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A Message From Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford

Dear GFWC Mississippi Club Members and Junioresettes,

As the Christmas season fills our hearts with joy, reflection, and gratitude, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the incredible service you provide to your communities throughout the year.

Your dedication to volunteering embodies the true spirit of the season—generosity, compassion, and kindness. Through your projects, outreach, and countless hours of service, you have made a meaningful difference in the lives of others and strengthened the communities you serve. GFWC Mississippi is proud to be represented by clubs whose commitment and leadership inspire positive change.



At Christmas, we are reminded that even small acts of kindness can bring light and hope. Your collective efforts remind us that service is a gift that keeps giving, not only during the holidays, but all year long.

May this Christmas bring you peace, joy, and well-deserved rest, and may the New Year be filled with renewed energy, continued fellowship, and opportunities to serve.

Thank you for all that you do and for being the heart of GFWC Mississippi.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

With warmest regards,

In Federation Love,

Carolyn

Carolyn Tedford
2024-2026 President
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs,
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Color Me →



Merry Christmas

MAY THE SPIRIT OF LOVE AND PEACE FILL
YOUR HEART WITH WARMTH THIS FESTIVE
SEASON.



Messages from MFWC District Presidents

Janae Winter

Northern District President

I would like to thank all the clubs of the Northern District for their hard work and volunteer efforts this past year.



Our 2026 District Convention will be held on March 21, 2026 in Tunica, MS. I will be getting more information out to you as the convention date approaches.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.



Shirley Wiltshire

Southern District President

MFWC Southern District

WOW! What a year! Our 2025 District Convention hosted by the Gulfport Woman's Club Had 18 tornadoes whirling around the night and morning of convention. So at 6 PM on Friday adjustments were made to the podium book! Thanks to President Carolyn Tedford, we coordinated and set up a Zoom meeting for club members due to weather was unable to travel to the District Convention. Fast tracked the convention.



Our Speaker from the Center for Non-Violence was very informative about needs in South Mississippi for Domestic Violence and Human Trafficked Victims. She was our guest at the State Convention Pajama Party! Thankfully all that traveled to the convention made it home safely.

In April we hosted the MFWC State Convention on the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast. So proud of how each club helped everything run so smoothly. And oh the opportunities to own. Everyone was so generous. And thanks to everyone's generosity, items left with the "New to You" was donated to two non-profits on the coast. The PJ party was a huge success with lots of pajamas donated to the Center for Non-Violence.

Looking forward to a calmer 2026 Convention on March 28 in Meadville hosted by the Homochitto Heritage Club.

Diane Rouse

Central District President

Thanks to all the clubs for getting in Dues and for all the hard work they are doing to make a successful club year and make a lasting impact in your communities.



Merry Christmas and Happy 2026





Winter Board Meeting & MS LEADS Workshop

February 21, 2026

**MS Library Commission
3881 Eastwood Drive
Jackson, MS 39216**

**9:00 a.m. to
3:00 p.m.**

Partnership Survey



In 2026, the **Mississippi Library Commission** (MLC) will celebrate one hundred years since its founding, an achievement made possible through the early support of the **Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs** (MFWC). As we look toward the next century of service, MLC is excited to dedicate more resources to its **Center for the Book** program, which promotes reading, libraries, and literacy across Mississippi.

In support of this renewed focus, MLC has launched several initiatives, including programming tools to support MLC's Great Reads picks which were featured at the state and national book festivals; the America 250-Mississippi initiative, Come Read with Us; and discussions about partnerships with Jumpstart's Read for the Record and MS. Dept of Education's Strong Readers, Strong Leaders.

MLC would also like to strengthen and support existing efforts within MFWC districts that focus on reading, libraries, and literacy. To help us better understand how MLC can collaborate with MFWC to create meaningful partnerships and expand our shared impact, please take a few minutes to complete the following survey:

We are especially delighted about the possibility of partnering with the Women's Federation Clubs to help champion literacy initiatives statewide. To better understand the wonderful work you are already doing, we've attached a brief survey. This will help us learn about your current projects and explore ways we can collaborate and bring even greater awareness to these important efforts.

