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### Aw, Spring is Almost Here!

Dear Federated Sisters,

It's March, the weather is more pleasant, the birds are chirping, and GFWC Georgia women are busy! Our reporting season is now behind us, and all that awaits is the announcement of the results. You will see just how busy we have been when you hear the amazing numbers and creativity you have produced. It all equates to improving the lives of others in our communities. You have truly been putting your purpose and passion into action! Thank you to Peggy Wilson and her team and all the CSP and Advancement Chairmen for their hard work and dedication. The big thank you goes to the clubs and members who took the time to do the work, tabulate the results, and report. Your efforts make a difference.

I hope you will join us for the Convention April 26-28. It is the final meeting of this administration and the beginning of a new leadership term. The members of the Central East District have been working hard to prepare for our visit to the 'Land of Oz'. Dorothy could have been a club member! She showed incredible management and leadership skills on her Yellow Brick Road journey. Maybe it was magic, skill, or just inner strength she found along the trip. Either way, the end result was magical and profound. The Central East District is my home, so it is fitting that this is where we will gather; after all, "there's no place like home". Please join us in the Emerald City to celebrate, be in-

spired, and enjoy a little Oz magic as we reflect on the past year, embrace the joy of fellowship, and set the stage for the future where we will continue our enchanted service.



As a final thought, I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed representing you and GFWC Georgia. Thank you for trusting me with our most valuable asset: you! It has truly been my honor and privilege. Thank you for the courtesies you have given me, the support you have shown, and most of all, the friendship and love I have felt. You truly are passionate volunteers and wonderful stewards of your communities. Your accomplishments and talents awe me, your passions warm me, and your friendship humbles me. You are simply the best!

See you in Oz, where the magic of our service will come to life!

*Kim Sekulow*

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*"If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose." T.D. Jakes*

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Avast ye landlubbers! Pay heed!

Cathy's Crew is on its final leg of the hunt for treasures from our past, our present, and our future in our clubs, our Districts, and our State.

The Crew will dock for a day at their Spring District meetings in March. I hope you will attend to celebrate the success of your clubs and rake in the loot from your hard work. You'll want to be there for sure to thank your District crew member for her leadership these last two years and to watch the changing of the guard when new officers are elected and installed.



Then, we'll bring a springer upon our ship and turn to our last adventure in Atlanta at the GFWC Georgia Convention on April 26-28. Cathy's merry crew of buccaneers will open up the coffer and bring out the booty we've found on our journey. Who knows what might happen on this last voyage?

Blimey! They might even make me walk the plank!

*The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than 20 countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by advocating for women, children, and families on issues such as domestic violence and sexual assault, food insecurity/hunger, and promoting healthy lifestyles. GFWC also supports the arts, works to preserve natural resources, advances education, encourages civic involvement, and works toward world peace and understanding. For more information, please visit [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) or call 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).*

**Cathy's Crew**





Project: Helping CE District Clubs

### Central East District -PRESIDENT Mary Beth Jacobson

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Reflecting on the past two years, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible women I've had the honor of meeting and collaborating with within our club community. Each club I've visited had its unique approach to conducting business, yet they all shared a common thread - a genuine spirit of volunteerism and compassion.

Reflecting on my role as President of this vibrant district nestled in the heart of Georgia, I am humbled by the opportunity to serve alongside such dynamic individuals. Together, we have woven a tapestry of service, leadership, and community engagement that truly embodies the spirit of our organization. I am deeply grateful for the experiences and the friendships forged, and the biggest treasure I've been given is the invaluable lessons I've learned along this journey.



### Central West District – PRESIDENT Libby Bond

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I did not start as the district president for Central West District. I started as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Circumstances forced Peggy Gau, the district president, to regretfully resign. I came in officially just after the 2023 Convention. The members of Central West have all been so helpful and welcoming that it has been an absolute pleasure working on meetings and projects with them. I have enjoyed attending club meetings in this district. It is always fascinating how individual clubs do their work. One of my highlights was unveiling the first Gold Star Memorial in Georgia in Bremen. GFWC Bremen Junior Woman's Club was instrumental in obtaining it. At the ceremony, they and GFWC West Georgia Woman's Club worked together to make it a success. Altogether, I am proud of the clubwomen of GFWC Georgia Central West District and their help working through a challenging situation.

My greatest treasure from these last two years on the state level has been the acceptance and camaraderie of my fellow pirates as a member of Cathy's Crew. It was hard coming on after the voyage had started, but I was welcomed with open arms. Thank you, me maties.

My Spring District Meeting is on March 9. It starts at 10:00 am at the First Baptist Church of Morrow.



Project: Helping Veterans



## North East District - PRESIDENT Barbara Brooks

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North East District will have a “Celebration” at our spring meeting on March 30. We will celebrate the success of each of the clubs. We are also celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hartwell Service League and the 90th anniversary of the Toccoa Federated Woman’s Club. Registration starts at 9:30; the meeting begins at 10 AM. We will meet at the Hart County Library, 150 Benson Street, Hartwell, Georgia. Host clubs are the Hartwell Service League and Carnesville Woman’s Club. The cost is \$18, and reservations are due by March 20, payable to Debbie Borovitcky, NE District treasurer.

My favorite things as a District President have been the many opportunities to meet ladies in the District and State. They all have been so welcoming and supportive and exemplify the volunteer spirit.



*Project: Alzheimer’s Association*



## North West District – PRESIDENT Julie Bates

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The NW District Spring Meeting will be held on March 9, 2024, at 10:00 am. It will be at the historical "Wimbish House" at 1150 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta. You are each invited to attend. Also, you can tour the House built in 1906 for Attorney William Wimbish as a gift for his new wife.

Being the NW District President has been a great experience. I have learned much about our Clubs, District, and State. I have been so inspired by many Clubwomen, from the State Leadership Team to my Club members. My club has been very supportive and lifted me beyond what I could have imagined. You are all my Federation Sisters!



*Project: Rescuing Hope; Ignite Hope; Organ Donation*





### South East District – PRESIDENT Barbara Scott

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Where did time go in the past two years? They say time flies when you're having fun. This has been a true learning experience for me. My time as District President has helped me to grow and become a better leader. I will miss this endeavor; however, I look forward to the upcoming years in GFWC.

I loved watching the women in GFWC Georgia South East District work together so well. They displayed their support, encouragement, and enthusiasm whenever it was time for them to host the District Meeting. The ladies I met in the past two years have become special friends to me, some more like family. Their friendships mean a lot to me and helped make this the most memorable journey I've ever taken in GFWC. Thanks so much to all of you beautiful ladies in the GFWC Georgia, the District, and the Clubs.



*Project: America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia*

### South West District – PRESIDENT Lisa Ramsey

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The journey of being the Southwest District President has been awesome, and I've really enjoyed getting to serve in this capacity and making friends with my fellow District Presidents. But what I love the most are the leadership skills I've acquired from those at the state level and the other district presidents who have come before me. You technically know some things, but until you've been in charge and have actually to do them, you don't truly appreciate how much time and energy this position takes. Although it's been a little stressful and overwhelming at times, I wouldn't trade the things I've learned as district president for anything in the world. This opportunity has taught me things I can take into my personal life, work life, and even church life. Thanks to many people, especially Cathy Jones, for helping me along this journey! She has answered countless emails, texts, and phone calls from me at all hours of the day and night when I did not know something or was just unsure of something. She's done it all with a smile on her face! She is a fantastic asset to this organization, and I look forward to seeing her be the next state president of GFWC Georgia!

The Spring district meeting for the South West District will be held March 9th in Valdosta at the First Baptist Church. Registration and morning refreshments begin at 10 am and the meeting will start at 10:30 am.



*Project: DCFS workers and foster children*





## Second Vice President - Peggy Wilson

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# Thank You

The last two years have flown away. It seems like just a few days ago, I was frantically trying to learn as much as I could about reporting. The past two years have been a learning curve for me. Also, I have learned a great deal about our Google reporting system. I want to thank Deborah Landress, Laedenia Jewell, and Kathryn Youles for all of their help in helping make judging as easy as possible. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!

