

# MEMBERSHIP

The Purpose and Objectives of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of North Carolina, Inc., is to unite member clubs into a statewide charitable organization of volunteers for the promotion of education, community service, fellowship, and leadership development.

## GFWC-NC Membership and Dues Information

The membership of GFWC-NC is comprised of General, Junior and Juniorette members of clubs throughout the state. Junior members are young women aged 45 and younger. Juniorette members shall be students attending either Middle School/Junior High or High School. Individual members may also join under member-at-large status as specified later in this section.

GFWC-NC also provides State Honorary Life Memberships to those members who have been recognized by their clubs, districts, and/or individuals with this designation. This membership is presented upon receipt of a one-time fee, and the member is exempt from future payments of GFWC-NC dues. The funds received to honor these clubwomen are placed in the GFWC-NC Legacy Fund to help sustain GFWC-NC services to the clubs in North Carolina.

### Membership Dues

Each club must remit its dues and a complete membership mailing list to GFWC-NC by December 31st of each year. Annual state dues are submitted to Headquarters with the **GFWC-NC Remittance Form** which is distributed with the rosters each year.

Local: Local club dues are determined by each club. These funds help local clubs to operate and cover expenditures such as dues paid to GFWC-NC (for state and GFWC dues), district dues, newsletters, yearbook, budgets for committees, scholarships, etc.

District: District dues are determined by each district and are remitted to the District Treasurer. These dues help Districts to hold district events, publish newsletters, sponsor arts festivals, scholarships, etc.

State: Dues paid to GFWC-NC are \$50 per member and include the GFWC dues of \$15. Members receive, as part of these dues, issues of the *GFWC-NC Clubwoman* magazine, website access (**[www.gfwcnc.org](http://www.gfwcnc.org)**), leadership training and workshops via statewide and district meetings, and a variety of program materials to guide them in their community service, etc.

National: GFWC dues are currently \$15 per member and are included with the state dues paid to GFWC-NC Headquarters. This amount provides each club a subscription to the *GFWC Clubwoman* magazine, and provides all members access to GFWC Headquarters via the toll-free number (800-443-GFWC) and website (**[www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org)**), leadership training and workshops via national and regional meetings, and a variety of program materials to guide them in their community service, etc.

Each club member's subscription to the *North Carolina Clubwoman* magazine becomes effective upon receipt of dues but is not retroactive with late payment of dues. Dues for new members are to be paid to GFWC-NC as members join clubs throughout the year. After July 1st, dues for each new member will be half of the current year dues and covers the balance of the current year. Dues are not interchangeable from one member to another. Dues for transferring members must be paid to GFWC-NC for the current year. Members transferring from out of state must pay the full membership dues.

Clubs federated between January 1 and June 30 will pay GFWC-NC the full annual dues for each member. Clubs founded after July 1st will pay half the annual dues.

## Membership

Membership information should be kept current with GFWC-NC. Postal regulations require that addresses must include house number, or route and box number, or post office box number, and zip code. Each club's membership roster should also include a phone number and an email address for each member. Address changes should be reported to GFWC-NC Headquarters Mailing Address: 7474 Creedmoor Road #310, Raleigh 27613 or [hq@gfwcnc.org](mailto:hq@gfwcnc.org) as soon as known to avoid correspondence and to prevent postal charges to Headquarters. An Update/Change of Address form may be found online and the Forms Section. Notify the District President if the member holds a board position or a leadership position on the district level.

### **Member-at-Large**

#### *Bylaws, Article III – Membership*

*Section 4: GFWC-NC member-at-large status is for persons interested in maintaining membership in the GFWC-NC after their club has disbanded or relinquished membership in GFWC-NC and where no federated club exists. This status will also include members moving into the state and having no club readily available for their participation.*

Women who are former members of a GFWC club are eligible to become a member-at-large if there is no existing GFWC-NC club in the vicinity of where they live. Applicants for membership must have been a member of good standing in a GFWC club in another state or in North Carolina. Member-at-large status is for women interested in maintaining membership in GFWC-NC after their club has disbanded or relinquished membership in the Federation and where no federated club exists. See the Member-at-Large form in the Forms section. Member-at-Large dues are \$10 plus payment of annual GFWC-NC dues (which includes GFWC dues) and include the *North Carolina Clubwoman* magazine.