You'll find both a digital survey, which can be completed online. Please complete the survey before January 19, 2026. Here is the digital survey link - [Center for the Book Survey – Fill out form](#)

We look forward to discovering all the amazing literacy initiatives you support, and to the possibility of working together to make an even bigger impact!

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GFWC-MFWC Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) Handbook



“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” —Garrison Keillor



Introduction:

During the 2024-2026 Administration under the guidance of Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, the GFWC-MFWC Epsilon Sigma Omicron program was revised to meet the needs of our clubwomen wishing to do planned reading for self-enrichment and personal growth.

ESO can take the form of a reading group or an individual's personal reading pursuit. The program provides membership, awards/certificates, pins, reading lists, and a framework in which to pursue continued self-improvement through reading. Many clubs combine club programming with ESO related activities, such as reading awareness and book promotion.

Today ESO is part of the GFWC Education and Libraries Community Service Program with clubs across the country continuing to participate in this self-improvement reading program. Since 1928, ESO has evolved into a diverse program with state chapters personalizing their programs based on clubwomen's needs and their communities. ESO members should follow the guidelines of their state ESO chapter.

ESO in Mississippi

How To Become A ESO Member

Step 1:

Contact the state ESO chairman to receive your copy of our ESO guidelines. You may also visit our ESO page on our website for a copy of our Handbook, Pledge Application, Reading List and Book Report.

Step 2:

Interested GFWC members must first pass through the ESO pledge stage before they can become ESO members. The completion of an ESO application is needed before a pledge can begin working towards membership status. The pledge application must be sent to the GFWC-MFWC ESO chairman, who will begin tracking the pledge's progress. A pledge qualifies for membership at her own pace, finishing in a few weeks or working slowly throughout a longer period of time. After proper completion of 16 books, the pledge receives a certificate verifying her ESO membership GFWC-MFWC ESO Chapter.

Moving Through The Levels

Reading is, of course, the main responsibility of an ESO member. The following steps must be followed to move through the ESO levels from Pledge to Diamond.

Step 1: Using the approved GFWC-MFWC ESO category listing, pick your first four categories. Then read and report on four books from that category. What books do you read to complete your chosen categories? You may pick from the GFWC ESO Reading list or choose a book of your choice. Your chosen books must be listed in the genre section that matches the GFWC-MFWC Approved Reading Categories, be listed in the Library of Congress and must have been read after your pledge date. Use Goodreads website (www.goodreads.com) to determine what genre your book falls in. You do not have to join Goodreads to take advantage of the genre listing for each book in which you wish to read. Use only the first five listings of genres listed for the book of your choice. Example: from the Goodreads home page, enter the title of your book in the "Search Books" search box and press the magnifying glass. Type in "Marley and Me". You will be redirected to a page with the picture of the book cover, title of the

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GFWC-MFWC ESO



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book, author of the book, short description of the book and then the genres of the book. In this example, nonfiction, memoir, animals, biography, dog and humor are listed. You may list this book in the above categories that match the GFWC-MFWC Approved Categories List. In this example, the book *Marley and Me* will fall into the following GFWC-MFWC approved categories: Biography and Memoir or Comedy/Humor. A book can only be listed in one category.

Step 2: Once books are completed, the member is required to complete a brief form, giving the title and a **brief opinion** of the book read. The ESO Book Report Form is submitted to the GFWC-MFWC State ESO chair to keep track of each member's ESO levels, which are based on the number of books read and reports submitted. ESO Book Report Form will not be returned, so be sure to keep a copy for your records. The State ESO Chairmen and/or State President will issue certificates and awards at the Annual State Convention based on report forms received.

