





JUNE 6-9, 2025

OMNI ATLANTA AT CENTENNIAL PARK

COLLECT FOR CLUBWOMEN

Keep us, Oh God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all, and, Oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind.

Mary Stewart | April 1904



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Letter From the President

Welcome to the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention! We are excited to welcome you to Atlanta, Georgia, from June 6-9, for an unforgettable gathering. Members from around the globe have united to inspire change, working together to create a lasting impact. Held at the beautiful Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park, this convention sets the stage for meaningful connections, forward-thinking ideas, and renewed momentum for the work ahead.

This year's theme, *Spinning Vision into Reality*, perfectly captures what GFWC is all about–transforming passion into purpose and purpose into impact. Your presence here reflects your commitment to our mission and to shaping a stronger, more connected future for women and communities around the world.

Throughout the convention, you'll engage in dynamic sessions designed to celebrate our shared accomplishments while charting the future of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We'll reflect on the meaningful work achieved and together, we will set the course for continued growth and innovation. Business sessions will focus on key priorities and foundational decisions that strengthen the path ahead.

Get ready to be inspired by an outstanding lineup of speakers—renowned experts and thought leaders who will explore critical topics like health and wellness, literacy, the historical strides of women, and the ongoing fight against domestic and sexual violence. Their insights will challenge us to think deeply, act boldly, and reaffirm our shared mission.

Our workshops are tailored to empower you–offering practical tools, fresh strategies, and creative approaches that enhance your leadership and volunteerism. Whether you're here to gain new skills, spark ideas for your club, or deepen your impact, these sessions are designed to equip and energize. Don't miss these powerful sessions!

Equally meaningful is the time you'll spend connecting with fellow members. Whether you're reuniting with longtime friends or meeting someone for the first time, the relationships formed and strengthened here are what make GFWC truly special. Together, we celebrate the diversity, unity, and shared purpose that define our Federation.

As we gather in Atlanta, we honor 135 years of empowering women and transforming lives. This incredible milestone reflects the legacy we proudly carry and the future we are actively shaping. Through your participation, you help spin vision into reality and ensure GFWC's mission is recognized for its global impact.

By the close of the convention, you will leave with a renewed sense of purpose, inspired by the stories shared, the connections made, and the collective energy that fills each day. This convention marks more than an event—it's a turning point, a celebration, and a launchpad for all that lies ahead.

Welcome to the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention. Welcome to Atlanta. And most of all–welcome to the next exciting chapter in GFWC's remarkable story.





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Featured Speakers



DR. REGINA BENJAMIN

Speaking at Saturday Opening Business Session

Saturday, June 7 9:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Regina Benjamin, MD, MBA, is the Founder and CEO of Bayou Clinic and was the 18th United States Surgeon General (2009-2013). As America's Doctor, she provided the public with the best scientific information available on how to improve their health and the health of the nation. Dr. Benjamin also oversaw the operational command of 6,500 uniformed public health officers who serve in locations around the world to promote and protect the health of the American People. As chair of the National Prevention Council, a group of seventeen cabinet-level Federal Agency Heads, she led the development of the National Prevention Strategy: America's Plan for Better Health and Wellness. Dr.

Benjamin specializes in prevention policies and health promotion among individuals as well as large populations, especially concerning obesity, childhood obesity, and children's health. She has special interest in rural health care, health disparities among socio-economic groups, suicide, violence, and mental health.



ANNA LAYMON

Speaking at Saturday Afternoon Business Session

Saturday, June 7 2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Anna Laymon, President and CEO of the Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation, is a nationally recognized leader in cultural institutions known for her dynamic, innovative, and collaborative approach to building organizations, managing teams, and sharing America's stories. Prior to joining the Foundation, Anna served as the Executive Director of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission (WSCC). Established by Congress to coordinate the nationwide celebration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, the WSCC worked to ensure that the story of women's fight for the ballot was shared and commemorated throughout the centennial. As the

Executive Director of the WSCC, Anna was the youngest woman in American history to serve as the head of a federal agency. Before leading the WSCC, Anna worked as the Director of Partnerships and Public Programs for the National Woman's Party, the historic nonprofit founded in 1913 to ensure the passage of a suffrage amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



AMY S. PEELE, RN

Speaking at Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) Breakfast

Sunday, June 8 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m

Amy S. Peele, RN, enjoyed a 35-year career in transplantation and retired from the University of California San Francisco in 2014. She was the Director of Clinical Operations and managed a team that resulted in 600 solid organ transplants annually.

Her medical mystery trilogy *Cut, Match,* and *Hold* has received many awards. Her series reflects her knowledge of and passion for organ donation and transplant issues in a suspenseful yet humorous story set in the Bay Area. The books have been referred to as page-turners, and mysteries with a mission and side of humor.

Amy loves comedy and improv and graduated from Chicago's famed Second City Players Workshop in 1985. In addition to "killing people" she didn't like at work in her mysteries and using their organs for transplant, she enjoys teaching chair yoga, swimming, and meditation.

Find out more and shop Amy's books at www.amyspeele.com.

Featured Speakers



LYNN ROSENTHAL

Speaking at Empowerment Through Unity Luncheon

Sunday, June 8 12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Lynn Rosenthal is the 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. In 2021, Lynn was appointed by Department of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin to chair the Independent Review Commission on Sexual Harassment and Assault in the U.S. Military.

Lynn served for three years as President of the Center for Family Safety and Healing at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, a multi-service organization providing child advocacy,

maternal health care, and domestic violence services. From 2017-2018, Lynn was the Biden Foundation's Director of Violence Against Women Initiatives.

From 2009 to 2015, Lynn was the first-ever White House Advisor on Violence Against Women and a senior advisor to then-Vice President Biden. She co-chaired the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault on behalf of Vice President Biden and represented the Vice President on the White House Council on Women and Girls. Lynn has also served as the Executive Director of the National Network to End Domestic Violence and executive director of two state domestic violence coalitions in New Mexico and Florida.



