GFWC, California Federation Of Women's Clubs



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California Federation Of Women's Clubs

(CFWC)

A Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

(GFWC)

One of the oldest organizations of volunteer women in the world!

Chart 1

Chart 1: GFWC and CFWC Membership

As a member of the _____

(Insert your club's name)

You are also a member of:

California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) and General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC).

The California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) was organized in January 1900 and in May, became the 37th state to join the GFWC and we are currently the largest State Federation in GFWC with over 9,000 members.

General Federation of Women's Clubs



HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON D.C.

1734 N St. NW

Chart 2: GFWC Headquarters

Purchased in 1922, GFWC Headquarters is located a few blocks from the White House in Washington DC. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1991 by the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior in recognition of its national significance in commemorating the history of the United States of America.

It is also one of the sites listed in the "Women's History Guide to Washington, DC," produced by the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History.

According to the GFWC charter issued by the US Congress in 1901, GFWC must maintain a headquarters in Washington, DC.

In Addition to housing the administrative offices and the National Women's History & Resource Center, it is the residence of our International President during her two-year term.

General Federation of Women's Clubs



Journalist Jane Cunningham Croly

~Jennie June~

Founder and the driving force behind the American club women's movement...

General Federation of Women's Clubs Officially adopted its Constitution

On April 24, 1890

Chart 3: Jane Cunningham Croly – "Jennie June"

In 1868, Jane Cunningham Croly – an accomplished New York newspaper journalist– 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 was determined to organize a club for women.

She did so, and many years later Mrs. Croly, Jenny June, proposed a conference to bring together delegates from 61 women's clubs around the country, initiating the founding of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1890.

GFWC has established in her memory the Jennie Award to honor clubwomen for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. Clubs are encouraged to participate by submitting an application for their nominee to CFWC. Information and the form is available in the CFWC Procedure/Yearbook.

NOTABLE GFWC CLUBWOMEN

Eleanore Roosevelt





Jane Addams



Julia Ward Howe

Chart 4: Notable GFWC Members

Many notable women in history have been members of GFWC:

- Julia Ward Howe (1819–1910) author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

- Jane Addams (1860–1935) founded Hull House Settlement in Chicago, which served as a model for the social reform movement, vocal advocate for working women and child labor laws, a leader in the suffrage movement, and helped to establish the International League for Peace and Freedom. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931.

- Eleanor Roosevelt (1884–1962) was an active member of the Chautauqua Women's Club in New York and maintained strong ties with the Federation throughout her years as First Lady.

GFWC Federation Day!



On April 24, 1890 the General Federation of Women's Clubs, adopted its Constitution.

Chart 5: GFWC/CFWC have rich histories spanning over 120 years

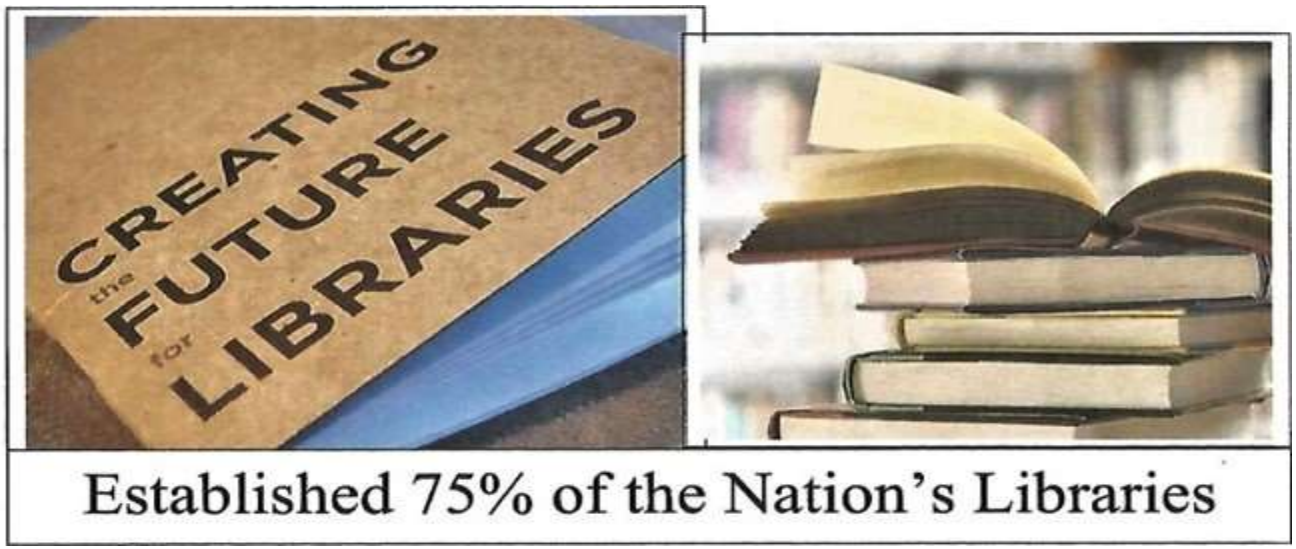
Today, GFWC is the longest serving volunteer organization of primarily women, with more than 60,000 members in clubs across the United States—with additional members in foreign countries.

