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**GEORGIA
NORTH WEST DISTRICT**

Happy Fall Everyone!

Happy Fall, everyone! As the leaves begin to change and we enjoy the crisp autumn air, I'm excited to share that our District meeting is just around the corner.

The North West District board, including Club Presidents, met on September 7. We have exciting news and information to share with you on October 19th.

I hope you find this newsletter useful to you, please note that there are a lot of clickable links for you to download forms, documents and information. Happy Reading!



Lastly, please know that Georgia was not the only state hit by Hurricane Helene. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the residents of Georgia and our neighboring states on the tragic loss of life and devastating damage to homes and communities. Be cautious of scams! For donations contact reputable charities in your area. We have reached out to our State to see if they are seeking collections for those affected by Helene.

I look forward to seeing all of you in LaFayette as we come together to share ideas and work together to find ways to "Be the Good" in our communities.

Thank you!
Maria

Be the Good!

Don't Forget to Register to attend our NW District Meeting TODAY to avoid a late fee!

The North West District Fall Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the Bank of LaFayette Community Room, Withers Street East, LaFayette, GA 30728. We will offer coffee/light refreshments at 9:30, followed by our 10:00 a.m. meeting and lunch at noon. Thank you to our hostess clubs – LaFayette, Calhoun, and Chickamauga Woman's Clubs.

Register today to avoid a late fee! - Lunch will cost \$25. We've made it easy for you to register and pay online below. Please register before October 1st to avoid a \$10.00 late fee. Registration will close on October 15.

Parking: Parking in downtown LaFayette is a little challenging right now because of some construction. Normally there is parking right behind the venue but there is a construction project going on. There is plenty of parking across the street at First Baptist Church. There is also parking on the square and there is lots of parking in the Food City parking lot. That lot requires a very short walk to the venue. All free parking.

Attire: LaFayette Woman's Club and LaFayette Juniorettes are inviting members to join them in wearing their club's T-shirts to the October 19th meeting. You can choose wear a club t-shirt or GFWC Georgia t-shirt. Not to worry if you do not have either one. This is optional.

[Click here to register](#)

[Sorry I can't attend this time.](#)

Join us to hear about the beautiful and inspiring 2024 GFWC convention in Chicago in June. Georgia had some award winners and I will share those with you at the meeting. And guess what? **GFWC Georgia** will host the **2025 GFWC convention June 6-9, 2025** at the Omni Hotel in Atlanta. We will need lots and lots of volunteers to help make it a success. We will hear from the **2025 convention committee** and how **you** can help welcome members from all across the country and up to 12 foreign countries.

I am thrilled to announce that we will have the honor of welcoming Mayor Andy Arnold of LaFayette and Walker County Commissioner Elect, Angie Teems, who is also a valued member of the LaFayette Woman's Club. Their presence adds a special touch to our gathering, embodying the spirit of community engagement that GFWC Georgia-North West District stands for. Representatives from GFWC GA leadership will bring greetings. Our guest speaker will be **Rev. April McGlothlin-Eller from Wellroot Family Services**, which is one of the North West District President's charities.

What to Bring to the meeting:

1. Your beautiful smile and energy
2. Money for 50/50 fundraising for District and Club sellables
3. Donation of **children book(s)** to support State President's project "Books for Little Hands" that will be donated to **The Haven**, a local non-profit organization in LaFayette that helps homeless and those that are unable to obtain or in between social services.

Attention Club Presidents: Be sure to elect delegates from your club to attend the meeting in accordance to the state bylaws. Article XIV, Section 8, B. Each club is entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or less, and for each additional twenty-five (25) member by one additional delegate. In addition, Past District Presidents and Life Directors with membership within the District also have a vote.

Valuable Insights and Practical Tips from our NW District Leaders

We are fortunate to have outstanding leaders in our district. Below are their articles, where they share their valuable knowledge and expertise. We encourage you to explore these pieces, as we are confident you will find them helpful and applicable to your club activities.

Announcements from your 1st VP Judine Heard



NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE: I'm extremely proud of our clubs and their creative projects to combat food insecurity. 2024 :

Facts as it relates to food insecurities:

- Nearly 50% of people facing hunger are unlikely to qualify for SNAP.
- In 2022, people facing hunger said they needed an additional \$24.73 per week for food.
- Rural counties make up 62% of all U.S counties, but 9 out of 10 counties with high food insecurity are rural.
- Child food insecurity rates reach almost 50% in some counties.
- Food insecurity is a symptom of historical and structural oppression, not individual weakness.
- Source: [Feeding America](#)

While the numbers are startling, we never think about numbers and percentages when we are in our communities serving people in need, we just roll our sleeves up and do what is necessary to assist with situations we are presented. Thank you for all the work you do in our communities.

