



# NEWS & NOTES

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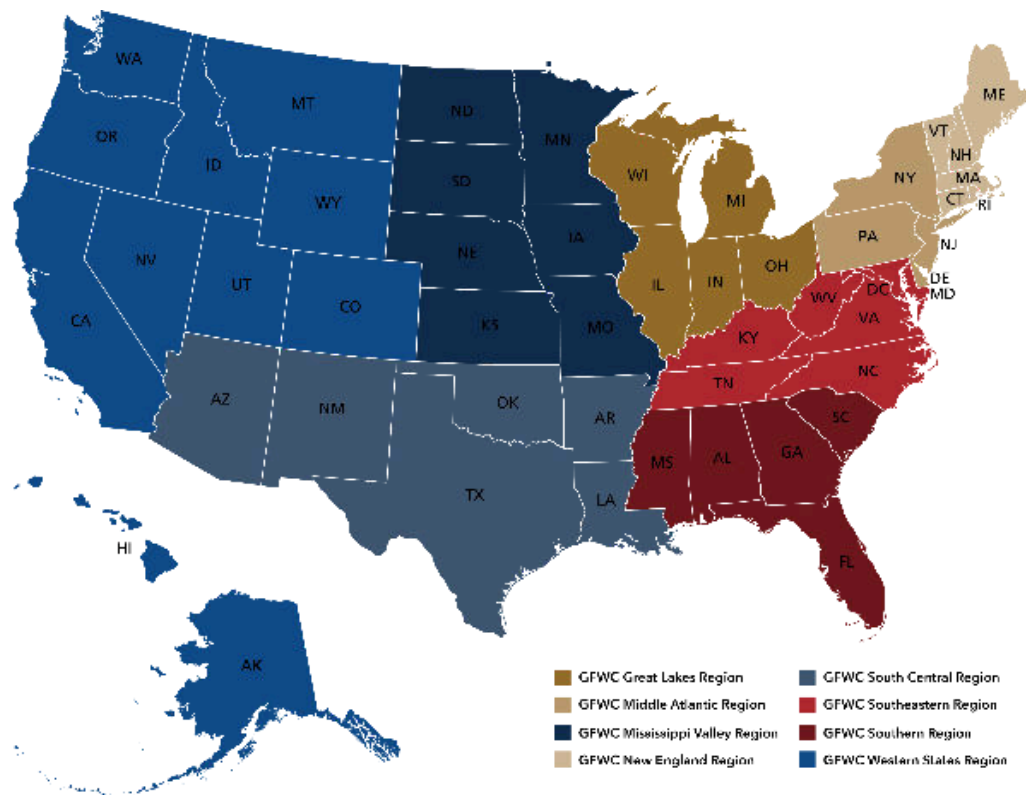
## Join us on the GFWC Stronger Together Bahamas Cruise in February 2025.

Join your GFWC sisters on the GFWC Stronger Together Cruise to the Bahamas February 6-10, 2025, hosted by Shannon Bailey, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, and the Junior Organization. This trip is open to all GFWC members, and friends and family are welcome. The ship is selling out quickly—reserve your cabin now! See [www.gfwccruise.com](http://www.gfwccruise.com) for all the details.

SAVE YOUR SPOT

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**Have you signed up for your GFWC  
Region Conference?**



GFWC Region Conferences offer educational and practical training for clubwomen just like you. These conferences offer a chance to connect with members who recognize and embrace the unique aspects of your area of the country. Some conferences provide an opportunity to participate in a service project where you may find inspiration for your own club’s activities. Other highlights may include speakers who are experts in their field, or a chance to speak personally with GFWC Officers or GFWC Affiliate Organization representatives.

Regions are sending out their Call to Conference emails with registration information now, make sure to check your emails and your Region’s Facebook page.

If you’ve considered attending a larger GFWC conference, now is the time to try it!