ESO LEVELS

There are many opportunities for ESO members to work their way up through the ESO levels. Clubwomen move to a new ESO level by completing a set of reading list requirements. The reading list is divided into subject categories. To complete a category, a member must read and report on four (4) books from that category.

Pledge. A Pledge has obtained an enrollment application and has started to fulfill the reading requirements.

Member. A Member has completed four books from four different categories, for a total of 16 books. She is then eligible to wear the ESO pin and receive a membership certificate.

Star Level. A Star level member has completed four books from ten different categories, for a total of 40 books. She will then receive a Star level membership certificate. You only need to read 24 more books in 6 categories to reach this level.

Torch Level. A Torch level member has completed four books from 16 different categories, for a total of 64 books read. She is then eligible to wear the ESO Torch Guard and receive the Torch level membership certificate. You only need to read 24 more books in 6 categories to reach this level.

Century Award. A Century Award member has completed 100 books. She can continue to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Century Award levels and will be eligible to receive the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and/or sixth century membership certificates. For the first Century Award, you need to read only 36 more books.

Diamond Award. A Diamond Award member has completed 1,000 books. She will be eligible to receive a Diamond Award certificate.

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GFWC-MFWC ESO



GFWC-MFWC Approved Categories

The categories or genres listed below are considered to be most popular book genres in the United States as of 2025.

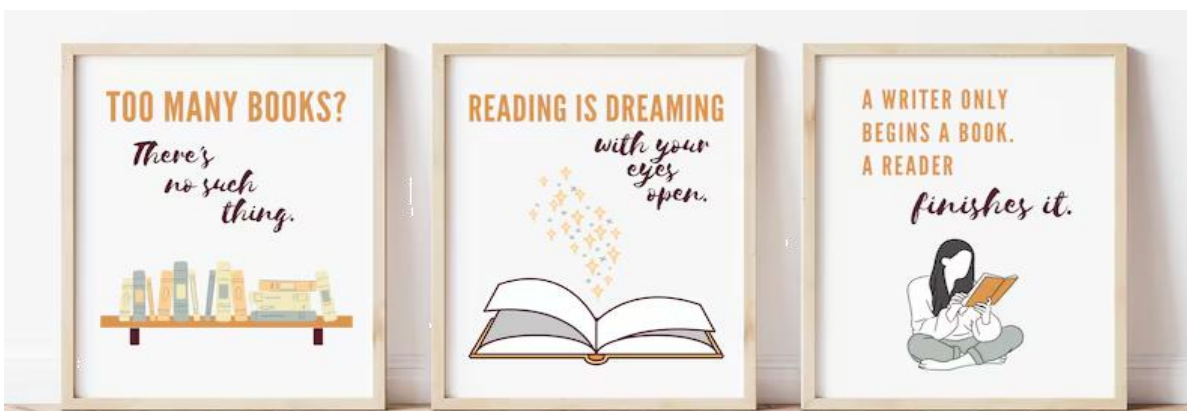
- * American History
- * Arts
- * Biography and Memoir
- * Books about or taking place in Mississippi
- * Business and Finance
- * Comedy/Humor
- * Conservation and Ecology
- * Cookbooks, Food & Drinks
- * Drama
- * Education
- * Fiction, General
- * Fiction, Historical
- * Fiction, Mystery/Thriller
- * Fiction, Romance
- * Fiction, Science/Fantasy
- * Fiction, Classic
- * Fiction, Crime
- * Health and Medicine
- * Home and Garden
- * Horror/Gothic
- * International Authors
- * Mississippi Authors
- * Parenting and Families
- * Poetry
- * Professional
- * Reading to/with Children – Chapter Books
- * Reading to/with Children – Picture Story Books
- * Religion and Inspirational
- * Science
- * Self-help/Personal Development
- * Social Science
- * Sports and Recreation
- * STEM/STEAM Adults
- * STEM/STEAM Children
- * Travel and Geography
- * Volunteering
- * Women's Studies
- * World History

A copy of this information, including all forms, can be found on our website. Use this [link](#) or scan the barcode to the right to access this information.

