

STATE DATES -2026

FEBRUARY 2026

3 – NJSFWC Executive Committee Meeting
10 – NJSFWC Board of Directors Meeting

MARCH 2026

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10 – NJSFWC Board of Directors Meeting

DISTRICT DOINGS 2026

College District

Garden District Arts Performing Day

Friday, March 27, 2026 – 10 a.m.
Salem Community College

Highlands District Arts Performing Day

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – 10 a.m.
Madison Community House
25 Cook Avenue, Madison

Liberty District Arts Performing Day

Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 10 a.m.
Upper Montclair Club House

Palisades District Performing Arts Day

Friday, February 13, 2026 – 11 a.m.
Paramus Club House

Ramapo District

Shore District Arts Performing Day

Monday, March 23, 2026 – 10 a.m.
Asbury Park Club House

Southern District Arts Performing Day

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – 10 a.m.
Millville Club House

Important Deadline Dates - 2026 for Club Presidents

FEBRUARY

1 – Annual Report Writing Deadline
1 – Communication Contests submissions due
1 – Carol J. Sas & Cecila Gaines Holland
Submissions due
4 – LEADS Applications due
15 – Convention Ads due
28 – Friends of Convention Patron form due

REMINDERS:

March 31 is the deadline for 1894 Society contributions for the existing year. 60th Anniversary S&H Green Stamp pin is still available but quantities are limited. Pins are available to clubs or members with each donation of \$60 or more. Contributions will be matched up to \$1,894.00.

Women of Achievement (WOA) patron form is included in this ALMANAC.

MARCH

1- Margaret Yardley Scholarship submissions due
1 – Level Up Your Leadership Workshop RSVP date
10 – SSP Operation Duffle Bags due
15 – GCI Delegate Registration Forms due
31 – 1894 Society Donations due



LEVEL UP YOUR LEADERSHIP

MARCH 5, 2026 10:30AM, HEADQUARTERS

REGISTRATION: 10:15AM



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Success stories from innovative club leaders
- Case studies of creative leadership models
- How to inspire leadership
- How to identify potential leaders

DISCOVER THE LEADER IN YOU

Join our workshop designed to help you:

- Build confidence and decision-making skills
- Enhance team collaboration and motivation
- Master effective communication and problem-solving

Presented by President-elect, Susan Chambers with special quests.

RSVP to chambers@njsfwc.org or sgachambers@aol.com by March 1

Light refreshments will be available

Headquarters: 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick



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LEARNING ACADEMY

GFWC Learning Academy Course Directory





GFWC Learning Academy

Course Titles

<https://memberportal.gfwc.org/pages/learning-academy>

What is the GFWC Learning Academy?

The GFWC Learning Academy is GFWC's online training site, offering numerous courses to meet our members' needs. Members seeking insight and training to advance their skill set and knowledge will find the training videos helpful as they continue their journey as club members.

BUILD YOUR TECHNOLOGY TOOLKIT

Canva Confidence: Easy Designs for GFWC Projects - Laura Connelly, GFWC Social Media and Tech Support, Sonja Hults, GFWC California

Get in the Grid, Winning with Google Sheets - Laura Connelly, GFWC Social Media and Tech Support, Sonja Hults, GFWC California

Google Drive Unlocked: Your File Management Superpower – Laura Connelly, GFWC Social Media and Tech Support, Sonja Hults, GFWC California

Serve Smarter with Google Forms - Laura Connelly, GFWC Social Media and Tech Support, Sonja Hults, GFWC California

Zero to Hero: Build Your Own (free) Google Website - Laura Connelly, GFWC Social Media and Tech Support, Sonja Hults, GFWC California

FINANCE DETAILS

Building Effective Club Budgets – Debra Capuano, GFWC Budget and Finance Committee

Importance of Financial Oversight - Debra Capuano, GFWC Budget and Finance Committee

Mission Possible: 501(c)3 – Juliet Casper, GFWC Treasurer

Understanding GFWC Financials for BOD Members – Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC First Vice President