The membership of GFWC Clubs, with its diversity in age, interest and experience, all have a common dedication to community improvement through volunteer services.

Most GFWC Clubs meet during the day, however, there is a growing number of Evening Clubs and Sections. As well as some virtual clubs.

GFWC Juniorette Clubs, sponsored by women's clubs, have members in middle, junior, and high schools.

Today on FEDERATION DAY···April 24th, Clubs across the nation are encouraged to celebrate by holding community events to commemorate its historic beginnings. For more information on how to celebrate Federation day go to gfwc.org.



Clubwomen Making A Difference FOR 100 years!



"Operation Firefighter" reached its goal on Monday, May 24, 2004!

New York City Fire Department receives fully equipped Ambulance

Chart 6: About GFWC

Through volunteer service, GFWC members have an opportunity to develop leadership skills, exchange ideas, and form lifelong friendships.

Some of the accomplishments of GFWC include:

1899 Established the national model for juvenile courts
1906 Turned the tide for passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act
1911 Supported legislation for the 8-hour workday
1922 Purchased 1734 N St. NW, Washington DC for our Headquarters
1930 Established 75% of the nation's libraries
1938 Supported the first child labor law
1944 Raised enough money to buy 431 airplanes for the war effort
1950 Raised $200,000 to restore and refurnish a chamber in Independence Hall
1958 Supported equal pay for equal work
1961 Women's Crusade for automobile seat belts
1974 Started an alcohol & drug abuse education program for women and children
1984 Founded the Women's History & Resource Center at Headquarters
1997 Raised over $13.5 million in 5 years to benefit public libraries—Libraries 2000
2004 Contributed a fully equipped ambulance to New York Fire Dept. after 9/11
2010 Domestic Violence Awareness Program adopted as the GFWC signature project,

CFWC FEDERATION GROVE IN THE HUMBOLDT REDWOODS

The 106 acres were purchased in 1930 and donated to the State Park. It's a beautiful place to visit!



CFWC– Proud sponsors of three search and rescue dogs.



CFWC Mission Bells Project restored & replaced many bells along the El Camino Real



Chart 7: CFWC History

The California Federation of Women's Clubs is a member of GFWC International, and was organized January 18, 1900 with 6,000 members in 40 clubs who adopted the motto "Strength United is Stronger".

Today, CFWC has members_____ in_____ clubs throughout California.

Just a few California Federation of Women's Clubs accomplishments include:

- Memorial Grove purchased and donated to California to preserve the Redwoods
- Proposed a bill for the establishment of a Juvenile Court system for California
- Persuaded Highway Commission to put white line down center of roads
- Raised over $1 million in 1943 war effort for "Buy a Bomber Campaign"
- Contributed to the passage of the driver training bill for high school students
- Donated over $2.3 million in books and materials to public and school libraries
- Renovated the Mission Bells along the El Camino Real Trail
- Partnership with National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- Collected over 2,700 used cell phones for distribution to abused women
- Purchased Disaster Search and Rescue Dog

EMBLEMS



The California Federation
of Women's Clubs

The General Federation
Of Women's Clubs



Chart 8: Federation Emblems – CFWC & GFWC

The California Federation of Women's Clubs' Emblem was designed in 1903 by Miss Bernice Scoville. The Emblem is the insignia of a common cause and creates a spirit of cooperation among those who wear it.

The Torch represents the educational work of the Federation and invites all to acknowledge the principles of American Citizenship. The Wings pointing upward are symbolic of the higher thoughts and aspirations, which are the aim of all. The Band encircling both typifies the unbroken chain of strength and loyalty—not only to the Clubs, but also the State.

The original 1893 General Federation of Women's Clubs' Emblem was retired and today we wear the design initiated in 1920.

The emblem shows a crusader's shield signifying enlightenment, emerging from the darkened world—which is represented by a black center.

The white band encircling the center signifies eternity and is surrounded by the letters GFWC and the motto "Unity in Diversity."

