

## **FEDERATION FACT GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**

This game can be played every meeting or at special times as needed.

### *“What we were doing in...?”*

Two balloons containing two different dates inside are attached to the podium. The names of all the club members are put into a container, and the president or membership chairman chooses two names. The members are introduced, which helps put a face with a name so all members can get to know each other. They then pop a balloon and read the year out loud. The president or membership chairman hands them an excerpt from the club minutes from that year, which they read to all the members.

This game creates excitement and is an excellent way for new members to learn about the history of the club and to refresh the memories of the experienced members.

### **Adaptations**

This game can be adapted as the club feels appropriate. Instead of years in the balloons:

- 1) Chairmen or officer titles: The information shared with the members could be the duties of that leader.
- 2) Names of projects: The information shared could be the details of this club or GFWC project.
- 3) Names of members: The information shared could be hobbies, interests, family details, etc.

This game is only limited by the imagination and needs of the club.

### *Jigsaw Puzzle*

This activity can be used throughout a whole club year for a recruitment event, an orientation, or a refresher program. Adapt it to the needs of the club.

Create a large jigsaw puzzle of the GFWC emblem (available for download at [www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers](http://www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers)). The club president or membership chairman gives a piece of the puzzle to all club members and guests at designated times. Each also receives a federation fact about the club, state, or GFWC.

Send invitations to all who have been given puzzle pieces, and hold a party or program where the puzzle is put together. Each adds her piece to the puzzle and shares their federation fact. This is a fun way to hear about federation on all levels, but also a good visual to demonstrate that each member is valuable to the whole picture.

### *Five Minute GFWC Presentations*

Design and review a GFWC “flow chart” to show the different levels of Federation and include the names of chairmen and officers.

*Information on GFWC's organizational and membership structure as well as the 2010-2012 Administration Directory can be found in the GFWC Club Manual and online at [www.GFWC.org/ClubManual](http://www.GFWC.org/ClubManual).*

### *Design a GFWC Fact and History Quiz*

Split the club into smaller groups and make it an “open book” quiz using the club, state, and GFWC booklets and manuals.

#### **Sample Know Your Organization Quiz**

Feel free to design your own quiz or use this sample version. Answer key is below.

- 1) What is GFWC’s mission statement?
  - a) “Unity in Diversity”
  - b) The General Federation of Women’s Clubs is an international women’s organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service”
  - c) “Sic Semper Tyrannis”
  - d) “Let Us Not Forget to be Kind”
  
- 2) In what year was GFWC founded?
  - a) 1848
  - b) 1868
  - c) 1890
  - d) 1922
  
- 3) Which of the following is NOT a GFWC record of achievement?
  - a) By 1930, GFWC helped create more than 75 percent of public libraries.
  - b) GFWC is credited for turning the tide for passage of the Pure Food and Drug act in 1906.
  - c) In 1960, GFWC sponsored The Women’s Crusade for Seatbelts program, resulting in the installation of more than one million car seatbelts in one year.
  - d) GFWC is credited with helping to found the Red Cross.

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- Bomb shelter
  - War Service office
  - Hospital
  - Victory Garden
- 5) GFWC was chartered by the 56<sup>th</sup> United States Congress.
- True
  - False
- 6) The official GFWC flower is:
- Tulip
  - Lilly
  - Rose
  - Moonflower
- 7) What is the official GFWC federation song?
- “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”
  - “Amazing Grace”
  - “America, the Beautiful”
  - “Battle Hymn of the Republic”
- 8) What was Jane Cunningham Croly’s profession?
- Factory worker
  - Housekeeper
  - Doctor
  - Journalist
- 9) Which of these first ladies was a clubwoman?
- Martha Washington
  - Jane Adams
  - Eleanor Roosevelt
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