



GFWC NORTH ALABAMA

NAWC



Be Excellent Every Step

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WOMEN'S CLUB



A proud member of the
General Federation of Women's Clubs
(GFWC)

International Women's Organization dedicated to
community improvement by enhancing the lives
of others through volunteer service.

GFWC was founded in 1890 by Jane Cunningham Croly

"Is it possible that women may have a life of their own, may learn to know and honor each other, may find solace in companionship, and lose sight of small troubles in large aims?"



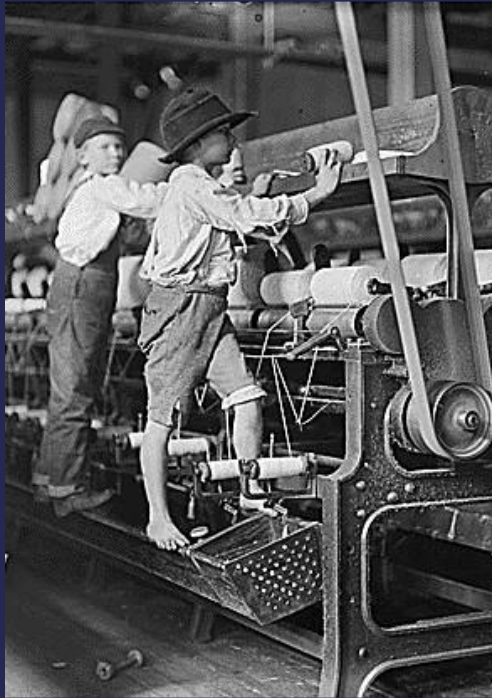
In 1868, Croly, an accomplished NY newspaperwoman, was denied admittance to a Banquet honoring Charles Dickens at the all-male New York Press Club, simply because she was a woman. Outraged, she formed the club "Sorosis" - derived from a botanical class of plants which bloom into fruits on one body, like a pineapple.



**On April 24, 1890, 63 Clubs officially formed the
General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), with the motto,
"Unity in Diversity"**



GFWC



**Passage of the
Child Labor Laws**
1898-1901



**Established 75% of
the Nation's Libraries**
1930s

Founded over 474 free Public Libraries
4,655 Traveling Libraries



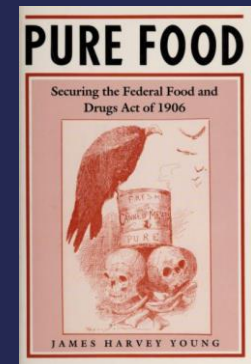
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Calaveras Big Trees State Park created in 1954

**Founded America's first National Park
and supported the creation of the
National Park Service
1896-1954**



**Passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act
1906**



- **Eight-hour workday**
 - **Workplace Safety and Inspection**
 - **Workers' Compensation**
- 1910s





GFWC

Brighten the Night was a nationwide **GFWC** campaign for street lighting to prevent crime and accidents

1960



GFWC's Women's Crusade for Seat Belts program resulted in the installation of more than one million seat belts over the course of one year

1961





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GFWC actively supported the passage of the:

Violence Against Women Act

Americans with Disabilities Act

Family and Medical Leave Act

1990s





GFWC Today

International Women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

~ 60,000 Members in Affiliated Clubs in every state and more than a dozen countries

GFWC Members are community leaders who work locally to create global change

**Collectively, we are
Living the Volunteer Spirit**



General Federation of Women's Clubs



Headquarters – Washington, DC

#UnityInDiversity

#LivingTheVolunteerSpirit



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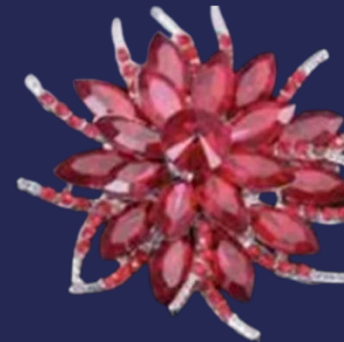
Women's History & Resource Center (WHRC)

Established: 1984





2024-2026 International President
Suellen Brazil
First from Alabama



She will live in DC during her administration
and lobby for GFWC



NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

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2022-2024 Executive Committee

On Friday, March 1, GFWC Executive Committee members had the honor of placing a memorial wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Representing GFWC during this solemn ceremony were International President Deb Strahanoski, President-elect Suellen Brazil, First Vice President Wendy Carriker, and Director of Junior Clubs Katie Moydell.





