



# NEWS & NOTES

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## GFWC: Exclusive Member Resources



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

**June 6-9**

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Don't miss your chance to connect, celebrate, and be inspired—  
register now for the GFWC Annual Convention!

REGISTER NOW



## Amy Peele

Speaking at  
ESO Breakfast

Sunday, June 8 at 7:30 am

Wake up with author Amy Peele at the ESO Breakfast! Amy S. Peele, RN, enjoyed a 35-year career in transplantation and retired from UCSF in 2014. She was the Director of Clinical Operations and managed a team that resulted in 600 solid organ transplants annually.

Her medical mystery series CUT & MATCH & HOLD has received many awards. It reflects her knowledge of and passion for organ donation and transplant issues in a suspenseful yet humorous story set in the Bay Area. The series has been referred to as page-turners and MYSTERIES WITH A MISSION AND SIDE OF HUMOR.

## Did You Complete Your Registration?

If you have not received a confirmation email after registration, please log in to [Eventsquid](#) and check that you have completed your registration fully. Please email Nishu Raina, Events Manager at [NRaina@GFWC.org](mailto:NRaina@GFWC.org), to check your registration status if you do not have a confirmation email and cannot log in to your account.

## Fundraisers at Your Fingertips

Are you already dreaming of the GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, where we will be *Spinning Vision Into Reality*? Your GFWC Fundraising Committee is dreaming of all the successful fundraisers that will be at your fingertips. As you review the [Call to Convention](#), you can read all about the Convention fundraisers.

For example, you have already heard about the Peachtree Raffle and how to donate one of the many exciting prizes that will be offered. (As a reminder, here is the link to the [Donor Form](#) that is due to GFWC by May 1.) Did you also notice that you can purchase them in advance when you register for the Convention?

Don't miss the drawing for the winner of the [Golden Ticket Raffle](#). You and a guest could win an all-inclusive, 5-night stay at a luxurious tropical resort. GFWC members and their families and friends are eligible to purchase tickets for this extraordinary getaway. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are limited, though, so purchase yours today!

As usual, the Annual Convention will provide you with exceptional shopping opportunities at the Exhibitor Showcase. Have you been looking for something from the GFWC Marketplace? Whether it is a gift for your federation friends or a special item just for you, the Annual Convention is a great opportunity to view the emblematic stationery, apparel, and other items in person. As an added benefit, you will have your purchases in hand immediately - no need for shipping (while supplies last). In addition, the GFWC Exhibitors Showcase features several extraordinary vendors. You will have the opportunity to purchase beautiful, unique items of clothing, eyewear, jewelry, stationery, art, and so much more!

What could be better than winning AND getting a bargain at the GFWC Annual Convention? Supporting GFWC at the same time, of course! So, check out the Call to Convention, purchase your tickets, join us in Atlanta, and shop until you drop at the inspiring Annual Convention with its many exciting fundraisers. The GFWC Fundraising Committee envisions you as a winner! Join us at the GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, and let's get started, *Spinning Vision Into Reality!*



## **GFWC Convention - See Y'all in Atlanta!!**

By: Kim Fulcher, GFWC Membership Committee Member

The GFWC Annual Convention is one of the highlights to look forward to every summer. Members love visiting new locations and what the Convention offers: great speakers and renewed friendships across the country and abroad! There

is still time to register - check out the four reasons why YOU should attend the **GFWC** Annual Convention this summer...

Every year is a chance to reconnect with **G**reat friends and to meet new people from all over the country and the world. You'll have the chance to network with members and affiliate organizations and take home information and ideas to share with your state and club members. When we share ideas, it sparks new and creative thinking!

Convention is **FUN!!** Why not go early or stay a few extra days? Bring your spouse, significant other, or your girlfriends and enjoy the city a little longer. Scheduled tours are a must – they showcase in-the-know locations around the city and share history to help you appreciate the destination better. Shopping is always available whether it's with the amazing vendors at convention, fundraising opportunities, or taking a stroll around the hotel to find a cute shop!

The **W**orkshops are always packed with inspiration, knowledge, and encouragement. They turn valuable content into something fun, easy to understand, and exciting to learn. You'll have the chance to choose two workshops to attend. Need membership recruitment and retention ideas? Be sure to select the *Membership Workshop* during registration!

Convention is the time to **C**elebrate our successes, cheer on fellow members, and keep building a bright future for GFWC!