GFWC Learning Academy Course Titles

LEADERSHIP LAUNCHED

The Agenda is not a Script – Dara Bergdoll, RP

Beyond the Agenda, Meeting Planning Tips – Kim Sekulow, GFWC Conventions and Meetings Chairman, and Julie Walters, GFWC Conventions and Meetings Co-Chairman

Leadership Transition Planning: Putting it Into Action – Dr. Susan Gettys, GFWC Secretary

Power with Partners – Deb Strahanoski, GFWC International Past President and Corporate Partners Development Committee Chairman

Utilizing Governing Documents to Bring Success – Dr. Susan Gettys, GFWC Secretary

MEMBERSHIP GUIDES

Is Your Club Attractive to Potential Members? – Mary Beth Williams, GFWC Second Vice President

Membership Orientation – Karyn Charvat, GFWC Membership Chairman

Power Up with Projects that POP – Previously recorded live in 2022-2024

Words that Ignite – Marian StClair, GFWC International Past President and Women's History and Resource Center Committee Chairman

TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR SUCCESS

Finding Clues in the Details, the GFWC Award Entry Process – Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC First Vice President

GFWC Protocol – Cynthia Geis, GFWC Protocol Chairman

GPS to Our Future, Part 1: The Importance of Having a Strategic Plan – Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC First Vice President

GPS to Our Future, Part 2: Using SWOT to Drive Success – Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC First Vice President



GFWC Learning Academy Course Titles

Rules of Order: A Beginner's Guide to Parliamentary Procedure, Parts 1 – Carol Habgood, PRP, GFWC Parliamentarian and Lucy Hicks, PRP. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised in Brief, Chapters 1-4

Rules of Order: A Beginner's Guide to Parliamentary Procedure, Parts 2 – Carol Habgood, PRP, GFWC Parliamentarian, and Lucy Hicks, PRP. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised in Brief, Chapters 5-7

Rules of Order: A Beginner's Guide to Parliamentary Procedure, Parts 3 – Carol Habgood, PRP, GFWC Parliamentarian, and Lucy Hicks, PRP. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised in Brief, Chapters 8-9

Rules of Order: A Beginner's Guide to Parliamentary Procedure, Parts 4 – Carol Habgood, PRP, GFWC Parliamentarian, and Lucy Hicks, PRP. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised in Brief, Chapters 10-11

GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY SERIES 2024-2026 (recorded live)

Safe Surfin' Foundation Celebrates GFWC Advocacy for Children Week 2024 with David Coffey, GFWC Honorary Chairman

Yellow Tulip Project Celebrates GFWC Advocacy for Children Week 2024 with Suzanne Fox, Co-Founder of The Yellow Tulip Project, Honorary Chairman for GFWC Juniors' Special Programs and Juniorettes

ESO Beyond the Page, Mystery with a Mission, 2025 with Amy S. Peele, Author and GFWC Education and Libraries/Health and Wellness Honorary Chairman

When Passion and Purpose Collide, 2025, Ann Lauer, Quilt Pattern and Fabric Designer and GFWC Honorary Chairman for Arts & Culture and Signature Program

Heart Health Awareness Month 2025 with Jude Mabone', Miss District of Columbia 2023, and GFWC Health and Wellness Honorary Chairman

Advancing a Brand and Building Membership, 2025, with Leslie Capps, Founder of Wild Woman Marketing and GFWC Communications and PR Honorary Chairman

Safe Surfin' Foundation Celebrates GFWC Advocacy for Children Week 2025 with David Coffey, Safe Surfin' Foundation Region Manager and Honorary Chairman for GFWC Juniors' Special Program, with Eddie Worth, President of Safe Surfin' Foundation



GFWC Learning Academy Course Titles

Yellow Tulip Project Celebrates GFWC Advocacy for Children Week 2025 with Suzanne Fox, Co-Founder of The Yellow Tulip Project, Honorary Chairman for GFWC Juniors' Special Programs, and Ysanne Bethel, Director of Youth Engagement at the Yellow Tulip Project.

