



Living the Volunteer Spirit

New Jersey Style

GFWC is thrilled to welcome you to the 2022 GFWC New Jersey State Convention. We couldn't be more excited to be sharing the successes of the past year with you!

The past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic have taken a toll on us all in different ways, but as clubwomen we have continued to persevere and make a positive impact on our communities through volunteerism. No matter what the future holds, we know all GFWC members will continue to share their volunteer spirit!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear GFWC Members,

Improving lives and strengthening communities is a year-round endeavor, but spring conventions are a delightful way to take a short breather, to reflect on our achievements, and to celebrate each other and our success stories. They also serve as an opportunity to widen our circle of friends and to refresh our enthusiasm and dedication with new ideas and experiences. I hope each of you will look forward with confidence and appreciate that GFWC will foster your work and help your club thrive in every way possible. The resources highlighted in these pages showcase many of the best benefits of belonging to the Federation and I hope they will inform, inspire, and motivate you to continue your volunteer efforts in communities near and far. Congratulations to each of you on another successful year and many thanks for your efforts, as we continue to work towards a better future for all.

Yours in *Living the Volunteer Spirit!*

Marian Simmons-St.Clair, GFWC International President

2022 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION

GFWC invites you to join us for the 2022 GFWC Annual Convention, June 25 to 28, at the beautiful Hilton Riverside in New Orleans, Louisiana, to celebrate our accomplishments, learn about new initiatives, and participate in the advancement of the organization. Events on Friday, June 24, include the group meetings and Board of Directors meeting, the 2022 LEADS training, the USO Service Project, and "When the Saints Go Marching In" South Central Region Celebration Banquet. The Convention will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 25, and will adjourn the evening after the Installation of 2022-2024 GFWC Officers on Wednesday, June 29. There will be three tours offered in conjunction with the event on Thursday, June 23, and Friday, June 24. The room block extends from June 22 to 29.

To learn more, visit the Annual Convention page on www.GFWC.org.

BENEFITS OF BELONGING

GFWC AWARDS

State Federations, clubs, and individual members who pay per capita dues are eligible to compete for awards, participate in contests, and apply for grants. Complete details for each GFWC Award are listed in the GFWC Club Manual, where you can also find contest rules, tips for winning entries, and judging criteria.

GFWC Jennie Award

The GFWC Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." The award is an occasion to highlight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize Jennie's spirit of independence, courage, and persistence through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, representatives of their community, and as members of a family or extended family. Club members are nominated by their clubs to compete at state, regional, and national levels for the Federation's highest individual honor.

Community Impact Program Award

The GFWC Community Impact Program Award offers GFWC clubs financial incentive to implement projects designed to impact a specific problem in their community. This award provides a vision for the future of the relationship between clubs and their communities.

Membership Grants

GFWC grants are available to clubs to assist with recruitment efforts and to Districts to assist with club-building efforts. Designated for each GFWC fiscal year, which begins July 1 and ends June 30, GFWC offers \$50 to clubs for member recruitment programs and \$100 to Districts for club-building programs. GFWC awards only one grant per club or District per GFWC fiscal year.

GFWC LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

The GFWC Legislative Action Center is a powerful tool for GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. This tool can be used to track bills, contact your local representatives, and take action on issues relevant to GFWC Resolutions. Find out more about the GFWC LAC by visiting www.GFWC.org and clicking on "What We Do" on the home page, then "Legislation/Public Policy" from the drop down menu.



MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

GFWC members are eligible to receive discounts on goods and services, insurance, and travel. National companies such as Gallagher, Nationwide Pet Insurance, and Office Depot are offering significant price reductions to GFWC clubwomen. To view the full list of exclusive offers, visit GFWC's website, www.GFWC.org. Click on "Membership" on the home page, then "Membership Discounts" from the drop down menu.

