

May 2026

Dear Club President:

Congratulations and thank you for accepting the position or continuing as President of your club. Your leadership allows our Federation to flourish.

This President's Packet contains valuable information to help you and your members begin a new club year. Please read through the materials and share with your club members as soon as possible so no one misses any of the upcoming events or deadlines.

The NJSFWC Manual for Club Presidents is available on the NJSFWC website and is a valuable tool not only for you but for your members as well. The GFWC Manual is available on their website as well.

Don't forget to order your copy of the NJSFWC Yearbook which will put valuable information at your fingertips.

Your District Vice President is the link between your club and NJSFWC. Invite her to a club meeting or event so your members get to know her. She can assist all the clubs in your district and share ideas between clubs.

One of the best things about Federation is the incredible women we meet when we attend District and State events. Encourage your club members to join you as you go to events to hear new information and gain valuable knowledge that encourages personal growth. Be sure that you and your members take advantage of the many workshops and seminars that NJSFWC schedules for YOU.

Do you need a speaker for a meeting? Board members are available to talk about Membership, Leadership, Report Writing, Parliamentary Procedure and our Community Service Programs. Take advantage of all the benefits of membership that NJSFWC offers.

Wishing you a successful and fun-filled club year.

In Federation Friendship,

Susan Chambers, President

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS of GFWC

CLUB DEADLINE AND MAILING DATES

2026-2027

All of the following should be mailed to Headquarters, unless otherwise noted. The date indicated is the deadline for receipt of the material.

MAY 1	Yearbook Data Blue Sheet & Dues Payment
JULY 1	ALMANAC Subscription \$40 First Class - No longer free to Club Presidents
SEPTEMBER 30	Request to File for New Jersey Charitable Registration through NJSFWC
OCTOBER 15	Suggested Bylaw Amendments
NOVEMBER 15	Nomination for Women of Achievement
DECEMBER 15	Clubs to apply for NJSFWC Group Letter of Determination Tax Exempt Coverage for 501(c)(3)
DECEMBER 15	Proposed Resolutions
<u>2027</u>	
JANUARY 6	Due date for nominations for Board of Director elected positions due to Headquarters
FEBRUARY 1	Girls' Career Institute (GCI) Reservation
FEBRUARY 1	Cecilia Gaines Holland Award Nominations & Carol Sas Award Due
FEBRUARY 1	Request for Application Form for Margaret Yardley Fellowship
FEBRUARY 1	Last day to mail NJSFWC Annual Report Forms
FEBRUARY 1	LEADS applications due
MARCH 15	Girls' Career Institute (GCI) Delegate Registration Form
APRIL 1	Continuing Funds Form and Check
APRIL 1	Honor Roll and/or Order of the Lily Nominations and Checks

All of the following will be mailed to **Club Presidents**. **Mailing dates are approximate.**

SEPTEMBER 1	GCI Reservation Form and Continuing Funds Form and Information on State of New Jersey Charity Registration Filing
OCTOBER 1	NJSFWC Annual Report Forms
FEBRUARY 19	CALL to Convention
FEBRUARY 19	Amendment to the Bylaws
MARCH 15	Proposed Resolutions

NJSFWC CALENDAR MAY 2026-MAY 2027

May 2026

- 6 EC and Board meeting immediately after convention close
- 12 Board meeting
- 15 zoom convention recap

June 2026

- 1-4 GCI
- 3 EC meeting
- 9 Board meeting
- 10 Highlands Council
- 11 College Council
- 16 Ramapo Council
- 17 Palisades Council
- 18 Garden Council
- 22 Shore Council
- 23 Liberty Council
- 24 Southern Council
- 26-30 GFWC Convention Scottsdale AZ

July 2026

- 28 EC meeting (zoom?)