Feel free sharing with club members, your family, friends and on social media. My source is primarily from [Feeding America](#).

Solving the Mysteries of Membership:

GFWC Georgia's membership theme during the 2024-2026 administration is "Solving the Mysteries of Membership." Our goal is to increase membership by recruiting new members, retaining our current members (and re-establishing past relationships).

During the summer months, the North West District's clubs first vice presidents/membership chairmen met to discuss how we would go about solving this mystery. We expanded on the State's goals for growth and identified a percentage of growth for our district.

While one of the duties of the club's first vice president is membership, which involves recruiting, all members should be referring candidates for membership. After referring a person to the first vice president, it becomes her job to recruit that person.

Prior to inviting anyone to a meeting, you should know a few things:

1. **GFWC's mission;**
2. **GFWC's purpose;** and
3. Be able to answer the question - why did you join the club?

You might highlight some of the areas you enjoy working with members of the club and some of your club's accomplishments.

How should you go about referring people to your club? One way might be to “bring a friend” to a meeting. Your club might designate a month in which everyone is encouraged to “bring a friend.” Or, individually you might invite a friend to a meeting. Be deliberate in the meeting you invite your friend. Make sure it is a meeting in which the topic or speaker is an interesting topic or the person is known in the community. Share in advance information about the speaker.

Keep in mind the goal is for your friend to go from guest to member. It would be good to introduce her to other members. Identify someone who might have similar interests as your guest. Later, do a warm hand-off to the first vice president. She will take it from there.

So let us all commit to inviting and referring at least one person to a meeting and later referring her to your first vice president.

2024-2026 GFWC Recruitment Campaign DEADLINE IS TODAY - OCTOBER 1

New Club Members?

Did you add new members to your club during the summer - July, August, or September? Then, remember to complete a Recruitment Campaign form and send it to GFWC at GFWC@GFWC.org and our State Membership Chairman, Dale Reddick membership@gfwcgeorgia.org.

In addition to submitting the number of NEW members joining your club quarterly, the GFWC Membership Committee is asking you to concentrate on particular internal focus areas designed to help your club strengthen membership retention while attracting NEW members!

July, August, and September: Focus on Clear Communication. Concentrate on providing your members with regular updates through email, newsletters, social media, and your club website. Be sure to note a way for them to contact leadership with feedback or any concerns they may have.

Deadline to Send: October 1, 2024 - [Click here](#) to complete the form.

Send a Sister Scholarship

The State recently introduced a scholarship that provides two \$50-stipends per District which are used to defray some of the expense for the 2024 and 2025 State's Institute and Convention events. Information regarding the scholarship can be found on the application form which can be found by clicking the link below. Members apply for the scholarships.

[Click here for more information.](#)



**GFWC GEORGIA
SEND A SISTER SCHOLARSHIP**

News from your 2nd VP

Connie Morris

I hope you're staying active with projects in your communities—there are always so many needs to address. If you're having trouble identifying opportunities, I'm happy to help you find them. Please keep in mind that reporting time is approaching soon. It's always a good idea to start early, and having a second set of eyes to review for edits can be very helpful. I'm confident the

NW District will do great, and together, we hope to win more awards at the 2025 GFWC GA Convention and GFWC Convention!

YEARBOOK:

If you don't have a copy of your Yearbook, you can still purchase a flash drive that contains this valuable resource. The Yearbook includes our plans of work, project ideas, reporting information, forms, and other important details. [Click here](#) to print an order form or email office@gfwcgeorgia.org.

REPORTING

The online reporting forms will be live and available in December 2024 on the GFWC Georgia website. The deadline to submit your reports will be **January 25, 2025, at 11:59 PM**. You will report to show your club's impact for club work performed January 1- December 31, 2024.

Please note that our membership categories have changed. Depending on its membership, a club will report in one of the following categories:

- Category 1 1-15 members
- Category 2 16-35 members
- Category 3 36 members and over

The practice form is linked on the website. You can navigate to it from GFWC Georgia website: <https://gfwcgeorgia.org/club-resources/reporting-forms/>

[Click here](#) to use the practice link and contact me with any questions Connie Morris momconnie@bellsouth.net or our State 2nd Vice President Julie Waters secondvp@gfwcgeorgia.org.