The single purpose of the member-at-large status is to promote continuous GFWC-NC membership. The member may not conduct activities in the Federation so as to imply that the membership constitutes a club. She may attend district and state meetings. She may not vote, hold elected office, or accept a presidential appointment. Members elected or appointed to office prior to the need for member-at-large status may complete the term of office. The member-at-large status is not intended for a prolonged period of time, but rather to promote the organization of new clubs and/or to increase the membership of an already organized club. A member-at-large is encouraged to organize a new club.

### **Dual Memberships**

Members holding dual membership may designate one club as their “club of record” and either pay state dues only for that club **or** pay state dues in both clubs. Should they choose a club of record, they shall be accorded all membership privileges in the other club except the ability to serve as club president. In order to serve as a club president, members must pay state dues in that club.

If a club member has an Honorary Life Membership (HLM) and holds dual membership, that member should designate a club for which the HLM will apply and full dues should be paid by the other club in order to be officially included on its roster.

## **Honorary Life Membership (HLM)**

A State Honorary Life Membership (HLM) is awarded to members in recognition of their service to GFWC-NC. Presented at the annual GFWC-NC Convention, this honor may be bestowed upon a member by clubs, districts and/or individuals that donate a one-time fee to establish the HLM. The funds received to honor these clubwomen are placed in the GFWC-NC Legacy Fund to help sustain GFWC-NC services to the clubs in North Carolina. Guidelines to apply for the HLM are included below.

If a person holds an HLM, her club does not pay her state dues. HLM status is denoted on the roster received from GFWC-NC Headquarters. GFWC dues will be remitted from the state as long as she remains a member in good standing of a federated club in North Carolina. Should a member transfer from one North Carolina club to another, her HLM status will move with her. Should she hold membership in more than one club, she may designate only one club in which her HLM membership is held and dues should be paid for the other club if she wishes to hold office. District and local dues are the responsibility of the HLM member or her club.

If a club member holds an HLM, the club is not required to pay her annual membership dues, however members are encouraged to donate amounts for dues to the Legacy Fund.

### Guidelines for Submitting an Application for HLM

- Fee: \$750 (Make check payable to GFWC-NC and mail to GFWC-NC, 7474 Creedmoor Road #310, Raleigh, NC 27613)
- Deadline for submission: **April 1st**
- Submit the following information about the honoree to State Headquarters:
  1. Name as it should appear on the certificate.
  2. Narrative of no more than 250 words. Include highlights pertaining to club work, and other important activities including family.
  3. Indicate whether the HLM is to be a surprise and who will escort the honoree.
- Clubs, individuals such as friends or family, or a combination of these may provide a HLM. The person collecting the funds should keep a list of the donors and forward all contributions to State Headquarters.

## **GFWC-NC Membership Information**

### **How to Start a Club**

A *Starting a New Club* packet may be requested from GFWC-NC or from any member of the Membership Committee. Applications for a Club Charter from GFWC-NC can be obtained from GFWC-NC. These forms are also on the GFWC-NC website at [www.gfwcnc.org](http://www.gfwcnc.org).

- A new club shall have a minimum of five (5) members and its objectives shall conform to those of GFWC of North Carolina, Inc.
- A new club can be organized at anytime and will be considered a club with full privileges upon submission of the following to GFWC-NC:
  1. Completed Club Charter Application
  2. Copy of club bylaws
  3. Complete mailing list of all members
  4. Completed list of club officers
  5. Dues for the current year
- Send a copy of the application to GFWC-NC. It is recommended that the club keep a copy.
- GFWC-NC will acquire the needed signatures, prepare a Charter, and purchase a gavel for the new club.
- Charters will be presented at the next GFWC-NC Annual Convention.

### **Responsibilities of a Sponsoring Club**

A club which has worked to organize and sponsor a new club is much like a parent figure. It is certainly worth the effort to help that club succeed. What are the responsibilities of a sponsoring club? The following are some suggestions:

- When the club is being organized, contact GFWC-NC and the State President-elect for the proper application forms and assist the club in completing and returning them. Be sure the club has all resource material needed to operate as a federated club (Administration Book, Community Service Program Guides, etc.)
- Help the new club write bylaws and plan agendas for its first two or three meetings.
- Send a liaison to each meeting of the new club for at least the first year, and several times a year after that. Consider appointing one member to be the liaison so the officers of the new club will know whom to call.
- Invite a representative of the new club to attend sponsoring club meetings.
- Invite officers and members of the new club to attend district and GFWC-NC meetings with members of the sponsoring club. If the budget allows, consider paying part of their expenses, such as registration.
- Plan social activities with the new club, or invite them to the sponsoring club's activities.
- At reporting time, assist the new club in updating its membership roster and completing its CP&S Form. Encourage and assist in entering award entries.
- Call the new club's president regularly to see if she has any questions.