Our volunteers work magic with their creativity, intelligence, passion, purpose, and dedication. My theme for the past two years has been **TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves Magic**. If you need proof, look at the reports for 2023. Relying on their inward magic wands and their superpowers of the volunteer spirit, the membership has achieved so much in our CSPs. We have made a difference in our communities by working and sharing with others in and around the state.

It took more than just an "abracadabra," but our reports are finished. I hope that we have increased the number of clubs reporting. I will have that number for you when we go to the Convention. "I'll tell you about the MAGIC, and it'll free your soul." You will be excited and touched by the generosity of our club members. I will also draw a club's name out of a fishing bowl, and that club will receive \$250.00 to use as they wish for a project in their club. Your club could be the recipient!!

To all the Community Service Program Chairmen and Special Committees, thank you for the many hours of reading and conferring with your cohort so we can recognize the state winners in all areas at the state convention in April. Everyone is a winner because we have made a difference. I appreciate your help and all you have done these past two years.

Let's keep this magic going and make a difference in our communities around Georgia. Good luck to all!!!!!!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention in April!!



## Third Vice President - Julie Walters

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Ladies have been busy birds and welcoming new birds to their clubhouses.

We have inducted new members who found us through their REALTOR sharing the *Welcome to the Community* postcards. These past two years, we have distributed 10,000 postcards.

Thank you to everyone who submitted reports and did such great work in Membership this past year.

- We had 32 (an increase over last year) clubs submit a Membership report, representing 182 projects, 4759 hours, \$20,951.10 club dollars, and \$20,607.81 in-kind dollars.
- We had 26 clubs hold a GFWC National Day of Service event for Food Insecurity, representing 857.50 hours, \$7,752 club dollars, and \$9,429 in-kind dollars.
- We had 11 clubs hold a GFWC Georgia Day of Service dinner party, representing 790.5 hours, \$9,525.76 club dollars, and \$4,952.51 in-kind dollars.
- We had 101 new members join the Georgia Federation in 2023. We have a total membership of 1,509. 1371 are Woman's clubs, 112 are Juniors, and 26 are Junioresettes.
- We have 63 clubs. 52 Woman's Clubs, 9 Junior Clubs, and 2 Junioresette clubs.

Districts had an increase in membership.

- Central East netted 6 members
- North East 6 members,
- South East 9 members
- South West 23 members
- North West 71 members.

We chartered one new club, the GFWC G.E.M.S., a Junioresette club in Sylvania this year. We will be formally introducing them at the 2024 convention. Thank you to Dale and Kathryn and the leadership of your club, GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club, for creating this new club.

Special congratulations to the GFWC Dallas Woman's Club, which started 2023 with 7 members and finished the year with 48 members. This incredible increase resulted from creating a website, hosting an Open House and a team of ladies working very hard to make it happen! Special thanks to Cimi Douglass and Jennifer Spivey for your amazing leadership.

Clubs provided Dollars for Delegates.

Clubs held Membership social events—picnics, dinner, lunch, breakfast, and even a Jack O Lantern painting event.

Members:

- wore name tags,
- held fashion shows and cooking classes,


- wore club t-shirts,
- gave out member awards,
- presented pins for membership,
- held floral workshops and delivered arrangements to members,
- recognized perfect attendance,
- walked in community parades,
- sent cards to members to celebrate births, deaths and with get well messages,
- held installation of new members,
- created member handbooks and held new member orientation,
- posted on social media,
- built a club website,
- advertised in the local newspaper,
- formed night groups, and
- even built a club scarecrow for the town square.

Clubs are planning their 2024 Day of Service/Dinner Party to benefit Wellspring Living. Clubs statewide will hold the membership event on Saturday, April 20.

I thank everyone for your support of membership, and it has been an honor to serve as the Third Vice President these past two years.

**REMINDER**

**GFWC 2022-2024 Membership “Sparkle and Shine” Recruitment Campaign**

Recognition: **“Diamond —Shine Bright”** 

*Report Due for March, April, and May Recruitments*

**Deadline: June 1, 2024**

Complete the fillable [Campaign Report Form](#) and send to:

- 1) GFWC via mail (address is on form) or email — **[GFWC@GFWC.org](mailto:GFWC@GFWC.org)**.
- 2) Send a copy of the report to **[membership@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:membership@gfwcgeorgia.org)** for the GFWC Georgia Third Vice President.

Clubs recruiting 3 or more new members will be listed in the *GFWC Clubwoman* magazine.

## Juniorettes - Judine Heard

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One of the benefits of being a Juniette is that you qualify to become a member of Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO). ESO “is an honorary educational society open to all per-capita dues paying GFWC federated clubs.” Georgia has an ESO chapter.

In a nutshell, it is a society that encourages its members to read books. You document a book by submitting the title to the chairman as you complete it. While reading is the objective of ESO, it is not structured in that you must read a specific number of books during a certain period. However, a minimum number of books must be read to grow within ESO.

As a Juniette, you probably have a reading list you get at the beginning of each school year and perhaps a summer reading list. You might enjoy reading and create your reading list. Whatever the reason, you’re on your way to being a member.

So, what must you do to become a member? Contact the Georgia chapter ESO chairman and ask for a pledge application. Once you reach a certain number of books, you will receive a certificate confirming your ESO membership. Following that, there are five additional categories, which will be acknowledged after reading a certain number of books - you will have a lifetime to reach the highest level.

After submitting the title of books you have read to GFWC Georgia’s ESO chairman, consider registering on [Goodreads](#) or a similar app. This app allows you to set up virtual shelves of books you have read, want to read, or are currently reading. The book titles are always there for your reference.

Happy Reading!

### It’s Not Too Early to Start Planning!

Registration begins this spring. More details as they become available in *News & Notes* and on the website.



## In Memoriam

## Remembering Our Lost Members



Jan Oglesby  
GFWC Brunswick Woman’s Club



# Half Century Club

## Celebrating 50+ Years of Membership



50 YEARS

As we celebrate Women’s History Month this March, it is fitting that we recognize and honor a select group of GFWC Georgia women who have been the backbone of our Federation for 50 or more years.

These ladies have seen many changes in the world and in the Federation. From heels, gloves, and calling cards to Zoom Meetings, from the manual typewriter (electric, if lucky) to the hand-held computers called smart phones today, and from the hand written invitations to RSVPing via Constant Contact, they have weathered the changes, and we all are the better for it.

We thank you for your dedication and commitment to the GFWC mission, your service and leadership to our clubs, districts, and state and international federations, and your time, energy, talents, and treasure to helping to make this world a better place for all.

*You are Women Who Continue to Make a Difference!*

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| Jeanette Coody    | GFWC Azalea City Woman’s Club            |
| Avernell Rogers   | GFWC Azalea City Woman’s Club            |
| Mary Lucik        | GFWC Civic Woman’s Club of Milledgeville |
| Elizabeth Proctor | GFWC Gordon Woman’s Club                 |
| Kay Cleveland     | GFWC Hartwell Service League             |
| Sandra English    | GFWC Hartwell Service League             |
| Sally Baker       | GFWC Lilburn Woman’s Club                |
| Doris Mann        | GFWC Lilburn Woman’s Club                |
| Jenny Nall        | GFWC Lilburn Woman’s Club                |
| Linda Pierce      | GFWC Lilburn Woman’s Club                |
| Pat Swan          | GFWC Lilburn Woman’s Club                |
| Lawanna Goodman   | GFWC Stone Mountain Woman’s Club         |
| Rebecca Sanders   | GFWC Stone Mountain Woman’s Club         |

# Member Spotlight

## Lucy Arnold Willard



### A Special Lady Turns 100!

On January 26, 2024, Mrs. Lucy Arnold Willard, a long-time member and former president of The Atlanta Woman’s Club, celebrated her 100th Birthday. “Miss Lucy,” as she is affectionately known, also served as the 5th District GFWC Georgia President. She has been a loyal friend of the Tallulah Falls School and one of its most generous benefactors for many years. She has not just given monetarily, she has given her time, herself, and her energy. Miss Lucy was a respected member of the Board of Trustees of TFS for 18 years. In 2011, *The Lucy A. Willard Middle School Academic Complex* at Tallulah Falls School was named in honor of her tremendous generosity and commitment to education. Her gifts to the Tallulah Falls School also helped to fund the upper school academic expansion project and in 2012, Willard Hall was named and dedicated in her honor. On the second floor, Willard Hall is home to the upper school science classrooms and labs, mathematics classrooms, leadership and culinary arts classrooms, and the culinary arts lab.



