



# GFWC COLORADO

A proud member of the  
General Federation of Women's Clubs

## GFWC and GFWC Colorado membership

As a member of your local club, you are also a member of the GFWC Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs or GFWC.

# General Federation of Women's Clubs



Headquarters – Washington, DC  
#UnityInDiversity  
#LivingTheVolunteerSpirit

## GFWC Headquarters

Our International headquarters administrative offices are located at 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

This is the home of the GFWC International President during her two-year term.

Our taglines and motto are: Unity in Diversity and Living the Volunteer Spirit.

# GFWC Women's History & Resource Center



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The GFWC Women's History and Resource Center is also located in Washington, DC. The WHRC collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of the GFWC and women volunteers. The WHRC documents the social and political contributions of GFWC clubwomen from 1890 to the present through the GFWC archives, related special collections, and publications.

## 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?”**

### History of GFWC

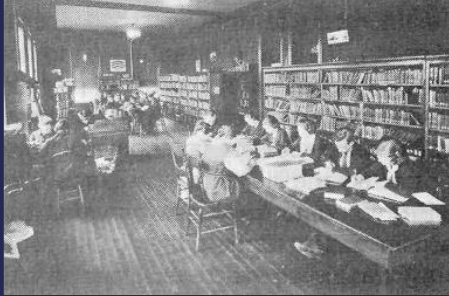
GFWC has a rich history since its founding in 1890.

In 1868, Jennie June Croly, an accomplished New York 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 was determined to organize a club for women. The General Federation was founded in 1890, with the motto, “Unity in Diversity.”

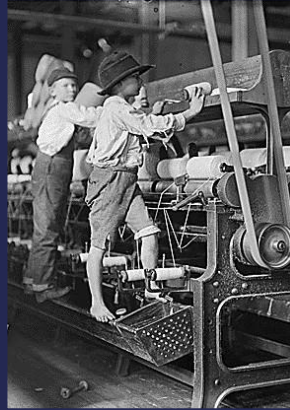
This group of women has grown into one of the largest organizations of volunteer women in the world.

GFWC has nearly 80,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia, and [more than a dozen countries](#).

# GFWC



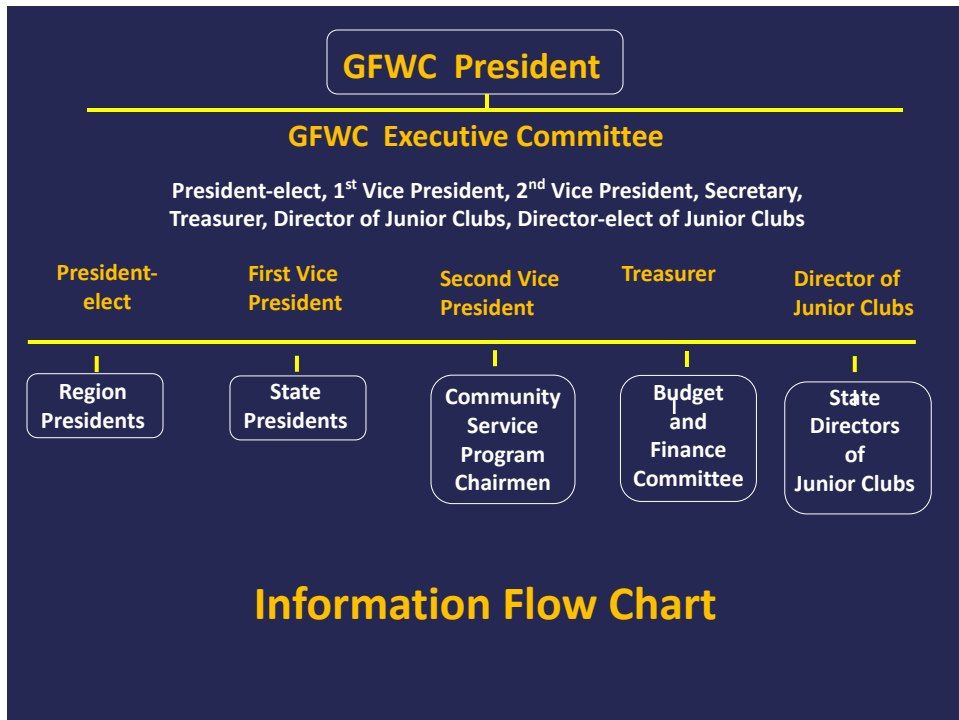
**Established 75% of  
the Nation's Libraries**