DR. BENJAMIN S. CITRIN

Speaking at A Red Affair: Pulse of a Woman Gala

Monday, June 9 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Dr. Ben Citrin is the president and founder of Citrin Cardiology, P.C. in Mobile, Alabama. A college graduate of Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, NC, Dr. Citrin completed medical school, internal medicine residency, and cardiology fellowship at Vanderbilt School of Medicine in Nashville, TN. Following this training, he continued supporting the cardiovascular division through his membership and tenure as President of the Gottlieb C. Friesinger Society. He is board certified in clinical, interventional, and nuclear cardiology as well as internal medicine. As a practicing physician for 30 years, Dr. Citrin is a former board member of both the local and regional divisions of the

American Heart Association, the Mobile County Medical Society, Wilmer Hall Children's Home, and Community Bank. He is a current member of the Southern Medical Association and a fellow of the American College of Physicians as well as the American College of Cardiology. In addition to offering educational seminars to the public, Dr. Citrin is a local supporter of such organizations as The Salvation Army, The USA Health Providence Foundation, Make-A-Wish Alabama, Team Focus, L'Arche Mobile, Children's Advocacy Center, Mobile Botanical Gardens, Team Focus, St. Paul's Episcopal School, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. As a passionate fisherman and single engine pilot, Dr. Citrin appreciates his coastal surroundings and resides in Mobile with his wife, Julie, and four sons (Drew, Harrison, Jack, and Taylor).

shot@life

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE DESERVES A SHOT AT LIFE.





Every 20 seconds, a child dies from a vaccine-preventable disease.

Shot@Life, a longtime partner of GFWC's, is working to change that. Shot@Life is a grassroots advocacy campaign focused on expanding access to lifesaving vaccines around the world. Use the link below to ask that your policymakers support longstanding bipartisan immunization programs that keep our world healthy and our country safe.

RAISE YOUR VOICE:

shotatlife.org/raiseyourvoice

The U.S. recently saw its first death from measles in over a decade, while even deadlier outbreaks also surge in countries with less access to vaccines. For only \$5, the cost of a cup of coffee, a child can receive the two doses they need to be protected for life.

JOIN THE MEASLES MISSION: shotatlife.org/gfwc-measles



Important Times & Locations

PEACHTREE FUNDRAISER

Prize items will be on display in the **Grand Ballroom** starting **Saturday**, after the Opening Ceremony.

Peruse and drop your tickets in the containers provided. Onsite, tickets can be purchased at the Fundraising table in the Grand Ballroom. Entries close at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 9. Winners will be announced in the morning Business Session.

Winning numbers and names, along with the corresponding item, will be displayed on the screen during the Monday morning Business Session. Prizes must be picked up with the winning ticket stub by 3:00 p.m.

GFWC INFO HUB

Stop by to chat with GFWC Staff members and get help registering for the new Member Portal, GFWC International Day of Service, and the Legislative Action Center! Located in the Pre-Function Lobby M4, North Tower.

BOOSTERS LOUNGE

Centennial Lounge, South Tower on the 15th floor

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION & GEORGIA WELCOME STATION

Will be located at the Pre-Function Lobby M4, North Tower.

This should be your first stop at Convention – sign in and get all your Convention materials.

Wednesday, June 4 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 5 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 6 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. &

6:45p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 7 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 8 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MARKETPLACE

Will be located at the Pre-Function Lobby M4, North Tower.

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Saturday, June 7 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 8 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 9 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE

Will be located at the Pre-Function Lobby M4, North Tower.

Thursday, June 5 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Move-in** Thursday, June 5 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Open Hours** Friday, June 6 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Open Hours** Saturday, June 7 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Open Hours** Sunday, June 8 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Open Hours Open Hours** Monday, June 9 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, June 9 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Exhibitor Move-out

PRESERVE A NATIONAL LANDMARK Support the GFWC Headquarters Façade Restoration and Beautification Project Help reach our goal of \$90,000

GFWC's white, limestone-clad Headquarters is one of the most recognizable and grand properties in DC's historic Dupont Circle neighborhood. GFWC's Headquarters is a testament to the strength, determination, and grace of GFWC club members.

Most importantly, it is GFWC's home.

Please help preserve and protect GFWC's Headquarters by visiting the Annual Giving table and contributing to the GFWC Headquarters Façade Restoration and Beautification Project Fund.



An urban oasis in Midtown, the Garden includes 30 acres of outdoor gardens, an award-winning Children's Garden, a one-of-a-kind Canopy Walk through Storza Woods, and the innovative Edible Garden featuring an Outdoor Demonstration Kitchen.

3. CHICK-FIL-A COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Play like a legend at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame. Immerse yourself in must-see exhibits with content personalized to your favorite team, historical artifacts, a three-story helmet wall, and the inspirational Hall of Fame rotunda that memorializes college football legends.



4. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Tour the birth home of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the historic Ebenezer Church. View films and exhibits and reflect at King's grave site. Explore the neighborhood and places that shaped the life and civil rights legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for the world.

At the World of Coca-Cola, experience the fascinating story of the world's most famous beverage brand in a dynamic, multimedia attraction. Explore over 1,200 never-before-displayed artifacts ranging from vintage bottles to a 1939 Coca-Cola delivery truck from Argentina.

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Leading with Vision



2024-2026 GFWC INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

GFWC Alabama is inspired by your unwavering commitment and service to GFWC. You Educate, Engage, and Empower all you meet!

Thank you for your leadership!
GFWC Alabama

Welcome to Georgia



The Executive Board of GFWC Georgia welcomes you to Georgia!

Seated- Cimi Douglass, Julie Walters, Jennifer Stalvey, Cathy Jones, Peggy Wilson and Becky Bolden.

Middle Row- Debbie Borovitcky, Maria Barnhart, Kitty Wise, Shari Carter, Sharon Wilkin, Kathie Byrd, Libby Bond and Shelby Holland.

Back Row- Mary Bob Fox, Shirene Daniell, Tina Neese, Kim Sekulow, Kay Chadwick, Sonya Aldridge, Laedenia Jewell and Ginger Lloyd.

Georgia is proud of Shari Carter who serves as GFWC Southern Region Secretary.







Visit the Peachtree Fundraiser

GRAND BALLROOM

You could win prizes such as vacation packages, high-end jewelry, technology, purses, and accessories! Items will be on display in the Grand Ballroom starting Saturday, after the Opening Ceremony. Peruse and drop your tickets in the containers provided. Onsite, tickets can be purchased at the Fundraising table in the Grand Ballroom.

Entries close at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 9. Winners will be announced during the morning Business Session.

Winning numbers and names, along with the corresponding item, will be displayed on the screen during the Monday

morning Business Session. *Prizes must be picked up with the winning ticket stub by 3:00 p.m.*



2025 Convention Service Project

All registrants received a reusable bottle in their welcome bag. Bottles were generously provided by our 2025 Convention service project sponsor Davenport & Company LLC.

Every time you refill your reusable bottle, use your phone to scan the Fill it Forward QR Tag. Each scan tracks your environmental impact and unlocks a donation to charitable water and tree conversation projects around the world!

