

LETTER FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

2026-2028 ADMINISTRATION



Dear Fellow Members,

With great pride and excitement, I welcome you to the GFWC 2026-2028 Administration. I am honored to serve as your 56th GFWC International President. Together, we will continue living our motto, Unity in Diversity. Moving forward, we will build on the strengths of past administrations with leadership, membership, and educational opportunities that will elevate and magnify our volunteer efforts.

Our Strategic Plan will guide us in forging a strong future through engagement and volunteer opportunities for every member of our 136-year-old organization. As we look back on the many accomplishments in our rich history, we will continue to make positive change through nonpartisan legislative advocacy and direct volunteer service.

The 2026-2028 Unity Projects will strengthen our programs and support our work as we reach out in our communities. This outreach will help us share our branding and improve our communities by working with other nonprofit groups for the betterment of all. The Community Service Programs will focus on: Arts and Culture – The Octopus Challenge, Civic Engagement and Outreach – Save the Beat!, Educations and Libraries – Unity Through Reading: Every Story Matters, Environment – The Right Plant in the Right Place, and Health and Wellness – Move for a Healthier You. You can learn more about these and the Unity Projects in the Special Programs, Advancement Areas, and Juniorette sections of the GFWC Club Manual.

Restoring and refurbishing our GFWC Headquarters' property, built in 1875, will be a priority. The Façade Restoration and Beautification Project will restore the iconic white front-facing exterior walls of GFWC's Headquarters buildings. The focus on Unity in Diversity combined with the preservation of our historic Headquarters creates a powerful balance between honoring the past and driving future growth.

On April 24, 1890, 63 clubs formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Let us celebrate the accomplishments of those strong women who lead the way. Our coordinated Federation Day initiative will include draft proclamations and social media campaign components so that we can all highlight the strong women who created our rich GFWC history.

How will you honor the past and pave the path for the future during the 2026-2028 Administration? With our five Community Service Programs, our Advancement Areas, the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention, and the Juniors Special Program: Advocates for Children, there are so many meaningful ways for all of our members to get involved, share their talents, and make a difference.

Together, we celebrate Unity in Diversity while Living the Volunteer Spirit!

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