**Passage of the  
Child Labor Laws**

## GFWC – Libraries, Food and Drug Act and Child Labor Laws

GFWC was instrumental in establishing most of the nation's libraries and helped to pass the Pure Food and Drug Act and the first child labor laws.



## Flow Chart of Information

This chart shows how information passes from GFWC to the regions and state federations.

**GFWC  
2020-2022  
Executive  
Committee**



**Marian St Clair**  
President



**Deb Strahanoski**  
President-elect



**Suellen Brazil**  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



**Wendy Carriker**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



**Jolie Frankfurth**  
Secretary



**Mary Beth Williams**  
Treasurer



**Kristina Higbee**  
Director of Junior  
Clubs

GFWC International officers are elected by voting members at the GFWC annual convention in the even-numbered years. The term of office is two years.

# GFWC COLORADO

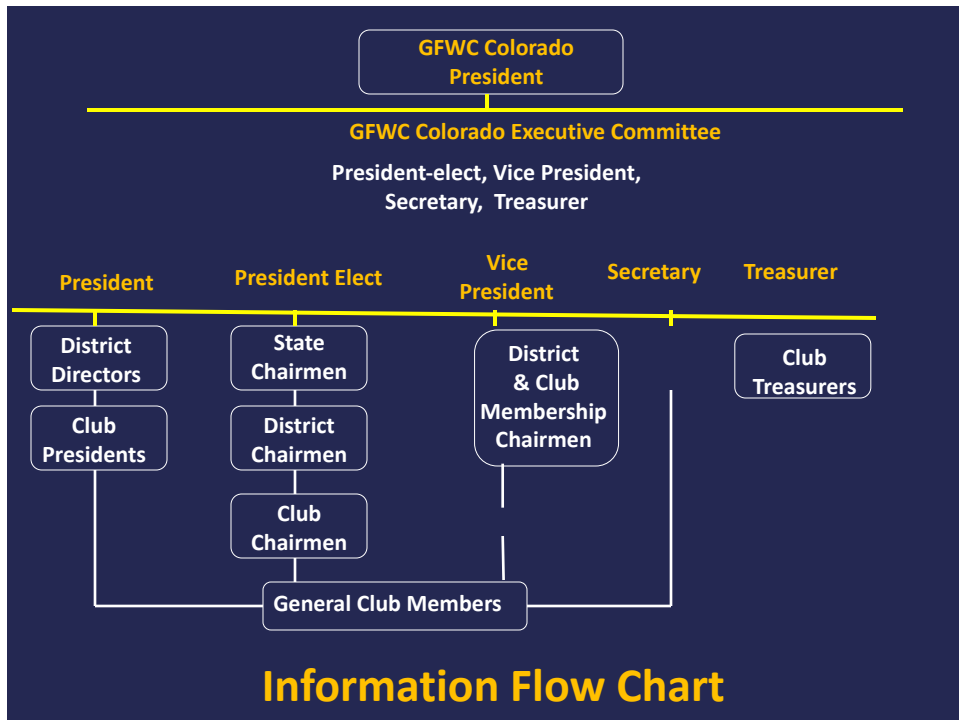


**Organized in 1895**  
**126 years of volunteer service**

GFWC Colorado was organized in 1895. We do not have a house for keeping our archives. They are archived at the Colorado University repository. Individual clubs may store their information at a local source, such as the local library.

The president of GFWC CO and the executive committee members oversee the operation of our state Federation.





## Flow Chart of Information

This chart shows how information passes from the GFWC Colorado state president and executive committee members to the club officers and the general membership.