GFWC Georgia is hosting a virtual Reporting Workshop in December to assist with any questions you may have as you prepare to report your club's work in January. The workshop will be held on December 12 at 7:00 PM. If you'd like to attend, please email secondvp@gfwcgeorgia.org and let Julie Waters know.

Reporting not only preserves your club's history but also offers our District, State, and International levels valuable insights into the difference we're making in our communities. Be sure to include hours, member participation, dollars donated, in-kind donations, and the overall impact of each project in your reports. Including a detailed narrative helps judges better understand the scope and significance of your project.

Also, don't forget to promote these recognition days and months on social media and within your club!

October:

National Book Month
National Learning Disabilities Month
World Teachers Day- October 5
Breast Cancer Awareness
Mental Illness Awareness Week: October 6-12
Down Syndrome Awareness Month

November:

American Education Week
National STEM and STEAM Day- November 8
National Veterans and Military Families Month
Pancreatic Cancer Month
Stomach Cancer Month

December:

National Special Education Day- December 2
Persons with Disabilities Awareness Month
Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month
National Impaired Driving Prevention

Treasurer

Barbara Reynolds

A reminder from your North West District Treasurer...

North West District dues of \$3.00 per member are due from each club no later than December 1, 2024. A voucher is available in the current GFWC Georgia Yearbook and it can also be accessed on the GFWC Georgia website. Please make checks payable to GFWC Georgia North West District and send to Barbara Reynolds, 407 Nottaway Lane, Alpharetta, GA 30009.

We appreciate your prompt response. Thank you!

Arts & Culture

Karen Clydesdale, Chairman and Joyce Broughton, Co-Chair



The GFWC Arts and Culture Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support art and cultural programs in their clubs and communities, and to expand understanding on every level, from local and regional to national and international. Our goal is to create projects that include crafts, dance, drama, food, music, and other manifestations of art and culture that develop skills, awareness, and appreciation. It is designed to inspire clubwomen and ignite within them a desire to make the world a more beautiful, thoughtful, and caring place.

As the Arts and Culture Chair for the North West District, I would like to share information with you about upcoming contests and events. Additionally, I plan to send out a monthly inspirational message. If you'd like to receive our monthly Arts & Culture bulletin, please send me an email at karenclydesdale@bellsouth.net. Thank you, and I look forward to working with you!

[Click here](#) to view October's bulletin.

[Click here](#) to view September's bulletin.

Civic Engagement

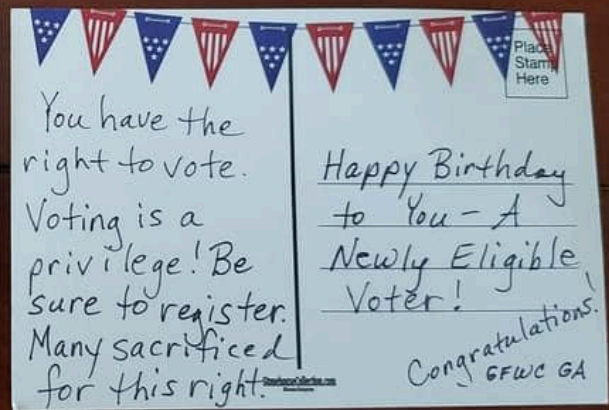
Cindy Tisdale, Chairman



Please make plans to VOTE in the election set for November 5. Check your registration, voting location and schedule for early voting in your area. Check My Voter Page at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov

During our GFWC GA Institute, clubwomen stopped by the Legislation and Public Policy table to write postcards to newly eligible voters. Those postcards were given to Sparkle K. Adams, Executive Director of the Walking in Authority Teen Council (WIATC), who assisted in the delivery of the postcards. However, not only did GFWC Georgia women write postcards, the WIATC did too! Blank cards were provided by Lois Wolfe, GFWC Georgia Legislation and Public Policy Chair. Then, the WIATC students got to work writing their peers. Here's what Sparkle Adams had to say, "Our Walking in Authority Teen Council proudly collaborated with the Georgia Women's Clubs to empower students who are eligible to vote. The youth helped distribute the postcards to students within their schools and community. Such a dedication is to ensure that each and every voter feels supported as an integral part of this election and be the voice of impact." Thank you Lois for doing this!

