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The New GFWC Member Portal



Register now at memberportal.gfwc.org

Your current account information will be transferred to the new platform. All users will need to complete a one-time registration using their existing email on the new portal.

Please read this [SUPPORT GUIDE](#) for assistance in creating your profile, downloading files from the Digital Library, and updating your profile information.

It can take 2-3 business days for GFWC staff to approve your profile. We thank you for your patience, as we expect to experience a high volume of requests at the beginning of this transition.



New!

GFWC Clubwoman Magazine

Spring 2024

Read Now

In this issue of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*

- 2024 GFWC Jennie Award Finalists
- Federation Fashion: A Closer Look at the Special Exhibit of GFWC International Past Presidents' Gowns
- Get Ready for the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago
- Advocating for Child Safety: GFWC's Role in Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Championing Women and Girls in Your Daily Life

2024 JENNIE AWARD UPDATE

We sincerely apologize for an error in our recent issue of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*. In our commitment to accuracy and quality, we have found an oversight that needs to be corrected.

Jane Mackesy is a dedicated member of GFWC and the 2024 Jennie Award nominee from Middle Atlantic Region. Jane is from GFWC New Jersey (not Pennsylvania as previously published).

Thank you for your understanding, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



2024 GFWC Annual Convention: Register Now



Chicago Architecture Tour

Experience the city's legendary architecture from the best seat in the house—the river. From hidden treasures to the city's most well-known sights, you'll view over 40 Chicago landmarks on our 90-minute private Architecture River Boat Tour. This comprehensive tour navigates through the heart of the city on all three branches of the Chicago River.

It's the one thing everyone tells you to do in Chicago, done right.

GFWC Tours include transportation, lunch, a scenic private river cruise, and a visit to Navy Pier. Tour Tickets are available for \$125 per person.

Tour Times:

- 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Thursday, June 27
- 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Friday, June 28

[Register Now!](#)

STYLING THE BYLAWS

By: GFWC Bylaws Committee

Bylaws should be written in an outline style, with single spacing within the paragraphs and double spacing between articles, sections, and subsections. Each organization can select a style to follow, but the style must be consistent. The outline format is expressed as I. 1. A. 10 a).

Heading (Uppercase, bold, centered) **BYLAWS OF THE GFWC XYZ WOMAN'S CLUB**

Articles (Uppercase, bold, flush left, Roman numerals, space, hyphen, space, no period, one line space after) **ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**

Section Titles (Sentence case, bold, indent one-half inch, Arabic numerals, period, no hyphen, separate line) Section **1. Categories**

Subsection Titles (Sentence case, if part of a sentence contains no bolding; if heading bold; hanging indent ½ inch; capital letter, period, space, title, period) A. **Regular**. A regular member shall be ...

OR A. A regular member shall be....

Sub-subsections (Sentence case, no bold, hanging indent ¼ inch, Arabic numbers with right parenthesis)

1) attend four meetings

2) participate in three projects

A style for simple bylaws is one in which one-paragraph articles do not have section numbers.

ARTICLE II. Purpose

ARTICLE III. Members

Section 1. Members

A. Regular Members

B. Sustaining Members

Section 2. Dues

Some organizations prefer items within a section to be numbered:

Section 1.0

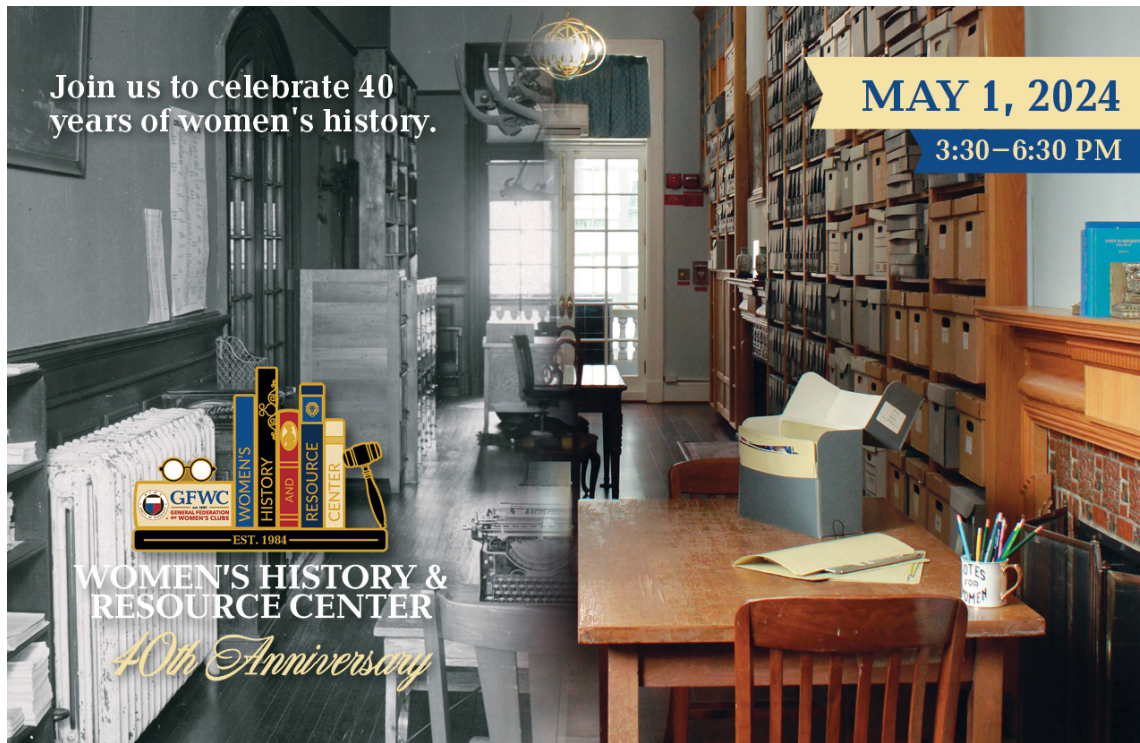
Section 1.1

Section 1.2

Section 2.0

The advantage of this style is that to insert a new provision; the others do not have to be renumbered. For example, the new section between 1.1 and 1.2 would be 1.1.1.

Word processing programs may not format correctly, and spelling and grammar check features may not apply properly, so proofreading is important. Longer bylaws benefit from a table of contents. In some cases, an index may be helpful, as may a glossary of terms or a section with definitions.



Women's History and Resource Center 40th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm

IN-PERSON EVENT at General Federation of Women's Clubs Headquarters -
1734 N Street, NW – Washington, DC 20036

Please join us at a special reception to celebrate the Ruby Anniversary of the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC). Founded on May 1, 1984, the WHRC has spent forty years preserving the history of GFWC clubwomen and ensuring that this legacy of community service is accessible to all. Help us commemorate this important milestone as we look forward to the next forty years!

This event will feature tours of our historic Headquarters (including the WHRC Archives and Library), as well as exhibits highlighting favorites from the WHRC collection.

*Light refreshments will be served.
Music by Kristen Jepperson, Harpist.*

REGISTER NOW



What Can Canva Do?

By: Loretta Caron, GFWC CPR Committee Member

Canva is a photo and video editor in one graphic design application. You can create eye-catching social media posts, videos, cards, flyers, and more. You can use Canva for free; however, if your club is a 501c3, you can apply to get [Canva Premium for no cost](#), which will unlock thousands more templates and photos, allow you to plan and schedule social media content, let you collaborate with other club members; get 1TB cloud storage; and have 24/7 customer support. Each nonprofit account can have up to 50 users. When prompted to enter your organization name or ID, you must use your club or state name, not just “General Federation of Women’s Clubs.”

Canva is a great way to visually tell your club's story, whether you're promoting a fundraiser and need flyers and social media posts or recruiting new members and want to design a new club brochure and create an invitation with GFWC's

new emblem. It is a one-stop graphic design tool, so you can convey a consistent message.

If your club is doing strategic planning or brainstorming for the next club year, you can use the Canva whiteboard. A whiteboard is like an online posterboard where you put sticky notes of ideas online.

If you want to be cutting edge, you can play with AI (artificial intelligence).

Canva has an AI photo editor known as Magic Studio, where you can add filters or remove backgrounds from photos. Some Magic Studio applications have a limited number of uses.

Don't let all this scare you if you aren't technical. Canva has blogs, tutorials, and a help center to make you a design pro in no time.

Volunteers in Action: GFWC Brenham Fortnightly Club (TX)



The GFWC Brenham Fortnightly Club (TX) members and guests made 35 patriotic pillows and personally delivered them to Veterans in Washington County, Texas. During the visit, the Veterans shared some of their experiences. During the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Old Independence Cemetery, pillows were presented to Veterans who had not already received

one. The rewarding and heartwarming project was very well received by the Veterans.



Submit photos and a short story about the awesome things YOUR club is doing in the community to PR@gfwc.org.



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