

## Community Service Programs

**Arts and Culture** - encourages members to promote and support arts activities in their clubs, schools, and communities .

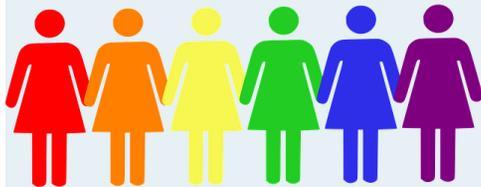
**Civic Engagement and Outreach**—encourages undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community locally, regionally, nationally and globally.

**Education and Libraries** - encourages promotion in education in both children and adults, libraries, and literacy within our communities.

**Environment** - encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, and beautify communities and enjoy nature.

**Health and Wellness** - address nutrition, disease prevention and physical and emotional care.

Additional information available at [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org) and [gfwcpennsylvania.org](http://gfwcpennsylvania.org).



## Mission Statement

For over a century, the members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Pennsylvania have encouraged women to unite their influence and interests to promote educational, civic, legislative, moral and social measures.



For additional information to join an established club in your area, please contact us at::

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## General Federation of Women's Clubs Pennsylvania

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2020-2022 President

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## Structure

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Unlike many single issue organizations, GFWC's structure allows clubs to address the needs of their individual communities, states and the nation. Members from all walks of life and clubs choose to work on community projects, state projects, national and international projects. Thus putting the GFWC motto Unity in Diversity into practice.

GFWC Pennsylvania provides its members pertinent information, leadership and guidance through its quarterly publication, the Pennsylvania Clubwoman Newsletter, GFWC Pennsylvania website, emails, mailings, district and state meetings.

## History

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GFWC Pennsylvania was organized and became a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1895 in Philadelphia. GFWC, headquartered in Washington D.C., is one of the largest women's volunteer organizations in the world! Accomplishments include: - Started 75% of libraries in Pennsylvania Purchased 160 acres of prime forest land, now part of the Allegheny National Forest U.S. Olympics received \$50,000 to train and prepare hopeful athletes. Supported Operation Smile with a total donation of over 2500 quilts. Assisted food banks throughout Pennsylvania with financial support and needed food items.

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## President's Project

### Vision Impairment Awareness

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The GFWC Pennsylvania President's Project encourages its member to participate in the support of their local agency affiliate of the Pennsylvania Blind Association through volunteering and donations.

Clubs will educate themselves and their community on the four major eye diseases and prevention of blindness in all ages.

In the United States, according to information found on the National Eye Institute/National Institutes of Health website, the most common eye diseases will or will nearly double by 2050. The four eye diseases are:

1. Age related Macular Degeneration - estimated will increase from 2.1 million to 5.4 million
2. Cataract—estimated will increase from 24.4 million to 50 million
3. Diabetic Retinopathy—estimated will increase from 7.7 million to 14.6 million
4. Glaucoma—estimated will increase from 2.7 million to 6.3 million

Your support of the mission of these agencies servicing the needs of the blind and vision impaired is vital to improve the quality of life for many.

VISION  
IMPAIRMENT  
AWARENESS

## Membership

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GFWC Pennsylvania members include teachers, business owners, social workers, elected officials, medical professionals, homemakers, corporate executives, students, retirees and many more gifted women. They represent six geographical districts with 70 clubs having approximately 2,100 members.

Membership in general clubs is open to women 18 years of age and older. Our Juniorette clubs are composed of students of middle school and high school age.

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

### GFWC Pennsylvania Advancement Areas

- Communications and Public Relations
- Leadership
- Membership
- Women's History and Resources
- Legislation/Public Policy
- Fundraising

### GFWC Signature Project—Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

#### GFWC Partners

- St Judes Children's Research
- Operation Smile
- Heifer International
- Shot at Life
- HOBY
- Canine Companions
- March of Dimes