So, what is stopping you from becoming an GFWC-MFWC ESO members. Be sure to send all reports and pledge applications to Lisa A. Harris at lisaharris@outlook.com.



GFWC-MFWC ESO



SAVE THE DATES

2026 District Conventions

March 7 - Central District
March 21- Northern District
March 28 - Southern District





CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

Frances H. Brown

President-elect and State Membership Chairman



Greetings everyone!

What an exciting time to be a GFWC-MFWC member. Mississippi added three new clubs in 2025. We are in the process of adding a fourth club to our Mississippi Federation. Join me in welcoming GFWC-MFWC She Leads Society, Pontotoc; GFWC-Mississippi Women's Civic League, Iuka; and GFWC-MFWC Juniorette GEMS, Decatur. I am so thankful to Terri Whitehurst, Michelle Sutton, Theresa Buntyn and the GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club for your many hours of hard work in establishing the new clubs. Thank you, Darlene Adams, for your help with the bylaws.

The GFWC Membership Focus for October, November, and December is **Member Value and Benefits of Belonging**. Continue to educate yourself and your members about the value of being a member of your club and GFWC by reviewing the benefits and discounts on the GFWC website. Don't forget the best benefit is the federation friendships.

The upcoming focus for January, February, and March is **Diverse and Inclusive Programming**. Consider all members' needs when planning events and activities. Listen to all members' ideas and make them feel valued and appreciated.

It is a privilege and a challenge to serve as your membership chairman. Let's continue to invite friends and neighbors with a servant's heart to help meet the needs of our fellow Mississippians. I'm only a text or call away. 662-414-1048.

Wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



Memberships

Michelle Sutton

Vice President and Dean of Chairman

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

As we bring 2025 to a close, take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful projects your club has completed in service to your communities. While reflecting, please remember to gather your statistics from January through December and prepare to submit your reports to MFWC.

These reports not only serve as a historical record of your club's work, but they also allow MFWC and GFWC to measure and showcase our collective community, state, and global impact. Reporting helps inspire greater volunteerism worldwide, shape public policy, and secure vital support and grants for our affiliates.

Your 17 area chairmen work diligently to review the reports and submit each area's Top 10 projects to GFWC. I'm proud to share that GFWC-Mississippi truly shined in many categories for the 2024 season!

Congratulations to our recognized clubs and projects:

- GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention: #5 – *GFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club, "Marian's Garden"*
- GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children: #3 – *GFWC Les Amies Juniores of Purvis, "Clothes Closet"*
- Civic Engagement and Outreach: #10 – *GFWC 20th Century Club of Iuka, "Water Security"*
- Education & Libraries: #4 – *GFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club, "Book Parade"*
- Communications & Public Relations: #10 – *GFWC Bruce Juniores Club, "Random Acts of Kindness"*
- Legislation & Public Policy: #5 – *GFWC Les Amies Juniores of Purvis, "Creating Positive Change"*
- Membership: #2 – *GFWC Les Amies Juniores of Purvis, "Progressive Dinner"*

For more information on these projects and other GFWC Top 10 highlights, be sure to visit the GFWC Member Portal. You'll find a wealth of resources to help you plan impactful projects for the 2026 season – the manual is especially valuable for inspiration and guidance.

Reporting Reminders:

- Fillable report forms will be made available on the MFWC website soon.
- **Email your reports directly to each area chairperson.**
- Copy your MFWC President and Vice-President.
- Juniores clubs should also copy the MFWC Juniores Director.
- Reports are due by February 1, 2026.

Please reach out if you need assistance – our officers are happy to meet in person or via Zoom to help as needed.

We are continually working to improve the reporting and judging process, so stay tuned for more updates soon.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a smooth reporting season ahead!



Reporting

Shirley Wiltshire

Communications and Public Relations

What an exciting year to see the social media post about your club's programs and projects. You have used various ways to keep membership engaged and informed the masses about your great club activities. You have worn your GFWC, MFWC or local clubs attire so your communities knew what you were doing to make a difference.