GFWC MEMBER PORTAL

To gain access to the many key benefits of belonging to GFWC, from the GFWC Club Manual and *Clubwoman Magazine* to event and webinar registration, every member should have an account on the GFWC Member Portal. By creating an account, you will also be able to receive GFWC newsletters, such as the weekly *News & Notes* and *WHRC Newsletter*, straight to your inbox.

To sign up for an account, visit gfwc.users.membersuite.com, click on the profile/person icon in the upper right-hand corner, choose "Join," and follow the prompts.

If you are have difficulty accessing the Portal or downloading resources from the Digital Library, please review the Member Portal FAQ page on www.GFWC.org, located within the GFWC Resources page.

If you are still unable to log on or access GFWC resources, email GFWC@GFWC.org for assistance.

GFWC COMMUNICATIONS

GFWC Clubwoman Magazine

The Federation's premier publication is now available free to every member. Download your magazine today from the GFWC Member Portal Digital Library, under "C" in the "Clubwoman Magazine" subfolder.

Subscribe to receive News & Notes

News & Notes is GFWC's free electronic newsletter that is sent every Thursday, right to your inbox! It contains the information you need to stay connected to GFWC such as ongoing Chairman projects, GFWC Affiliate Organization events, updates from GFWC International President Marian St.Clair, and more.

Subscribe to the WHRC Newsletter

The *WHRC Newsletter* provides an in-depth look at the celebrated history of GFWC on the national, local, and individual levels and offers the latest news on the Women's History and Resource Center.

Check Out the GFWC Blog on the GFWC Website

The weekly GFWC Blog features Volunteers in Action stories. Each month, GFWC International President Marian St.Clair selects a "President's Pick" from the Blog entries. Contact PR@GFWC.org if you have a success story to tell.

GFWC AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

GFWC is proud to work with a number of dynamic and impactful organizations. Together, we strive to improve our communities and better our world. The GFWC Affiliate Organizations offer unique and customized services, including materials, speakers, kits, and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs. These resources are found under Affiliate Organizations in the GFWC Member Portal Digital Library. Contact the representatives listed below to discover new programs and resources available exclusively for GFWC clubwomen.

United Nations Foundation Shot@Life Campaign

Contact: Rebecca Maxie
Manager of National Grassroots
Strategy
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St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Contact: Beth Perkins
Principal Advisor Partnership
Development & Stewardship
E: Beth.Perkins@stjude.org
P: 901-288-1253

Canine Companions

Contact: Nancy Murray
National Community Events
Manager
E: NMurracy@cci.org
P: 707-577-1781

Hope for Justice

Contact: Jennifer McMahon
Partnerships Development
Manager
E: Jennifer.mcmahon@hopefor-
justice.org
P: 863-604-4286

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership

Contact: Sandra Shields
E: shiledss@hoby.org
P: 818-851-3980 x 307

March of Dimes

Contact: Meredith Repik
Director, Strategic Volunteer
Partnerships
E: Mrepik@marchofdimes.org
P: 914-997-4691 or 914-980-2487

Operation Smile

Contact: Lizzy Plumb
Donor Experience Gratitude
Specialist
E: Lizzy.Plumb@operationsmile.
org
P: 757-901-4621

U.S. Fund for UNICEF

Contact: Kelly Procida
E: kprocida@unicefusa.org
P: 212-922-2522

Heifer International

Contact: Beth Gunzel
Donor Relationship Manager
E: Beth.Gunzel@heifer.org
P: 312-340-8866



GFWC is in the home stretch as the 2020-2022 Administration begins the final leg of the "Campaign for the Future!" In our dash to finish line, we are racing toward a spectacular finale and celebration of the 100th Anniversary of GFWC's guardianship of 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC. Every member can stake a claim of pride and proprietorship in our beautiful and historic Headquarters, linking arms with past GFWC sisters who raised more than \$75,000 in 1922 to purchase the magnificent mansion on N Street. The goal for the capital campaign is \$1 million, and we hope every member will take part in this effort to protect and preserve our GFWC Headquarters.

For more information, contact Capital Campaign Committee Chairman Mary Jo Thomas at maryjowv@comcast.net.