**2020-2022  
Executive  
Committee**



**GFWC COLORADO  
PRESIDENT**



**Lori Hawley  
Pres.-Elect**



**Theresa Rudder  
Vice-President**



**Diane Bell  
Secretary**



**Ronnie Johnson  
Treasurer**

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# GFWC Colorado State Approved Projects



- Mesa Verde National Park
- Rocky Mountain National Park

Colorado Federation club women led the way in preserving Mesa Verde and its establishment as a National Park in 1901. Virginia McClurg, a club woman, visited Mesa Verde in 1886 and recognized the need to preserve the artifacts and site. She enlisted the support of the GFWC Colorado Federation. Lucy Peabody, A Denver club woman, also played a significant part in establishing the Park.

Rocky Mountain National Park was established on January 26, 1915 by President Woodrow Wilson. Mary Belle King Sherman, a CFWC member and GFWC Conservation chairman (1914-1920) was actively involved in the establishment of Rocky Mountain National Park. She was nicknamed the “National Park Lady” for her guidance in the formation of six national parks.

# GFWC Colorado Projects

- President's Special Project
- CFWC 1895 Society
- Minnie L. Harding Educational Loan Fund (MLHELF)

These projects are exclusive to GFWC Colorado and supported by club members.

The President's Special Project is the project named by the current president and club members will do projects and provide support. This project is funded through the cancelled stamps program.

The CFWC 1895 Society: Income to this fund comes from memorial gifts and contributions of any amount. Interest from the fund may be used for CFWC State Officers travel expenses. The CFWC 1895 Society is named for the year CFWC joined GFWC.

Minnie L. Harding Educational Loan Fund is unique to GFWC Colorado. Female residents of Colorado who are high school graduates or have a GED certificate pursuing a degree in professional field or are attending an accredited vocational school may apply to this program. MLHELF has its own set of bylaws.

# GFWC Colorado

## 3 Districts

### **Peaks District**

Boulder Valley Woman's Club, Chalets, Mountain Pine Woman's Club, Southwest Region Woman's Club and Woman's Club of Colorado Springs

### **Plains District**

Fowler Progress, Sorosis of Lamar, Granada Women's Civic, MSA Stratton, and Walsenburg Woman's Club

### **Valleys District**

Woman's Citizenship Club

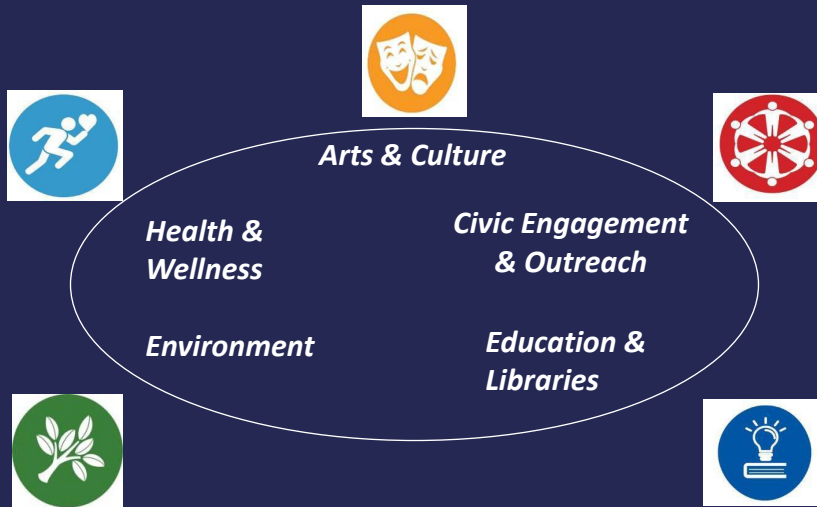
GFWC Colorado club membership.