## 2024 GFWC Region Conference Schedule

- September 5–8 GFWC Western States Region, Washington
- September 12–15 GFWC New England Region, Maine
- September 19–22 GFWC Mississippi Valley Region, Iowa
- September 26–29 GFWC Middle Atlantic Region, Pennsylvania
- October 3–6 GFWC Southern Region, South Carolina
- October 10–13 GFWC South Central Region, Oklahoma
- October 17–20 GFWC Great Lakes Region, Michigan
- October 24–27 GFWC Southeastern Region, North Carolina



# Leadership Reimagined

By: Ann Landis, GFWC Leadership  
Committee Chairman

GFWC is focused on **Leadership Reimagined**. We seek to educate, engage, and empower members to reach beyond traditional community service and social engagement. We strive to be more inclusive, collaborative, and dynamic. As we stretch outside our comfort zones to reach the next level and build on past accomplishments, let's dream bigger, stand stronger, and be more influential. This goal is for all of us. Let's reach higher and wider while *Living the Volunteer Spirit*.

Forge ahead as we employ the many facets of our Leadership Reimagined theme. Our focus will include coaching and mentoring strategies, peer leadership circles, shadowing opportunities, team building, and icebreaker activities. Implement co-leadership roles for those cautious about leading. Schedule succession team meetings to transfer knowledge from one chairman to another, and form focus groups to develop and refine strategic plans.

Work as a leadership team to develop self-awareness, cultivate empathy, and promote self-reflection to refine communication skills. Lead by example. Good leaders continually seek new learning opportunities. Be a reimagined leader. Put focus on mentorship and personal development. Take on roles to guide members in developing the skills and confidence needed to lead.

Cultivate continuous learning and give budding leaders the confidence to try new roles and seek new positions. Leadership is about recognizing abilities that others don't see in themselves. Help members be the best they can be, by being the best you can be!

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# Is Your Club Registered for the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service?



The screenshot shows the GFWC website header with the logo and navigation menu. Below the header, the main content area features the heading "Join these participating clubs" and a sub-note: "Clubs updated weekly, please allow a week to see your club's name." A list of states is displayed, each with a red plus sign to its right, indicating that clubs are registered for that state.

State(s)	Status
Alabama / Alaska / Arizona / Arkansas	+
California / Colorado / Connecticut	+
Delaware / District of Columbia	+
Florida	+
Georgia	+
Idaho / Illinois / Indiana / Iowa	+
Kansas / Kentucky	+
Louisiana	+

View the complete list of clubs registered on [GFWC.org/nds/](https://www.gfwc.org/nds/)

*Please note that this list is updated manually. Please allow a week to see your club's name appear.*

[View Now](#)







## GFWC NDS ADDS 52 NEW REGISTRANTS FOR THE WEEK

*"More than 44 million people in the US face hunger, including 1 in 5 children."  
~ U.S. Department of Agriculture*

GFWC is pleased to welcome 52 new registrants to its GFWC National Day of Service (NDS) participation count. For the week ending August 1, 2024, 52 clubs pledged their participation, bringing the grand total to 487.

With eight weeks left until this year's GFWC NDS on Saturday, September 28, we have a fantastic opportunity to engage clubs from your area and state. Join us in recruiting GFWC clubs to register as we move toward our ambitious goal of **1,800 participating clubs**. The challenge for this week to increase participation numbers is to think of creative, fun ways to encourage clubs in your states, districts, or regions to participate. Are there local businesses that your club can partner with for a greater impact? Or, are you planning to use NDS as an opportunity for membership recruitment by inviting prospective members to participate and learn firsthand about the important work GFWC does in communities?

Our collective goal is to feature GFWC's volunteer efforts on this annual day to increase public awareness of an important social issue GFWC supports while showcasing our prowess to serve the greater good in our communities. Drive the message home that *"together we can end food insecurity and hunger!"*

If your club has not registered, please do so today!

To register, visit <https://memberportal.gfwc.org/>, and fill out your account information. Once you have a Member Portal account, click on the Events page to sign up. Simply select 2024 GFWC National Day of Service and you're on your way.

If more than one club is partnering on a project, you can register up to three clubs on the site. However, you will need to email Membership Director Melanie Gisler, [mgisler@gfwc.org](mailto:mgisler@gfwc.org), the additional club names for your group.

### ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION OPTION: EMAIL

If you prefer to register by email, please send a message to [GFWCNDS@GFWC.org](mailto:GFWCNDS@GFWC.org) to sign up for the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service.