Collect For Clubwomen

Keep us, O God from pettiness, Let us be large in thought,
in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding, And leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense, And meet each other face to face,
Without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment, And always generous.
Let us take time for all things, Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
Straight forward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize — It is the little things that create
differences,
That in the big things of life, we are at one.
And may we strive to touch and to know the great,
Common human heart of us all, And,
O Lord God, Let us forget not to be kind!

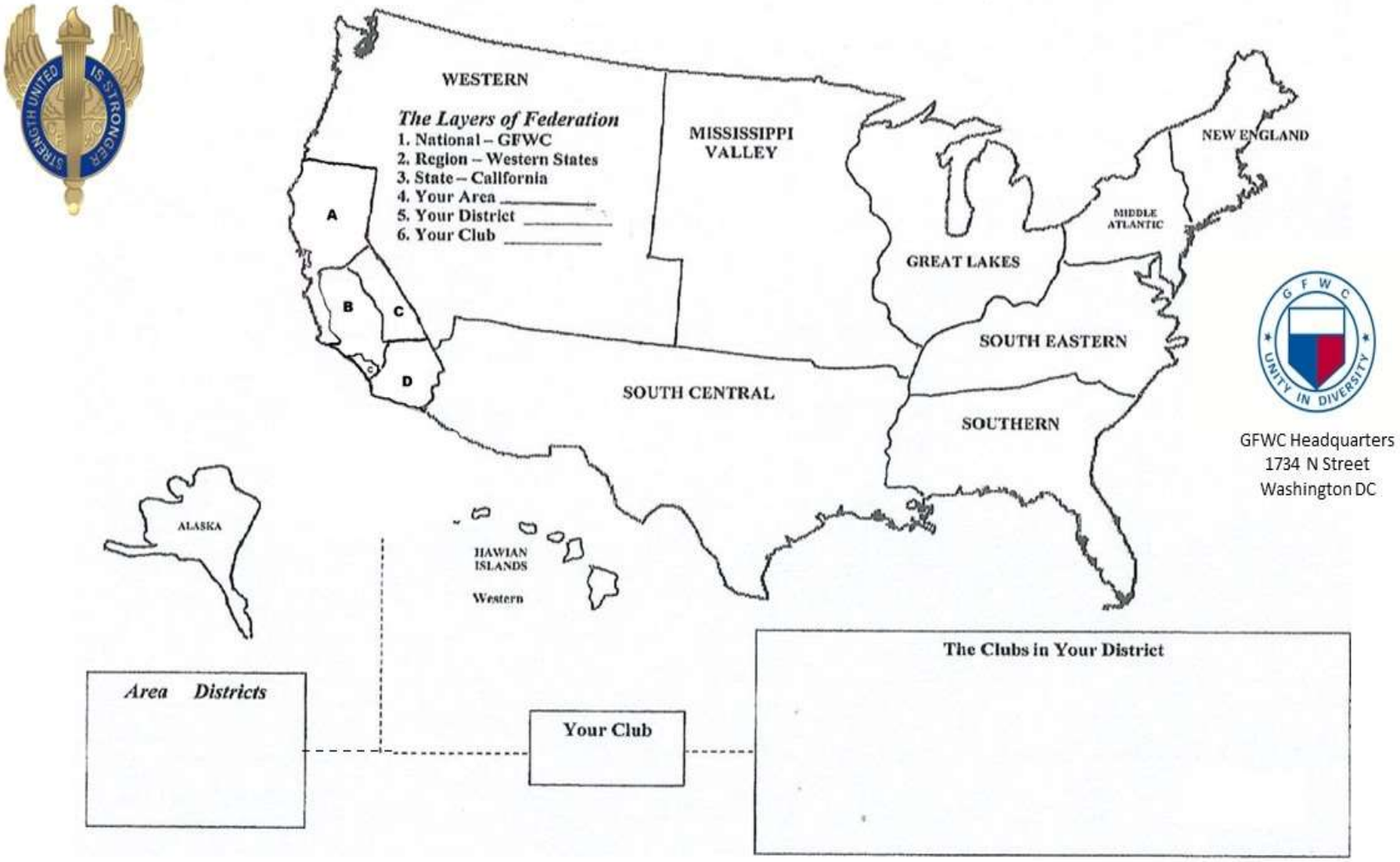
Mary Stewart - Colorado, 1904

Chart 9: The Collect For Clubwomen

Members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs recite The Collect For Clubwomen at the conclusion of many meetings by. In 1904, it was written by Mary Stewart, a High School Principal in Colorado and a GFWC Clubwoman.

Mary Stewart wrote the Collect for Clubwomen, because she felt that women working together, with wide interests, might need a special meditation of their own".