Ladies please remember to use your voice and vote!



Education & Libraries

Linda Mote, Chairman

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

October was first designated as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month in the 1980s and has been recognized every October since. It is a time to celebrate people with Down syndrome and make others aware of their abilities and accomplishments.

1. Take school supplies to a Special Needs class, donate to Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta www.dsaatl.org, and inform members about Down Syndrome.

National Learning and Development Month Was established in October to encourage those young and old to take a more active approach in their learning. The wonderful thing about learning is that there are countless ways you and your family can choose to learn. Everyone is different, and everyone has their own way of learning. It is only natural that the world is filled with extracurricular activities for people of all ages.

We encourage those young and old to take a more active approach in their learning. Being a member of GFWC helps us to do this with many projects, ESO reading club and speakers from various organizations.

National Principals Month

Recognizes all the elementary and secondary school principals who dedicate their knowledge and abilities all year long. It is a time to celebrate the important role that principals play in the education system. The purpose is to honor the dedication and hard work of school principals and

to show appreciation for their contributions to the success of students, schools, and communities.

Send thank-you notes or letters to your Principals.

Environment

Kathy Hanna, Chairman



As with many clubs we have been involved with Animal Shelters and in my 40+ years this CSP has been my love! Our members live in 5 or more counties all with shelters. All animal shelters are in distress, needing more space, more donations, more volunteers, more public support and more assistance from politician's!

Each year our club members bring donations of food, toys, grooming aids, monetary donations and for years pill bottles to our General Meetings and members deliver those items to the DeKalb Shelter at least once a month. We no longer collect used pill bottles as we got a large pharmaceutical company to donate to our three local no kill shelters.

This year's tour to the shelter in Chamblee was eye opening to our members and this shelter with it's no kill policy is not alone. The volunteer who took the group on tour is a part of Life Line and was full of information which she shared freely. Two of us didn't do the tour as we knew we would cry and take home dogs we shouldn't. The shelter was so overcrowded they had animals in crates in the hall ways, animals only able to go out for a few minutes a day and employees and volunteers trying to care for over 400 animals in a newish facility built to house 250. We all left there wanting to improve conditions and with a sweet story of a young man who came in to foster a dog until it was adopted and this was his fifth pet to take in.

We learned that there are lots of ways to help, fostering even for a weekend, volunteering to walk the dogs, cleaning and writing to the County Commissioners and the press to try to ease the overcrowding. Did you know that if someone is arrested for animal cruelty those animals are housed in the county shelter until disposition of the case, that week there were 145 dogs that fit that category and had been cared for there for over a year-adding to overcrowding..

Our club wrote to the County Commissioners and the Atlanta Journal, as well as two members informed local TV stations. In the spring there was extensive press coverage of the overcrowding problems and what we might be able to do to help. Please do check out your shelter, donate to the care of the animals, foster or adopt as the love of a shelter animal is as strong as the love of a purebred. You might be able to move things in the right direction. Think of the number of animals that could have been adopted during that year waiting for a trial to conclude, just moving that along would open up a quarter of the overcrowding.

Please let your voices be heard, you make a difference and political leaders listen when they know you care and VOTE..

Kathy Hanna, NW District Environment CSP

Health & Wellness

Diane Norris, Chairman



The GFWC Health and Wellness Community Service Program promotes nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care. This Community Service Program aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.

[Click here](#) to explore project ideas from March of Dimes, one of GFWC's affiliate partners.

Alzheimer's Association - Our new partner affiliate!

On June 30, 2024, GFWC and the Alzheimer's Association signed a partnership agreement live, during The Purple Gala: A Night of Hopes, Dreams, and Inspiration. The Alzheimer's Association reports that approximately two-thirds of dementia caregivers are women. As a women's organization, GFWC recognizes the impact that Alzheimer's disease and dementia have on each of us and the overall impact they have on our communities. GFWC supports: Education on recognition of cognitive decline and other forms of dementia; Funding for caregivers, respite care, and facilities that provide memory care; Legislation and research to improve treatments, access to treatment, prevention, and cures for all forms of dementia. GFWC Resolution (170-45) We are proud and excited to work with the Alzheimer's Association to end Alzheimer's disease and dementia. We will update you as new resources and events become available in the coming months.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Alzheimer's Association

Protocol and Parliamentary Procedure

Diane Norris, Chairman



Parliamentary procedure is a set of rules and practices that govern how meetings are conducted in organizations and assemblies. It's also known as rules of order. The purpose of parliamentary procedure is to: Maintain decorum, Determine the will of the majority, Preserve the rights of the minority, and Facilitate the orderly transaction of business.