As you assemble your 2025 club reports consider what you have done to promote your club:

- How did you promote your club's projects?
- Did you use GFWC or MFWC emblems to promote your club?
- Did your members wear GFWC or MFWC or local club clothing during club activities.
- How have you promoted your club programs and projects?

Looking forward to reading all your reports in February!

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Communications and Public Relations



*Save The
Date*

**128th Annual State
Convention**

April 24-25, 2026

**Holiday Inn
Pearl, MS**

You Are Invited

SAVE THE DATE.

Do Not Miss It!

- February 21 Winter Executive Board Meeting and MS LEADS Workshop
- March 7 Central District Convention, Quitman, MS
- March 21 Northern District Convention, Tunica, MS
- March 28 Southern District Convention, Bude, MS
- April 24-25 128th Annual State Convention, Pearl, MS



January 1st	State and District Dues Due. If your club does not pay dues by January 1st of each year, your club reports will judged and will not be eligible for awards at any conventions.
February 1st	GFWC-MFWC Reports. The submission email must be received by 11:59 p.m. on February 1st in the year in which entries will be judged. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.
February 1st	GFWC Writing Contest, GFWC-MFWC Challenge Grant and Hebron Memorial Scholarship applications. The submission email must be received by 11:59 p.m. on February 1st in the year in which entries will be judged.
February 10th	MS LEADS, Clubwoman of the Year Award and Juniorette of the Year Award applications. The submission email must be received by 11:59 p.m. on February 10th in the year in which entries will be
February 15th	Scrapbooks and Yearbook Contests. Entry must be postmarked by February 15th of each year to the District Book Chairman.
February 22nd	GFWC Community Impact Program Award. Email entries by 11:59 p.m. on February 22, 2026.
March 1st	GFWC-MFWC Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship and GFWC-MFWC Club History Form. The submission email must be received by 11:59 p.m. on March 1st in the year in which entries will be judged.
March 15th	GFWC Newsletter submission and GFWC Website Contest entries must be submitted on this
District Convention	GFWC Photography Contest. Entry must be presented to the District Photography Contest Chairman before 9:15 a.m. on the morning of your District Convention with correct labeling properly attached and a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver included for each photograph submitted.
District Convention	Mississippi Craft Contest. Entries must be presented to the District Arts/Craft Contest Chairman before 9:15 a.m. on the morning of your District Convention.
District Convention	Youth Art and Youth Art Challenge Contests. Entries must be presented to the District Youth Contest Chairman or Arts/Craft Contest Chairman before 9:15 a.m. on the morning of your District

Use this [link](#) for a printed copy of the 2024-2026 Administration Deadlines/Submission Dates with more details.

Deadlines are the ultimate motivation.
Harvey Specter

State and District Dues

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc



Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, 2024-2026 President

Date: Friday, October 10, 2025
To: Club Presidents and Juniorette Advisors
RE: District and State Dues

As a friendly reminder, your **MFWC Club Dues** must be **postmarked** by November 1, 2025, to receive Honor Club status and by January 1, 2026, to be eligible to have reports judged or to receive awards at District and State Conventions.

Please note that all checks for **State Dues** should be made payable to GFWC-MFWC. I have attached the current copy of our 2024-2026 Dues Form to this email for your convenience. Please do not staple your check and roster to the Dues Form. Mail your club's check and the GFWC-MFWC Dues Form with one copy of your club roster with members' names, mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers to GFWC-MFWC Treasurer Diane Rouse at

Diane Rouse
 GFWC-MFWC Treasurer
 2323 Tiffany Circle
 Florence, MS 39073

District Dues should be sent to your District Treasurer. Please include a copy of your club roster with your club dues. Please do not send your District Dues to State Treasurer Diane Rouse. Listed below is the contact information for District Treasurers.