GFWC ADVOCACY SERIES – Recorded Live

Presented by 2022-2024 GFWC Legislation and Public Policy Committee

Power Up: Elements of Advocating

Power Up: LAC is for Me

Power Up: Legislation and Leadership

Power Up: Partners toward Progress (Part 1)

Power Up: Partners toward Progress (Part 2)

*****Power Up: Partners toward Progress (Part 3)***

Power of You: State Federations and the Legislative Action Center (LAC)

MASTERCLASS OFFERINGS (fee-based)

Coming soon! Masterclass Offerings will provide advanced training beyond typical club work. Masterclass Courses are additional benefits to belonging that encourage members toward lifelong learning, well below market price.

Friends

Of Convention

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC

132nd ANNUAL CONVENTION – “When Friends Gather”

In addition to the ads that will be in the Convention Program Book, there will be a patron listing for “Friends of Convention”. The cost of the listing, which is just a name only, will be \$5.00 for each club member. Club presidents are encouraged to ask their members to sign up, collect the money and submit the names on the form below. Those members who sign up and attend Convention will receive a “Friends of Convention” ribbon.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING THE FORM IS FEBRUARY 28th 2026.
MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO JOANNE MANGELS NJSFWC HEADQUARTERS
55 LABOR CENTER WAY, NEW BRUNSWICK NJ 08901

FRIENDS OF CONVENTION:

(Please use the reverse side of page if additional names are needed)

Club Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Amount enclosed @\$5.00 each: _____



N J S F W C Special State Project

The NJSFWC clubs can show its generous spirit in support of the Special State Project, the New Jersey Children's Alliance, by participating in **Operation Duffle Bag** by donating an overnight duffle bag for children who leave their homes in emergency situations. We ask that clubs donate no more than 2 bags due to limited storage space.

Your club can choose the gender and age for the contents of the duffle bag and create a tag for the bag with that information. The bags can be filled with the following items depending on the gender and age group of the recipients you choose:

- PJ's and or sweat suits for infants through adult XL
- Underwear – 2 year olds to adult XL
- Socks
- Towel
- Flip flops or slippers (sizes for 2 year olds to adult XL)
- Toiletries (Travel size: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, hair ties, brush/comb, deodorant)
- Blanket
- Diapers and wipes for infants to 2 year olds children
- Activity books, reading books, pencils, crayons, pens.

The time period for the collection will be from January 1 through March 10.

No bags will be taken after March 10.

The Child Advocacy Centers that can receive the bags directly from clubs are:

- Wynona's House - 185 Washington St., Newark, NJ 973-753-1110
- Deidre's House - 8 Court Street, Morristown, NJ 07960 973-631-5000
- Ginnie's House - 4 High Street, Newton, NJ 07860 Tel. 973-579-0770

Prosecutor-based CAC's that can receive the donations are:

- Gloucester Child Advocacy Center, 45 Cooper Street, Woodbury, Tel: 856-384-5557
- Cape May Child Advocacy Center 372 Court House- S. Dennis Road, Cape May Court House, Tel: 609 465-1135 x3440
- Monmouth Child Advocacy Center, 500 Kozloski Road, Freehold, Tel: 732- 683-866

Please call these centers for information.

Clubs who utilize these programs for drop off should send the total number of duffle bags to the SSP Chairman, April Shoemaker by March 10. You may also drop off your duffle bag at Headquarters no later than March 10. The bags at Headquarters will be picked up by NJCA, who will distribute them to CAC centers throughout the state.

Through these efforts, the NJSFWC and NJCA are making a significant impact, helping to create a brighter, more supportive environment for young individuals in need.

April Shoemaker
shoemaker@njsfwc.org
SSP Chair



THE LILIES
CLUB LEADERSHIP AWARD
APPLICATION



The Lilies will present their Nineteenth Annual Club Leadership Award at the 2026 NJSFWC Convention. The award will be based on a Club's participation in the District Events listed below. Please fill in the information requested in order to be considered for the \$100 prize. Return the form to JoAnn Aponte, 73 Essex Avenue, Apt. #34, Bloomfield, New Jersey NJ 07003 no later than April 4, 2026. If you have any questions, please call: 973-743-9502. The reporting period for this award is April, 2025 to March 30, 2026.

We hope your club will participate. Good Luck!