Contributions from scans will be donated in GFWC's name for one year after Convention.

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Convention Rules

GENERAL PROCEDURES

- 1. The Convention shall be one session, recessing from meeting to meeting within the session.
- 2. For admission to business meetings, delegates and nonvoting members shall be required to wear the proper badge issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration.
- Doors will remain open except during voting, presentation of speakers, or at the discretion of the International President.
- 4. Recording of Convention proceedings shall be prohibited unless advance written permission is granted by the International President.
- 5. Cellular phones and other mobile devices shall be in silent mode or turned off and shall not be used during any official function.
- To attend meal functions and special events, attendees must have proper documentation provided by GFWC upon registration.
- To receive a custom meal due to restricted or religious diets, attendees must have a special meal ticket provided by GFWC upon registration to hand to their servers.
- 8. Attendees shall adhere to their assigned seats for all meal functions with assigned seating.

DELEGATES

- Delegates shall be seated in designated sections by State Federation. All delegates should be seated before the opening of each meeting. Delegates arriving late may proceed to take their seats within their delegations as they enter the business meetings.
- Only accredited delegates may introduce motions, debate, and vote. Delegates wishing to speak must wear a delegate's badge and sit with their delegation. They shall give their name, State Federation, and name of their club.
- Delegates may speak no more than two minutes and no more than twice to the same question without the consent of the assembly, nor speak a second time to the same question until all who wish to speak have been heard.
- Delegates shall pay registration fees for the entire Convention to be entitled to vote. Though entitled to vote in several capacities, a voting member shall have but one vote.
- 5. No proxy voting shall be allowed.

- A member registering as a non-voting member may, upon proper clearance by the Credentials Committee Chairman, be transferred to delegate status during the meeting.
- 7. Per the GFWC Bylaws, the quorum for Convention is 200 voting members representing at least 20 State Federations.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

- Members of any club or organization belonging to GFWC may attend Convention and shall be registered by paying all relevant Convention fees.
- 2. Daily registrants shall have no voting privileges.
- 3. Any non-voting members shall be seated with their respective State Federation.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- 1. GFWC Motion Forms are available from any teller.
- 2. All motions shall be written on the official GFWC Motion Form, signed by the maker, given to a teller, and delivered to the Parliamentarian.
- Emergency Resolutions to be introduced during the Convention shall be governed by GFWC Standing Rules on Resolutions and may not be debated until reported to the assembly by the Resolutions Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

All business that has not been scheduled in the Convention Program shall be personally presented in writing to the International President no later than the close of the Convention Business Meeting on Sunday, June 8, 2025.

SOLICITING DONATIONS AND SALE OF MERCHANDISE

No selling of any items or solicitation of donations by Regions, State Federations, districts, clubs, or individual members may take place at Convention unless such sales have prior written approval by the Executive Committee at least three months prior to the scheduled Convention. A Region, State Federation, District, club, or individual member may procure space in the Exhibitor Showcase for sale of items when current fees for such space have been paid.

MINUTES

Per the GFWC Bylaws, the minutes will be approved by the Executive Committee.

Omni Suite

Convention Attire

F - Formal: Floor length evening gown, chic cocktail dress, or separates.

AF - After Five: Cocktail dress or dressy sundress, long dressy skirt and top, or dressy pants outfit.

BC - Business Casual: dresses, jackets, skirts, khakis or dress pants, open-collared shirts, sweaters, or blouses.

SC - Smart Casual: GFWC emblem wear. No jeans, shorts, or spaghetti straps.

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 4 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m 7:00 p.m.	Registration Georgia Welcome Table	Pre-Function Lobby M4
3:00 p.m 6:30 p.m.	GFWC Marketplace	Pre-Function Lobby M4
6:30 p.m 9:30 p.m.	Host State Georgia and GFWC Executive Committee Dinner	Wimbish House
Thursday, June 5		
8:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.	Registration Georgia Welcome Table GFWC Marketplace	Pre-Function Lobby M4
9:00 a.m 3:30 p.m.	Experience Atlanta Tour including Lunch SC	
	Buses will begin boarding at 9:00 a.m. and leave promptly at 9:15. 2025 Convention T Shirt is encouraged.	Pre-Function Lobby on Level 2
2:00 p.m 7:00 p.m.	Registration Georgia Welcome Table Marketplace	Pre-Function Lobby M4
4:00 p.m 8:30 p.m.	Exhibitor Showcase Open	Pre-Function Lobby M4
4:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.	WHRC Exhibit Opening	Pre-Function Lobby M2
7:30 p.m 9:00 p.m.	GFWC Junior Board Gathering SC	Centennial Lounge
9:00 p.m 10:00 p.m.	LEADS Meet and Greet for 2025 Candidates BC	Omni Suite

Friday, June 6

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7:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.	Registration Georgia Welcome Table	Pre-Function Lobby M4
8:00 a.m 9:00 a.m.	2024-2026 GFWC Chairmen & Committee Members Meeting BC	International Ballroom F
8:30 a.m 4:30 p.m.	Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar (LEADS) BC	Cottonwood
9:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.	GFWC Marketplace	Pre-Function Lobby M4
9:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Group Meetings BC	
	2024-2026 GFWC Region Presidents Meeting	Pecan
	2024-2026 GFWC State & DC Federation Presidents Meeting	Redwood
	2024-2026 GFWC State & DC Federation Directors of Junior Clubs Meeting	Magnolia
9:30 a.m 4:00 p.m.	Experience Atlanta Tour including Lunch SC	
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9:15 a.m 11:00 a.m.	2024-2026 GFWC Committee Meetings BC	
	Annual Giving	Juniper Room
	Bylaws	Cypress Room
	Communications and Public Relations	Sycamore Room
	Community Service Programs/Juniors' Special Program/Awards & Contests /Community Impact Program	International Ballroom F
	Corporate Partners and Development	Pecan Foyer
	Elections	Sycamore Room
	Fundraising	Grand Ballroom
	International Liaisons	Pecan Foyer
	Legislation/Public Policy	Cypress Room
	Membership	Sycamore Room
	Resolutions	Cypress Room
	Signature Program	Juniper Room
	Women's History and Resource Center	Pecan Foyer
11:30 a.m 2:45 p.m.	2024-2026 GFWC Board of Directors Luncheon Meeting BC	Dogwood Room
2:45 p.m 3:30 p.m.	GFWC Board of Directors Group Photos	Centennial Park
3:00 p.m 5:30 p.m.	Registration Georgia Welcome Table Marketplace	Pre-Function Lobby M4
4:30 p.m 5:30 p.m.	First-Time Attendee Welcome and Orientation	Dogwood
5:45 p.m 7:00 p.m.	Session 1 GFWC State Photos	M1 Foyer Staircase
6:30 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Social Gathering	Atrium, South Tower
6:45 p.m 7:15 p.m.	Registration	Pre-Function Lobby M4
7:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Processional Formation for GFWC Georgia State Night Banquet	Pre-Function Lobby M4
7:30 p.m 9:30 p.m.	Hollywood of the South - Georgia State Night Banquet F	International Ballroom
	Join us for an unforgettable evening of elegance, dining, and red carpet flair as GFWC Georgia hosts Hollywood of the South State Night. Step into the spotlight, sip on crafted cocktails, and enjoy a dinner worthy of the silver screen! DRESS CODE: Hollywood Glamour	
9:45 p.m 10:30 p.m.	GFWC Georgia Patron Pins Reception	Omni Suite