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



GFWC Headquarters
1734 N Street
Washington DC

Chart 10: The Layers of Federation

Today the GFWC members who live in the eight regions of our country are business owners, teacher, elected officials, homemakers, corporate executives, college students and retirees. A more diverse group than ever before in GFWC History.

The Layers of Federation are

1. National– GFWC
2. Region– Western States
3. State– California
4. Areas
5. District
6. Club

CFWC Areas


Del Norte
Siskiyou
Modoc
Humboldt
Trinity
Shasta
Lassen
Tehama
Mendocino
Glenn
Butte
Plumas
Sierra
Lake
Colusa
Yuba
Nevada
Sonoma
Sutter
Placer
Napa
Yolo
El Dorado
Sacra-mento
Marin
Solano
Amador
Alpine
Contra Costa
Calaveras
SF
San Joaquin
Tuolumne
Alameda
San Mateo
Stanislaus
Mono
Santa Clara
Mariposa
Santa Cruz
Merced
Madera
San Benito
Fresno
Monterey
Inyo
Kings
Tulare
San Luis Obispo
Kern
Santa Barbara
Ventura
San Bernardino
Los Angeles
Orange
Riverside
San Diego
Imperial
A
B
C
D

Chart 11: CFWC Organization and Structure

The CFWC is divided into four areas, Area A, B, C, and D.

Each Area has their own Conference and an elected AREA Vice President.

Each District has its own Board of Officers & Chairmen.

There are_____Districts throughout the state.

You are located in Area_____ which has ____ Districts.

You belong to _____ District

There are Clubs _____, in _____ District, one of them is your club.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS





- Art in the Community
- Education and Libraries
- Environment
- Health and Wellness
- Public Issues







Chart 12: Programs in GFWC and CFWC

GFWC and CFWC specialize in 5 areas of service—referred to as community service programs: Arts in the Community, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment and Health and Wellness.

And two special programs:

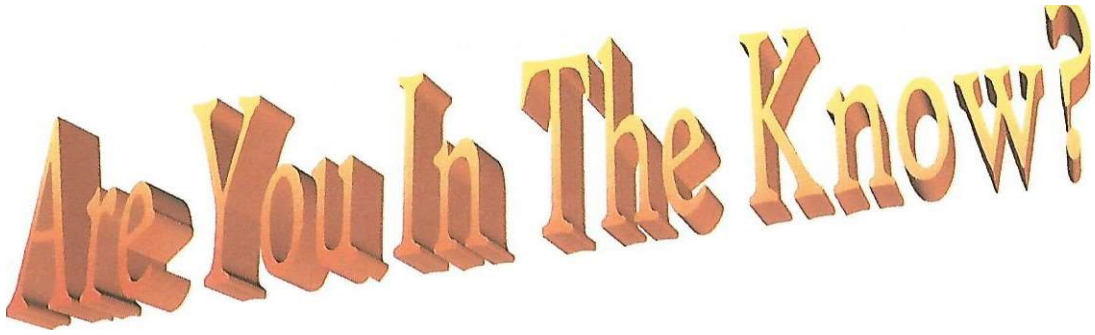
- GFWC Signature Project Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention.
- GFWC Junior Membership Special Project is Advocates for Children, but you don't have to be a Junior Club to support these programs.

Although our Federation gives our clubs the tools and information to use as a guide, it is the club member's choice to determine the areas that best fit the needs of their community.

Annually, through their club work the clubs in California Federation contribute:

Over 1 billion hours of volunteer service

Over 4 million Dollars in donations, in cash and in-kind contributions



GFWC/CFWC Advancement Programs & Contests

- Communications & Public Relations
- Leadership – LEADS
- Legislation & Public Policy
- Membership -JENNIE AWARD
- Women's History & Resource Center
- Community Improvement Program
- ESO - Epsilon Sigma Omicron - Honorary Society
- Photography and Writing Contests

Chart 13: GFWC/CFWC Advancement Programs & Contests

GFWC and CFWC also have several additional program areas:

The Advancement Programs are:

- Communications & Public Relations their Contests are: Newsletter & Website
- Leadership features LEADS the Leadership Education And Development Seminars
- Legislation & Public Policy: Resolutions & Advocacy. Adopted Resolutions provide GFWC/CFWC the right to advocate for or against an issue.
- Membership: Star Recruitment Program, Anniversary Certificates and Pins
- Women's History & Resource Center — opened on May l, 1984. Preserves historical records. Provides reference services to members and students.