August 2026

- 6 HQ Fundraiser
- 27-30 GFWC Board

September 2026

- 1 EC meeting)
- 9 Board meeting
- 10 Highlands Council
- 15 Ramapo Council
- 16 Palisades Council
- 17 Garden Council
- 22 Liberty Council
- 23 Southern Council
- 24 College Council
- 25 GFWC Day of Service
- 28 Shore Council

October 2026

- 6 EC meeting
- 9-11 MAR Albany
- 13 Board meeting
- 19 State Fall Conference

NJSFWC CALENDAR MAY 2026-MAY 2027

November 2026

- 3 EC meeting
- 10 Board meeting
- 12 HQ Open House

December 2026

- 1 EC meeting
- 8 Board meeting/Holiday Luncheon
- 9 GFWC Holiday Reception

January 2027

- 5 EC meeting
- 12 Board meeting
- 13 Highlands Council (zoom if snow)
- 18 Martin Luther King Day of Service
- 19 Ramapo Council (zoom if snow)
- 20 Palisades Council (zoom if snow)
- 21 Garden Council (zoom if snow)
- 25 Shore Council (zoom if snow)
- 26 Liberty Council (zoom if snow)
- 27 Southern Council (zoom if snow)
- 28 College Council (zoom if snow)

February 2027

- 2 EC meeting
- 5 Palisades Arts Performing
- 8 Palisades Arts Performing Snow Date
- 9 Board meeting

March 2027

- 2 EC meeting
- 3 Women's History Celebration
- 4 Civic Engagement & Outreach Day
- 9 Board meeting
- 10 Highlands Arts Performing
- 11 Liberty Arts Performing
- 12 Highlands Arts Performing Show Day
- 15 Liberty Arts Performing Snow Day
- 16 Ramapo Arts Performing
- 17 Palisades Achievement Day
- 18 Ramapo Arts Performing Snow Day
- 19 Palisades Achievement Snow Day
- 22 Shore Arts Performing

NJSFWC CALENDAR MAY 2026-MAY 2027

- 23 Shore Arts Performing Snow Day
- 24 Southern Arts Performing
- 29 Southern Arts Performing Snow Day
- 30 EC meeting
- 30 College Arts Performing Day
- 31 Garden Arts Performing

April 2027

- 1 College Arts Performing Day (snow date)
- 2 Garden Arts Performing Day (snow date)
- 6 Board meeting
- 7 Liberty Achievement Day
- 8 Liberty Spring Conference
- 12 College Achievement Day/Spring Conference
- 13 Ramapo Achievement Day/Spring Conference
- 15 Garden Achievement Day/ Spring Conference
- 19 GFWC Volunteers in Action Week
- 19 Palisades Spring Conference
- 19 Shore Achievement Day/Spring Conference
- 20 Highlands Achievement Day/Spring Conference
- 24 GFWC Federation Day
- 26-27 Shore Achievement Day/Spring Conference
- 28 Southern Achievement Day/Spring Conference

May 2027

- 2-5 NJSFWC Convention
- 2 EC meeting
- 3 Board meeting

NJSWFC WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

2026 - 2027

Here is a preview of upcoming workshops and seminars. Please look out for future ALMANACS and e-Connections for additional details.

September 14, 2026 10:30 am to 12 pm

AI Workshop

October 14, 2026 10:30 am to 12 pm

Canva Workshop

October 27, 2026 10:30 am to 12 pm

November 18, 2026 10:30 am to 12 pm

Reporting Writing

November 5 10:30 am to 12pm (VIRTUAL)

Parliamentary Procedures

February 17, 2027 10:30 am to 12 pm

February 23, 2027 (snow date)

Conflict Resolution

March 5, 2027 10:30 am to 12 pm

Book Discussion: "50 Contemporary Women Artists"

Date: TBD

CPR Training

NJSFWC

2026 Membership Grant

All Clubs are eligible to apply for a \$100 grant awarded to clubs in 2026. There will be two club winners from each Membership Category.

The deadline for all applications is October 1, 2026

Grants will be awarded to qualifying clubs based on the following areas:

- Recruitment of new members
- Retention and rewarding existing members

Clubs are asked to outline their membership plans in no more than a 500-word narrative summary that demonstrates your membership activities.

Also include how your club will utilize the grant.

All grants must be MAILED and POSTMARKED by October 1, 2026, to

NJSFWC Federation Headquarters

55 Labor Center Way

New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1593

All Applications must have the following information on the top of the application:

- ✓ **Club Name**
- ✓ **Membership from the Yearbook Data form 2026**
- ✓ **Membership Chairman's Name**
- ✓ **Membership Chairman's Email and Phone Number**

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC

Save the Date!