Saturday, June 7

7:30 a.m 9:00 a.m.	LEADS Graduates Breakfast BC	Dogwood
8:00 a.m 9:30 a.m.	Registration Georgia Welcome Table	Pre-Function Lobby M4
8:45 a.m 9:15 a.m.	Processional Formation for Opening Ceremonies	Pre-Function Lobby M4
9:15 a.m 12:30 p.m.	2025 GFWC Annual Convention Opening Ceremonies and Flag Processional BC	Grand Ballroom
	Business Session	

Processional: Announced by Jennifer Robertson, Special Assistant to the President

Call to Order: Suellen Brazil, International President

Presentation of Colors: Girl Scouts Georgia, Riverwood Troop

Singing of the National Anthem: Nicole Braun, Membership Committee

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America: Becky Vansant,

GFWC Alabama President

Thought for the Day: Jackie Boland, Croly Laureate

Welcome: Cathy Jones, GFWC Georgia President and Jennifer Stalvey,

GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs

Response: Susan Shipley, GFWC Arizona President

Introduction of Speaker: Cathy Jones, GFWC Georgia President

Welcome from the State of Georgia

Correspondence: Dr. Susan Gettys, Secretary

Introductions: Suellen Brazil, International President

Preliminary Credentials Report: Lisa Hedrick, Credentials Chairman

Announcement of Committee to Approve the Minutes of the Convention

Appointment of Tellers and Timekeepers

Tellers: Mary Powell, Jill Passaretti, Lois Richards

Timekeepers: Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, Bette Kuboushek, Patrica Heepe

Presentation of Convention Rules: Barbara Whitaker, PRP, Parliamentarian Pro Tem

Presentation of Convention Program: Kim Sekulow, Convention and Meetings Chairman

Presentation of GFWC District of Columbia Federation Charter: Suellen Brazil, International President

Fundraising Report: Judy Martin, Fundraising Chairman

Introduction of GFWC Staff: Cheri Meyer, Chief of Operations

Introduction of Speaker: Suellen Brazil, International President

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Regina M. Benjamin - 18th Surgeon General of the United States,

Honorary Chairman

Announcements: Kim Sekulow, Convention and Meetings Chairman

12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. "Pearls of Wisdom, Purses of Power" Region Luncheons | BC

Great Lakes	International E
Middle Atlantic	Cottonwood
Mississippi Valley	Redwood
New England	International C
South Central	International AB
Southeastern	International F

	Southern	Atrium, South Tower
	Western States	International D
2:45 p.m 4:45 p.m.	Business Session of the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention BC	Grand Ballroom
	Call to Order, and Opening Remarks: Suellen Brazil, International President Presentation of GFWC International Past Presidents Carlene Garner, GFWC International Past President, 2010-2012 Babs Condon, GFWC International Past President, 2014-2016 Sheila Shea, GFWC International Past President, 2016-2018 Marian St.Clair, GFWC International Past President, 2020-2022 Debra Strahanoski, GFWC International Past President, 2022-2024	
	Introduction of Speaker: Dale Fisher, Women's History and Resource Center C Special Guest Speaker: Anna Layman, Executive Director, Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation Proposed Amendments to the GFWC Bylaws: Deen Meloro, Bylaws Chairman Proposed Amendments to the GFWC Resolutions: Ida Dorvee, Resolutions Ch Announcements: Kim Sekulow, Convention and Meetings Chairman	
3:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Registration GFWC Georgia Welcome Table	Pre-Function Lobby M4
3:30 p.m 5:30 p.m.	GFWC Marketplace	Pre-Function Lobby M4
5:15 p.m 6:30 p.m.	GFWC Past State Junior Directors Club Cocktails AF	Pine Room
5:30 p.m 6:45 p.m.	Session 2 GFWC State Photos	M1 Lobby Staircase
6:00 p.m 7:00 p.m.	Social Gathering AF	M2 Foyer
7:15 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Processional Formation for The Shape of Unity Banquet	M2 Foyer
7:30 p.m 9:30 p.m.	The Shape of Unity Banquet AF	International DEF
	Millie Crom Award for Excellence in Junior State Leadership: Michelle Munoz Assistant to the Director of Junior Clubs Juniorette Participation: Darlene Adams, Chairman Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children: Suzanne Hooser, Chairman Awards: Mary Beth Williams, Second Vice President Communications and Public Relations: Becky Bolden, Chairman Website Contest Newsletter Contest National Clubs Certificates of Appreciation: Mary Beth Williams, Second International Affiliates Certificates of Appreciation: Nancy Ames, Chairman	ond Vice President
9:45 p.m 10:45 p.m.	Headphone Disco - GFWC Fun Night AF	Atrium, South Tower
	Join the (silent) party and dance the night away with your GFWC Sisters.	
	Hosted by the GFWC Juniors!	

International DEF

Sunday, June 8

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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	Introduction of Speaker: Dana Jones, Education and Libraries Chairman	
	Speaker: Amy S. Peele, RN, Honorary Chairman	
	Awards: Mary Beth Williams, Second Vice President	
	 Education and Libraries Awards: Dana Jones, Chairman 	
	ESO Awards	
	Writing Contest: Hope Royer, Chairman	
9:30 a.m 10:30 a.m.	Session 1 GFWC Workshops	
	Communications and Public Relations	Atrium, South Tower
	Community Service Programs	International AB
	Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children	Cottonwood
	Fundraising	International C
	Leadership	Dogwood
	Legislation/Public Policy	Redwood
	Membership	Grand Ballroom
	Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention	Oak
10:45 a.m 11:45 a.m.	Session 2 GFWC Workshops	
	Communications and Public Relations	Atrium, South Tower
	Community Service Programs	International AB
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11:30 a.m 12:30 p.m.	GFWC Marketplace	Pre-Function Lobby M4

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) Breakfast | BC





We Bid You Welcome

GFWC CLUBHOUSES AND THE COMMUNITY

This exhibit uses the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center's clubhouse photograph collection to tell stories of resilience, volunteerism, and community pride as expressed through beloved clubhouses both past and present. Learn about the ways GFWC clubs have developed to fundraise for a clubhouse, for their own benefit and for their community; the many uses a clubhouse can be put toward; and how communities have given back.