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I appreciate your attention to this matter.
 Carolyn

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Big Hearts ... Little Feet

The littlest feet leave the biggest footprints in our hearts.

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GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.



2024-2026 Dues Form

Club Information:

Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Club President: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 Club Treasurer: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____

Club Dues: \$30 x number of general members _____ listed on roster \$ _____ 0
 \$25 x number of juniorettes _____ listed on roster \$ _____ 0

(No District dues, please. District dues should be sent to the District Treasurer)

Contributions:

• GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project: "Big Hearts ... Little Feet" \$ _____
 • Hebron Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual scholarship) \$ _____
 • Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual Juniors Scholarship) \$ _____
 • Challenge Grant (for a Special Education Teacher) \$ _____
 • State Institutions: MS School for the Blind \$ _____ MS School for the Deaf \$ _____ 0
 Name of State Institute sponsored by club: _____ \$ _____
 • Mississippi Public Broadcasting \$ _____
 • Youth Art: \$10 per club suggested minimum \$ _____
 • HOBY: \$200.00 per sponsored student or other donation (\$20 minimum suggested) \$ _____
 Name of school sponsored by club: _____ \$ _____
 • Malone-Sisk (MS LEADS) Program \$ _____
 • "Dollars for Delegates" for officers' expenses to attend GFWC meetings \$ _____
 • GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention \$ _____
 • Other Contributions not listed: _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____

(Additional pages may be attached, if necessary)

Total Of All Above: \$ _____ 0

Instructions:

- Please mail this form along with your club's check made payable to MFWC and one copy of club roster with names, mailing addresses, email addresses & phone numbers postmarked by **November 1** to receive Honor Club Status to:
 Diane Rouse, GFWC-MFWC Treasurer, 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence, MS 39073,
 C/T: (601) 454-5350, E: crouse99@yahoo.com.
- Please do not staple check to the form.
- Dues must be postmarked by **January 1** in order for a club to be eligible to have reports judged or to awards.
- For members added during the club year, please send name, address, email address & dues to Diane GFWC-MFWC Treasurer.
- Send **deletions only** to Lisa A. Harris, *Mississippi Clubwoman* Circulation Editor at lisaharris@outlook. SCR 115 South, Raleigh, MS 39153

SCAN ME





GFWC-Mississippi Federation of
Women's Clubs, Inc.

CALL FOR ARTICLES

Categories Needed Include:

- Articles from Elected Executive Committee
- Articles from District Presidents
- Articles from All Chairmen
- Articles from Contest, Scholarship, Grants Chairmen
- Articles from Appointed Officers
- Bio on each new candidate for Elective Officers (President-elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer)
- Club Event with pictures
- 2026 128th State Convention

All articles are unlimited in length and should be sent with Author's Name, Title and Title of Article to Lisa A. Harris (Editor) at lisaharris@outlook.com in Microsoft Word format by March 1, 2026.