Monday, October 19, 2026

NJSFWC STATE FALL CONFERENCE

At Harbor Point, Point Pleasant
(formerly The Lobster Shanty)

You don't want to miss out on this informative day.

**President Susan Chambers and State Fall Conference
Chairman Rosemarie Saviello look forward to greeting you!**

**Look for more details in the September 2026 ALMANAC
And in the e-Connection.**

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs



Headquarters Open House

Save the Date

Thursday, November 12th

MEET & GREET

Your NJSFWC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At Our Headquarters Building

See upcoming ALMANAC and e-Connection for details.

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC

Office Use
Rec'd
Cash
Check

STATE YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

(2026-2027)

**COST: \$ 35.00 (per copy - if picked up at Headquarters)
\$ 40.00 (per copy - if mailed)**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NJSFWC

MAIL TO: New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC
55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1593

PRINT CLEARLY - Be sure ADDRESS is CORRECT - COMPLETE - READABLE

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

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NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC

Office Use
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NEW ALMANAC SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM

(2026-2027)

CLUB PRESIDENTS WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE A FREE ALMANAC

ALMANACs are available by **FULL SUBSCRIPTION ONLY** (8 issues) **NO SINGLE ISSUES** -

SUBSCRIPTION DEADLINE: JULY 1 - COST: \$ 40.00 (First Class Mail ONLY)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NJSFWC

MAIL TO: New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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Operation Holiday Stocking



2026



HELP SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

**NJSFWC WILL BE COLLECTING STOCKINGS
FOR USA SOLDIERS
IN THE FALL OF 2026**

No alcohol, chocolate or batteries. No liquids, large items, or anything with metal or glass. Stockings should be no larger than 12 inches, packed in large egg cartons or medium sized moving box---
do not use shopping bags.

Drop off Dates:
To Be Determined

Suggested items for stockings are listed on the reverse side.

** START SHOPPING **

****No Cans/Magazines/Books/Hotel toiletries/Chocolates, Glass, or Batteries****

*****NO ALCOHOL OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING ALCOHOL*****

****No shaving creams/gels/sprays/aerosols as they may be restricted****

DO NOT SEW STOCKINGS CLOSED! Instead use a safety pin to secure the top.

Please include a monetary donation to help offset the shipping costs.

Instructions for delivery will be in the September issue of the ALMANAC.

Food Items Requested:

- ☐ Liquid Water Enhancer (Mio)
- ☐ Powdered Drink Mix (Crystal Light)
- ☐ Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate
- ☐ Oatmeal Packets
- ☐ Soup Packets
- ☐ Sponges/Loofahs
- ☐ Bagged Tuna/Chicken (tear-open pouches)
- ☐ Breakfast/Granola/Protein Bars
- ☐ Peanut Butter/Cheese Sandwich Crackers
- ☐ Beef Jerky/Slim Jim's
- ☐ Nuts/Seeds/Trail Mix
- ☐ Dried Fruit/Raisins
- ☐ Salty Snacks (Chips/Pretzels/Popcorn)
- ☐ Snack Cakes/Cookies
- ☐ Chewing Gum
- ☐ Hard Candy
- ☐ Chewy Candy

Other Items:

- ☐ Puzzle/Sudoku Books
- ☐ Writing Pads
- ☐ Pens/Pencils
- ☐ Eyeglass Lens Wipes/Repair Kits
- ☐ Sewing Kits
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Hacky Sacks/Cards

Medical & Other Items:

- ☐ gauze bandages/field bandages
- ☐ various sizes of adhesive bandages/bandaids/butterfly bandages
- ☐ hemostatic bandages and agents that help stop bleeding (Quikclot/Celox)
- ☐ individual iodine/alcohol/antiseptic wipes
- ☐ individual doses of acetaminophen, ibuprofen, aspirin, and other medicinal medications
- ☐ medical adhesive tape
- ☐ antibacterial ointments/disinfectants/burn creams
- ☐ medihoney strips

Specialty Items for Women:

- ☐ Moisturizing Bath Soap
- ☐ Body Wash
- ☐ Body Lotion
- ☐ Feminine Hygiene Product
- ☐ Protein Powder
- ☐ Emery Boards
- ☐ Single packaged Facial Masks
- ☐ Shower Caps
- ☐ Hair Ties (Brown/Black)
- ☐ Cotton Swabs

Hygiene Items:

- ☐ Foot Powder (Medicated)
- ☐ Deodorant (sticks only)
- ☐ Sunscreen (lotion only)
- ☐ Baby/Cleansing Wipes
- ☐ Tissues (Individual Packs)
- ☐ Lip Balm/Chapstick
- ☐ Visine/Saline Eye Drops
- ☐ Aspirin/Advil/Tylenol
- ☐ Adhesive Bandages/Gauze
- ☐ Neosporin/Bacitracin
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Dental Floss

Name of Club _____ **District** _____

Number of Stockings _____ **Cash/Check Donated \$** _____

Please fill out the total quantity in all the stockings combined and submit one list per club to the office along with any cash or check donation for shipping.



THE 1894 SOCIETY

The NJSFWC Headquarters Building, built with trading stamps, is located on land leased from Rutgers University. The Federation's lease with Rutgers sets the rental amount at a percentage of the value of the land. The value of land has increased.

The 1894 Society was initiated in 2002 in an effort to build a fund that will enable the NJSFWC to fund the land rental

To Donate by Credit Card:

- 1) Go to: njsfwc.org
- 2) Click on: **DONATE** (yellow button top of page)
- 3) Insert the dollar amount you are paying (where it shows \$0)
- 4) Select: **Donate with "Credit Card or Debit Card"**
- 5) In the **Write A Note** put **"1894 Society"**
(*You do not need to complete the By Check Form Below*)
- 6) Complete your Credit Card information
 - a. Billing Address,
 - b. Email address,
 - c. Phone number.
- 7) Select **DONATE NOW**
- 8) An email confirming your donation is sent to your email and to njsfwc.hq@gmail.com.



To Donate by QR Code:

Scan the QR Code above to donate using your credit card on our PayPal Account.

Complete the information as outlined by Credit Card

To Donate by Check:

Please enroll me/our club in the 1894 Society for the 2026-2027 club year (April 1, 2026-March 31, 2027). Place "X" in box indicating whether Individual or Club donation.

Enclosed is my/our donation of:

___ \$18.94 ___ \$20.00 ___ \$189.40 ___ \$1,894.00 \$ ___ Other

☐ Name of Individual _____ District _____
(If Individual donation please note Club you belong to but do not Check box next to Club Name)

☐ Club _____ District _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email* _____

Make checks payable to "NJSFWC", earmarked "1894 Society". Mail check and donation form to:
NJSFWC Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

* All e-mail addresses will automatically be added to the NJSFWC eConnection distribution list. The NJSFWC eConnection brings current Federation news to your e-mail box. All information is confidential. All donations are tax deductible.



New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC Highlights



Sampling of Accomplishments

- Since 2009, Club women support the Operation Holiday Stocking by donating over 30,000 filled Holiday Stockings to soldiers stationed overseas.
- Since 1982, the NJSFWC, in partnership with Douglass College has sponsored the New Jersey Women of Achievement Awards. To date, over 220 extraordinary women, from all walks of life, have been recognized for their outstanding accomplishments.
- In 1947, the NJSFWC established the Girls' Career Institute (originally called Girls' Citizenship Institute). This mini-college experience for high school girls completing their junior year is still held on the Douglass Residential College campus today. The students are sponsored by local women's clubs.
- During World War II, in support of the GFWC "Buy A Bomber" campaign, club women sold enough war bonds to purchase 431 planes at a cost of \$154,459,132. New Jersey clubwomen were able to purchase 6 ambulance planes.
- Douglass Residential College (originally the New Jersey College for Women) was established in 1918 by the clubwomen of New Jersey. The NJSFWC is one of two state federations to establish a college. Douglass Residential College is the only remaining public women's college in America.
- In 1900, the NJSFWC spearheaded the efforts to save the Palisades Cliffs on the NJ side of the Hudson River, north of the George Washington Bridge. In 1929, a Watch Tower, which sits atop the Palisades Cliffs was dedicated in tribute to those determined women. It should be noted that the saving of the Palisades and the establishment of Douglass Residential College were both done before women had the right to vote. Today we are still fighting to save the Palisades.