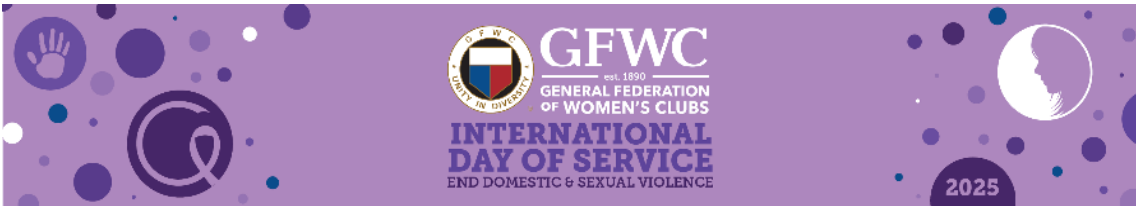
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## **GFWC Welcomes 2025 Cherry Blossom Delegates**



Last Wednesday, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) hosted the 2025 Cherry Blossom Delegates. These young women represent the U.S. and territories in the nation’s capital as part of the week-long Cherry Blossom Program sponsored by the National Conference of State Societies (NCSS). The NCSS Cherry Blossom Program offers cultural, educational, and professional development opportunities for young women, ages 19 through 24, from the United States and around the world.

[View Photo Gallery](#)



## **Military Sexual Assault**

**United to End Domestic & Sexual Violence**

According to the Department of Justice, within Military Sexual Assault cases, “9 out of every 10 victims of rape are female veterans.” Those who experience sexual trauma suffer long-lasting effects and health issues that adversely impact the course of their life.

For GFWC IDS on Saturday, September 27, if your club is close to a military base, consider reaching out to [Protect Our Defenders](#), a human rights organization dedicated to ending sexual violence, to find out how you can help.

Here are a few project ideas for your consideration:

- 1) Become a Veterans Crisis Line counselor by searching [local resources](#) to have club members help survivors navigate the services available to assist survivors.
- 2) Volunteer for the Department of Defense (DOD) Safe Helpline. Look up "[Responders Near Me](#)" to locate the nearest [Veteran Center](#).
- 3) Virtually Volunteer for Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) by clicking [here](#). Your club can set up a call center on the day of service to help one another during your calls!

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

To learn more about GFWC IDS and to [register](#), visit: [www.GFWC.org/ids/](http://www.GFWC.org/ids/).

Register Today!

## 2025 GFWC International Day of Service Registrant List

Join the list at [memberportal.gfwc.org/pages/gfwc-international-day-of-service](http://memberportal.gfwc.org/pages/gfwc-international-day-of-service)

*59 New Registrants from April 10-15, 2025*

### STATE FEDERATIONS

GFWC Connecticut  
GFWC South Dakota

### GFWC DISTRICTS

NFWC District II, Nebraska  
GFWC Texas Magnolia District, Texas

### INDIVIDUAL CLUBS

ALABAMA  
GFWC Alabama Past President's Club  
GFWC Shades Mountain Woman's Club

ARIZONA  
GFWC Woman's Club of Stafford

CALIFORNIA  
GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club  
GFWC Whittier Women's Club

MINNESOTA  
GFWC Winthrop Women's Club

MISSISSIPPI  
GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Petal

NEBRASKA  
GFWC Papillion Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC Seward Woman's Club

NEVADA  
GFWC Lamoille Women's Club

NEW JERSEY  
GFWC Woman's Club of Westwood

NORTH CAROLINA  
GFWC Greensboro Woman's Club  
GFWC-NC Wendy's Wildflowers

CONNECTICUT  
GFWC Northeastern CT Woman's Club

FLORIDA  
GFWC Bradenton Woman's Club  
GFWC Treasure Coast Women  
GFWC Woman's Club of Palatka

GEORGIA  
GFWC Dallas Woman's Club  
GFWC Marietta Woman's Club

ILLINOIS  
GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club  
GFWC Palos Park Woman's Club  
GFWC Wheaton Junior Woman's Club

INDIANA  
GFWC Munster Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC Northwest Indiana

KENTUCKY  
GFWC Benton Woman's Club  
GFWC Suburban Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Central Kentucky

MAINE  
GFWC MIOSAC Club  
GFWC Semper Fidelis Club  
GFWC Winterport Woman's Club

MASSACHUSETTS  
GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club  
GFWC Needham Women's Club

MICHIGAN  
GFWC Flushing Women's Club  
GFWC Royal Oak Woman's Club

OHIO  
GFWC Gallipolis Junior Women's Club

RHODE ISLAND  
GFWC Cranston Community Women's  
Club

SOUTH CAROLINA  
GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands

TENNESSEE  
GFWC Valamont Woman's Club

TEXAS  
GFWC TFWC Amity Study Club  
GFWC Woman's Civic Club of Jasper

VERMONT  
GFWC Bellows Falls Woman's Club

VIRGINIA  
GFWC Cape Henry Woman's Club  
GFWC Dominion Woman's Club  
GFWC Tidewater Past District Presidents'  
Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Fairfax