A lot of time and work are involved in sponsoring a new club, but the pride and sense of accomplishment in its success will certainly be worth the effort.

## **Criteria for a Junior Department in a General Club**

In order to have a Junior Department in a General Club, clubwomen of Junior age shall:

- Elect a Chairman, comparable to a Junior Club President.
- Ensure that the chairman serves on the Board of Directors of the General Club.
- Submit the Junior Chairman's information on the Update/Change of Officers Form (found in the Administration Book and on the GFWC-NC website) to GFWC-NC and to the GFWC-NC Junior Secretary.
- Report all projects under the General Club with two exceptions: Nominees may be entered for the Junior Clubwoman of the Year and Junior "Magic" Clubwoman Award.
- Send newsletter, if there is one, to the GFWC-NC Director of Junior Clubs and to the GFWC-NC Junior Editor.
- Members of a Junior Department are considered GFWC-NC Junior Clubwomen and may hold state positions and serve as pages. Their numbers, however, will be counted as membership in their general club.

## **Responsibilities of Membership**

Membership in an organization carries with it obligations and responsibilities. Each member should read and understand the bylaws that serve as a contract between the member and the organization. The following responsibilities are common to members of organizations and also apply to members of federated clubs.

- Attend the meetings with regularity and be prompt.
- Attend not just local club meetings, but District, State, Region, and National meetings as well.
- Contribute one's talents to the organization through service on committees and active participation in the work of the organization. Share responsibility.
- Make prompt payment of financial obligations.
- Accept and uphold the will of the majority and respect the rights of the minority.
- Promote the objects and aims of the club.
- Perform faithfully all assigned duties and when that is impracticable ask to be excused.
- Participate in discussions and decisions on issues and express an opinion during the meeting and not after the decision is made. Support club decisions.
- Voting is a privilege. Be informed and vote intelligently.
- Give courteous attention during club meetings.
- Share the good work your club does in the community with others.
- Remain until the meeting is declared adjourned by the chairman.
- Support the leaders in your club and all club activities.
- Learn and practice parliamentary procedure.
- Enjoy your membership with enthusiasm.
- Stay informed.

Enjoy the Unity and Diversity of Clubwomen across the state, nation, and world!

## **GFWC/GFWC-NC Membership Incentives**

### **Gold and Silver Anniversary Recognition for Members**

GFWC members know what it means to make a lasting commitment, and the Federation is proud to honor loyal members as they celebrate their many years as clubwomen. GFWC-NC will honor those club members who reach 25 and 50 year membership milestones annually at GFWC-NC Conventions. Club presidents should submit the member's name and club name to the GFWC-NC President-elect no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of the member's 25th or 50th anniversary year for recognition at the next GFWC-NC Annual Convention.

GFWC 25-Year Silver Pins, along with our 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, and 40-year Member Pins, are part of our member loyalty recognition program, which honors our members who have served as community volunteers for five years and beyond. Order these pins directly from the GFWC Marketplace. GFWC Gold and Jubilee Pins are available to honor clubwomen who have brought GFWC's mission of volunteer service to their communities for 50 (Gold) or 75 (Jubilee) years. These pins are available free of charge and club presidents can order the pin directly from GFWC Headquarters by completing the Gold Pin order form.

### **Anniversary Recognition for Clubs**

Clubs celebrating milestone anniversaries (25, 50, 75, etc.) may receive a certificate of "Distinguished Service" from GFWC-NC Headquarters and have their name printed in the *North Carolina Clubwoman* magazine. No later than three months before the occasion send the following information to GFWC-NC Headquarters at **hq@gfwenc.org**: the club name, occasion (year), date of event, and to whom and where to send the certificate.

### **GFWC Membership Services**

The [Membership Services](http://www.gfwc.org/membership/) section of the GFWC website ([www.gfwc.org/membership/](http://www.gfwc.org/membership/)) is a great membership resource. Here clubs can find up to date information on Membership Awards, Grants, Contests, Club Anniversary Recognition, Recruitment Campaigns, Membership Materials (in the Marketplace), and so much more.

