



# NEWS & NOTES

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March 27, 2025

## GFWC: Amplified Impact: 63,000 Strong



June 6-9

Spinning Vision into  
Reality: Join Us for the 2025  
GFWC Annual Convention

REGISTER NOW



Featured Event: *Empowerment Through  
Unity Luncheon*  
Sunday, June 8

This highlight event features speaker Lynn Rosenthal, former Director of Sexual and Gender-based Violence at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where she led the Department's work to implement the National Plan to End Gender-based Violence and related initiatives.

Rosenthal's experience working to end domestic and sexual violence in the United States makes her perfectly positioned to speak to attendees about these pervasive issues that violate victims and perpetuate cycles of trauma. Her presentation will ignite attendees' awareness and urgency to unite for the upcoming GFWC International Day of Service. She will share inspiring insights that motivate members to take action on September 27!

Participants registered for the 2025 GFWC International Day of Service before the Convention will be recognized during the Empowerment Through Unity Luncheon.

## 2025 Convention Program Ads Due This Tuesday, April 1



Download Form

Ad space is filling up! Feature your club, leadership, or friends in the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention Program! Orders must be received by next Tuesday, **April 1, 2025**, to guarantee space. Return completed forms and ad files to Design & Publications Manager Candice Gill, [CGill@GFWC.org](mailto:CGill@GFWC.org).

## GFWC Bylaws

By: Deen Meloro, GFWC Bylaws Chairman

By now, I hope you have seen the *Call* to the GFWC Convention, June 6-9, in Atlanta, and have read the proposed amendments to the GFWC Bylaws. Please study these and bring your *Call* pages to the Convention so that you have the proposals in front of you when they are discussed. They will also be projected on the screen.

Our bylaws state, “These bylaws may be amended at any annual convention by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendment has been appended to the call to the convention.”

A two-thirds vote means at least two-thirds of those entitled to vote, excluding blanks (unmarked ballots) or abstentions, have voted yes. For example:

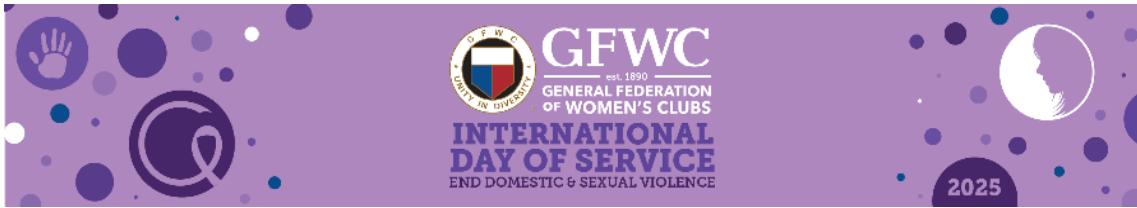
If 100 votes are cast, a two-thirds vote is 67\*

If 101 votes are cast, a two-thirds vote is 67\*

If 102 votes are cast, a two-thirds vote is 68.

*\*You cannot have a fraction of a member, which is why 100 votes, and 101 votes, are the same.*

Take time to read the proposed amendments, and I hope you join us to cast your vote on important decisions that shape GFWC’s future. See you in Atlanta!



# GFWC International Day of Service Planning Resources

United to End Domestic & Sexual Violence

Stand united with over 100 clubs that have already committed to working to end domestic and sexual violence, coming together on September 27, 2025, to make a significant impact. Before selecting your club's project, first check-in with shelters and local agencies to see what is most needed in your area.

New Resources Now Available in the GFWC Member Portal:

- 2025 GFWC IDS Club Project Ideas
  - Start your club's project planning now!
- GFWC IDS Preparation Checklist
  - Sometimes getting started is the hardest part. Start checking items off your planning checklist.
- GFWC IDS Save the Date Template
  - Share the news with others that GFWC is coming together to make an impact around the world.

Gain new ideas, information, and resources by visiting the GFWC IDS page on the GFWC Member Portal. New ideas are added every week!

[Register Now](#)

## 2025 GFWC International Day of Service Registrant List

**Congratulations to the first 129 Registrants!** Join the list at [memberportal.gfwc.org/pages/gfwc-international-day-of-service](https://memberportal.gfwc.org/pages/gfwc-international-day-of-service)

### STATE FEDERATIONS

GFWC Alabama  
GFWC Delaware  
GFWC Indiana Federation of Clubs  
GFWC Florida  
GFWC Montana  
GFWC Rhode Island  
GFWC South Carolina  
GFWC Washington

### MICHIGAN

GFWC Swartz Creek Women's Club  
GFWC-Lake Orion  
GFWC Three Rivers Woman's Club