[Click here](#) to view Parliamentary Handbook.

[Click here](#) to view Protocol Tips.

Awards

Gretchen Butler, Chairman

For several years now it has been my pleasure to stand in front of you – or appear on video during those pandemic years– to award certificates and silver for the work done in our clubs each year. Some of you who have experienced this once or twice may have gotten used to hearing me say: “the award for Arts & Culture in the 1-25 members category goes to {insert name of awesome club here}!”

Ladies, I have big news. This spring will be different because our award tiers are changing! The State voted to approve a change in membership categories for the 2024 awards. This change will take effect with the awards given out in the spring of 2025. The old and new categories are listed below for your comparison. The new tiers will more evenly distribute our clubs across the State, preventing an overload of clubs in one category while leaving others with only one or two clubs in a category. And it will mix things up a bit, with clubs having new “neighbors” in their categories. I am excited about this change and can't wait to see how it plays out in the spring!

Previous categories:

1-25 Members
26-50 Members
51+ Members

New categories:

1-15 Members
16-35 Members
36+ Members

Signature Project

Barbara Washburn

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



When you get involved, you can make a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of survivors affected by domestic violence each day.

Stay in the Know with nnedv.org. (National network to end Domestic Violence)

Learn about Our [Work](#)

- Public Policy: Learn more about laws that have made a difference in survivors' lives, including the [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#), the [Family Violence Prevention and Services Act \(FVPSA\)](#), and the [Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\)](#).
- Technology Safety: Check out all the resources on TechSafety.org, including our [Tech Safety App!](#)
- Economic Justice: Download the [Moving Ahead Curriculum](#) (created in partnership with [The Allstate Foundation](#)).
- Domestic Violence Counts: Read our annual [#DVCounts Report](#) and learn about [survivors' needs across the country](#).
- WomensLaw: Find plain-language legal information for victims of abuse through WomensLaw.org and the [WomensLaw Email Hotline](#).

Wear PURPLE October 19th in Unity for survivors!

Leadership Report

Barbara Reynolds

Our North West District was well represented at the Georgia LEADS Seminar in Albany. If you were unable to participate this year, there will be another opportunity in 2025 on Friday, August 15 preceding our GFWC Georgia Institute in Macon. There is always something inspiring happening with the Leadership/LEADS program.

Now is the time for all clubs to focus on prospective candidates to attend the GFWC LEADS program in June, 2025. As you may be well aware, the 2025 GFWC Convention is in Atlanta. A wonderful opportunity for one of our own members to be a part of. The application can be found on page 247 of the new GFWC Georgia yearbook and it is due on February 1, 2025. Don't be late! Start promoting a leader or potential leader from your club now!

[Click here](#) to learn more and to complete the application.

Barbara Reynolds

Leadership/LEADS Representative

President's Special Project

Kathleen Tibbitts

I am honored to support and promote our District President's Special Projects. Maria has personally reached out to both organizations involved and gathered the information below. The attached documents include project ideas and the current needs of these charities.



[Click Here to view Information and possible projects from Wellroot Family Services.](#)

Wellroot will be at our District meeting and will discuss additional ways we can get involved.

OCTOBER IS DOWN SYNDROME MONTH

October was first designated as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month in the 1980s and has been recognized every October since. It is a time to celebrate people with Down syndrome

- Use [this template](#) to create a flyer to send home with your child's class (make a copy of the file and save, otherwise your information will be visible to others!)
- Share with friends, family, and colleagues

Share NDSS DSAM Fact Cards on Social Media

Share our Down Syndrome Awareness Month facts on your social media channels. You can use the version we created or take the template and add your own photos on Canva.

[Download DSAM Fact Cards](#) Download the locked version of the Fact Cards and post as is! These slides are ready to be posted on socials!

[Download editable DSAM Fact Cards](#) Utilize Canva to input your own photos and put your personal twist on

[Click here to view information from Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta.](#)

Corresponding Secretary

Susie Parnes

CARES AND CONCERNS:

Please know heartfelt get well and sympathy cards have been sent to our fellow members in need of support. During challenging times, it's essential to remind one another that we are not alone, and our community stands strong together. These cards are a small but meaningful way to express our thoughts, care, and encouragement.