**Miss Lucy, you are a “Woman Who Has and Continues to Make a Difference!”**



## Treasurer - Cimi Douglass

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First and foremost, I want to thank everyone for their timely payment of dues and for the generous donations allocated to our numerous projects, including Lipscomb, Ella, Wellspring, Veterans, Student Art, 1734 Society, Tallulah Falls, and others. We are so lucky to have members who consistently put others first by supporting and donating graciously to GFWC Georgia's projects. Collectively, we make a huge impact and difference in our local communities and organization's projects. Thank you.

Second, I want to remind everyone that tax season is upon us and there are two dates for some clubs to remember.

- 1) If your club is a registered non-profit corporation (i.e., have Articles of Incorporation filed with the Georgia Secretary of State), your annual registration fee (\$30) is due by **April 1**.
- 2) If your club is a 501(c)(3), **May 15** is the due date for filing Form 990-series returns for calendar-year tax-exempt organizations.

### Learn how to maintain your organization's tax-exempt status.

Leaders of charitable organizations should be familiar with their responsibilities and the various actions that can jeopardize their organization's tax-exempt status. The [Maintaining 501\(c\)\(3\) Tax-exempt Status Course](#) discusses what charitable volunteers and employees must do to maintain this valuable exemption and which actions can result in revocation of exempt status. The [Small to Mid-size 501\(c\)\(3\) Organization](#)

[Workshop](#) provides additional information on tax-exempt organizations' benefits, limitations, and expectations.

For the latest exempt organization news, connect [via IRS Social Media](#) and [subscribe](#) here to receive IRS bulletins and other IRS Newsletters. If you have a technical or procedural question about Exempt Organizations, visit the [Charities and Nonprofits](#) homepage on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov). If you have a specific question about exempt organizations, please [contact the IRS here](#).

Finally, it has been my sincere privilege to serve as Treasurer for GFWC Georgia. Throughout this term, I learned so much and sincerely appreciate the support and guidance my fellow officers and Deborah Landress provided. I will admit that assuming the role of treasurer initially made me uneasy because it was way outside my comfort zone. However, this experience has been remarkably enlightening, and I urge everyone to step outside their comfort zones and embrace new challenges. As the saying goes, "A comfort zone is a beautiful place, but nothing ever grows there." But, honestly, the most rewarding aspect of this role has been witnessing first hand the exceptional generosity of our clubs and members.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Cimi Douglass  
GFWC Treasurer 2022-2024  
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### Familiar with the TV Series, *Sweet Magnolias*?

*Sweet Magnolias*, a romantic drama on Netflix, follows childhood friends Maddie, Helen, and Dana Sue as they juggle relationships, careers, and family in the fictional small-town of Serenity, SC.

But, did you know that most of the show is filmed in the very popular Covington, GA — affectionately known as the "Hollywood of the South." Yes, a good portion of the series is, and Season 4 of the drama is being filmed this spring. As you watch the series (and are familiar with the sights and sounds of Covington), you will recognize many of the

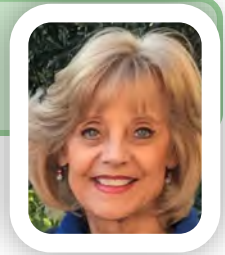
places used in the show — the restaurant, town square, courthouse, and personal residences. And Season 4 will be no exception, because a more familiar building will be highlighted — the historic Covington Woman's Club Building.

Oddly, the now clubhouse of the Covington Woman's Club was the original Covington Library and will also be used in the series as a library. Members have packed up all the club's furnishings (including the silver) for the filming, which is expected to last several months. It's a win-win for all—the series uses a historic building, and the club gets paid nicely for the use. Talk about a "no-brainer" fundraiser!



# Parliamentary Advisor— Shari Carter

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## State Nominating Committee

The GFWC Georgia Nominating Committee, comprised of the Parliamentary Advisor as its chair and representatives from the six districts, met on January 20, 2024 at 11:00 am by Zoom. Members were:

- Shari Carter, Chairman
- Tina Neese, Central East District Representative
- Lois Wolfe, Central West District Representative
- Barbara Brooks, North East District Representative
- Linda Mote, North West District Representative
- Barbara Scott, South East District Representative
- Lisa Ramsey, South West District Representative

The committee was previously sent the credentials for all of the candidates who were running for office for the 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Administration. The committee reviewed these credentials and found them to be in order. Phone calls were placed to all candidates offering them their prospective officer jobs. All responded back positively.

The candidates for officers in the 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Administration are:

- Cimi Douglass for GFWC Georgia Secretary
- Dale Reddick for GFWC Georgia Third Vice President
- Julie Walters for GFWC Georgia Second Vice President
- Peggy Wilson for GFWC Georgia First Vice President/President-Elect
- Jennifer Stalvey for GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs
- Cathy Jones for GFWC Georgia President

The committee thanks this administration for allowing us to serve in this capacity.

A short, bulleted bio of each candidate follows. A more detailed biography can be found in the Call to Convention or by clicking the button below.

[Click Here For Complete Biographies](#)

**MEET THE CANDIDATES**

- CATHY JONES**  
GFWC GEORGIA PRESIDENT
- JENNIFER STALVEY**  
GFWC GEORGIA DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS
- DALE REDDICK**  
GFWC GEORGIA THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
- PEGGY WILSON**  
GFWC GEORGIA FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT
- CIMI DOUGLASS**  
GFWC GEORGIA SECRETARY
- JULIE WALTERS**  
GFWC GEORGIA SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

## CATHY JONES



### 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia President

- Member of the GFWC Vienna Woman's Club since 1977 and the GFWC South West District.
- Served as the Club Officer: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Parliamentarian.
- Chosen as the New Club Member in 1977.
- Chosen as Member of the Year in 1979 and 1984.
- Served as a District Officer: President, Junior Director, First Vice President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Recording Secretary.
- Chaired District Committees: Awards, Nominations, Credentials, Education, Public Issues, and Environment.
- Awarded the District's EG Sparks Family of the Year in 1983.
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Officer: Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Third Vice President, Second Vice President, and First Vice President/President-Elect.
- Served as Recording Secretary and a Member-At-Large of the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference.
- Awarded the Irene J. Watts Outstanding Clubwoman in 1994.
- Chaired State Committees: Arts, Conservation, Public Affairs, Bylaws, and Education.
- Served as President of the Past District Presidents Club.
- Member of the Tallulah Falls Board of Trustees from 1990-1992.
- Chaired the State President's Special Projects, "Healthy Heart" from 2004-2006 and "Gift of Life" from 2006-2008.
- Served as Recording Secretary of the Ella F. White Committee.
- Winner of the GaFWC Member Short Story Contest in 2010.
- Retired Georgia Educator after 36 years.
- Married to Verlin, and they have two children and three grandchildren.

## JENNIFER STALVEY



### 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs

- Member of the GFWC Valdosta Junior Woman's Club since 2003 and the GFWC South West District.
- Served as a Club Officer: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- Served as District Treasurer from 2014-2016.
- Served as the Junior Conference Officer: Treasurer (twice), First Vice President, and Second Vice President (twice),

## PEGGY WILSON



### 2024-2026 First Vice President/President-Elect

- Member of the GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club since 1991 and the GFWC Central West District.
- Served as a Club Officer: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Parliamentary Advisor.
- Chaired Club Committees: Budget and Finance, Membership, Social, Nominating, and Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- Chosen as the Club Family of the Year in 2007.
- Chosen as Club Woman of the Year in 2008.
- Instituted BUNCO Night as a Club Fundraiser.
- Chaired the Club's Fashion Show for 18 years.

