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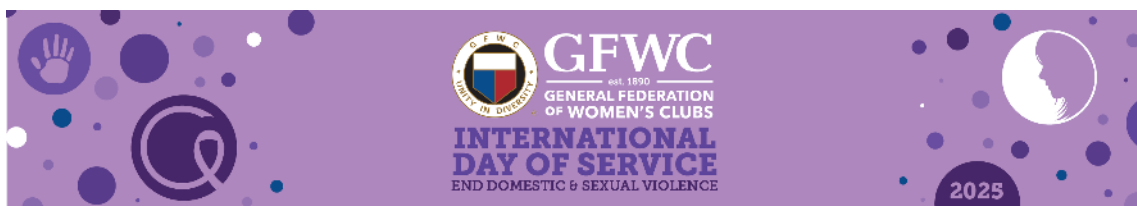
2025 GFWC Annual Convention:
Spinning Vision into Reality, June 6-9

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What You Need to Know!

- The best places to find answers to your questions are the GFWC Registration/Credentials Desk or the Georgia Welcome Desk. These are located in the Pre-Function Lobby, M4 North Tower.
- Your Convention badge is your ticket to all Business Sessions, and Workshops. Please wear it at all times.
- Your Convention Program is your friend! Please use it to reference maps, schedules, and other important information. Read and follow this document throughout the Convention. We recommend that you put your name on it so that it can be returned to you if it is misplaced, as we cannot provide replacement copies.
- MEAL TICKET and DIETARY RESTRICTION CARDS (if applicable) ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MEALS. Please note: You will not be allowed to enter a GFWC meal function without your meal ticket. Your tickets are in your registration packet. Each meal is labeled and color coded. Look for your table number on the bottom of the ticket. *Please note "open" means it is open seating; "void" means you did not sign up for that meal.* You will most likely be at a different table for each meal. Please adhere to seating assignments at meals. Please do not ask to change or switch meal options. The majority of the meals will be held in the International Ballroom. There is a map in your program for your reference.
- Extra drink tickets will be available for purchase at the GFWC Marketplace.
- If you lose your tickets, a GFWC staff member can help you.

- Plan to attend at least one of the GFWC Workshops scheduled on Sunday from 9:30–10:30 am and repeated from 10:45–11:45 am. Refer to your program for locations and workshop descriptions. This is a great place to meet new friends and gain the benefit of information provided by your GFWC Committees.
- Hotels are cold. This is a GFWC fact! Be sure to put something warm in your tote bag for our events.



Register for the 2025 GFWC International Day of Service (GFWC IDS) on September 27

Creative Project Idea: House Party

As GFWC continues to gather impactful project ideas for clubs to undertake, one particularly creative suggestion comes from Tina Smith, 2024–2026 GFWC New Hampshire Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman.

After consulting with the team at the New Hampshire Coalition, Tina shared the recommendation that clubs consider hosting a **House Party**—a powerful and engaging way to support state Coalitions or local crisis centers. These events offer a meaningful yet manageable way for clubs and members to raise both awareness and funds for critical services in their communities.

Tina also provided a helpful resource titled *House Party 101*—a planning guide developed in collaboration with the NH Coalition. This document can be used as a flexible template for clubs to customize their own events.

In light of the current political climate, where many essential services—including Coalitions—are facing significant funding cuts, hosting House Parties on a unified day nationwide could serve as a bold and impactful statement of support.

This resource will be available in the GFWC Digital Library for future reference.

United to End Domestic & Sexual Violence!

** Please note that due to the sensitive nature of your volunteer activities, when working directly with survivors, some organizations may require initial training to help prepare you.*

Register Today!

2025 GFWC International Day of Service Registrant List

To date, the total count by GFWC comes to:

GFWC State Federations = 19

GFWC Regions = 0

GFWC National Clubs = 2

GFWC International Affiliates = 1

Grand Total of Registrants = 490

To join the list, visit the [GFWC Member Portal](#).