Please include:

- Club Contact and Information
- Official Club Name
- Your State Federation
- Brief Description of Club's Project, If Known (not required)

REGISTER NOW

*\* New Registrations as of Thursday, August 1, 2024*

MONTANA  
GFWC Madison Valley Woman's Club

ARIZONA  
GFWC ESO Fifth Wheels

NEBRASKA  
GFWC Fairmont Woman's Club

CALIFORNIA  
GFWC Orangevale Woman's Club  
GFWC Placentia Round Table Women's Club  
GFWC Riverside Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Playa del Rey

NEW JERSEY  
GFWC Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton

CONNECTICUT  
GFWC Terryville Woman's Club

NEW YORK  
GFWC Servers of the Western New York Federation of Women's Clubs

DELAWARE  
GFWC Blue Hen Chicks and Friends  
GFWC Village Improvement Association  
GFWC Women's Club of Milton, DE

NORTH CAROLINA  
GFWC Charlotte Woman's Club

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
GFWC DC Women's Club

OHIO  
GFWC Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs

FLORIDA  
GFWC Greater Ocala Woman's Club  
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Lakeland

OKLAHOMA  
GFWC Silver Foxes

OREGON  
GFWC Portland Woman's Club

PENNSYLVANIA

GFWC Lakeshore Women's Club  
GFWC Marianna Woman's Club  
GFWC Naples Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC New Tampa Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC of The Villages  
GFWC Tampa Bay Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach  
GFWC Woman's Club of Leesburg

GEORGIA  
GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club

ILLINOIS  
GFWC Coal City Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC Waukegan Women's Club

KANSAS  
GFWC Flint Hills Woman's Club  
GFWC Gradatim

MAINE  
GFWC Maine Past Presidents Club

MICHIGAN  
GFWC Menominee Women's Club

MISSISSIPPI  
GFWC Les Amies Juniores of Purvis  
GFWC Poplarville Woman's Club  
GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club

MISSOURI  
GFWC Achieving by Reading Club of Lee's Summit,  
MO  
GFWC Bev Shelton Girls Town Club

GFWC Bangor Women's Club  
GFWC Littlestown

SOUTH CAROLINA  
GFWC Chapin Woman's Club

TEXAS  
GFWC Amity Club of Bowie  
GFWC Kirbyville Woman's Civic Club  
GFWC Waxahachie Federation of Women's Clubs

VIRGINIA  
GFWC Junto Woman's Club  
GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club  
GFWC Richlands Woman's Club  
Narrows Junior Woman's Club GFWC

WASHINGTON  
GFWC Cathlamet Woman's Club

\* WEST VIRGINIA  
GFWC Civic Club of Ravenswood

WISCONSIN  
GFWC Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club

\* Correction – Club signed up on July 11 but was listed under the wrong state.



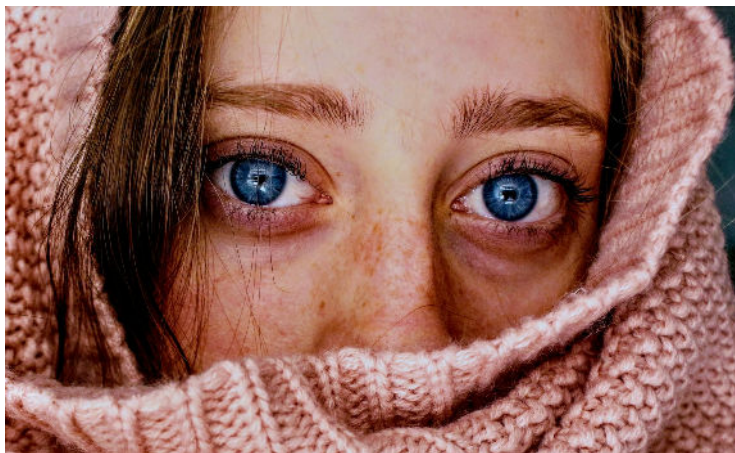
## Looking for Membership Discounts?