**GFWC COLORADO IS A  
MEMBER OF  
WESTERN STATES REGION**

Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah,  
Washington and Wyoming

GFWC Colorado is part of this region along with Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

# GFWC Colorado Community Service Programs



## GFWC Colorado by the numbers (2020)

- **12 clubs**
- **241 members**
- **19,450 hours volunteer service each year**
- **\$215,152.71 in community grants, scholarships, monetary & in-kind donations yearly**
- **360 community service projects completed each year**



# Membership Classifications

**General Membership**

**Junior Membership**

**Juniorette Membership**

*Ages 12- 18*



## Member Benefits

The three most common 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 and make friends as we make a difference in our communities.

## GFWC Colorado 2020-2022

GFWC Colorado's State President, Deb Greer, has chosen as her President's Special Project to "Shine the Light" in your community by doing projects around young adult homelessness. She has personal experience with her kid's friends and their minds are not fully developed and they so not know how to improve their homeless circumstances. Many also have co-existing mental health issues. The clubwomen were asked to do projects and provide support for agencies that assist with young adult Homelessness by providing donations and in-kind contributions. We are hoping to help 100s of youth

### President's Special Project

# Membership Responsibilities

- ✓ *Attend regular meetings*
- ✓ *Participate in community service and fund raising events*
- ✓ *Pay club dues*
- ✓ *Help membership grow*

## Sharing our message

### GFWC



- Clubwoman magazine
- News & Notes
- Webinars

### GFWC Colorado

- CFWC Clubwoman Newsletter
- President Communications

GFWC Colorado  
Facebook Page

**GFWC.org**

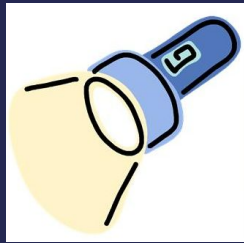
## Sharing our message

The GFWC Clubwoman magazine is published quarterly by GFWC headquarters and provides a link to all clubwomen around the world. It is available by subscription only. GFWC News & Notes is a monthly electronic newsletter published by GFWC. It is available by email and on the website.

GFWC Colorado Clubwoman Newsletter is published quarterly and is sent to all club members.

# GFWC Colorado

- Shine your light in Colorado to help the teen Homelessness !!!!
- Thank you for living the volunteer spirit!!



Sharing the message from GFWC Colorado President, Deb Greer, 2020-2022.

GFWC Southwest Region Woman's  
Club

## GFWC/SRWC

- Established April 24, 1998
- Club Color: Yellow
- Club Flower: Tulip
- Club Purpose: To promote intellectual, educational, social, and civic improvements, and to participate in the programs of the GFWC & CFWC. We shall conduct ourselves as a non-profit, non-partisan, and non-sectarian organization



## GFWC/SRWC

- Monthly meetings September-May at St Paul's Church- 9200 W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave in Lakewood
- We gather at 6:30 pm for some refreshments and program begins at 7 pm
- Yearly dues \$40- pay in September
- Programs, Service Projects, and Fundraising are determined by Members!
- 48 members (as of May 2021)

## GFWC/SRWC

- Officers: 2020-2022
  - President: Sue O'Dell
  - Secretary: Katarina Davis-Brewbaker
  - Treasurer: Jane Barnes

## GFWC/SRWC

- We are known for:
  - Tampon Party
  - Food Drives
  - Charity Walks
  - School Supply Drive
  - Support of The Action Center in Lakewood
  - 2020- 69 projects/programs; 2805 volunteer hours; \$9601 direct donations to local and international charities; \$57,565 in-kind donations!

## GFWC/SRWC

- New members always welcome
- Attend club meetings and functions as you are able
- Volunteer to help plan a meeting; bring food for meetings; participate in service projects
- Attend District, State, Regional, and International meetings as desired
- Visit our GFWC historic headquarters in Washington DC

## GFWC/ SRWC

- Fun, Food, Fellowship!!!
- Help new members get connected!
- Stay connected: Newsletter, Website, Facebook page, EVITE's, emails
- Attend via Zoom/Hybrid meetings as health concerns/distance/weather dictate.
- Ask Questions
- Welcome to GFWC/Southwest Region Woman's Club!