

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

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Arts and Culture

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Congratulations to all the Achievement Day participants and winners. We had 267 entries in Atlantic City. It was a great show.

Happy Summer! ***Are you bored yet?*** Most of our Clubs take a hiatus for the summer months. What will you do with all this free time? What is summer good for?

These months are the perfect time to make some artistic mistakes. Don't be afraid. Mistakes often lead to unexpected breakthroughs and new talents. ***"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new." Albert Einstein.*** Bake something new. Paint with crazy colors. Knit something for your pet. Research artistic techniques until you find some you never heard of and try them.

Here's another thought. Do a mid-year review of your Arts and Culture events and activities. You'll be glad you did in January, when you're stretching your memory writing your Annual Report.

Annual Report Tip: Don't forget all those hours baking cookies should be reported in Arts and Culture.

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Arts Performing

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Remember the wonderful performances on Tuesday afternoon at Convention? A special thank you to all participants. The performance was excellent and enjoyed by all.

This chairman is encouraging all clubs to start now planning their “Acts” for your District Arts Performing Day this spring. This year, we had six Districts participating. It would be excellent to have representatives from Ramapo and College join us. All that’s needed is a chairman and a place to hold your performing arts day. The rest is easy.

The clubs that worked together and wrote and enacted their original scripts had a good time coming together. All it takes is one or two people with a creative idea,

Please call me or email me if you need additional information or would like to be your District Chairman. Training will be provided. Thank you.

Operation Holiday Stocking



2025



HELP SUPPORT OUR TROOPS NJSFWC WILL BE COLLECTING STOCKINGS FOR OPERATION JERSEY CARES

Suggested items for stockings are listed on the reverse side. Fill out the list by numerating the stockings contents and bring it with the stockings. 1 list per club.

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

Drop off Dates: To Be Announced

*** *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.

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/Band-Aids/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
- ___ Hand Sanitizer
- ___ 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.

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**GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS and
PREVENTION**

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September 27, 2025 is GFWC International Day of Service. This year the goal is to increase public awareness about domestic and sexual violence and clubs are asked to find projects that will help programs in your areas and make sure the project is publicized. Clubs must register with [GFWC.org](https://www.gfwc.org) to participate.

Here are some ideas to consider:

- Hold a food drive to help the local domestic violence shelter in your area.
- Hold a Panty Raid at a club meeting to donate new undergarments to the shelter. Your local shelter may also need personal care items also. Check with your shelter before donating.
- The children in the shelters can use summer items, such as flip flops, hats, pails and shovels and other summer toys.
- Do you have a local college near you? Check to see if there is a speaker or a need at their campus

Go to [GFWC.org](https://www.gfwc.org) and check out their News and Notes for further suggestions.

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Local Day Trip Ideas for Clubs to Socialize and Have Fun During the Summer

Looking for an entertaining and engaging day trip with your club? Here are a few great ideas for local excursions that offer a mix of history, culture, and entertainment.

Thomas Edison National Historical Park

Located in West Orange, this historic site is dedicated to America's greatest inventor, Thomas A. Edison. The park preserves both Edison's laboratory and his residence, Glenmont, in nearby Llewellyn Park. Edison's laboratory was the birthplace of many groundbreaking inventions, including the motion picture camera, improved phonographs, sound recordings, silent and sound movies, and the nickel-iron alkaline electric storage battery. With over half of Edison's 1,093 patents originating from this very lab, a visit here offers a fascinating glimpse into his genius and innovation.

Learn more here. <https://www.journeythroughjersey.com/sites/thomas-edison-national-historical-park-edison-ho/>

New Jersey State Museum

Located in Trenton, the New Jersey State Museum has been a cornerstone of education and preservation since its founding in 1895. It houses over two million artifacts that highlight the state's rich history, including its natural history, archaeology, and industrial heritage. The museum features a variety of permanent and changing exhibits that explore New Jersey's role in the natural world, its cultural contributions, and its evolution over time. A perfect destination for those interested in the past and present of the Garden State.

Learn more here. <https://www.journeythroughjersey.com/sites/new-jersey-state-museum/>

New Jersey State House

Built in 1792, the New Jersey State House is one of the oldest and most historically significant capitol buildings in the United States. It serves as the home to both the Legislative and Executive branches of New Jersey's state government. Visitors can explore the legislative chambers, committee rooms, and various historical spaces, while learning about the state's rich political history and the role everyday citizens play in shaping public policy.

Learn more here. <https://www.journeythroughjersey.com/sites/new-jersey-state-house/>

These destinations offer enriching experiences that combine social fun with historical exploration—perfect for a memorable club outing!

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Special State Project: NJ Children's Alliance

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Throughout June and July, we will be preparing for the Special State Project Luncheon and Basket Auction on August 7th, at the Lobster Shanty. We enthusiastically look forward to your basket donations. Thank you to everyone who has already donated a basket and for anyone who wishes to donate a basket, please bring the baskets to the NJSFWC Auction by July 15th.

We already have some beautiful door prizes that will be given out throughout the luncheon. In order to make this even more exciting, we are hoping to have larger prizes that will be used for a silent auction. Think about some ideas that would make great prizes for the silent auction as well. Maybe there is store near you that could donate an item for this

If you are still trying to decide, here are some ideas for baskets:

Coffee Basket: different coffee blends, mugs, coffee grinder

Tea Basket: an assortment of tea flavors paired with biscuits and tea set

Death by Chocolate: an assortment of chocolates, espresso beans and chocolate covered nuts

Tailgate Basket: create something for a favorite team with team cozies, tailgating games

Bookworm Gift Basket: include a portable reading light, a gift card, book marks

Gift Card Bouquet: Gather a selection of gift cards to major retailers

BBQ Master Basket

Back to School Basket

Kid's Arts and Crafts Basket

Board Game Bonanza Basket

We are sure you have many unique and exciting baskets.

MAKING USE OF Web Communications



E-Mail

Do you have a dedicated club email address?

Is your club email constantly monitored?

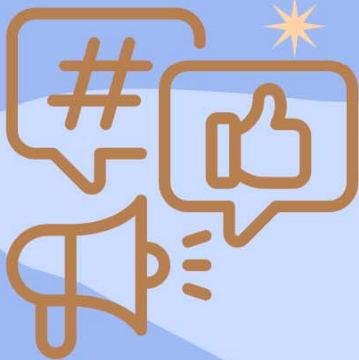
Does your club communicate internally by email?

Websites

Do you have a club website or web page?

Is it up to date?

Is there a contact email address or form?



Social Media

Do you have a Facebook page? Instagram?

Do you schedule posts in advance?

Do you use Facebook advertising?

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