Awards – The NJSFWC has received numerous awards for its community service efforts over the years.

- In April, 2026 NJSFWC was honored at a 'Brunch for Smiles' for our continuing support of Operation Smile, with their Operation Smile's Hope Builder Award.
- In 2024, NJSFWC was named Service Club of the Year by Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.
- NJSFWC was named an "Outstanding Community Organization" by the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP NJ) at their 2022 Excellence in Philanthropy Awards. Since 1981, AFP NJ's Excellence in Philanthropy Award has recognized the achievements of some of the most notable citizens and organizations in the state who have dedicated their efforts toward making New Jersey a better place.
- In 2021 and 2022, NJSFWC was proud to be one of the New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Award Honorees in the Volunteer Group. NJSFWC club members came together to support many organizations such as Gilda's Club, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA NJ), Family Promise, Prevent Child Abuse NJ, and many more. During COVID-19, NJSFWC club members across the state made masks, hats, ear savers and shields, and PPE. They donated food, gift baskets and gift cards to hospital workers, first responders, and food banks.
- In October, 2017 the Palisades Park Conservancy recognized NJSFWC for our work with the Committee to Preserve the Palisades in reaching an amicable solution with LG Electronics regarding the proposed height of its headquarters, once again assuring that the vistas of the Palisades can be enjoyed by all.
- The NJ Library Association awarded the NJSFWC with its Library Champion Award in 2004, recognizing the role the Federation and individual clubs played in the establishment of public libraries in the state. The GFWC and its member clubs are credited with establishing 75 % of the nation's public libraries.
- The Highlands Coalition recognized the efforts of the NJSFWC in securing passage of the Highlands legislation by granting the Federation their Grassroots Award in 2003.

NJSFWC E-CONNECTION Enrollment Form

Join the NJSFWC E-CONNECTION Network

Join the NJSFWC E-CONNECTION and receive Federation-related news and information on your own computer. Since the news and information will be of general interest, enrollment in the NJSFWC E-CONNECTION is open to all club members. Encourage everyone in your club to sign-up today because no one will want to miss a single message! Feel free to photo-copy the enrollment form if more copies are needed or attach a type-written or hand-printed sheet of paper with the additional names and email addresses. *Please note that as is the case with any member contact information, the NJSFWC never shares member contact information with any other organization or entity.*

Enrollment Information (Please Print or Type)

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Member IDs and logins are not required to access the MATERIALS menu on the NJSFWC website.

Click on **MATERIALS** to find information on the following topics:

- Advocates for Children
- ALMANACs, Federation General Forms, Club President Manual
- Annual Report Forms and Instructions (forms are fillable)
- Arts & Culture
- Arts Performing and Creative Writing Youth
- Civic Engagement and Outreach
- Communications
- Community Impact
- Convention
- Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention
- Education and Libraries & Spelling Bee
- Environment
- Forms & Manuals
- Girls' Career Institute
- Health and Wellness
- Honors, Awards & Achievements
- Leadership
- Legislation, Resolutions, Proclamations
- Membership
- Special State Project
- Treasurer & Financial Information, Forms
- Web Communications & NJSFWC Logos, Icons, Shields
- Women's History

Events are now posted by the webmaster, so please email your events to webmaster@njsfwc.org.

Send your photos and description for posting to social media to Facebook@NJSFWC.org

Club web pages for clubs without a website may also be created by the Webmaster. Look for "Web Page Information Form" in the MATERIALS section under Web Communications to send information to create your Club page



New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

Headquarters

WISH LIST

The following items are needed. Clubs are invited to donate toward the purchase of any of these items. Please send a check made out to NJSFWC, with an earmark as for the item your donation should go toward.

3 Trunks (to be used for Convention) - \$500 per trunk

3 Restroom Toilet Tissue Storage Holders with Stand - \$30 each

Desks and Chairs for Office

Dumpster Service for basement cleaning project

Please note, monies may in rare occasions be reallocated based on the needs of the Headquarters location.