- Served as a District Officer: President (twice), Second Vice President, Treasurer, Parliamentary Advisor (twice), Recording Secretary (twice), and Corresponding Secretary (twice).
- Chaired District Committees: Arts, Awards, Conservation, Credentials, and Fundraising.
- Served on District Redistricting Committee.
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Officer: Recording Secretary, Third Vice President, and Second Vice President
- Chaired State Committees: Education, President's Special Committees, and President's Special Project for Healthy Planet.
- Served on State Redistricting Committee.
- Served as Convention Chairman for GFWC Georgia (2016).
- Served as Southern Regional Conference Chairman (2016-2017).
- Compiled, formatted, and edited "Georgia on My Mind," a booklet of inspirations, inductions, installations, and memorials.
- Jennie Award Winner for GFWC Georgia in 2023.
- One of two Jennie Award Winners for the Southern Region in 2023.
- Retired Georgia Educator after 36 years.
- Widowed and has one son and two grandchildren.

## JULIE WALTERS



### 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Second Vice President

- Member of the GFWC Four Corners Woman's Club and the GFWC Central East District.
- GFWC Georgia Member since 1993.
- Served as a Club Officer: President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Chaired Club Committees: Education and Libraries.
- Chosen as the Club Outstanding Service Aware in 1997.
- Chosen as Club Woman of the Year in 1998 and 2017.
- Served as a District Officer: President, First Vice President, Treasurer, Parliamentary Advisor (three times), and Corresponding Secretary.
- Served as District Junior Director in 2002-2004.
- Chaired District Committees: Education, Bylaws/Resolution, Fundraising, 10<sup>th</sup> District GFWC Georgia Convention.
- Served as the 10<sup>th</sup> District Junior Conference Chairman for 113<sup>th</sup> Georgia Convention in 2008-2009.
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Officer: Recording Secretary and Third Vice President.
- Served as the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Fundraising Chairman, Tallulah Falls Chairman, Legislation & Public Policy Chairman, and Communication and Identity Chairman.
- Chaired State Committees: Conservation, Credentials, GFWC Georgia Conventions.
- Member of the Tallulah Falls Board of Associates 2014-2016.
- Was Georgia Co-Chairman for the 2020 GFWC Convention.
- Awarded the GaFWS Junior Family of the Year at the club, district, and Junior Conference levels in 2000.
- Was Georgia Chairman for the Southern Region Conference in 2017 and Southern Region Tour Chairman in 2020.
- Served as Convention Co-Chairman for the 2020 GFWC Convention in Atlanta 2020.
- Served as Convention Chairman for the 2021 GFWC Convention in Toronto/Atlanta 2021.
- Presented at the Public Relations Workshop at the 2002 GFWC International Convention in Orlando, the Fundraising Workshop at the 2011 GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee, and the Excel Workshop at the 2018 GFWC International Convention in St. Louis.
- Created the Projects Booklets at the Lunch and Learn for the 2019 GFWC International Convention in Austin.
- Created the Volunteer Training Booklet and held six training sessions for volunteers at the 2021 GFWC International Convention in Atlanta.
- Is employed by the Georgia Department of Human Service as the Assistant Deputy Commissioner/Operations.
- Married to Wayne, and they have four children and three grandchildren.

## DALE REDDICK



### 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Third Vice President

- Member of GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club since 1983 and the GFWC South East District.
- Served as a Club Officer: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary.
- Chaired Club Committees: Home Life, Public Issues, Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP, Tallulah Falls School, GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, Pageant, Arts and Crafts Festival, and Relay for Life.
- Chosen as the Club's Outstanding Club Woman of the Year and the Club's Outstanding Citizen of the Year.
- Served as a District Officer: President, Junior Director, Second Vice President, and Parliamentary Advisor.
- Chaired District Committees: Awards, Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP, and GFWC Signature Project: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention.
- Awarded the First District Outstanding Junior Clubwoman and First District Outstanding Junior Citizen.
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Officer: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Parliamentary Advisor.
- Chaired Junior Conference Committees: Tallulah Falls School and Bylaws.
- Awarded the Irene J. Watts Outstanding Clubwoman and the Junior Conference Outstanding Citizen.
- Served as GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs from 1996-1998.
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Officer: Treasurer and Recording Secretary.
- Chaired State Committees: Public Issues, Bylaws, Awards, President's Special Project – Foster Care/Adoptions, GFWC President's Special Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, Long-Range Planning, and GFWC Convention.
- Previously served on the Tallulah Falls Board of Trustees.

## CIMI DOUGLASS



### 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Secretary

- Member of the GFWC Roswell Cares Service League, The Atlanta Woman's Club, and the GFWC North West District.
- Member of GFWC Georgia since 2008.
- Served as a Club Officer: President and First Vice President.
- Member of the Board of Trustees of The Atlanta Woman's Club from 2012-2018, serving as Secretary in 2014.
- Chaired Club Committees: Webmaster/Communications.
- Created "A Seeded Event Program" while a member of the Fundraising Committee in 2014.
- Created The Atlanta Woman's Club's Wikipedia page in 2013.
- Created The Atlanta Woman's Club's Social Media presence in 2012.
- Was Newsletter Editor for The Atlanta Woman's Club from 2009-2013.
- Served as a District Officer: President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President.
- Served as a District Committee Chair: Women's History (Ella, Lipscomb), President's Special Project.
- Served as the 5<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter/Clubwoman representative.
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Officer: Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary.
- Chaired State's Website and Content and served as Webmaster from 2016 to now.
- Served as Credentials Chair for the 2017 Southern Region Conference in 2017.
- Served on the GFWC Georgia CPR Team from 2017-2020.
- Served as 5<sup>th</sup> District Representative to the GFWC Georgia State Transition Team in 2015.
- Co-Chairman of the 2025 GFWC Convention.
- Is employed by Balch & Bingham as Marketing/Attorney Recruiting/Practice Development Coordinator.
- Married to Wynn, and they have two children.

# Junior Conference Parliamentary Advisor— Kathryn Youles

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## 2024 GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Nominating Committee

The GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Nominating Committee, comprised of the Junior Conference Parliamentary Advisor as its chair and representatives from junior clubs met to select the nominees for the 2024 Junior Conference Board.

Members serving on the committee were:

- Kathryn Youles, Chairman
- Christine Steel, Nominating Committee member
- Amanda Mann, Nominating Committee Member
- Shelby Holland, Nominating Committee Member
- Annette Belk, Nominating Committee Member

The committee was previously sent the credentials for all of the candidates who were running for office for the 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Junior Board. The committee reviewed these credentials and found them to be in order. All the nominees accepted their prospective positions.

The nominees for the 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Board are:

- Tina Neese for 1st Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs-Elect
- Sandy Powell for 2nd Vice President
- Shantelle Grant for Recording Secretary
- Becky Smith for Treasurer

A short bulleted bio of each nominee follows. A more detailed biography can be found in the Call to Convention or by clicking the button below.

[Click Here For Complete Biographies](#)

**MEET THE NOMINEES**

 <b>JENNIFER STALVEY</b> GFWC GEORGIA DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS	 <b>TINA NEESE</b> GFWC GEORGIA JUNIOR CONFERENCE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS-ELECT	 <b>SANDY POWELL</b> GFWC GEORGIA JUNIOR CONFERENCE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
	 <b>SHANTELE GRANT</b> GFWC GEORGIA JUNIOR CONFERENCE RECORDING SECRETARY	 <b>BECKY SMITH</b> GFWC GEORGIA JUNIOR CONFERENCE TREASURER



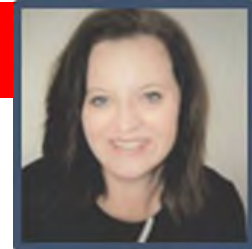
## JENNIFER STALVEY



### 2024-2026 GFWC GEORGIA DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS

- Member of the GFWC Valdosta Junior Woman's Club since 2003 and the GFWC Georgia South West District.
- Served as a Club Officer: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- Served as District Officer: Junior Director (2012-2014 and 2022-2024), Treasurer (2014-2016), Junior Director's State Project: Help is a 4-Legged Word (2012-2014).
- Served GFWC Georgia: Historian (2018-2020) and Eighth District Junior Clubs Convention Chairman (2015).
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Officer: Treasurer (2016-2018 and 2018-2020), First Vice President/President-Elect (2022-2024), and Second Vice President (2014-2016 and 2020-2022)
- Served the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference: Bylaws and Resolutions Chairman (2020-2022).