## **GFWC-NC LEADS Recipients 2002-2019**

**Pat Mahl** (2002) - Wilmington Woman's Club

**Jayne Frazier** (2003) - Charlotte Woman's Club

**Tiffane Maltba** (2004) - GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte

**Neda Biggs** (2004) - LEADS representative from Florida, now a member of the GFWC Anderson Creek Woman's Club

**Susan Wright Singleton** (2005) - Hickory Woman's Club

**Suzanne Way** (2006) - GFWC Wake Forest Junior WC (2006)  
GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club, Wisconsin (current)

***In 2007, GFWC-NC began a state LEADS program, with District representatives attending a GFWC-NC LEADS program prior to the State Annual Convention.***

**Allison Dawsey Yezek** (2007) – GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte

- District 2 - Joyce Minton
- District 3 - Allison Yezek
- District 4 - Shannon Lane
- District 5 - Mary Jo Buffaloe
- District 6 - Frances B. Lewis
- District 7 - Brandi Currie
- District 8 - Sherry M. Strickland
- District 9 - Martha Badger

**Kim Cook** (2008) – Lumberton Woman's Club

- District 2 - Jennifer Richards – Hickory Junior Woman's Club
- District 3 - Angela Knight – Charlotte Junior Woman's Club
- District 4 - Melanie Carriker – Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club
- District 6 – Megan Olson – Fuquay Varina Junior Woman's Club
- District 7 – Kim Cook – Lumberton Woman's Club
- District 9 – Danielle Horwat – Elizabeth City Junior Woman's Club

**Heather Bolick** (2009) – Hickory Junior Woman's Club

- District 2 – Heather Bolick
- District 3 - Leah Nazworth
- District 4 - Gabriela Welch
- District 5 - Karen Strattard
- District 6 - Amy Elder
- District 7 - Cindy Hewett
- District 8 - Connie Wilkinson



Membership

**Barbara Magee (2010)** – GFWC-NC Union County Woman’s Club

- District 2 - Carol Watts - Hickory Woman’s Club
- District 3 - Barbara Magee - GFWC-NC Union County Woman’s Club
- District 4 - Julie Lafever - Greensboro Junior Woman’s Club
- District 5 - Jennifer Honeycutt - Henderson Junior Woman’s Club
- District 6 - Laura Mayo – The Woman’s Club of Raleigh
- District 7 - Bonita Hammond - Lumberton Woman’s Club
- District 8 - Chris Hill – The Woman’s Club of Clayton

**Pamela Holley (2011)** – GFWC-NC Burlington Junior Woman’s Club

- District 4 – Pamela Holley – GFWC-NC Burlington Junior Woman’s Club
- District 5 – Linda Lewis – Youngsville Woman’s Club
- District 6 – Mary Derrick – Woman’s Club of Raleigh
- District 7 – Julie Fowlkes – Lumberton Woman’s Club
- District 8 – Sharon Morgan – Oriental Woman’s Club
- District 9 – Letitia Evans – Elizabeth City Junior Woman’s Club

**Erica Ann Gregory (2012)** – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Perquimans

- District 2 - Jennifer Anne Seaman – Hickory Junior Woman’s Club
- District 3 -Tiffany Martin – Charlotte Woman’s Club
- District 4 - Mary J. Abernathy – Burlington Woman’s Club
- District 5 - Gwen Pughes – Youngsville Woman’s Club
- District 6 - Carol Cato – The Woman’s Club of Raleigh
- District 7 - Julie Wolfe – GFWC of Holden Beach
- District 8 - Grey Cavalier – Morehead City Woman’s Club
- District 9 - Erica Ann Gregory - GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Perquimans

**Emily Croom (2013)** – Junior Woman’s Club of Raleigh

- District 2 - Kathryn Bobel – Hickory Junior Woman’s Club
- District 3 - Crystal Smyth – Charlotte Woman’s Club
- District 4 - Sandra Arnette – Burlington Woman’s Club
- District 5 - Randi McMillen – Henderson Junior Woman’s Club
- District 6 - Emily Croom – Junior Woman’s Club of Raleigh
- District 7 - Sharon Smith – NC Sorosis
- District 8 - Jean Woodley – Clayton Junior Woman’s Club
- District 9 - Denise Richards – Camden Woman’s Club