Other Programs and Contests are:

- ESO — Epsilon Sigma Omicron — Honorary Society open to all members. Provides a structured Reading Program & Awards Certificates & Pins
- Community Improvement Program — 2 Year Program started in the 1950s Monetary Award to Clubs for outstanding Community Projects.
- Jennie Award — Awarded to Members for outstanding achievements
- Photography, Writing, Short Story and Poetry Contest

CFWC Publications

Procedure/Yearbook

Federation At a Glance

Membership Handbook

The Art of Leadership

Flag Etiquette

Federation History Highlights

The Big Book of Installations

CFWC Resolutions Book

Websites: gfwc.org & cfwc.org

GFWC Clubwoman Magazine

CFWC Clubwoman Magazine

Chart 14: CFWC Publications & Websites

CFWC has many publications available for purchase from the CFWC Headquarters office. A complete list of publications and charges is included in the CFWC Procedure/Yearbook, and at the Marketplace at cfwc.org.

These include: Procedure/Yearbook — Federation At a Glance — Membership Handbook — Leadership Handbook — Flag Etiquette—Federation History Highlights — Installation Guidebook — CFWC Resolutions Book.

Your sources for the latest club news, program updates, valuable resources and helpful hints are:

- GFWC Website: www.gfwc.org And the CFWC Website: www.cfwc.org
- GFWC Clubwoman Magazine – $10 per year for print copies, digital copies can be downloaded, through the website or mail to headquarters.
- CFWC Clubwoman Magazine available by subscription, $8.00 per year for printed copies, free via email, order through the CFWC website.
- CFWC "Quick Bytes" e-mail newsletter; and the
- GFWC "News and Notes" e-mail newsletter provided free of charge. Sign up through the Federation websites.

These publications are intended for education and assistance to the individual member and clubs.

ARE YOU...



Looking for ways to get involved in your COMMUNITY?

Interested in meeting NEW FRIENDS ?

Ready to have some FUN?

GFWC/CFWC has it all and MORE!

Chart 15: Member Benefits

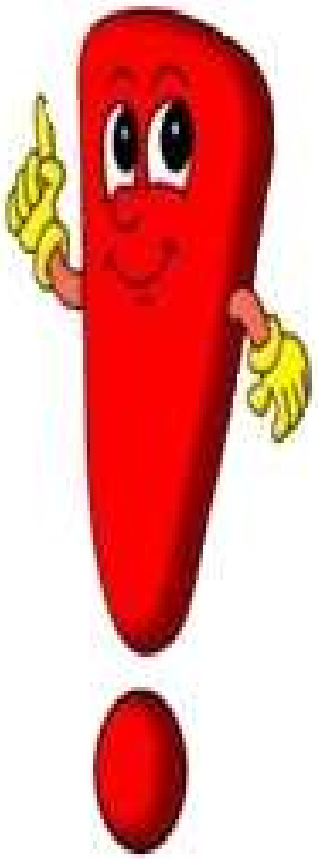
The Three most basic benefits in belonging to a federated club are:

- Community Service,
- Personal Growth and Development, and
- Fellowship and Friendships.

As a civic organization, we are able to pinpoint our community needs and strive to meet those needs. At our club meetings we grow by working together toward common goals. Our members are taught leadership skills and techniques that help them in all aspects of their lives.

Camaraderie is an important benefit of belonging to a federated club. We share ideas and make friends as we make a difference in our communities.

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES



- Attend Meetings Regularly
- Participate in Community Service Projects
- Help Raise Funds
- Pay Annual Dues
- Help Recruit New Members
- Take a Leadership Position

Chart 16: Responsibilities of Membership

It is every Member's responsibility to:

Attend regular club meetings on: _____
Participate in service projects and fund-raising events.

Pay your Club Dues of $_____ due by: _____.

This includes the Federation Dues of:

$_____ to District $5.00 to CFWC, and $15.00 to GFWC.

All members should work diligently to increase and maintain the current membership in your club by inviting others to attend meetings and encourage them to join.

Consider taking a Leadership Position on a Committee, or Chair a project. When the time is right, your leadership skills will be an asset to your Club as an Officer or Chairman, and eventually, your District and State Federations.

GFWC'S MOTTO:

"UNITY IN DIVERSITY"



Members united by their dedication to community improvement through volunteer service...

Chart 17: Wrap Up

For more than 130 years, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has provided women across the globe with tools, resources, networking opportunities, and guidance to enhance the lives of others in their local communities. GFWC also enriches the lives of members through education, training, and leadership opportunities, so that GFWC clubwomen are well-rounded and fully prepared to identify and work on the issues in all areas of their lives.

Our Federation has something to offer to everyone—and anyone interested in community service has something to offer Federation.

An individual like you CAN make a difference to your club and community.

We hope that your membership in the _____
is long and rewarding. *(insert club name)*