PRE-FUNCTION LOBBY M2, NORTH TOWER

12:15 p.m 2:00 p.m.	Empowerment Through Unity Luncheon BC Remarks: Suellen Brazil, International President Introduction of Speaker: Carrie Zimmerman, Chairman Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Guest Speaker: Lynn Rosenthal, Former Director of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Recognition of GFWC International Day of Service Registrants: Suellen Brazil, International President Awards: Mary Beth Williams, Second Vice President • Signature Program: Carrie Zimmerman, Chairman	International DEF
	 Signature Program Fund Recognition: Carrie Zimmerman, Chairman GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship Report: Carrie Zimmerman, Chairman, Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention 	
2:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.	GFWC Registration Desk and Georgia Welcome Table	Pre-Function Lobby M4
2:00p.m 4:15 p.m.	Business Session of the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention BC Thought for the Day: Becky Wright, Annual Giving Committee Introduction of Affiliate Organizations: Wendy Carriker, President-elect Panel Discussion: Affiliate Organizations Platinum Affiliate Organizations Award Presentations: • United Nations Foundation, Shot@Life Campaign • St. Jude Children's Research Hospital • Hope for Justice • Heifer International • Alzheimer's Association • Operation Smile Live Auction: Karyn Charvat, Membership Chairman Introduction of Speaker: Jolie Frankfurth, First Vice President Safe Surfin' Foundation Presentation: Graeme Page, CEO and Co-Founder of Updated Credentials Report: Lisa Hedrick, Credentials Chairman Proposed Amendments to the GFWC Bylaws: Deen Meloro, Bylaws Chairman Proposed Amendments to the GFWC Resolutions: Ida Dorvee, Resolutions Ch Fundraising Report: Judy Martin, Fundraising Chairman Announcements: Kim Sekulow, Convention and Meetings Chairman	
3:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.	GFWC Marketplace	Pre-Function Lobby M4
4:30 p.m 5:30 p.m.	Junior Business Session	Grand Ballroom
4:30 p.m 5:30 p.m.	GFWC Past Region Presidents Club Tea	Magnolia
5:30 p.m 6:30 p.m.	International Delegates Reception BC By Invitation Only	Omni Suite
9:30 p.m 10:30 p.m.	Distinguished Donors Reception AF By Invitation Only	Omni Suite

Monday, June 9		
8:00 a.m 10:00 a.m.	GFWC Past State Presidents Club Breakfast BC	Dogwood
	Open to all Past State Presidents	
8:00 a.m 10:00 a.m.	2026-2028 Leadership Training BC	Atrium, South Tower
	For the 2026-2028 GFWC State and District of Columbia Federation Presidents, Directors of Junior Clubs, Region Presidents and Vice Presidents	
10:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	GFWC Marketplace	Pre-Function Lobby M4
10:15 a.m 12:30 p.m.	Business Session of the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention BC	Grand Ballroom
	Thought for the Day: Theresa Rudder, Signature Program Committee	
	Final Credentials Report: Lisa Hedrick, Credentials Chairman	
	2024-2026 Officer Reports	
	Wendy Carriker, President-elect	
	Jolie Frankfurth, First Vice President	
	Mary Beth Williams, Second Vice President	
	Dr. Susan Gettys, Secretary	
	Juliet Casper, Treasurer	
	Juniorette Presentation: Mia Barrientos, Bluebonnet Drama Club of Kingsville	
	Proposed Amendments to the GFWC Bylaws: Deen Meloro, Bylaws Chairman	
	Proposed Amendments to the GFWC Resolutions: Ida Dorvee, Resolutions Chairman	
	New Business	
	Awards: Mary Beth Williams, Second Vice President	
	Membership: Karyn Charvat, Chairman	
	Membership Increase: Karyn Charvat, Chairman	
	 Women's History and Resource Center: Marian St.Clair, Chairman Invitation to the 2026 GFWC Annual Convention: Susan Shipley, GFWC Arizona President 	
	Peachtree Winners: Judy Martin, Fundraising Chairman	
	Announcements: Kim Sekulow, Convention and Meetings Chairman	
1:00 p.m 2:45 p.m.	From Vision to Impact: A Tribute to Excellence Luncheon BC	International Ballroom
1.00 p.m 2.43 p.m.	Jane Cunningham Croly Journalism Award	international balloom
	Awards: Mary Beth Williams, Second Vice President	
	Photography Contest: Patricia Heepe, Chairman	
	Leadership: Ann Landis, Chairman	
	Fundraising: Judy Martin, Chairman	
	Legislation/Public Policy: Mary Pat Marcello, Chairman	
	Arts and Culture CSP: Billie Williams, Chairman	
	Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP: Vicky Ann Trimmer, Chairman	
	Environment CSP: Sharon Oliphant, Chairman	
	Health and Wellness CSP: Lynn Foreman, Chairman	
	Winner of Golden Ticket: Suellen Brazil, International President	
	Gifts to Headquarters	
2:30 p.m 4:30 p.m	GFWC Marketplace	Pre-Function Lobby M4

3:15 p.m 4:45 p.m.	GFWC International Past Presidents High Tea By Invitation Only	Omni Suite
5:30 p.m 6:30 p.m.	Session 3 GFWC State Photos	M1 Foyer Staircase
6:00 p.m 7:00 p.m.	Social Gathering Sponsored by Debs Diamond Divas Club	M2 Foyer
7:00 p.m 10:30 p.m.	A Red Affair: Pulse of a Woman Gala F	International Ballroom
	Processional: Announced by Cynthia Geis, Protocol Chairman Welcome and Introduction: Suellen Brazil, International President State of the Junior Organization: Shannon Bailey, Director of Junior Clubs State of the Federation: Suellen Brazil, International President Introduction of Speaker: Jennifer Robertson, Special Assistant to the President Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Citrin, President and Founder of Citrin Cardiology, P.C. Red Hot Runway Emcee: Karyn Charvat, Membership Chairman Junior Pledge: Maria Uribe, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs Collect for Clubwoman: Amy Mason, GFWC Kentucky President Singing of Let There Be Peace on Earth: Charlene Ridgway, GFWC Oklahoma Closing Remarks	
	DRESS CODE : Red Elegance	