### MINNESOTA

GFWC Silver Lake Women's Club

### MISSISSIPPI

GFWC Women's Club of Gulfport

**GFWC DISTRICTS**

Shenandoah District, VA

**NATIONAL CLUBS**

GFWC Babs' Inspirations

**INDIVIDUAL CLUBS****ALABAMA**

GFWC Huntsville Woman's Club  
 GFWC River Region Woman's Club  
 GFWC Panorama Study Club  
 GFWC Woman's Study Club of Wedowee

**ARKANSAS**

GFWC Arkansas AMICI CLUB

**CALIFORNIA**

GFWC Aronos Research Club  
 GFWC Inland Valley Federated Women's Club  
 GFWC Lemon Grove Forward Club  
 GFWC Redwood City Woman's Club  
 GFWC Riverside Woman's Club  
 GFWC Rowland Heights Women's Club  
 GFWC Shafter Woman's Club  
 GFWC Woman's Club of Bellflower

**CONNECTICUT**

GFWC Newington/Wethersfield Woman's Club  
 GFWC Suburban Woman's Club of Greater New Britain

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

GFWC District of Columbia Junior Woman's Club  
 GFWD District of Columbia Woman's Club

**FLORIDA**

GFWC Fort Pierce Woman's Club  
 GFWC Alachua Woman's Club  
 GFWC El Portal Woman's Club  
 GFWC Jacksonville Beaches Woman's Club  
 GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club  
 GFWC Sebastian Woman's Club  
 GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club, Inc.  
 GFWC Viera Woman's Club, Inc.  
 GFWC Wesley Chapel Woman's Club  
 GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart  
 GFWC Pine Castle Woman's Club  
 GFWC Woman's Club of Lake Worth  
 GFWC Women's Club of New Tampa

**GEORGIA**

GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club  
 GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club  
 GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club  
 GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club  
 GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club  
 GFWC Tifton Woman's Club  
 GFWC Monroe Junior Woman's Club  
 GFWC Moultrie Federated Guild  
 GFWC Stone Mountain WC  
 GFWC Sylvester Woman's Club  
 GFWC The Atlanta Woman's Club

**ILLINOIS**

GFWC Abingdon Jr Woman's Club  
 GFWC Bloomington Normal Junior Woman's Club  
 GFWC Darien Woman's Club  
 GFWC Downers Grove Junior Woman's Club  
 GFWC Impact Makers of Palatine  
 GFWC Naperville Junior Woman's Club  
 GFWC Plainfield Junior Woman's Club  
 GFWC Woman's Club of Bismarck

**MISSOURI**

GFWC Northland Women's Club

**MONTANA**

GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club  
 GFWC Helena Woman's Club  
 GFWC Thompson Falls Woman Club

**NEBRASKA**

GFWC Fairmont Woman's Club

**NEW JERSEY**

GFWC NJ Past State Presidents Club

**NEW MEXICO**

GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces

**NORTH CAROLINA**

GFWC Camden Woman's Club  
 GFWC Fuquay-Varina Woman's Club  
 GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte  
 GFWC of Holden Beach  
 GFWC-NC Woman's Club of Mount Airy  
 GFWC The Woman's Club of Clayton  
 GFWC The Woman's Club of Raleigh

**OHIO**

GFWC CIRCLEVILLE JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB  
 GFWC Ohio Junior Cyberlinks Club

**OKLAHOMA**

GFWC Silver Foxes

**OREGON**

GFWC Portland Woman's Club

**PENNSYLVANIA**

GFWC Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.  
 GFWC Federated Women's Club of Hershey  
 GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club  
 GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Cayce Woman's Club  
 GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club  
 GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry  
 GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Hill

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

GFWC Yankton GFWC Women's Club

**TENNESSEE**

GFWC Clarksville Women's Club  
 GFWC Dickson County Woman's Club  
 GFWC Ossoli Circle  
 GFWC TN Virtual Volunteers  
 GFWC Greeneville Woman's Club

**TEXAS**

GFWC-History Club of Whitesboro  
 GFWC Lake Area Woman's Club  
 GFWC North Texas Woman's Club

**VIRGINIA**

Covington Woman's Club of GFWC  
 GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club, Inc.  
 GFWC Great Bridge Woman's Club  
 GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club  
 GFWC Roanoke County Woman's Club  
 GFWC Tarrara Woman's Club  
 GFWC Woman's Club of Tidewater  
 GFWC Woman's Club of Vinton  
 GFWC Worthington Woman's Club  
 Henry Clay Woman's Club of GFWC  
 Herndon Woman's Club GFWC Virginia

INDIANA  
GFWC Hearts and Hands  
GFWC Progress Club of South Bend  
IOWA  
GFWC Iowa Quad Cities Woman's Club

KENTUCKY  
GFWC Bettie Carter Morgan Woman's Club  
GFWC Gateway Through the Bluegrass  
GFWC Morgan County Woman's Club  
GFWC Pikeville Woman's Club, Inc.