## TINA NEESE



### 2024-2026 GFWC GEORGIA JUNIOR CONFERENCE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS-ELECT

- Member of the GFWC VIOLETS Junior Woman's Club since 2012 (Charter Member) and the GFWC Georgia Central East District. Former member of GFWC Covington Junior Woman's Club, GFWC Four Corners Woman's Club, and GFWC Service Guild of Covington. GFWC Georgia member since 1990.
- Served as Club Officer and Committee Chairman: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentary Advisor, TFS Chairman, and Public Affairs Chairman.
- Chosen as Club Woman of the Year (2010) and Club Citizen of the Year (2012).
- Served as Eastside Junior Guild Advisor (2004-2014) and Jasper County Leading Ladies Advisor (2014-2015).
- Served as District Officer and Committee Chairman: President (2008-2010), First Vice President (2007-2008), Central East Junior Director (2022-2024), Special Projects Chairman (2006-2008) and Education Chairman (2000-2002).
- Chosen 10<sup>th</sup> District Family of the Year (2009).
- Chosen GFWC Georgia LEADS candidate for GFWC (2008).
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Officer: Recording Secretary (2010-2012), Third Vice President (2012-2014), Second Vice President (2014-2016), First Vice President/President-Elect (2016-2018), President (2018-2020).
- Served as the Literacy/Mentoring Chairman of the GFWC Georgia Education Committee (2000-2002)
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Officer: Second Vice President (2022-2024).
- Awarded the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Outstanding Citizen (2014).
- Member of the Tallulah Falls School Board of Trustees (2008-2010, 2016-2018, and 2018-2020).
- Chaired the GFWC Georgia 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2020-2022).
- Chaired the State President's Special Project: Wellspring Living (2022-2024).
- Chairman of the GFWC International Community Service Programs: Education & Libraries (2020-2022) and Environment (2022-2024).
- Member of the TFS Board of Associates (2016-2018).
- Member of the GFWC Board of Directors (2018-2024).

- Presented "Up and Atom" at the GFWC International Convention in Atlanta (August 2021), GFWC Literacy/Mentoring Workshop at the International Headquarters in Washington, DC (2000), and for Heifer International at the GFWC International Convention (2015).
- Is employed as a school counselor and an adjunct professor and contractor with adoption agencies.
- Is a licensed Professional Counselor.

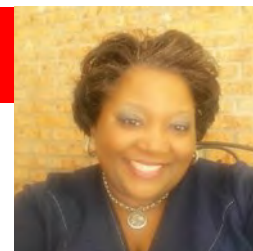
## SANDY POWELL



### 2024-2026 GFWC GEORGIA JUNIOR CONFERENCE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

- Member of the GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman’s Club since 2018 and the GFWC Georgia South East District
- Served as a Club Officer and Committee Chairman: President (2024-2026), First Vice President (2020-2024), Health and Wellness CSP Chairman (2020-2026), and International Outreach CSP Chairman (2018-2020).
- Served as a District Committee Chairman: District Nominating Committee (2020-2022) and Community Impact Program Chairman (2022-2024).
- Received the District Junior Outstanding Citizen Award (2020) and the District Junior Outstanding Clubwoman Award (2021).
- Served as a Junior Conference Officer and Committee Chairman: Recording Secretary (2022-2024), Junior Conference Credentials Chairman (2020-2022).
- Served on the Junior Conference Nominating Committee (2022).
- Received the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Outstanding Citizen Award (2020)
- Received the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Irene J. Watts Outstanding Clubwoman Award (2021).
- Graduate of GFWC Georgia LEADS (2019).

## SHANTELE GRANT



### 2024-2026 GFWC GEORGIA JUNIOR CONFERENCE RECORDING SECRETARY

- Member of the GFWC Toccoa Junior Woman’s Club since 2008 and the GFWC Georgia North East District.
- Served as a Club Officer: Recording Secretary (2009-present), Vice President (2022-present), and Co-President (2020-2022).
- Served as a District Officer and Committee Chairman: Junior Director (2016-2018), (2018-2020), (2020-2022), GFWC Juniors Special Project: Advocates for Children Chairman (2016-2018), and GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs Special Project Chairman (2018-2024).
- Received the Ninth District Irene J. Watts Outstanding Clubwoman Award (2009).
- Received the North East District Junior Outstanding Citizen Award (2017).
- Served as the Junior Clubs State Convention Chairman (2020)
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Committee Chairman: GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs’ Special Project: Mental Health & Invisible Disabilities Awareness Chairman (2020-2022).
- Received the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Outstanding Citizen Award (2017).
- Is employed as the Children’s & Youth Services Director for the Northeast Georgia Regional Library.

# BECKY SMITH



## 2024-2026 GFWC GEORGIA JUNIOR CONFERENCE TREASURER

- Member of the GFWC Tifton Junior Woman’s Club since 2015 and the GFWC Georgia South West District.
- Served as a Club Officer: Treasurer (2020-2026), Second Vice President (2016-2018), and President (2018-2020).
- Served as a District Officer and Committee Chairman: Treasurer (2022-2024), Junior Director (2020-2022), and GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs’ Special Project Chairman (2020-2022).
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Committee Chairman: Junior Clubs State Convention Chairman (2019).
- Graduate of GFWC Georgia LEADS (2023).
- Trustee of the Ella F. White Memorial Endowment Fund (2023-2027).
- Served as a GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs’ Special Project: Veterans, Military Families, Military Youth & Gold Star Families Chairman (2022-2024).



### GFWC Georgia Has a Rebranded Logo!



Have you seen the new logo or better yet, are you using it?

It is the exact same one as the Headquarters uses with the exception that it has our state name in black beneath GFWC’s name spelled out.

And it comes in color, black, horizontal, or vertical versions!

Start using it today!



**GFWC**  
 est. 1890  
**GENERAL FEDERATION  
 OF WOMEN’S CLUBS**  
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Don’t have it? No problem — it is available on the GFWC Member Portal for download.

Simply Log-In to your Account > GFWC Digital Library > Resources > E > GFWC Emblems for States > Georgia



## Arts and Culture - Joyce Broughton

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Because I do appreciate the arts and the romantic in me lives for long, dreamy walks down the craft aisles of Hobby Lobby, it has been my pleasure to serve as your 2022-2024 Arts and Culture Chairman. A part of my responsibility has been to produce the annual art show and competition. While it is an honor to award prizes to the winners, my best part has been seeing the Georgia high school senior's art and what our talented club women produce for the exhibit.

Please join me at the art reception during the Convention in April to see your fellow club women's diverse modes of expression and be inspired by the creative student art.



## Environment - Judine Heard

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As one administration ends and another begins, the work of clubwomen continues. As in the past, our incoming leaders will continue to make recommendations for various projects or organizations we might consider. During this transition, Environment CSP would like to encourage each club, if it has not, to commit to the affiliates that align with Environment CSP. They are [Heifer International](#) and [UNICEF](#).

At its most basic level, Heifer works in 19 countries worldwide alongside local farmers and business owners, providing training so each community can improve the quality of goods they produce. Now through June 30, 2024, GFWC gifts will be matched – doubling the impact of our donations.

UNICEF has been an affiliate of GFWC since 1960. It has supported UNICEF's "work to whenever and wherever children need help. We help deliver support and supplies appropriate to the unique challenges and conditions facing children around the world."

Let us support our affiliates. Whether your club hosts an event or perhaps collects a few dollars from each club member, our affiliates appreciate all efforts. Another consideration would be to post on your social media sites.

