



MEMBERSHIP

ADVANCEMENT PLAN

Unity in Diversity

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is proudly represented in thousands of communities around the world by dedicated volunteers who work to better the lives of others, make cities and towns better places to live, and extend the hand of friendship to those near and far. We are individuals of diverse talents, interests, and backgrounds united by a dedication to community improvement through volunteer service.

GFWC offers a network of support for more than 60,000 clubwomen who volunteer on a local, state, national, and international level. Working together, we constitute a powerful, service-oriented organization that encourages volunteerism through training and coaching, leadership opportunities, personal enrichment, and many other benefits. Various GFWC resources, from members-only materials to legislative alerts, support individuals and clubs in their volunteer efforts.

The many benefits of belonging to GFWC include:

- **STRENGTH IN UNITY.** GFWC members strengthen their voice in shaping public issues and policy through the combined efforts of women serving in their club, District, State Federation, Region, or at the national level.
- **SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.** GFWC offers members a network of women with similar interests and concerns. Fun, fellowship, and lasting friendships are a large part of the GFWC experience.
- **LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.** Knowledge and experience acquired through GFWC volunteer training and community service can enhance a personal resume and open the door to new career or personal opportunities. Or, prompt new academic pursuits and success in a wide variety of fields.
- **A VARIED VOLUNTEER MENU.** GFWC offers many national resources to help clubs plan and create community service projects in the diverse areas of Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness. GFWC also supports Special Programs that advance Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention and encourages members to become Advocates for Children.
- **HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.** Studies show that the personal satisfaction that comes from making a positive difference helps volunteers live longer, function better, suffer fewer ills, and enjoy life to the fullest.

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CLUB CONNECTION INITIATIVE: At the start of each week write a note, send an email, or post a comment on social media using #IAmGFWC to recognize a clubwoman who has done something remarkable, such as chaired a successful project, shared a great idea, organized a meal for a sick member, provided encouragement when someone needed a boost, or has just been their usual terrific self. Be mindful of the many benefits we all receive from our membership and value the work that others do to make things go smoothly. Give a pat on the back on Motivational Monday and let others know you noticed!