LOUISIANA  
GFWC Houma Junior Women's Club  
GFWC Melville Woman's Club

MAINE  
GFWC Outlook Club

MARYLAND  
GFWC Civic Club of Oakland

GFWC South Boston-Halifax Junior Woman's Club  
The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC  
GFWC Woman's Club of Newport News

WASHINGTON  
GFWC Camas Washougal  
GFWC Chambers Bay Women's Club  
GFWC Tacoma

WEST VIRGINIA  
GFWC WV Bridgeport Junior Woman's Club  
GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club

WISCONSIN  
GFWC Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club

WYOMING  
GFWC Women's Club of Sweetwater County

## How to Register More Than One Club

A single member may register up to three clubs on the International Day of Service (IDS) registration page. If you meant to register an additional one or two clubs in your original registration, the Member Portal will not allow you to alter your original registration. Do not panic! Email Melanie Gisler, [mgisler@gfwc.org](mailto:mgisler@gfwc.org), and we can add your one or two additional clubs to the list.

If you have more than three clubs to register, please email Melanie Gisler, [mgisler@gfwc.org](mailto:mgisler@gfwc.org) directly.



## Federation Day and Volunteers in Action Week April 20-26, 2025

On April 24, 1890, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) was born, uniting 63 clubs in a powerful mission. Federation Day is our time to celebrate 135 years of impact! As Julia Ward Howe said, "It occurred to them that union is strength!" Let's come together, raise our voices, and honor our amazing legacy during Volunteers in Action Week, April 20-26. Join GFWC staff and friends in Washington, DC, as we celebrate our incredible journey and the 130th Anniversary of Federation Day-April 24,2025! Together, we are unstoppable!

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# Follow The Yellow Brick Road

by: Sabra Clarke, GFWC Kansas State President

GFWC Kansas' theme for 2024-2026 is "Follow the Yellow Brick Road." We are bringing Kansas's western and eastern parts together. From the city of Liberal, in the southwest part of Kansas, to Wamego, in the north-eastern part of Kansas, both celebrate The Wizard of Oz through popular tourist attractions.

Our clubs are continually working on recruiting new members and bringing back those who have stepped away for various reasons. This will help us grow the many volunteers we need to bring GFWC projects to every area of Kansas.

One of the projects many GFWC Kansas clubs are working on is creating Blessing Boxes. The boxes cater to various needs by supplying essential items, including books, food, hygiene products, writing paper, pencils, and pens, to support struggling communities.

Kansas will offer training in all aspects of GFWC membership. We will be training members on the ins and outs of positions held in local clubs. There will be large-scale training for our members available at our State Convention held in April.



## Legislative Corner

*To encourage participation in the democratic process, this monthly column aims to inform members about current legislation and programs that are germane to*

*the GFWC Resolutions. It also highlights important actions of Congress and the White House, and provides follow-up information about GFWC Legislative Action Alerts.*

**GFWC Legislative Priorities Set for 2025:** In early March, the GFWC Executive Committee approved the [2025 Legislative Priorities](#) and visited their respective Senate offices to advocate for increased funding and program resources for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking, and child sexual exploitation. During the visits, several congressional staff reaffirmed that hearing from local constituents does make a difference. We will continue to utilize the [GFWC Legislative Action Center](#) to communicate to Congress to express our priorities. If you are not a member, please join. Our united voices matter!

**FY 2025 Federal Appropriations Finally Finished:** With the clock running out and facing a government shutdown, Congress completed the FY 2025 appropriations process on March 14 by enacting a Continuing Resolution to September 30, the end of the 2025 federal fiscal year. The measure provides funding at the FY 2024 levels for the remainder of FY 2025, except for increases in defense, homeland security, veterans' affairs, and the Federal Aviation Administration and decreases in foreign aid, the IRS, and EPA climate programs.

A priority for GFWC, additional funding was included in the FY 2025 Continuing Resolution for the Crime Victims Fund authorized by the Victims of Crime Act. This supports local domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, child advocacy centers, and other child sexual abuse treatment programs.

Federal funding for global vaccines is being debated within the Administration's plans to reduce foreign aid and transfer programs to the State Department. Where funding levels for specific programs are not identified in the Continuing Resolution, the Administration will have discretion regarding spending. The White House's FY 2026 proposed budget is expected in April.

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## **Just In Time: A Red Affair**

Accent your "A Red Affair: Pulse of a Woman Gala" ensemble with the NEW GFWC Red Pashmina Scarf.

Order yours in advance for pickup at the GFWC Annual Convention! [Purchase Here for Pickup at Convention Only](#)



During the Convention, attendees can purchase exciting new merchandise, including pashminas, at the GFWC Marketplace. Don't miss the opportunity to explore and acquire these unique items in person!