### GFWC and Affiliate Organizations

**DID YOU KNOW?**

GFWC partners with a number of dynamic and impactful organizations to improve our communities and better our world. Our partners offer unique and customized services, including: materials, speakers, kits, and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs.

GFWC Affiliate Organizations are grouped by focus among our Signature Program, Juniors' Special Program and Community Service Projects. You can find a full list of GFWC Affiliate Organizations with contact information in our Affiliate Organization Information Guide in the [GFWC Member Portal](#). Our affiliates are:

- Heifer International
- Hope for Justice
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- United Nations Foundation
- Shot@Life Campaign
- Canine Companions
- March of Dimes
- Operation Smile
- U.S. Fund for UNICEF

# GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Deborah Brown

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Ten GFWC Georgia members representing 4 clubs (Lafayette, Lilburn, Morrow Civic, and Stone Mountain) participated in the GA Coalition Against Domestic Violence "Stand with Survivors" Day on February 7, 2024, and advocated for victims of domestic violence at the GA State Capitol. (Photos courtesy of Lois Wolfe, Amy Millican, Andrea Redmond, and Lilburn Woman's Club.)



The Georgia General Assembly has several domestic abuse-related bills before it during this legislative session. Click on the [GCADV special page](#) to review the status of each bill and to take action regarding its passage. One bill the GCADV is watching is:

SB324 — would create a victim-centered address confidentiality program for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and stalking. **Status: Passed Senate, before House.**



## President's Special Project

**Tina Neese**

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During the 2022-2024 administration, awareness has been raised about Wellspring Living and sex trafficking issues in general. We have learned about the issues in our state and support those survivors in many ways.

To recap, we have gathered shoes, made supply boxes for food, hygiene, and cleaning, gathered school supplies in bookbags, and had entertaining fundraisers. We have hit it out of the park at Braves games, had fun at the lake, went on virtual events, made gingerbread houses, had tea parties, been a part of our Day of Service events, played Bingo, dug into our purses for change, and donated trees and other Christmas items.

<b>Monetary Amount Raised</b>	<b>\$35,502.16</b>
<b>In-Kind Donations</b>	<b>\$10,700.00</b>
<b>Current Total</b>	<b>\$46,202.16</b>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>Amount to reach goal</b>	<b>\$3,797.84</b>

Before the end of this administration, we have several more ways to help Wellspring Living, an organization that transforms lives across Georgia and the nation. They have become a model training facility to help other organizations across the United States and Georgia.

We will host the new Executive Director for Wellspring, Christian Murphy, during the state convention.

### Meet Christian Murphy!



Christian Murphy believes that the power of community can help change the world. To this end, she is inspired when able to help others accomplish their goals through their philanthropic endeavors and service. As the CEO at Wellspring Living, she can do just that for those who have been victimized or at risk of sexual exploitation. After joining this team in August of 2022, she quickly saw how providing the critical needs of housing, healing, and education can help survivors on their journey to restoration and the beautiful lives they so richly deserve.

Living a life dedicated to service, she has previously used her dedication to help women and children at DeKalb County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Spelman College, and Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta.

Christian is equally passionate about advocacy and is committed to increasing diversity in the field of philanthropy and works towards that end as the immediate past president of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Atlanta Chapter Board of Directors. She is a member of the Atlanta Chapter of Twelve Days of Christmas, Inc., LEAD Atlanta Class of 2022, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She also proudly serves on the DeKalb County CASA and Amana West Charter School boards.

A final fundraiser will be our March "Happy 23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to Wellspring Living." Please consider donating \$23 per person. A form has been included for you to submit to the state office by March 31, 2024. Give up a cola or coffee each day in March and set this money aside to donate to a great cause. Plan a club fundraiser to donate \$23 from your club (play bingo or another fun game).

A final check will be given to Wellspring Living at the convention.



*Wellspring Living*  
*23 Year Celebration*



*President Kim Sekulow's Special Project*

Please donate \$23 to celebrate and honor the 23 years Wellspring Living has impacted their participants' lives. If 1,000 of our club women gave \$23 during March, GFWC Georgia could donate \$23,000! If members cannot donate \$23 each, discuss ways to hold a fundraiser to contribute \$23/member. One way to fundraise would be to have members donate \$1 daily and give up coffee or cola that would have been spent. Provide a jar to each member to bring to your March meeting with the \$23. Monies should be collected during March, and a club check/individual check should be sent to GFWC Georgia (Wellspring Anniversary in the note of check), P. O. Box 39, Tallulah Falls, GA 30573, by March 31. We will present one check to Wellspring Living at our April convention.

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name, if individual donor: \_\_\_\_\_

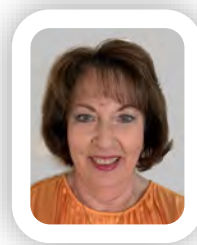
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Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check by March 31 to the State Office! THANKS!!!

## LEADERSHIP/LEADS

Becky Bolden, Chairman  
 Diane DeGaetano, Co-Chairman  
 Shirene Daniell, Co-Chairman  
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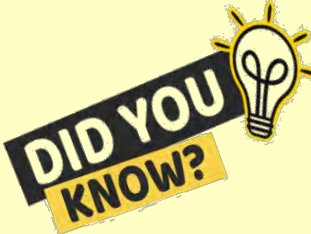
Thank you to every club that submitted a Leadership report. We had:





- 28 Georgia clubs reported
- 17,015 hours spent on leadership
- \$26,464.71 in club funds spent
- \$36,716.28 in kind dollars spent
- 771 members participated in
- 211 leadership projects.

These are incredible numbers as we continue to build GFWC leadership in Georgia.

The leadership committee encourages each club to invite a community leader to one of your 2024 meetings. Ask them to share their leadership journey with your club members. It can be your mayor, county school superintendent, school principal, local business owner, or nursing director, and the list is endless. You will create bonds with your community and learn different leadership styles. Another idea is to host a leadership summit for your community and invite several leaders. Consider recording and sharing on your Club's Facebook public page. Learning from the experiences of other leaders is inspirational and a great leadership tool.







*are great resources for all members!*

**What are these resources?** They are monthly prerecorded presentations that offer quick tips, strategies, and tools to GFWC members on a variety of topics from the GFWC Communications and Public Relations, Membership, and Leadership Chairmen.

**Where to find these resources?** These resources are part of the GFWC Advancements and Programs Forum Facebook group.

**How do I access these resources?** Search Facebook for the title "GFWC Advancements and Programs Forum." Click on Join, answer the Membership Questions, and wait for your approval.

**What is this group?** It's a private Facebook group with daily posts, mini workshops, live video streams, interviews designed to support, inspire, and empower the GFWC membership.

**Are these resources only available on the day posted?** No, they are prerecorded and simply posted to the Facebook Forum page on the appropriate day (either Tuesday or Thursday) once a month.

**What if I can't view them on the day they are posted?** No problem! As they are prerecorded, they are available in the Media section of the Forum page and can be watched and rewatched at your convenience.

**What are some of the topics covered?** In recent months, *Teach It Tuesday* featured information about Branding and the updated GFWC Style Guide and the importance of Mentoring to membership, *Thumbs Up Thursday* featured tips to help make meetings run smoothly and a step-by-step plan to organizing fundraising events.

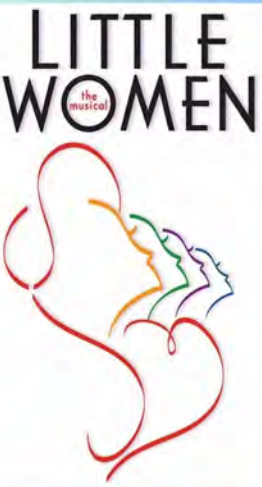
**What coming up?** In March, *Teach It Tuesday* (March 12) will feature suggestions for transition planning and *Thumbs Up Thursday* will include information and tips about entering the GFWC Photography Contest.





# TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

*Character. Academics. Spirit. Athletics.*



**LITTLE WOMEN**  
the musical

**11:00 am -- Brunch (Free)**  
**12:30 pm -- Tour of Lipscomb Cottage**  
**2:00 pm - Matinee performance of *Little Women***  
**3:30-3:45 pm -- Head Home**

**The GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club invites you to join them for a day at Tallulah Falls School -- brunch at the TFS dining hall with the students, tour of the Lipscomb Cottage with Martha Lee telling the ghost story, and the matinee performance of *Little Women* by the TFS drama and choral departments.**

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024**

**Cost: \$20 with \$5 going to the State President's TFS Project**

*Contact: Renette Todd --  
rwtandjct@bellsouth.net by March 15, 2024.*

Join the GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club as they host a day at Tallulah Falls School on Saturday, March 23, 2024. The day begins with a FREE Brunch in the TFS Dining Hall with the students, then a tour of the Lipscomb Cottage with Martha Lee Sherman telling the ghost story (and sharing personal experiences), and followed by a matinee performance of *Little Women, the Musical* by the TFS drama and choral departments. Tickets — \$20 with \$5 going to Kim's TFS Project — "Gertrude Needs a Facelift." A fun-filled day!

Contact Renette Todd by March 15, 2024 — [rwtandjct@bellsouth.net](mailto:rwtandjct@bellsouth.net) for more information and tickets.

## Did You Know?



Due to demand, Tallulah Falls School will be opening a new 4th-grade class for the 2024-2025 academic year. The current class is at full capacity with a wait-list.

The school will host preview events on Friday, March 1, and Friday, March 22, so interested parents can meet with school administrators, faculty, students, and current parents. The event will include tours of the lower and middle school campus and natatorium.

### Upcoming Events

March 28—April 7  
May 21  
May 22  
May 23  
May 24

Spring Break  
Middle School Awards Day & Graduation  
9th-11th Grades Awards Day  
Senior Awards Day  
Upper School Graduation

# GFWC At a Glance

## SAVE THE DATE 2024 GFWC Annual Convention June 29 – July 1 Chicago, Illinois



Hotel reservations are being accepted for the Annual Convention via the GFWC website. Room rates are \$229 + taxes + fees. [Click here](#) to access the hotel reservation page.

Registration for the 2024 Convention will open in early March. The Official Call to Convention and registration information will be online on the [GFWC page](#) and registration information will be included in *News & Notes*. Check the website for regular additions and updates as plans are finalized.

## The Best of Flanders



The GFWC and Discover Europe have partnered again to craft an itinerary that highlights the best of Holland and Belgium.

The pace is never frantic, yet the days are pleasantly full and there are bound to be some unexpected diversions and adventures along the way. Your tour guide will provide background history, anecdotes, and an insight into Dutch life as you travel around.

Join us on an unforgettable journey through a country that is bursting with art and culture that are enjoyable year-round!



July 22<sup>nd</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Join International President Deb Strahanoski as she hosts a visit to Holland and the northern region of Belgium, known as Flanders, on July 22 to August 1, 2024.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the cultures with your GFWC sisters. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register soon to participate! [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

## Save the Date



## Haven't read the Winter 2024 issue of the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine?

[Click on the magazine](#) to read all about:

- The candidates for the 2024-2026 Executive Committee.
- Messages from the International President and Director of Junior Clubs.
- Renovations to the GFWC Headquarters.
- More



## Member Portal

A comprehensive digital library of members-only resources and documents to help clubs and individuals make a difference in their communities through volunteer service. Check back often as new and updated materials are added. Haven't signed up? No problem — [click here](#) for all the details on how to access this invaluable resource for members.



GFWC Georgia is proud to be selected as the state sponsor for incoming President Suellen Brazil’s 2025 international convention. During this convention, GFWC Georgia will be responsible for various items, including volunteers, welcome table, tour captains/favors, GFWC Executive Committee dinner, State Night, all décor and table favors for all meal functions and assemblies, gifts for GFWC Executive Committee members, Booster Suite snacks, and a few other items. GFWC Georgia funds all of these. The team has developed a budget for the items and a fundraising plan to raise money to host a spectacular event. Each district has a fundraising committee member who will be the facilitator for bringing the fundraisers to all GFWC Georgia members. Please support the fundraising efforts.

**Current goal to raise: \$17,127.35.**

Thanks to several fundraising efforts so far, we have raised close to \$3,400 through Institute, SRC, district meetings, and BoBo balloon events.

***Have you visited the GFWC Georgia website recently?***

Since January 2024, our PURPLE PASSION FASHION items will be on sale on the website. These items include the Oscar-winning pin, Emmy butterfly pin, Academy Award ring, and People’s Choice earrings. If you purchase any of these items, your name will be listed in the State Night sponsorship program.

***How can you help?***

1. **Support the fundraising efforts.**
2. **Be a volunteer!** *There will be several times before the event, and during the event, we will need lots of volunteers.* Plan to be a part of the décor team. Each district has a décor committee member. The décor has been planned and is awaiting approval from GFWC’s Incoming International President, Suellen Brazil. Upon her approval, the team will be able to move forward with the plans. Each district will be responsible for two events during the convention. Be a part of the team for your district that makes the items, helps set up the tables at the convention, and then disposes/donates the items.
3. **Be a hostess on State Night!** Julie Walters is the chair for State Night. Julie Wilson and her team will be responsible for gathering all the event volunteers. Please say yes when asked about volunteering!

**If you have any questions about the event and ways you want to be involved, please reach out to the following:**

Tina Neese, Chairman at [tinadaniel1224@gmail.com](mailto:tinadaniel1224@gmail.com) or

Cimi Douglass, Co-Chairman at [cimidouglass@gmail.com](mailto:cimidouglass@gmail.com)



**June 6-9, 2025**

# GFWC Georgia's

# WOMEN OF COURAGE

## March is Women's History Month.

Clubs were asked to celebrate this event by submitting the name of a member who has shown exceptional courage and dedication to the club -- someone who has gone above and beyond in serving her community or has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills within the federation.

*Congratulations to the 2024 Women of Courage!*

MARCH IS  
WOMEN'S  
HISTORY  
MONTH



THE GEORGIA CLUBWOMAN

[Click Here For More About These Women](#)

# WOMEN OF COURAGE



**MARLENE GARNER**  
GFWC Buchanan



**CINDY TISDALE**  
GFWC Marietta



**GENIE MCCOOK**  
GFWC Augusta Junior



**GEORGE ANN HOFFMAN**  
GFWC Stone Mountain



**LYNDA BARRS**  
GFWC Tifton



**LINDA HARRELSON**  
GFWC Morrow Civic

# WOMEN OF COURAGE



**PAT SWAN**  
GFWC Lilburn



**SANDI QUATTLEBAUM**  
GFWC Woodbine



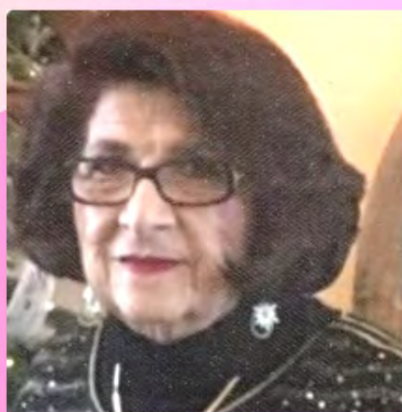
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GFWC West Georgia



**MYRA CARMON**  
The Atlanta



**PENNY SMITH**  
GFWC Brunswick



**JOANNE GARMANY**  
GFWC LaFayette

# WOMEN OF COURAGE



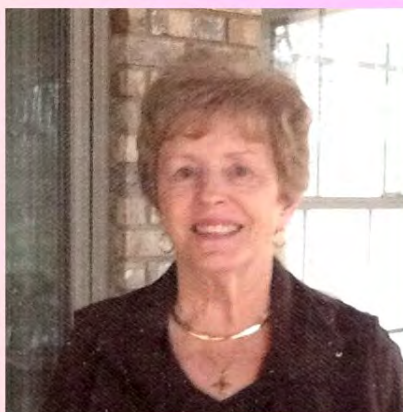
**BRENDA MARTIN**  
GFWC Gainesville Phoenix



**CAROLYN FREIDLANDER**  
GFWC Moultrie Federated



**DEBBY VANDERBUNT**  
GFWC Heartland



**KAY CLEVELAND**  
GFWC Hartwell Service



**AVERNELL ROGERS**  
GFWC Azalea City

## *Club Life* **Around the State**

January — the month of new beginnings, fresh starts, a new year — saw many clubs install new officers, induct new members, recognize membership milestones, and make plans for this new year. Members were busy this month completing their reports for 2023.