Being a GFWC member saves you money! Find discounts on travel, hotels, insurance policies, office supplies, hearing care, and club insurance policies. Exclusive GFWC Member discounts are listed in the GFWC Member Portal under the Membership page.

[SAVE NOW](#)

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# Legislative Highlight



**Anti-trafficking:** In early July, GFWC proudly co-signed an [anti-trafficking coalition letter](#) urging the Senate to enact the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA, H.R. 5856), which is a foundational piece of anti-trafficking legislation because it governs the federal government's comprehensive response to human trafficking. The bill was approved by the House of Representatives in February by a strong bipartisan vote. Importantly, the coalition letter also urges a more comprehensive package by adding the International Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (S. 920) recently approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Critical funding must be provided to support survivors and to combat human trafficking in all forms both domestically and internationally. These bills improve efforts to prevent trafficking, protect victims, and prosecute traffickers. According to the State Department, trafficking undermines national security, distorts markets, and enriches transnational criminals and terrorists. TVPA reauthorization represents a bipartisan and bicameral effort to prevent and stop human trafficking both domestically and internationally. GFWC will issue a Legislative Alert in support of these bills after Labor Day when Congress reconvenes.

[Read the Anti-Trafficking Coalition Letter](#)

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## 2024 GFWC Award Winners

The following awards were listed incorrectly when last week's News & Notes was

Signature Program Awards

- Category 5 – GFWC Rhode Island
- Category 4 – GFWC Nebraska

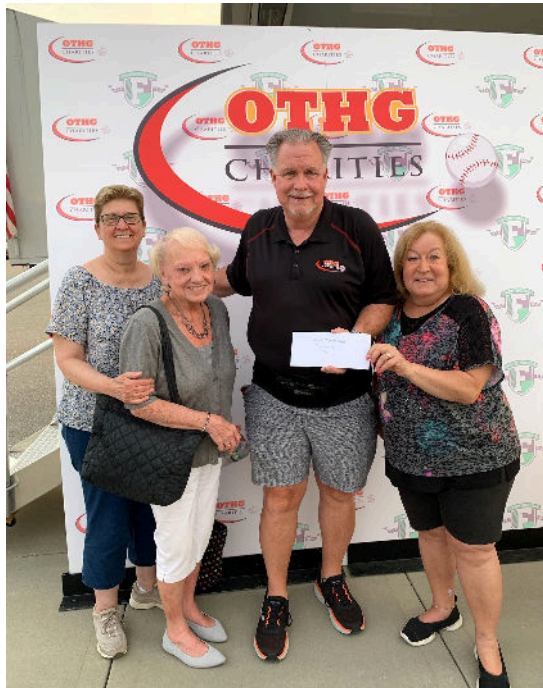


distributed and have now been updated. Please check [GFWC.org](https://www.gfwc.org) for the most up-to-date listings.

Advancement Awards:  
Leadership

• Category 1 – GFWC North Carolina

- Category 3 – GFWC Maryland
- Category 2 – GFWC Tennessee
- Category 1 – GFWC California
- Club Creativity Award - GFWC Hope Juniorette Club (CA)
- Honorable Mention - GFWC Northwest Florida Service Group (FL)



## Volunteers in Action: GFWC Women's Club of Farmingdale (NY)

The Over the Hill Gang Softball League held its Annual Fundraiser – Bash for the Band - on Friday, July 26, 2024, at Ellsworth Allen Community Park in Farmingdale, New York. The Over the Hill Gang's goal is to provide financial assistance to local families whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by tragedy and hardship, with 100% of the funds going directly to recipients. Since the charity's inception 48 years ago, they have raised and distributed more than half a million dollars to local families in their time of need.

On September 22, 2023, a catastrophic bus crash claimed the lives of two longtime Farmingdale High School teachers, Bea Ferrari and Gina Pellettiere. The bus was carrying 40 members of the FHS marching band en route to band camp in PA. Several students were seriously injured and have endured emotional trauma since the accident. All proceeds from this fundraiser event will be gifted to the students involved.

Members of the GFWC Women's Club of Farmingdale were on hand to present a \$125 check to Kevin Brisbane, President of the OTHG League, and members David Chametsky and Jim Loughlin.

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