

The GFWC-NH 2026-2028 Candidates

For GFWC – NH President – elect

Dolores VanBlarcom

Dolores joined Salem Area Women’s Club after being (Sheila Casey) invited by a friend to attend a District Meeting to help set up. At this meeting, she saw and heard about the community activities that GFWC sponsored, the volunteer spirit and was eager to get involved.

She has served as the 2018-2020 Co-President of Salem Area Women’s Club, 2019 New Hampshire LEADS Graduate (Leadership Education and Development Seminar Program), 2020-2022 President of Salem Area Women’s Club and the 2024-2026 GFWC - NH Vice President.

She served on the following committees:

GFWC NH Communications and Public Relations Chair 2020-2024

GFWC NH Communications and Public Relations Committee member 2024-2026

GFWC NH Budget Committee 2022-2024

GFWC NH Corresponding Secretary 2022-2024

GFWC New England Region Nominating Committee 2024-2026

GFWC NH Webmaster from 2019 to current

New Hampshire Women’s Veteran Memorial Committee 2023- 2025

For GFWC – NH Vice President

Mary Ryan

Mary is the current GFWC - NH Treasurer and President of the Exeter Area GFWC where her President’s Project is food insecurity. She has served as GFWC – NH Arts & Culture Co-chair and on the committee for the New England Region Conference, recently hosted by GFWC – NH. She is a GFWC LEADS, Leadership, Education and Development Seminar, graduate.

She has served as Treasurer of Exeter Area GFWC and an active member of the membership committee.

She is a former educator, a retired accountant, and dabbles in jewelry making. She is looking forward to all of the opportunities she may have to serve the next administration and her community.

Her hobbies include travelling, gathering with friends and family, and visiting local wineries here in NH and on their journeys. She resides in Hampton, NH with her husband, Jack.

For GFWC – NH Treasurer

Darlene Coutu

Darlene has been a GFWC Clubwomen for twenty - one years.

She has held the following positions at the state level:

GFWC Massachusetts: Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Central Region District Director, Finance Committee, GFWC Massachusetts Federation Topics (newsletter) Editor, Counselor to the Scholarship Committee, Scholarship Committee Chairman, Bylaws Committee, Resolutions Committee, GFWC Massachusetts Headquarters Commission.

Positions held in the following GFWC Clubs:

Nashaway Woman's Club: Director

GFWC Pepperell Woman's Club: President, Secretary, Treasurer.

GFWC Boston Parliamentary Law Club: President, Vice-president, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Bylaws Chairman.

Ladies Physiological Institute of Boston and Vicinity: President, Vice President

For GFWC – NH Recording Secretary

Deborah Georgevits

Deborah is currently serving as GFWC NH Recording Secretary, as appointed to fill the vacancy made by the previous Recording Secretary in 2025. Deb states that she is enjoying the position of Recording Secretary and looks forward to running for a full term in this position.

Deb has been a member of the GFWC Concord Contemporary Club for 37 years. She served as President from 1992-94 then again from 2020-2024. She also served as the club treasurer from 2016-2019.

As a member of the club she spear headed many projects such as collecting sneakers for conservation efforts and collecting crayons for a project that recycles them to make new ones for children in hospitals. She worked in conjunction with her church on GFWC's International Day of Service Project. She is currently serving on the GFWC NH Special Committee to study Gaming Partnership agreements with the State Federation.

She is an active member of her church volunteering on the Hospitality ministry. For over 25 years she taught Physical Education and Health.

Corresponding Secretary

Mary Jane Lowe

Mary Jane Joined the GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club in 2018 after relocating to Dover from Scarborough Maine. She has served the club as Membership co-chair and as chair of Environment and Civic Engagement. Mary Jane has held the office of Club President for the 2022-24 and 2024-26 terms.

She values the strong sense of community fostered by the Dover Area Woman's club and has greatly enjoyed building friendships working alongside fellow members. Mary Jane looks forward to many more years of service and opportunities to make a positive difference in the community.

Outside of the club, Mary Jane enjoys gardening, entertaining and home decorating. She also loves traveling with her husband Bob and cherishes time with grandchildren.

Merrimack South District Director

San Phan

San has been a member since 2022, has been on the nominating committee, 2025 GFWC Leadership Education and Development graduate, celebrated as 2025 GFWC – NH Honor Roll Clubwomen for all her participation for International Day of Service. She has lead exercises at meetings, taken blood pressure for members at club and has been the club and state photographer. She services as Co-chair GFWC – NH Health and Wellness committee. She served as Merrimack South District Secretary.

She graduated from the University of NH with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. San has her owns a healthcare business for those who cannot get out.

Seacoast District Director

Stephanie Riotto

Stephanie joined the Home Life Department of the GFWC-NH Woman's Club of Somersworth in 1992. At that time, she had two young boys ages 4 and 1 and a new business, so spending an evening each month with other young moms was a life saver! As many of the 'girls' moved away, Stephanie joined the 'ladies' and has been active member since. She served two terms as President and is currently in her second term as treasurer. The best part of being a GFWC member is the close friendship with other 'sisters' as they work together to support their community!

Capital North District Director--open

Nominating Committee Chairman
Denise Raisanen

Denise has been a GFWC Clubwomen for 47 years. She has held many offices in her home club of Exeter Area GFWC. She has been on GFWC – NH Executive Board for 10 years and is the current President. She has also served as GFWC – NH Director of Junior Clubs.

Nominating Committee

Elaine French
Rachel Kingston
Patti Drelik
Stephanie Riotto