Adjournment of the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention

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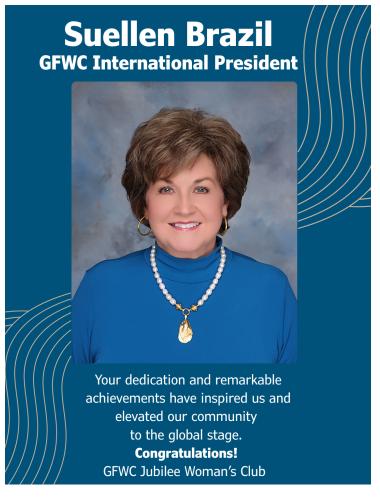
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Workshops

UNITING OUR VOICES: ADVOCATING FOR THE VOICELESS TOGETHER

SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Collaborating with domestic violence coalitions in your state enables subject matter experts to speak at your state, district, and club events. This workshop will empower members to connect with their state domestic violence specialists and work together to be the voice for those who have no voice. Many members are taking the next steps to support legislation and using their voices to make a difference. This workshop will guide participants in advocating for necessary changes to state laws that align with the Signature Program.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS IN A BRAND-NEW LIGHT

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Spend time with the individual Community Service Program Chairmen to re-envision Community Impact projects to amplify the impact of projects and community awareness of your club. The focus will be on clever, new, and unique ideas that embrace collaboration and engagement of other community organizations and members. Participants will work in small groups to promote participation and consideration of individual ideas. The Chairmen will "flip the switch," but YOU will "amp up the voltage" and increase the impact of your community projects!

WHAT DID YOU SAY? LET'S TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANT THINGS

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Let's explore the essentials of GFWC Communication tools, focusing on the Who, What, Where, Why, and How of effective communication. Remember, communication goes beyond the tools; it is how we use them. We will delve into the most important communication tool. Do you know what it is?

A crucial topic is protecting passwords for your social media accounts, websites, Google accounts, and more. How does tech security impact your club? Additionally, we'll consider the transition between administrations. There's much to discuss.

Effective communication connects our members and community. Let's examine the importance of public relations and how we can effectively market our clubs and initiatives. Learn how to write impactful press releases and why they matter. Together, we'll tackle tough questions and uncover valuable communication strategies.

EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP: THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF SUCCESS

Gear up and grab your hard hat—it is time to build! Participants will step into the role of construction site leaders, learning how to design, construct, and reinforce personal leadership skills. This interactive workshop helps experienced and emerging leaders identify and utilize key components in leadership building blocks to emerge as stronger and more confident leaders. Join us as we transform your insights into actions and help you reinforce your confidence and address accountability. You will examine what leadership means to you and be empowered with resources that can lead your way.

GET YOUR CRACKERJACK FUNDRAISERS HERE!

FUNDRAISING

Don't you love opening a box of Cracker Jacks and finding the prize? Join us at the Fundraising Committee Concession Stand, where we'll share the ingredients for crackerjack fundraisers. Your team of Fundraising Committee members (the GFWC Gamechangers) will facilitate candid discussions about fundraising challenges and champs, from the strikeouts to the home runs. We want to equip members to find and enjoy the sweet success of implementing crackerjack fundraisers. There is a prize in every fundraiser, just waiting for you to find it. Just like with Cracker Jacks, the more fundraising success you have, the more you want! Join the GFWC Gamechangers and become a fan of fundraising.

WE'VE HEARD YOU: NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

MEMBERSHIP

The GFWC Membership Committee is excited to reveal the results of our 2025 Membership Satisfaction Survey during the Membership Workshop! We will discuss in detail both our strongest and weakest areas and focus on what we can do to improve our club culture and members' experiences. You'll hear from various members who are successful in membership retention as well as attracting new members and starting new clubs during our Membership Q&A panel. Our Juniorette Chairman will review how to start a Juniorette Club and outline ways to stay in touch with your graduating members so they stay connected to GFWC after graduation. So much to discuss and learn, so please join us to learn how you and your club can strengthen, grow, retain, and attract members!

HARNESSING THE POWER OF GRASSROOTS ACTION

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY

Learn how to enlist other organizations to facilitate action on bipartisan legislative priorities supported by GFWC Resolutions. The powerful workshop will: educate members in grassroots advocacy, help empower members within their own communities to support these issues, and discuss how members can engage with organizations to increase awareness, collaboration, and influence.

Representatives from Safe States Alliance, headquartered in Atlanta, a national non-profit professional association whose mission it is to strengthen the practice of injury and violence prevention, will discuss their strategies for engagement and advocacy as a national voice.

DO YOU WANT TO BE MY FRIEND?

JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM

In today's digital age, children face many dangers online. Therefore, understanding cybersecurity has become a necessary life skill for their safety. Explore available resources and actions to educate parents and the community to empower our children to confidently say "NO" when asked online, "Do you want to be my friend?" Children are targets of multiple online threats, including cyberbullying, sexting, and human trafficking predators. Cybercrimes are a growing concern, but with awareness and proactive steps, we can better protect children from online threats. A representative from Safe Surfin' Foundation will discuss updates on child online safety.

LEADERSHIP



CFWC...The Sky's The Limit!

GFWC California's 10,500 members have caught the spark of Federation and the future is exciting! With an explosion of enthusiastic new members and our sky-high passion for service, we have truly ignited our volunteer spirit!

Exhibitor Showcase

NORTH TOWER | PRE-FUNCTION LOBBY M4

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Representatives: GFWC Arizona Volunteers

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State Photo Schedule

NORTH TOWER | M1 FOYER STAIRCASE

We are pleased to offer the opportunity for each state delegation to be photographed with the International President and Director of Junior Clubs as a commemoration of the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta.

Given the number of delegations present, it is imperative that we remain on schedule.

Please Note: The entire state delegation should be in line 5 minutes prior to the time listed.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

Atrium South

5:45 P.M.

Georgia

Booster Club

6:00 P.M.

Massachusetts

New Jersey

6:15 P.M.

Texas

Illinois

6:30 P.M.

GFWC International Past Presidents

Mississippi

New Mexico

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Maine

Maryland

Michigan

Minnesota

Nebraska

Nevada

New York

North Dakota

5:30 P.M. Alaska

Arkansas

Connecticut

Delaware

District of Columbia

Hawaii

Idaho

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Kansas Kentucky

Louisiana

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

5:30 P.M.