Club Name: _____ District: _____

Number of Club Members: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number _____

1. Number of District Chairmen from your club: _____

Names and positions in the District: _____

2. Club participation at District Events:

EVENTS	HOSTESS CLUB	MEMBERS ATTENDED
June Council		
Fall Council		
Performing Arts Day		
Program Assistance Day		
January Council		
Spring Conference		
Achievement Day		
GCI Reception		
Other (no STATE functions)		

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC

Barbara McCloskey, President

"Together in Service - United in Friendship"

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Co-sponsors: New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC and
Douglass Residential College

Monday, May 4, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
Atlantic City, NJ

All club women and guests are invited to attend the 45th Annual Women of Achievement Awards Ceremony to be held at the Opening Banquet of the NJSFWC 132nd Annual Convention on Monday, May 4, 2026.

Individual club women, interested guests, and all federated clubs are invited to become **PATRONS** of these awards with a listing in the Awards Program Book. All proceeds will fund a one-time scholarship for a non-traditional student enrolled at Douglass Residential College.

Patron donations are requested as soon as possible so they may be included in the program.

PATRON SUBSCRIPTION FORM WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM Monday, May 4, 2026

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TEL: (____) _____

\$1,000 PREMIER _____

\$500 PLATINUM _____

\$250 GOLD _____

\$100 SILVER _____

\$50 BRONZE _____

\$25 PATRON _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to NJSFWC earmarked "Women of Achievement"

Mail to:

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs
Attention: Women of Achievement
55 Labor Center Way
New Brunswick, NJ 08901



FRIENDS OF **GCI**

**Help us give the girls a chance to visualize their future decisions
and have an extra special experience. Your \$5 patron donation
will be recognized at GCI and on display at Headquarters**

Club Name _____

Contact Person _____ **Phone#** _____

Check made out to NJSFWC marked GCI Amount enclosed @ \$5 each: _____
Mail to NJSFWC, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Deadline 5/18/26



GCI 2026 Wish List

Dunkin Donut \$5.00 gift cards

(a small token of appreciation for our speakers)

White copy paper

Cannon 220 ink black

Cannon 221 ink colored

(There is compatible ink on Amazon for less money.)

Small paint brushes

Large Adult scissors that will cut fabric

Fleece cloth (for no sew blankets)

Paper bags (not brown)

Sanitary supplies (pads, tampons, etc.)

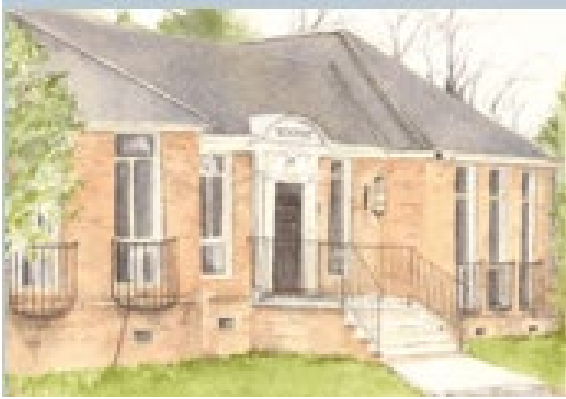
Stickers (pictures and sayings for Vision Boards)

Magazines

Snacks

Bottled water (small size)

CELEBRATING OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY



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 meet any increase that may be assessed by Rutgers

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



With a gift of \$60 or more you may receive a Limited-Edition S&H Green Stamp Pin

Reminder: All donations are tax deductible. Thank you!

To Donate by Check: 1894 Society Membership Form

Please enroll me and/or our club in the 1894 Society for the 2025-2026 club year (April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026).

Place an "X" in the box indicating whether Individual or Club donation.

Enclosed is my/our donation of:

_____ \$18.94 _____ \$20.00 _____ \$189.40 _____ \$1,894.00 \$_____ Other \$_____ Additional Donation for the 60th Anniversary

☐ Donation by Individual

Name _____ Club _____ District _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

☐ Donation by Club

Name of Club _____ District _____

Make checks payable to "NJSFWC", earmarked "1894 Society". Mail check and donation form to:

NJSFWC Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901