HELP GFWC

MEMBERSHIP
We are a Federation of women who better the lives of countless individuals through volunteer work and donations to worthy charities. Like many other service organizations, our recent membership numbers have been less strong than in the past. We are compelled to reverse this trend. Our strength is in our numbers. Join and renew your membership to be part of the over 80,000 women strong GFWC movement.

DONATE
We need your help to support the work you do in the world and your communities. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to GFWC in any number of ways. We are currently raising funds for several projects.

VOLUNTEER
Your local club depends on volunteers to carry out its mission and serve others. Volunteering is at the core of GFWC. Your time working with others in need demonstrates the compassion and dedication that defines GFWC clubwomen.

RUN FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
Join a committee or run for office. You are the change you seek in the world and we need your passion and leadership to continue in our mission.

INVITE NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN
Clubwomen reaching out to their friends, family members, and contacts is the most successful way we find and engage new members. Please invite the women in your life to a club meeting and get them involved. We work hard to increase our numbers so we can maximize the good work we do together.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact the Director of Membership Services and Programs Melanie Gisler at 202-347-3168 or mgisler@gfwc.org.