2024-2026 Executive

Committee

Alabama

North Carolina

Florida

Colorado

Missouri

South Carolina

6:00 P.M.

Arizona

California

Iowa

Montana

New Hampshire

6:30 P.M.

6:30 P.M.

Oklahoma

Oregon

Rhode Island

South Dakota

Tennessee Utah

Vermont

Wyoming

Ohio

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Virginia

Washington

West Virginia

Wisconsin





To the GFWC Georgia members who have volunteered their time and talents,

Thank you for all the work you've done to make this GFWC Annual Convention a reality!



Proudly serving GFWC International President Suellen Brazil

Standing — Julie Walters, Assistant to the Convention & Meetings Chairman; Betty Wellborn, President's Assistant; Pam Johnson, GFWC Alabama; Ellen Clack, GFWC Alabama; Jennifer Robertson, Special Assistant to the President; Cynthia Geis, Protocol Chairman; Nancy Messer, President's Assistant; Lois Roberts, President's Assistant; Gregg Geis, GFWC Alabama; Caroline Hollowell, President's Honorary Assistant; and Kim Sekulow, Convention & Meetings Chairman

Seated — Susan Beldsoe, President's Assistant; Geneva Messer, President's Honorary Assistant; Suellen Brazil, GFWC International President

Voting & Credentials

All GFWC members are invited to attend the GFWC Convention. However, not all attendees have voting privileges. In accordance with GFWC Bylaws, Article VIII, each club is permitted a certain number of voting delegates.

Voting status is verified by the GFWC Credentials Committee. To determine your voting status during GFWC Business Sessions, credential cards are issued onsite at the GFWC Registration Desk. Credential cards are not mailed in advance and must be picked up onsite.

Club Level

Two members from every Woman's, Junior Woman's, or Juniorette club of 20 or fewer members may be voting delegates.

For each additional 10 members (or major fraction of 10) one more delegate may represent the club. For example, a club with 56 members may have six voting delegates: two for the first 20 members, one for having 21–30 members, one for having 31–40 members, one for having 41–50 members, and one for having an additional six members, which is a major fraction of 10.

To be eligible to vote, attendees must belong to a club whose dues were submitted by its State Federation to GFWC by February 15, 2025.

A delegate must pay the registration fee for the entire convention to be entitled to vote. Daily registration fee does not include voting privileges.

Board Level

All members of the 2024-2026 GFWC Board of Directors and of the GFWC Standing and Special Committees are eligible to vote.

Region Level

The Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of each Region are delegates. The Region President is a delegate as a member of the GFWC Board of Directors.

State Level

If your State has any of the following elected officials, they may be delegates by virtue of their office: Presidentelect; First, Second, and Third Vice Presidents; Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer; and the Directorelect of Junior Clubs. The State President and State Director of Junior Clubs are delegates as members of the GFWC Board of Directors. State Community Service Program, Special Program, or Advancement Area Chairmen may be delegates. Your State may have additional elected positions, chairmanships, and/or officers, but those with titles other than those mentioned will have to be delegates from their clubs or in some other capacity.

GFWC National or International ClubOne delegate from each such club.

National Organization or International Affiliate

One delegate for each such organization.

For further information regarding dues, credentials, and representation, please refer to the GFWC Bylaws ARTICLE V Dues and Finance Section 5.2 Dues., ARTICLE VIII Conventions, and ARTICLE XII Committees Section 12.1 Standing Committees. E) Credentials.

Refer to the Governance section of the GFWC website, <u>www.gfwc.org</u>.



HELPFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION

To qualify as a voting delegate, a full Convention registration fee must be paid. Daily attendees do not receive a vote.

After checking into the hotel, your first stop should be the GFWC Registration and Welcome Desk to pick up your Convention materials. The Credentials Committee will be ready to assist with any questions.

Each delegate must pick up and sign for her own credentials. Voting delegates receive a white voting card. The Credentials Committee keeps a portion of the card, and the other portion is yours to use during voting.

If you register in a non-voting capacity, you receive a marked non-voting card, and you are not permitted to vote at Convention.

Only an accredited delegate may introduce motions, debate, and vote.

No delegate may represent more than one organization or be entitled to more than one vote.

No proxy voting shall be allowed.

A member registering as a non-voting member may, upon proper clear ance by the Credentials Committee, be transferred to a delegate status during a business session meeting.

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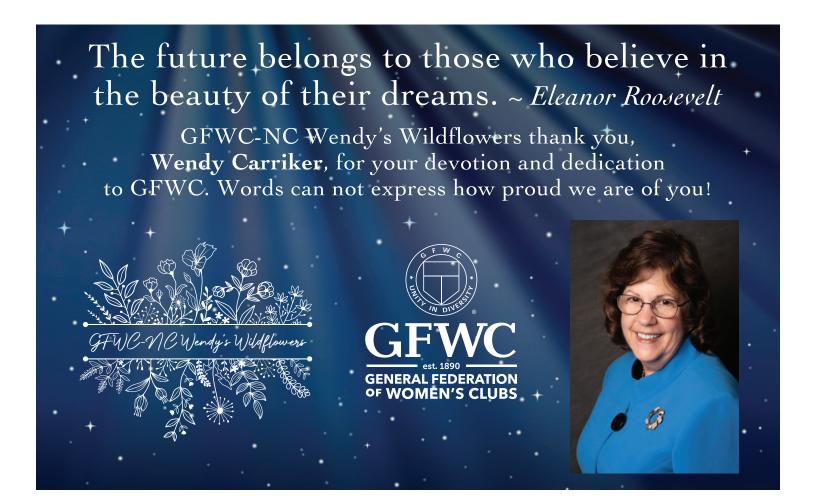
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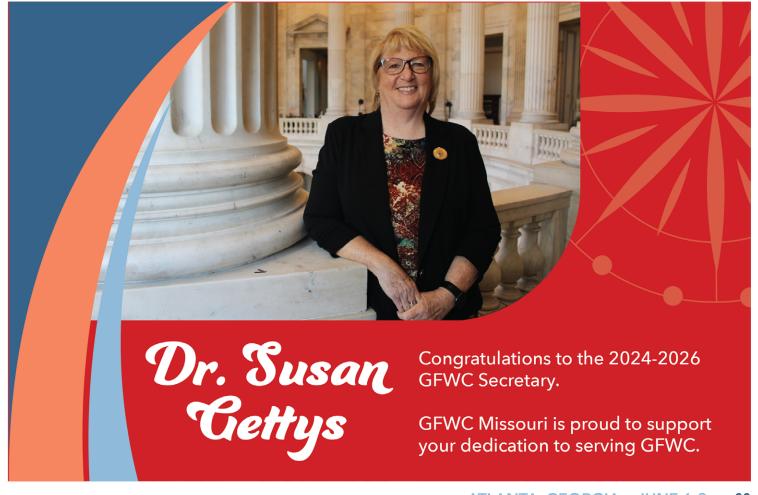
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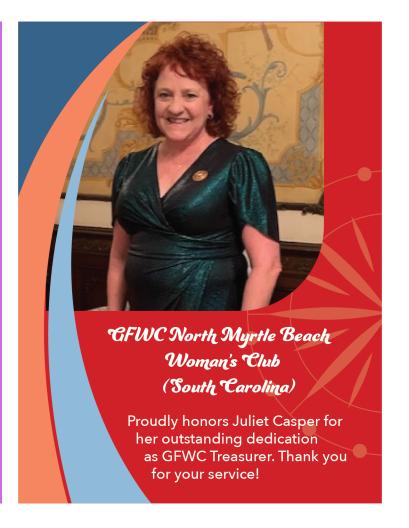