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## Gold Pins

Celebrating 50 years of GFWC Membership



Charlene McColly  
GFWC Silverton Zenith Women's Club, OR

Clara Hess  
GFWC Federated Women's Club of Hershey,  
PA

Colleen Martin  
GFWC Silverton Zenith Women's Club, OR

Debbie Harki  
GFWC North Central Junior Alumnae, WV

Dianne McCarty  
GFWC Woman's Club of the Lowcountry, SC

Evelyn Gleiser  
GFWC American Women's Literary Club, TX

Gladys Kline  
GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club, PA

Grace Shields  
GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, PA

Harriet Starr  
GFWC Pea Ridge Woman's Club, WV

Jeanette Olafson  
GFWC Silverton Zenith Women's Club, OR

Johnnie Hill  
GFWC Centennial Women's Club of  
Tullahoma, TN

Judy Neigh  
GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, PA

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GFWC North Central Junior Alumnae, WV

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GFWC Federated Women's Club of Hershey,  
PA

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GFWC Woman's Club of Leonia, NJ

Louise Mondy  
GFWC WV Cross Lanes, WV

Lynne Berenbroick  
GFWC Woman's Club of Leonia Virginia  
Larson, NJ

Marilyn Huntley  
GFWC Yankton Women's Club, SD

Marleen Albanise  
GFWC The Woman's Club of Wheeling, WV

Martha Michalewich  
GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club, MA

Maysel Goltz  
GFWC Yankton Women's Club, SD

Peggy Schiedel  
GFWC Yankton Women's Club, SD

Rita Doerfler  
GFWC Silverton Zenith Women's Club, OR

Ruth Kaser  
GFWC Silverton Zenith Women's Club, OR

Sandy Evanto  
GFWC North Central Junior Alumnae, WV

Sandy Lindeman  
GFWC Centennial Women's Club of  
Tullahoma, TN

Vi Ranney  
GFWC Yankton Women's Club, SD

Vicky Costa  
GFWC Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck  
Heights, Inc, NJ

Virginia Larson  
GFWC Yankton Women's Club, SD

## Celebrating Club Anniversaries

30  
GFWC Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club,  
VA

35  
GFWC Staunton-Augusta Junior Woman's Club,  
VA

45  
GFWC Boardman Poland Junior Women's  
League, OH

50  
GFWC Botetourt Town & Country Women's  
Club, VA  
GFWC Jefferson County Women's Club, OH

55  
GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club,  
VA

60  
GFWC Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club, CA

80  
GFWC Woman's Club of Loudoun, VA  
GFWC Junior Woman's Club Newport News, VA

85  
GFWC X-JWC, WY  
GFWC Women's Club of Spring Grove, PA  
GFWC Herndon Woman's Club, VA

95  
GFWC WV Woman's Club of Grafton, WV  
GFWC Women's Club of Mingo Junction, OH

100  
GFWC WV Woman's Club of Point Pleasant,  
WV  
GFWC Woman's Club of Farmville, VA  
GFWC Woman's Club of Essex County, VA

105  
GFWC Tuesday Arts Club of Moundsville, WV

GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club, VA  
GFWC Worthington Woman's Club, VA  
GFWC Mary Ball Woman's Club, VA  
GFWC Junior Women's League of Canfield, OH

65  
GFWC Peninsula Hills Women's Club, CA

70  
GFWC Woman's Club of Vinton, VA  
GFWC Junior Federated Women's Club of  
Chester, VA  
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg,  
VA  
GFWC Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc., VA  
GFWC Cape Henry Woman's Club, VA

75  
GFWC WV Peterstown Woman's Club, WV  
GFWC Bent Mountain Woman's Club, VA  
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Essex County,  
VA  
GFWC Kings Fork Woman's Club, VA  
GFWC Pennington Gap Woman's Club, VA  
GFWC Woman's Club of Williamsburg, VA  
GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, VA

110  
GFWC WV Parkersburg Woman's Club, WV  
GFWC Iron Mountain/Kingsford Women's Club,  
MI  
GFWC Lake Orion, MI

115  
GFWC Waves Woman's Club of Charleston, WV  
GFWC Youngstown Area Federation of  
Women's Clubs, OH

120  
GFWC The Woman's Club of Huntington, WV



## **Volunteers in Action:**

### **GFWC Woman's Club of Paramus (New Jersey)**

The Education & Libraries Chairman of the GFWC Woman's Club of Paramus organized an outing of members to read to preschoolers at Memorial Day School. Projects like this fit beautifully in the Education & Libraries Community Service Program, helping local early childhood development programs and developing kids' love of reading. Does your club have a similar program?

## Want your club project to be featured in an upcoming issue of News & Notes?

Simply send your full club name, State Federation, and 100 words  
describing your club's favorite project to [PR@GFWC.org](mailto:PR@GFWC.org).  
Make sure to add a great action shot or two that brings your project to life!

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