**Karen Throckmorton (2014)** – GFWC of Holden Beach

- District 2 - Stephanie Browning – Hickory Junior Woman’s Club
- District 3 - Alicia Broadway – Kannapolis Junior Woman’s Club
- District 4 - Lauren Junco – Burlington Junior Woman’s Club
- District 6 - Amanda Core – Junior Woman’s Club of Raleigh
- District 7 - Karen Throckmorton – GFWC of Holden Beach
- District 8 - Betty Grannis – The Woman’s Club of Clayton
- District 9 - Rebecca Hope Cade (Becky) – Outer Banks Woman’s Club

**Ashley Blake Rain (2015)** – Junior Woman’s Club of Raleigh

- District 2 Mary-Margaret Baker, Hickory Junior Woman’s Club
- District 3 Hope Hockaday, Charlotte Woman’s Club
- District 6 Ashley Blake Rain, Woman’s Club of Raleigh
- District 7 Donna Geise, GFWC of Holden Beach
- District 9 Trenia Marietta, Camden Woman’s Club

**Bridgett Paschall (2016) – Henderson Junior Woman’s Club**

- District 2 Denise S. Icenhour, Hickory Woman's Club
- District 3 Jennifer Smith, Kannapolis Junior Woman's Club
- District 5 Bridgett Paschall, Henderson Junior Woman's Club
- District 6 Anna Campbell, Fuquay-Varina Woman's Club
- District 7 Carol Ann Lohman, GFWC of Holden Beach
- District 8 Jan Hemby, The Woman's Club of Clayton
- District 9 Donna B. Harrell, Camden Women's Club

**Pauletta Parker (2017) - GFWC North Wilkesboro Woman's Club**

- District 2 Pauletta Parker, GFWC North Wilkesboro Woman's Club
- District 6 Molly Avery, Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh
- District 7 Judy Brock, GFWC of Holden Beach
- District 9 Kelly Baxter-Baronas, Camden Woman's Club

**Susan Rhew (2018) – Outer Banks Woman’s Club**

- District 2 Dana White, GFWC-NC Statesville Woman’s Club
- District 3 Sarah Hebert, Charlotte Woman’s Club
- District 4 Kristen Blake, Mt. Airy Junior Woman’s Club
- District 5 Jenna Pulley, Henderson Junior Woman’s Club
- District 6 Kathy Godfrey, The Woman’s Club of Raleigh
- District 7 Tammy Kesky, GFWC South Brunswick Island Woman’s Club
- District 8 Melissa Knox, Woman’s Club of Williamston
- District 9 Susan Rhew, Outer Banks Woman’s Club

**Jennifer Nelson (2019) - Charlotte Women's Club**

- District 4 Judy Jo Cline, Burlington Woman's Club
- District 6 Brenda Bruce Griffin, The Woman's Club of Raleigh
- District 7 Pamela Hutchison, GFWC of Holden Beach
- District 8 Brandy Selos, GFWC Clayton Junior Woman's Club
- District 9 Jean Pratt, Outer Banks Woman's Club

**Nicole Fleming (2020) – Henderson Junior Woman’s Club**

- District 3 Mary Frances Gourley, Junior Woman’s Club of Charlotte
- District 4 Kathy Pike, Burlington Woman’s Club
- District 5 Nicole Fleming, Henderson Junior Woman’s Club
- District 6 Sharon Day, Junior Woman’s Club of Raleigh
- District 7 Ann Trembley, NC Sorosis
- District 8 Rachel Masimore, The Woman’s Club of Clayton

**Angela Richard (2021) - Outer Banks Woman’s Club**

- District 3 Hannah Wallace, Charlotte Junior Woman’s Club
- District 4 Denane Owen, Burlington Woman’s Club
- District 5 Amanda Ellis, Henderson Junior Woman’s Club
- District 6 Susan Tenney, The Woman’s Club of Raleigh
- District 7 Kelly Imbody, GFWC of Holden Beach
- District 8 Trish Perna, The Woman’s Club of Clayton
- District 9 Angela Richard, Outer Banks Woman’s Club

**Michele Luckenbaugh (2022) – Outer Banks Woman’s Club**

Holly Coleman - GFWC of Holden Beach  
Beth Elliott - GFWC - South Brunswick Islands  
Liz Garriques - Greensboro Woman’s Club  
Pam Hutchison - GFWC of Holden Beach  
Lynn Odom - Durham Woman’s Club  
Deanna Waters - The Woman’s Club of Raleigh, Inc.  
District 7 - Debbie Yorio - GFWC of Holden Beach  
District 8 - Kismet Matthews - The Woman’s Club of Clayton  
District 9 - Michele Luckenbaugh - Outer Banks Woman’s Club