Whether recovering from illness or coping with loss, we want our members to know they are in our thoughts, and we are here for them. Let's continue to uplift each other and stay connected. Please reach out to Susie Parnes if you would like a card sent to a member from our District and federated sisters.

Maria spoke to Susie Parnes, the Corresponding Secretary, who regrets she was unable to attend the meeting. As many of you know Susie has a number of health issues. She is living with her daughter in Cumming, GA as they do not want Susie to live alone. Her daughter's address is 5920 Pine Bluff Drive, Cumming, GA 30040. I know she would appreciate hearing from club members.

Susie Parnes, Corresponding Secretary sent the following cards;

- Thinking of you – Sandi Quattlebaum – Sandi's 34 year old niece just taken off life support.
- Sympathy card to family of Pat Swan's passing on March 26, 2024. Pat was a beloved club member and Past GFWC-GA President 1994-1996. She held a number of other leadership positions around the state and involved in many charitable causes.
- Sent sympathy card to Tina Neese on the passing of Tina's mother, Marina Jean (Whicker) Coody who passed away on July 13, 2024. Tina is past state president 2018-2020.
- Maria sent the following cards from the NW District:
- Get Well card to Kathy Hanna who has been recovering at home from hip surgery. Member of Dunwoody Woman's Club.
- Sent sympathy card to Jo Anne Garmany whose husband, Beacher Shields Garmany passed away recently. Jo Anne is a member of the LaFayette Woman's Club
- Sent get well card to Barbara Reynolds who fell in early September and has several broken bones.
- Sent thinking of you card to Susie Parnes- corresponding secretary.

Georgia Hosts the 2025 International Convention!

Julie Bates, Cindy Tisdale and Cimi Douglass

We are thrilled that Georgia will be hosting the International Convention in June 2025! Our District has been given the exciting responsibility of creating centerpieces and favors for the ESO Luncheon, which will feature 45 tables and welcome 300-400 attendees. For this luncheon, we'll craft colorful "diaper" cakes as centerpieces. Each centerpiece will have a stuffed animal on top and book attached to the cake. After its use, the centerpieces will be donated to our District President's charity, Wellroot, this is also in alignment with our State President's project, "Books for Little Hands" The favor will be a Reading List bookmark. Supplies will be brought to the District meeting and we are asking 9 clubs to create 5 diaper cakes. All completed centerpieces should be brought to the Spring District meeting.

In addition, we are responsible for organizing the Region Banquets, which will include 80 tables and approximately 800 guests. For the centerpieces, we will be gift wrapping boxes in beautiful floral paper, as the theme may be "Gifts of Service." We are asking the remaining clubs to assist by wrapping 30 boxes per club with ribbon. Supplies will be provided at the Spring Board meeting, and we ask that these wrapped boxes be brought to the Convention. The favors for this banquet will be pretzel sticks.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THE 2025 CONVENTION

We will need of plenty volunteers to help out with the coordination and setup of all centerpieces and decorations, door pages, tour bus hosts ,table hosts, welcome tables, greeters, etc. See below and please consider signing up to volunteer.

[Click here to Volunteer](#)

GFWC Georgia is honored to be the Convention Hosts for the 2025 GFWC Convention

June 6-10, 2025

Atlanta, Georgia @ the Omni Hotel

We need your help!

Business Meetings and Door Pages

You will greet everyone with a warm smile and Hello to ensure that all entering the meeting have a name badge.

Georgia Welcome Table

You will Welcome ladies and offer them snacks and drinks and help keep this table replenished with items donated.

Meal Event Door Pages

You will greet everyone with a warm smile and Hello and take meal tickets at the door.

Tour Hostess and Bus Captains

You will help ensure ladies taking the tour is on the bus. You will help distribute the drink/snack totes.

Table Hostess

You will be the Georgia representative at the meal function. You will help keep conversation going during dinner and make everyone feel welcome.



There is a sign up link on our website www.gfwcgeorgia.org or access it from this QR code or email us at:

Convention Chairman- Tina Neese
tinadaniel1224@gmail.com

Convention Co-Chairman- Cimi Douglass
cimi.douglass@gmail.com



Communications & Public Relations

Cimi Douglass

The exchange of information plays a crucial role in keeping everyone informed, engaged, and aligned with our mission and goals. The goal of this administration is to have open communication and sharing information. There are many ways we communicate with our

members. 1) quarterly newsletters, 2) our members only Facebook page, 3) our minutes and 4) our website. All newsletters and minutes are available on our Members Only page for future reference. Please email cimi.douglass@gmail.com for the password. We hope these communications offer valuable insights and information that can support decision-making and inspire new project ideas for our clubs and members.