February — the month of love and friendship — saw many clubs "rocking the red" as they brought attention to February as American Heart Month and the importance of women taking care of their hearts. This month saw clubs sponsor events to warm the winter chill, help children and the needy, and spread the Valentine love.



[Click Here](#)  
[for a Scrapbook of Club Activities for](#)  
[January and February 2024](#)





# A Look Ahead



**GFWC South East District Annual Meeting**

Saturday, March 2, 2024—10:00 A.M.  
Millen, GA

**GFWC Women's History Celebration**

Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
1734 N. Street, NW, Washington, DC

**GFWC Central East District Annual Meeting**

Saturday, March 9, 2024—9:00 A.M.  
Crawford, GA

**GFWC North West District Annual Meeting**

Saturday, March 9, 2024—10:00 A.M.  
Atlanta, GA

**GFWC Central West District Annual Meeting**

Saturday, March 9, 2024 — 10:00 A.M.  
Morrow, GA

**GFWC South West District Annual Meeting**

Saturday, March 9, 2024—10:30 A.M.  
Valdosta, GA

**Federation Fellowship**

Monday, March 11, 2024 via Zoom—7:00 P.M.

**State Officers Report Due State Office**

**GFWC Georgia CSP/Advancement Area Reports Due GFWC**  
Friday, March 15, 2024

**GFWC North East District Annual Meeting**

Saturday, March 30, 2024—9:30 A.M.  
Hartwell, GA

**District Memorial List Due to State Memorials Chairman**

Monday, April 1, 2024

**New Leadership Training for 2024-2026**

Saturday, April 6, 2024  
Vienna, GA

**Federation Fellowship**

Monday, April 8, 2024 via Zoom—7:00 P.M.

**GFWC Georgia Day of Service—Wellspring Living “Dinner Party”**

Saturday, April 20, 2024

**GFWC Volunteers in Action Week**

Sunday, April 21—Saturday, April 27, 2024

**GFWC Federation Day**

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

**GFWC Georgia State Executive Committee**

**Be the Change Coin Collection for Wellspring Living**

Friday, April 26, 2024  
Atlanta, GA

**GFWC Georgia 128th Annual Convention**

Friday, April 26—Sunday, April 28, 2024  
Atlanta Marriott NE/Emory Area  
Atlanta, GA

**GFWC Membership Recruitment Campaign “Sparkle and Shine” Report Due**

Recognition: Diamond—Shine Bright Members added in December, January, and February  
Saturday, June 1, 2024

# Mark Your CALENDAR



Join the Lollipop Guild as we follow the  
**Yellow Brick Road**  
 to the  
**2024 GFWC**  
*128th* Georgia State Convention  
 April 26-28, 2024  
 Marriott Atlanta Northeast  
 2000 Century Blvd, NE  
 Atlanta, GA 30345  
 Bring your **RED** shoes, great friends,  
 and enjoy the journey down the Yellow Brick Road!

**Watch for the Call to the 128<sup>th</sup> GFWC Georgia Convention which will be in your Inbox very soon!!**

It is going to be a wonderful and fun time together as we celebrate our 2023 accomplishments, listen to some great speakers, and enjoy some time together.

The 2024-2026 Officers will also be installed on Sunday morning.

Bring your Red Shoes and let's go down "The Yellow Brick Road" together!!





*Federation Fellowship*

**Join Us** Monthly GFWC Georgia Gatherings

**Second Monday of the Month via Zoom — 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

Click on the button (Federation Fellowship) in the Constant Contact email.

Each session will begin with a "Meet and Greet" from 7:00 to 7:15 pm, a "CPR" Highlight from 7:15 to 7:30 pm, and Questions following the presentation. **ONLY TWO MORE SESSIONS THIS ADMINISTRATION!**



## ***Need to Contact the State Office?***

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**Phone:** 706-754-3127

**Hours:** M-W-F (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)



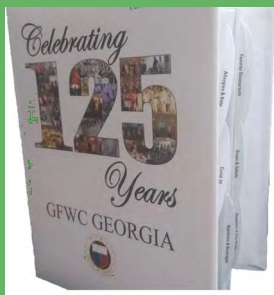
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**GFWC Georgia State Headquarters**

**P.O. Box 39**

**Tallulah Falls, GA 30573**

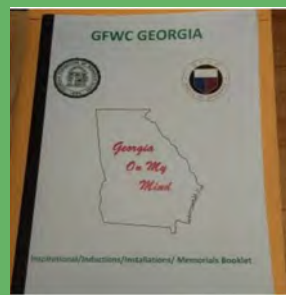
## **GFWC Georgia Marketplace - [www.gfwcgeorgia.org](http://www.gfwcgeorgia.org)**



**\$15 125 Years Celebration Cookbook.** Commemorative cookbook for the 125th Anniversary of GFWC Georgia. Recipes submitted by Georgia clubwomen.



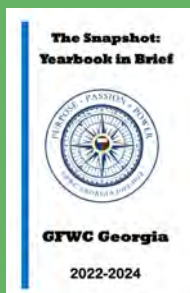
**\$30 2023 Bling T-Shirt.** Short-sleeved, V-neck T-shirt that runs true to size.



**\$5 "Georgia on My Mind" Ceremonies Book.** Includes inspirations, ceremonies, and memorials. Compiled by Peggy Wilson.



**\$10 Shawl**  
A white/silver fringed shawl to have for special occasions. Size 19" x 70"



**\$10 Snapshot**  
A spiral bound brief of the yearbook



**\$20 Large Garment bag**  
24"x54" black with gold GFWC logo



**\$15 Clear Tote**  
Clear vinyl 12"x12"x6", GFWC logo in silver



**\$10 Clear Wristlet**  
Clear vinyl 6"x9" with GFWC logo in silver,



**\$10 6 oz Stainless steel tumbler** in emerald green, GFWC logo in white. plastic liner and push-on lid features a swivel mechanism to help reduce spills or leaks

## Find Your Passion Contest

*Let's make reading this newsletter interesting! Last chance to win \$25!*



**CONGRATULATIONS, Opal Wilder!** *Opal was the January winner of Find Your Passion Contest.*

**Where are the compasses?** We have hidden several compasses (Kim's symbol and other examples) throughout the newsletter. They may be hiding in plain sight or in articles and photos. Count the number you find. **Then, send your name, club name, home address, and the number of compasses you find to [news@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:news@gfwcgeorgia.org)**

Deadline to enter — **March 18, 2024 by 11:59 p.m. Only one entry per person.**

The winner (of those submitting the correct number) will be announced on GFWC Georgia Members Facebook page and in the next issue of *The Georgia Clubwoman*.

Prize: **\$25 Amazon Gift Card**



May there always be work  
for your hands to do.  
May your purse always hold  
a coin or two.  
May the sun always shine  
on your windowpane.  
May a rainbow be certain  
to follow each rain.  
May the hand of a friend  
always be near you.  
May God fill your heart with  
gladness to cheer you.

- An Irish Blessing



- ◆ *Have you liked GFWC Georgia and GFWC on Facebook?*
- ◆ *Have you visited the GFWC Georgia or GFWC websites?*
- ◆ *Have you sent your Club newsletters to [news@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:news@gfwcgeorgia.org)?*

***If not, then please do so!***

We would love to hear from you about your club activities. Please send articles, photos, and comments to: [news@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:news@gfwcgeorgia.org).

Deadline for the May issue is **May 17, 2024.**

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