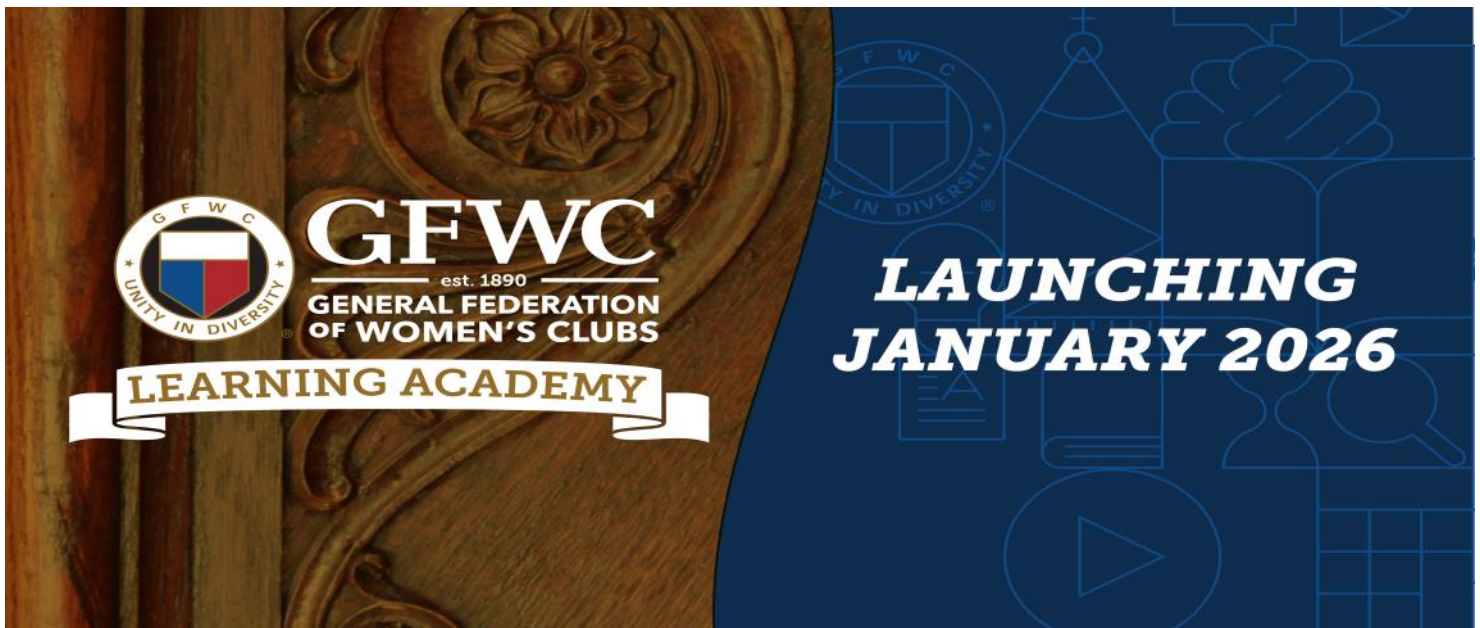
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Coming Soon! The GFWC Learning Academy

Ten, Nine, Eight, ... the countdown has begun.

In January 2026, the GFWC Learning Academy launches, one of GFWC's strategies outlined in the GFWC Strategic Plan.

Members have requested training tools that are easily accessible to individual members and to the club. The GFWC Learning Academy is the answer to those requests.

The GFWC Learning Academy will be GFWC's online training site, offering a range of courses to meet our members' needs. For members seeking insight and training to advance their skill set and knowledge, the online courses will be helpful as they continue their journey as club members. Content is available in the areas of club resources and tools, membership guides, club financial planning, technology platforms, and individual leadership tips and skills...all provided by experienced trainers. There is something for everyone. Stay tuned for the launch date to view the courses available for expanding your knowledge through online training.



Junior Leadership Certification Videos Now Available

The GFWC Junior Board is excited to announce that the Junior Club Leadership Certification on-demand videos are now available. This certification is available to all Junior and Juniorette clubs and includes topics on GFWC resources available to members, personal development, and leadership development. Details are in the GFWC Member Portal: <https://www.gfwc.org/benefits-of-membership/>. Make plans now for your club to take advantage of this benefit of belonging!



Early Access Convention Room Booking

2026 GFWC Annual Convention | June 26-29 | Scottsdale, AZ

Discover a desert oasis at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, a four-star retreat in North Scottsdale, AZ. Steps from premier dining and shopping at Kierland Commons, the resort blends modern luxury with the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert. Golf enthusiasts will love the award-winning Westin Kierland Golf Club, designed by Scott Miller. Relax at Agave, The Arizona Spa, offering massages, facials, and more. End your day with a signature treatment or retreat to your room and sink into a Heavenly® Bed.

Reserve Your Room

GFWC's Group Rate is \$209 for a King or double/double. Room block closes on June 1, 2026, at midnight.

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