28 New Registrants as of May 22, 2025:

Alabama

GFWC Hueytown Study Club

Arizona

GFWC Vi-Sa-Wen

California

GFWC Barstow Women's Club
GFWC Santa Clara Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Antioch

Connecticut

GFWC Somers Women's Club

Florida

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club
GFWC Santa Rosa Woman's Club

Georgia

GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club

Illinois

GFWC Effingham Women of Today
GFWC Lockport Woman's Club

Kentucky

GFWC Livermore Woman's Club
GFWC Morehead Woman's Club

Louisiana

GFWC Woman's Club of Abbeville

Maine

GFWC Maine Past Presidents Club

Massachusetts

GFWC Braintree Women's Club

Mississippi

GFWC Ackerman Civic League

New Jersey

GFWC Woman's Club of Parsippany
Troy Hills

New York

GFWC Women's Club Of Farmingdale

Oregon

GFWC Beaverton Woman's Club

Pennsylvania

Keystone Cyber League of GFWC PA
GFWC Nazareth Woman's Club
GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club
GFWC Meadville Woman's Club

Texas

GFWC The '36 Club

Washington

GFWC Avalon Women's Club
GFWC Moses Lake

West Virginia

GFWC WV Woman's Club of Elizabeth

*This list shows registrants from the last week. For a full listing of
all 490 participating clubs, please visit www.gfwc.org/ids*

GFWC Conflict Advisers - New Name, Still a Beneficial Program

By: Melanie Gisler, GFWC Membership Director

Sometimes issues arise within clubs that require a more thoughtful approach or deeper consideration before action is taken. For these situations, GFWC Conflict Advisers

(formerly GFWC Mediators) can serve as an impartial listener and provide thoughtful feedback and assistance in developing a resolution strategy. As always, all interaction with a GFWC Conflict Adviser is confidential.

Please note that GFWC Conflict Advisers do not provide legal advice and cannot legally negotiate between parties, nor is any participant bound by the recommendations of a GFWC Conflict Adviser.

Requests for assistance from a GFWC Conflict Adviser should be sent to me addressed as follows: Membership Director Melanie Gisler at MGisler@GFWC.org or call 202-347-3172. Please provide a brief description of the issue for which assistance is requested, and a Conflict Adviser will be assigned.



Donate Life... Be Kind. Be Sweet.

By: Sandie Neal , GFWC Missouri State President

“Be Kind. Be Sweet.” These words are what we preach from the Missouri administration... they are what we practice. We symbolize this with a circular, blue, and green lollipop to demonstrate the ongoing rotation of all the things we should offer in life (and after-life): kindness, a helping hand, and zest that encourages others to do the same.



The 2024-2026 Missouri Administration focuses on raising awareness and funds for Donate Life. This non-profit organization educates on the importance of being an organ donor. Organ donation is a subject that hits close to home. My mother received a kidney transplant, which extended her life by many additional years, thanks to the kindness of a stranger who checked “yes” at one point on a form at DMV. By checking “yes” to organ donation, Donate Life stresses that such a choice should not be kept a secret. Families play an essential part in this decision and should be aware of their loved one's final wishes.

At our summer conference in 2024, we hosted a speaker from Donate Life who educated the members on the importance of becoming an organ donor. At our most recent State Convention, we had a speaker from Midwest Transplant to educate us on the various organs, eyes, and tissue donations that could bring new hope to thousands waiting for transplants.

GFWC of Missouri will continue to promote and educate individuals on the importance of Donate Life's mission. This administration is already halfway toward our goal of \$6,000.00 in donations for an organization that does incredible, life-changing things for many lives.



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.

Online Safety: SUCCESS! Congress enacted the TAKE IT DOWN Act, S. 146, which will criminalize the publication of nonconsensual intimate imagery, including AI-generated deepfakes, and require social media and other websites to remove such images within 48 hours of receiving notice from the victim, and ensure that perpetrators are held accountable. The legislation also includes language from the previously introduced SHIELD Act which provides law enforcement with the tools they need to crack down on privacy violations, provide victims with legal protections, and hold exploiters accountable. The reintroduction of the Kids Online Safety Bill in the Senate is expected before Memorial Day recess.

FY 2026 Appropriations: The House and Senate Appropriations Committees are holding hearings on the President's FY 2026 budget submitted to Congress on May 2. GFWC issued a Legislative Alert to support federal funding for global vaccinations and efforts to improve global disease detection systems as smart investments which enhance our country's health security against the threat of disease. GFWC anticipates distributing additional Legislative Alerts in support of federal funding of programs which impact local communities.

Volunteers in Action:
The Exeter Area GFWC (New Hampshire)



Beads of Valor to Celebrate Women Veterans

The Exeter Area GFWC (EAGFWC) Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee brought a special new art therapy program to New Hampshire women veterans at the Manchester VA Medical Center with its first **EAGFWC Beads of Valor Workshop**, intended to foster a sense of community. Women veterans spent an afternoon designing and making custom, one-of-a-kind bracelets, which included sharing with others why they chose specific beads, and added certain charms or words. The workshop provided a powerful and meaningful experience for everyone in attendance.



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Simply send your full club name, State Federation, and 100 words describing your club's favorite project to PR@GFWC.org.



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