I would also like to encourage all clubs and NW leaders to submit articles and/or share ideas, as collaboration among our members helps build a sense of community within our district. I always go back to the benefits of belonging and bringing value to our members and informative newsletters is a great benefit and brings value to our members. Also, when everyone is aware of what's happening in other clubs, it's easier to identify opportunities for cross-pollination to support one another's projects or fundraising efforts. The next deadline to submit articles to me is January 17.

The bottom line: sharing news articles is not just about sharing information—it's about creating a dynamic and informed membership within our District.

Presidents, please remember to send me your updated rosters as soon as possible. Keeping our database current is essential to ensuring that members receive timely communications and updates.

Thank you again for all that you do for GFWC Georgia and your communities.

Cimi

cimi.douglass@gmail.com

Updated Standing Rules

Ida Dorvee

Proposed change in Standing Rule 18. Recommendation from board

The change in the membership award categories was adopted in April 2024. For that reason, NW District standing rules need to be amended to reflect this change. The purpose is to make the award categories more evenly distributed in terms of clubs around the state. The NW District board approved this Motion. There will be a motion at the October 19, 2024 Fall membership meeting to accept the board recommendation to amend standing rule 18 to reflect the change in membership award categories adopted by the State with the new membership categories being 1-15; 16-35; 36 and over. Standing rule 4.

Rescind motion to adoption of set date for NW District fall meeting. There will be a motion to rescind adoption to have a set date for NW District Fall meeting. The correct standing rule 4 should state: "The date of the fall meeting shall be determined by the State President, the District President, and the hostess clubs and cannot be changed without prior approval of the State President."

The benefit of belonging

Being a member of GFWC Georgia comes with many advantages. Our state organization works hard to develop resources, templates, and platforms that enable us to effectively engage with our communities. The State Newsletters offer valuable resources and tips to support our local clubs, while the Club Life bulletins feature a variety of project ideas from clubs across the state. Be sure to take a look through these newsletters—I'm confident you'll find something valuable!

- [October Connections](#)
- [September Newsletter 2024](#)
- [July and August Club Life](#)
- [May and June Club Life](#)

North West District Meeting Schedules

Fall 2024

Membership meeting – Bank of LaFayette Community Room- Saturday, October 19, 2024

Refreshments: 9:30 am Meeting 10:00 am – location determined by hostess club

Hostess clubs *Denotes primary hostess club

1. *LaFayette/LaFayette Juniors
2. Calhoun
3. Chickamauga

Spring 2025

Board meeting @ St. Lukes - Saturday, February 15, 2025

Light refreshments – hostess clubs 9:30 am refreshments, meeting at 10:00 am

1. Cartersville
2. Dallas
3. Roswell Cares Service League

Spring 2025

Membership meeting – Venue TBA - Saturday, March 29, 2025

Refreshments: 9:30 am, meeting 10:00 am – location determined by hostess club

Hostess clubs - *Denotes primary hostess club

1. *Dunwoody
2. Marietta
3. Buchanan

Fall 2025

Board Meeting @ St. Lukes - Saturday, September 13, 2025

Light refreshments - hostess clubs 9:30 am refreshments, meeting 10:00 am

1. Calhoun
2. Dunwoody
3. LaFayette and LaFayette Juniores

Fall 2025

Membership Meeting - Venue TBA – Saturday, October 25, 2025

Refreshments: 9:30 am, meeting 10:00 am – location determined by hostess club

Hostess clubs - *Denotes primary hostess club

1. *Dallas
2. Cartersville
3. Sandy Springs

Spring 2026

Board Meeting @ St. Lukes - Saturday- February 14, 2026

Light refreshments - hostess clubs 9:30 am refreshments, meeting 10:00 am

1. Marietta
2. Chickamauga
3. Sandy Springs

Spring 2026

Membership Meeting - Venue TBA – Saturday, March 21, 2026

Refreshments: 9:30 am, meeting 10:00 am – location determined by hostess club

Hostess clubs - *Denotes primary hostess club

1. *Atlanta
2. Roswell Cares
3. Acworth Carrie Dyer



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