GFWC President

GFWC Executive Committee

President-elect,
1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President,
Secretary, Treasurer

President-
elect

First Vice
President

Second Vice
President

Treasurer

Region
Presidents

State
Presidents

Community
Service
Program
Chairmen

Budget
and
Finance
Committee

Information Flow Chart



GFWC Alabama

Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs

(AFWC)

~ 60 General & Cyber Clubs throughout the State

Headquarters – Birmingham, AL

Foster House



2728 Society

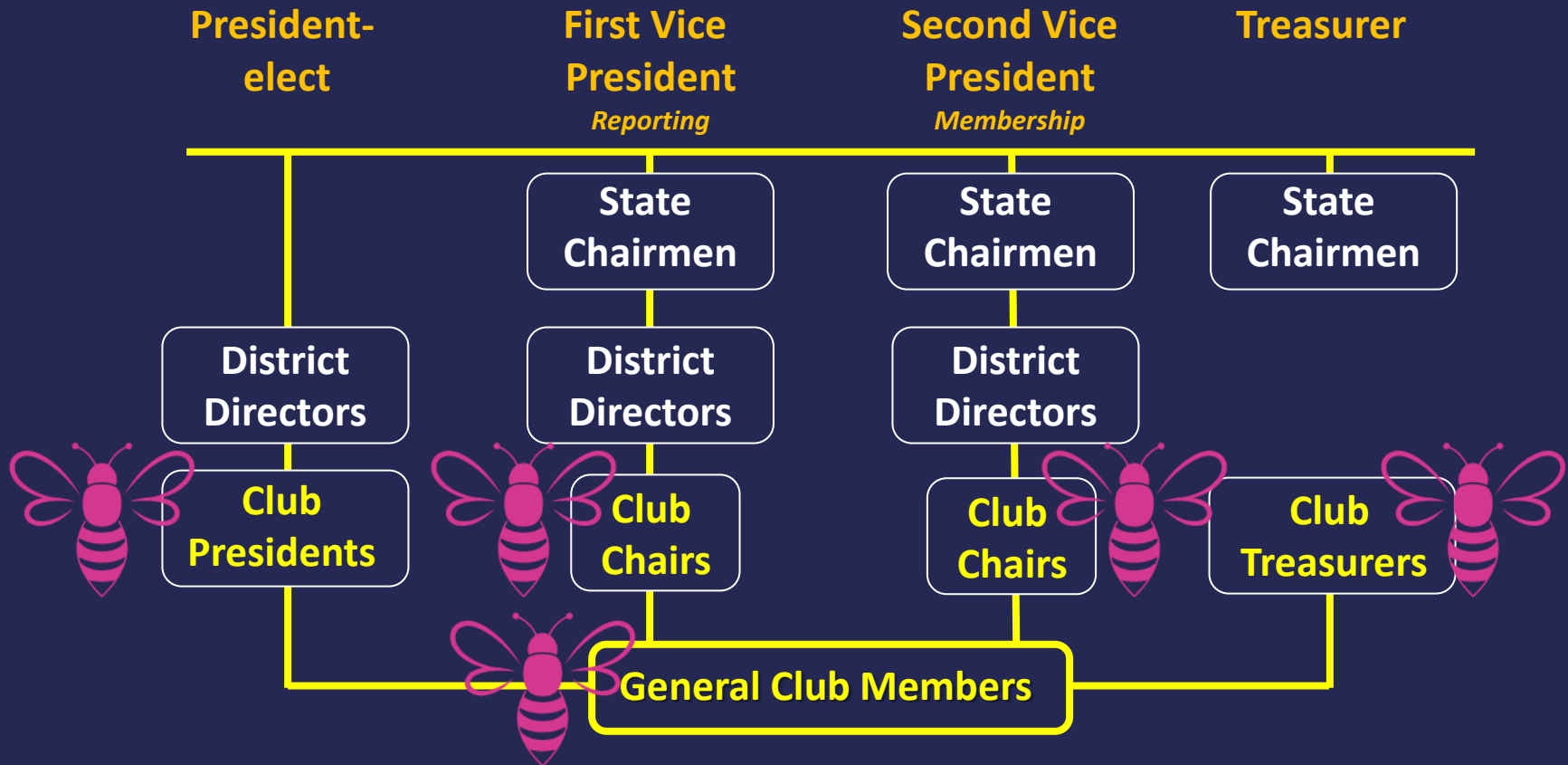
2728 Niazuma Avenue



AFWC President

AFWC Executive Committee

President-elect, 1st Vice President,
2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer



Information Flow Chart



We are in the North District

Blount, Cherokee, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah,
Fayette, Franklin, **Jackson**, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence,
Limestone, **Madison**, Marion, **Marshall**, **Morgan**, Walker, Winston

GFWC Alabama North District





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Community Service Programs (CSPs)



Health & Wellness



Arts & Culture



Civic Engagement & Outreach



Environment



Education & Libraries





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Membership Benefits



*Community
Service*

*Personal Growth
& Development*

*Fellowship
& Friendship*



Keeping it Social



GFWC.org



GFWCAlabama.org



NorthAlabamaWomensClub.org
GFWCNAWC.org





3 "Sister Clubs" Huntsville Area



1st Friday: 10:00 am



1st Thursday: 7:00 pm



1st Thursday: 12:00 pm



Other North District GFWC Clubs



Club Name	Year Federated	City	Meeting Time & Day
GFWC Blountsville Culture Club	1925	Blountsville	3 rd Thursday @ 7:00 pm
GFWC Collinsville Study Club	1929	Collinsville	1st Thursday @ 7:00 pm
GFWC Book Lovers Study Club	1928	Russellville	2 nd Thursday @ 4:00 pm
GFWC Crossville Woman's Club	1941	Crossville	1st Tuesday @ 4:00 pm
GFWC Double Springs Woman's Club	1939	Double Springs	2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm
<u>GFWC du Midi Woman's Club</u>	1970	Huntsville	1st Thursday @ 12:00 pm
<u>GFWC Huntsville Woman's Club</u>	1965	Huntsville	1st Friday @ 10:00 am
<u>GFWC Legacy</u>	2000	Huntsville	1st Thursday @ 7:00 pm
GFWC Les Belles Juniores	2013	Huntsville	
<u>GFWC River City Woman's Club</u>	2017	Decatur	3rd Tuesday @ 11:00 am
GFWC Serenity Juniores	2009	Huntsville	

Statement of Purpose



The purpose of NAWC is to join leaders together in respect, appreciation, and support to make a positive, meaningful impact throughout North Alabama.



Harris Home
for Children

NAWC – Club Project

The only full-time Crisis Program in AL for
youth needing immediate out-of-home care.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wjq5JDvkso>

5-minute video



Click link above for video

Becky Vansant

2024-2026 GFWC Alabama President

- GFWC Clubwoman for 31 years and is a Charter Member of
 - GFWC Legacy
 - GFWC Alabama **LEADS** Graduates: *January each year*
Leadership Education And Development Seminar

She has been a...

- Local Club President
- District Director
- GFWC Alabama (State) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer, and Secretary
- Board Member of GFWC Alabama for 26 + years

Becky has served as...

- The Alabama PTA State President
- President of South Huntsville Friends of the Library
- And is currently serving as the Board President for Wellstone Behavioral Health

Becky is the assistant for Madison County Commissioner Phil Riddick.



GFWC Follows the School Calendar



No one can attend
EVERYTHING

Minutes Help &
Proxy can Report for you

Meet September through May
1 Board & 1 General Meeting p/month

Break for Summer

(June, July, August)



Member Responsibilities

- 1) Actively and enthusiastically support NAWC's Projects, Programs, and objectives.
- 2) Pay dues in a timely manner. \$80.00 p/year
- 3) Attend Meetings regularly.
- 4) Participate in respectful discussions at the Meetings, remembering that The Club thrives on thoughtful consideration of the issues.
- 5) Accept the final decision of the majority of the Club.
- 6) Be a participant by accepting responsibilities, realizing they are opportunities to grow.
- 7) Help NAWC grow by inviting women of integrity.
- 8) Always remember: You belong to a volunteer *service* Club!



Friendships between women, as any woman will tell you, are built of a thousand small kindnesses ... swapped back and forth and over again.

Former 1st Lady



Well, you know what they say: If you don't have anything nice to say about anybody, come sit by me.

“Steel Magnolias” Clairee Belcher
(Olympia Dukakis)



Credits

This presentation was originally designed by the GFWC Florida Membership Committee and modified for use by all states by the GFWC Membership Committee.
Further Expanded by Tracy L. Swayne

We are better together!