WASHINGTON  
GFWC Kitsap Peninsula

WEST VIRGINIA  
GFWC Capitol Woman's Club  
GFWC Shady Spring District Woman's  
Club  
GFWC South Parkersburg Woman's Club  
GFWC Valley Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Hamlin  
GFWC WV Williamson Woman's Club  
GFWC WV Woman's Club of South  
Charleston  
The GFWC Woman's Club of Charleston  
The GFWC Woman's Club of Huntington

*This list shows registrants from the last week. For a full listing of  
participating clubs, please visit [www.gfwc.org/ids](http://www.gfwc.org/ids)*



## Breaking Barriers—Offering Hope

by: Suzanne Raymond, GFWC Maine State President

GFWC Maine's theme for 2024-2026 is "Breaking Barriers – Offering Hope," to emphasize the impact that volunteerism has in our communities and the world around us. Clubs are involved with a variety of projects and outreach efforts – from providing scholarships to students to further their education, walks to raise funds for Alzheimer's Association, donating food and working at local food cupboards, collecting items for domestic violence shelters, and so much more.

Members have embraced the special focus area by supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Raising funds, as well as awareness, is well underway to promote the hospital's mission of "Finding Cures. Saving Children," at no cost to families for treatment, travel, housing, or food. Clubs have included money in their budgets, held assorted fundraisers, and have been very enthused and compassionate about this project. I have been very excited to attend club meetings to spend time with members on their turf, as well as having an opportunity to share information about the work of St. Jude Hospital, in addition to my passion for GFWC!



Membership continues to be of major importance to GFWC Maine. With membership declining through the COVID years, recruitment and retention efforts have been ramped up. The state membership chairman has enchanted us with a fun theme as she spreads her message that more "ducklings" are needed in our "pond" and it's working! GFWC Maine will continue to grow as we continue "Breaking Barriers – Offering Hope"!



## Get Ready for Reading!

By: Dana Jones, GFWC Education & Libraries Chairman

May is Get Caught Reading Month! It is an annual celebration that promotes the joy and benefits of reading. It's a fun way to encourage children to develop a love for reading and emphasizes the excitement and pleasure of being absorbed into a good book. There is still time this month to "Get Caught Reading."



There are many ways you can get involved. Share photos of yourself reading on social media, organize reading events at schools or libraries, or simply make a conscious effort to read more throughout the month.

Have a well-known community member get involved. Perhaps your Mayor, Elementary School Principal, or some other local “celebrity.” Connect with your school or public library to partner or hold the event at their location.

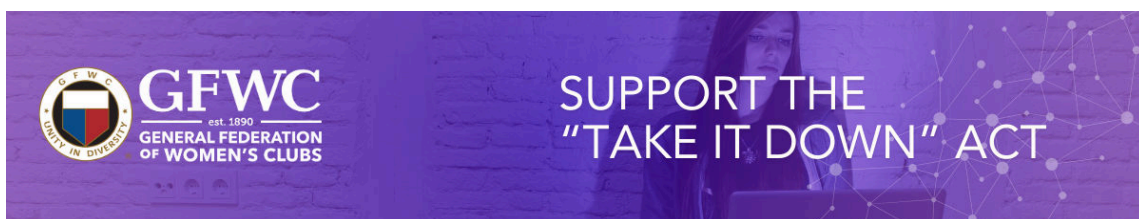
Here are some great tips to be prepared to read all month long.

- Place books for all ages in the car. Older children can read to those who haven't mastered the skill.
- Unplug for the month. Then stop by the library and pick out the latest bestseller or classic on your reading list.
- Load up your eReader or phone with books. Many classics have been made available for a small fee or no cost. Many libraries have eBooks to borrow on platforms like Libby
- Include a book in every room in the house.
- Encourage reading during stressful times to distract the mind away from worries and to refocus.
- Read outdoors in a park after a walk.

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## The Latest Legislative Action Center Alerts

Send correspondence to your legislators in support of the latest legislative alerts. <https://www.gfwc.org/get-involved/>



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## Volunteers in Action: GFWC Elsinore Woman's Club (California)



Last week, members of the Elsinore Woman's Club took part in a City of Wildomar Earth Day event, demonstrating community support for both recycling and children's literacy by handing out used picture books and encouraging the happy recipients to pass them on to another friend.

### 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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