



GFWC - NH
Mid Year
February 7, 2026
Derryfield Country Club
625 Mammoth Rd
Manchester, NH



8:30 am Registration

Derryfield Continental Breakfast

9:00 am Call to Order

- **Pledge of Alliance to the United States of America -**
- **Inspiration of the Day**
- **Welcome**
- **Introduction of Officers**
- **Minutes of Fall Field Meeting**
- **Report of Registration**
- **GFWC-NH Business**
- **Recognition of first time attendees**

(all first time attendees to a State meeting will be entered into a drawing for a free meal to attend the GFWC NH Annual Meeting 2026)

- **Photography Contest voting instructions**

10:00 am Break-Clubwomen voting on Photography Contest Entries

- **Chairmen Updates**
- **Vote on Proposed Resolution-see attached**
- **Report of the Nomination Committee**
- **Guest Speaker-Laura Buell, *Bedtime and Beyond***
- **Expression of Thanks**

12:00 pm Lunch, Voting and Fundraising

1:00 pm

- **Report of Tellers**
- **Guest Speakers:**
 - Cheryll Andrews, *Dismas Home NH, Courage to Change***
 - Bianca Magnell, *SANE Nurse, founder The Bravery Alliance***
- **Announcement of Photography Winners**
- **Chairmen Updates**
- **Final Report of Registration**
- **Announcements**
- **Collect**
- **Dates to Remember**

3:00 pm Adjournment

Fundraiser-Straw Pull \$10/pull for exciting prizes, including lunch for 2 with GFWC-NH President, cowboy cookies by Mike Maskwa, 1000 piece puzzle and more!

GFWC NH Nominating Committee Proposed Slate for the 2026-2028 GFWC NH Administration:

President: Donna Maskawa (Has already been elected)

President-elect: Dolores VanBlarcom

Vice President: Mary Ryan

Treasurer: Darlene Coutu

Recording Secretary: Deb Georgevits

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Jane Lowe

Merrimack South District Director: San Phan

Seacoast: Stephanie Riotto

Capitol; North: OPEN

Chairman of 2026-2028 Nominating Committee: Denise Raisanen

Committee: Elaine French

Rachel Kingston

Patti Drelick

Stephanie Riotto

General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire



Official Call
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Saturday February 7, 2026



Registration: **\$5**

Continental breakfast: Juice, Seasonal fruit, muffins, assorted Danish and croissants, Coffee and Tea

Buffet lunch: Tomato rosemary bisque, green salad, pork tenderloin, pasta primavera, chef choice starch, vegetable and rolls **\$35**

Club

Name of Attendee	GFWC NH Position or Club President
_____	_____
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Number of registrants _____ x \$40 Total \$ enclosed _____

Mail Registration with Check payable to **GFWC – NH**
Please mail form and payment by **January 16, 2026** to:

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Civic Engagement and Outreach Resolution : 140-050 Citizenship Rights and Privileges

(Convention 2022: Includes "Fundamental Freedoms," Convention 1956: "Respect for the Flag of the United States," Convention 1974; and "Citizenship," Convention 1975)

WHEREAS, Citizenship provides certain rights, duties, and responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, Democracy consists of several key elements providing protection to citizens by ensuring the:

Freedom to express their will and to participate in fair elections;

Protection of human rights, interests, and welfare;

Active participation in both political and civic endeavors;

Equal application of the law and procedures to all; and

WHEREAS, Citizens are entitled to the privileges of the fundamental freedoms found in the Bill of Rights, and to the inherent rights, including respect for the dignity of the individual and the freedom of thought, discussion, and belief; and

WHEREAS, The American Flag as a symbol of the United States of America, is representative of the rights and freedoms of its citizens; therefore

WHEREAS, In order for children and young adults to be taught and to understand the fundamental principles of our country's founding, history, and the essential and enduring documents that govern our country such as the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution;

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to:

Encourage all citizens to actively participate in the democratic process;

Promote civic engagement, including voting, serving jury duty, and contacting elected officials on issues of importance;

Support equal opportunities for all citizens to participate in civic and political activities;

Uphold the ideals of the United States of America and its freedoms;

Respect the flag of the United States of America by:

Learning and practicing proper flag etiquette;

Promoting and endorsing the flying of the flag in a respectful manner.

Promote the teaching of Civics Education beginning in kindergarten through twelfth grade by:

Supporting local schools as they research materials needed for age-appropriate curriculum and to offer financial support for necessary materials;

Encouraging states to construct a Civics nonprofit organization that will offer Civics programs to educators and individuals;

Encourage schools to celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th.