

GFWC

- A community service organization.
- Roots can be traced back to 1868 when Jane “Jennie” Croly, a professional journalist, attempted to attend a dinner at an all-male press club for Charles Dickens.
- She was denied admittance based upon her gender, and in response, formed a woman’s club
- On April 24, 1890, 63 clubs officially formed the General Federation of Women’s Clubs by ratifying the GFWC constitution.
- Founded 75% of the public libraries
- Instrumental in the Woman’s suffragette movement and the woman’s right to vote

NJSFWC of GFWC

- Born on November 16, 1894
- 150 women representing 36 clubs met in Union Hall in Orange, NJ.
- Largest volunteer women's service organization in the state currently 6,000+ strong

Feats

- Founded New Jersey College for Woman now Douglass Residential College in 1918
- Responsible for the preservation of the Palisades.
- More currently expediential in the passing of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act to protect water quality for over 50% of New Jerseyans
- **COVID** 43 clubs made 15,980 masks, 4,655 hats, 496 ear savers and shields, and 1,363 PPE donated food, gift baskets and gift cards worth \$14,655 to hospital workers and first responders and an additional donation of food worth \$17,043 donated to local food banks.

Each year under NJSFWC a statewide project chosen - referred to during our meetings as SSP/Special State Project

- 2 year initiative
- clubs regularly participate through-out the year contributing monetarily, through collection of goods and projects.

Each local club is autonomous.

Participate in Community Service departments under both the GFWC and NJSFWS.

GFWC
General Federation of Woman's Club

Executive Committee
President, Director of Junior Clubs,
President Elect, 1st VP, 2nd VP, ,
Secretary, Treasurer

Executive Board
Executive Committee, Region
Presidents, State Presidents, State
Directors of Junior Clubs, Committee
Chairman, Committee Members,
Appointments

Regions

Eight Regions; consisting of Great
Lakes, Mississippi Valley, New
England, South Central,
Southeastern, Southern, Western
States, Middle Atlantic

International Affiliates

GFWC has affiliated members and
organizations in more than 12
countries

State Federations
NJSFWC (New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs)

Executive Committee
President, President Elect, 1st VP, 2nd VP,
Recording Secretary, Corresponding
Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary

Executive Board
Executive Committee, District Vice
Presidents, Community Service Program
Chairmen, Standing Committee Chairmen,
Special Committees, Appointments

College

Garden

Highlands

Liberty

Palisades

Ramapo

Shore

Southern

Local Clubs