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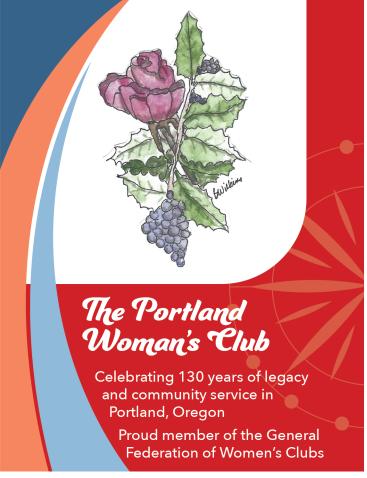
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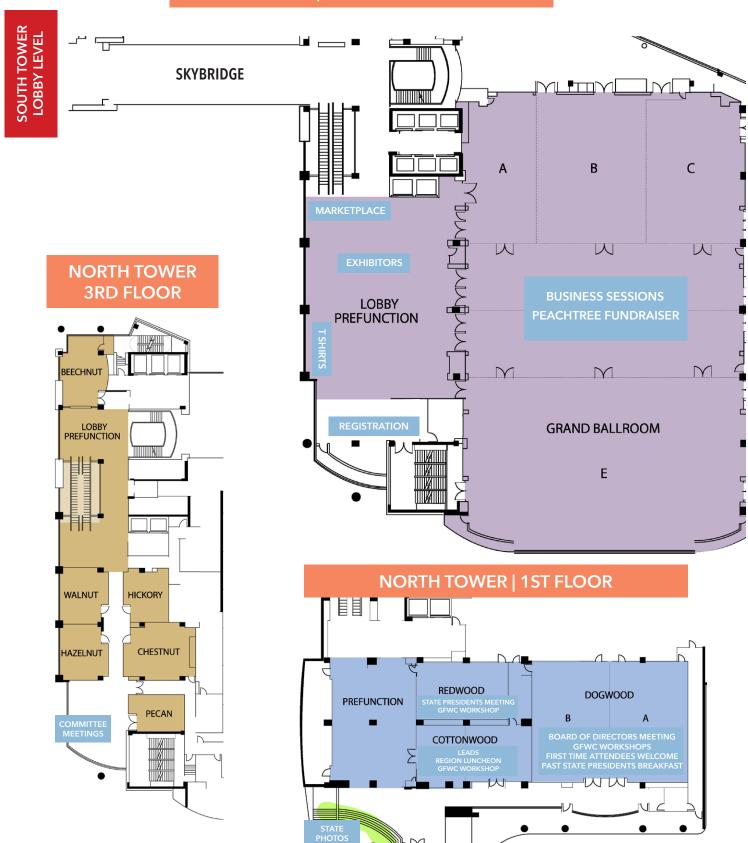


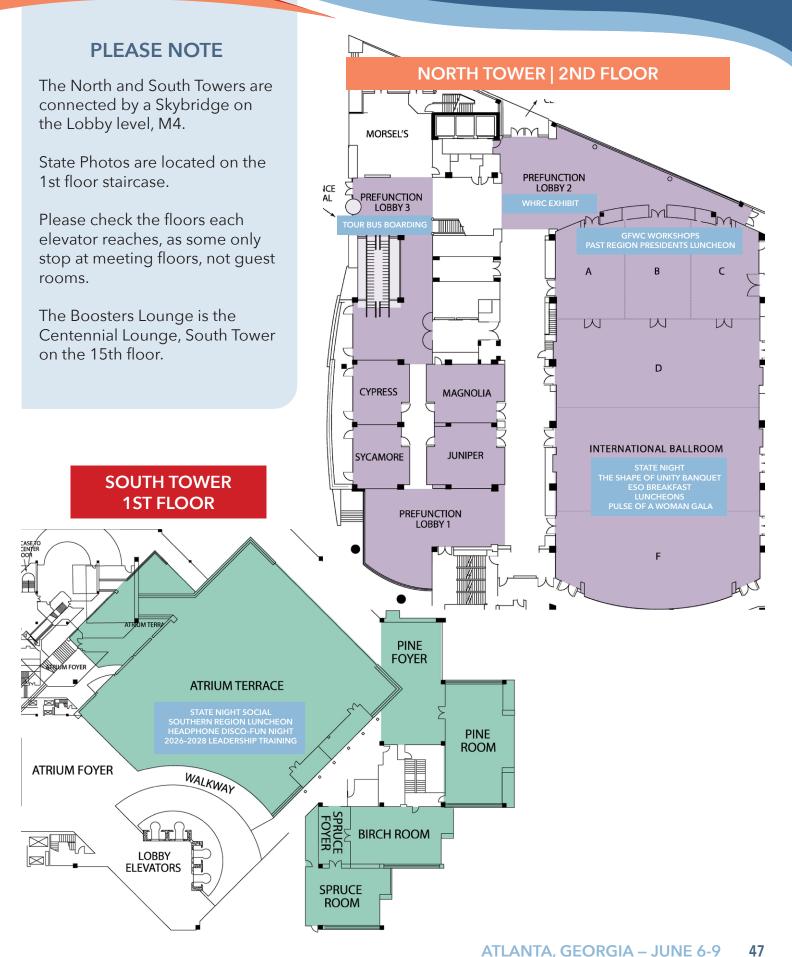






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