



# General Federation of Women's Clubs New England Region 113<sup>th</sup> Conference



• Connecticut • Maine • Massachusetts • New Hampshire  
• Rhode Island • Vermont

Libby Wiers, President GFWC New England Region  
Region President Theme: *Moving Ahead with Big Dreams*  
September 23-25, 2022

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**CALL to the 113<sup>th</sup> GFWC New England Region Conference**  
**Radisson Hotel Providence Airport**  
**2081 Post Road | Warwick, Rhode Island**  
**855-516-1090 | 401-739-3000**



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**Conference Theme: Oceans '22**

**2022 Conference Chairmen:**

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Sisters in Federation,

It is with great pleasure that you are invited to the 113<sup>th</sup> GFWC New England Region Conference hosted by GFWC Rhode Island in Warwick, RI. Please plan to attend - mark your calendars for September 23-25, 2022, and get your reservations made.

This is our opportunity to connect with old friends, make new friends, and to meet our GFWC leaders - GFWC International President Debra Strahanoski and GFWC President-elect Suellen Brazil will be joining us. We will learn about our organization, learn new ways to serve our communities, and have some fun. Our states all have big dreams they want to accomplish, and this weekend may be just what you need to accomplish them with sparkle and shine.

The hotel restaurant is currently not open, but breakfast food is available in the lobby. Amenities include free parking, high-speed internet, a coffee maker in the room, and more.

As much as we wish that covid had disappeared, the reality is that it is still with us. To ensure safety of all participants, you are requested to wear a face mask in public areas and meetings except when presenting or consuming food or beverages. Tables will be set for six to allow some distancing.

Rhode Island is excited to welcome us and has planned a wonderful time. Share this with your Federation friends, the more the merrier.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in September,

Libby Wiers, President  
GFWC New England Region  
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**Raffles, Shopping, GFWC Guests, Entertainment,  
GFWC NER Friends, Speakers, Raffles, Jr. Fun Night**





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## Hotel Information for You ~

Radisson Hotel Providence Airport Room Reservations:

When booking your hotel room please call 401-739-3000 or 855-516-1090, mention the GFWC room block. The group rate of \$119 plus taxes will close on August 21, 2022, at 11:59 pm. or when the total block is full whichever is earlier. Reservations made after this date are at the discretion of the hotel. Hotel check-in time is 3:00 pm, and check-out time is 12:00 noon.

Directions to the Radisson:

From Points South:

I-95N EXIT 29 T.F. Green Airport, proceed to the Post Road Exit, take left off the exit and the hotel will be on your left

From Points North:

I-95S EXIT 29 T.F. Green Airport, proceed to the Post Road Exit, take left off the exit and the hotel will be on your left

## Charity being supported at this Conference ~

### DAY ONE ~ 100 Medway Street, Providence, RI

Day One is the only agency in Rhode Island that is specifically organized to deal with issues of sexual assault as a community concern. They provide treatment, intervention, education, advocacy, and prevention services to Rhode Islanders of all ages—from preschool children to elder adults. Additionally, they advocate for public policy initiatives and systemic changes that positively impact how Rhode Island families handle sexual abuse cases. Trauma-informed clinical services are offered, designed to provide a safe and comforting place for the clients to begin their journey. They partner with the following National Affiliations: National Children's Alliance (NCA), National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), Resource Sharing Project (RSP), and Office for Victims of Crime

<p><b>Hope</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ A goal of making RI communities free of sexual abuse and violence</li><li>✓ Proven solutions for victims and those at risk</li><li>✓ Advocacy for public policy and initiatives and systemic changes</li></ul> <p><a href="#">Find Hope</a></p>	<p><b>Healing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ A unique healing path for each individual</li><li>✓ Trauma-informed clinical services</li><li>✓ Safe and comfortable place to begin your healing journey</li></ul> <p><a href="#">Seek Healing</a></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Any individual can discover a way to make a difference</li><li>✓ A range of giving options from donating to volunteering</li><li>✓ A resilient community united to fight against sexual violence</li></ul> <p><a href="#">Take Action</a></p>
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## GFWC New England Region Fundraiser Information ~

Each state will have a table available to use for fundraising. Please contact Janet Trombetti at [janet.trombetti@gmail.com](mailto:janet.trombetti@gmail.com) to confirm your state would like a table. You can sell any items of your choosing except GFWC wine glasses and aprons; the host state will be selling these items.

## GFWC New England Region Raffle Baskets ~

Information regarding State Basket Raffles: Each State is asked to contribute a basket valued at \$100 for the Region Raffle. State choice for the theme of your basket. Deliver baskets Friday afternoon, the registration table will direct you to the drop-off location.



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**Thursday, September 22, 2022**

## **Thursday Evening early arrivals ~**

Please plan dinner with a small group of your region or state friends on your own. There are local restaurants within walking distance of the hotel:

- Bertucci's Italian Restaurant, 1946 Post Road
- IHOP, 1802 Post Road
- Iron Works, 697 Jefferson Boulevard
- Tavolo Wine Bar and Tuscan Grille, 2099 Post Road



**Friday, September 23, 2022**

**Registration Table Open ~ 9:00 am-12:00 pm, 2:00-6:00 pm**

## **Service Project ~ 11:00 am ~ 1:30 pm**

Our focus for the **service project** will be on children of all ages at the DAY ONE facility. Clubwomen will assemble packages for the children who use Day One's facility. Welcomed donations will include coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, drawing pads, PlayDoh, and much more. These will be assembled in beach buckets or baskets. Each state will be given a list of items to bring to the conference under a separate email. Donation items can be dropped off at the registration table at the conference.

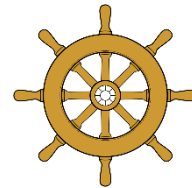
**3 – 6:30 pm ~ Exhibitor Showcase ~ Cowesett Room**

**3:45 - 5 pm ~ GFWC Region Board of Directors Meeting**

**6:00 pm ~ Social Gathering**

**6:45 pm ~ Rhode Island State Night Banquet ~ “Captain’s Ball at the Bay”**

- Cocktail attire and add something blue!
- Special guest speaker: Author Sarah Hammel



## **GFWC New England Region**

### **Fun Night hosted by Massachusetts Junior Membership**

Survey says...you'll have a blast playing Family Feud with your GFWC sisters at Fun Night! Work together to come up with the most popular answers to a variety of questions. We'll split into two teams and see who will win the coveted prize of

**... bragging rights!**

All clubwomen are encouraged to attend, no previous Family Feud knowledge is required.





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Saturday, September 24, 2022



**8 – 9 am ~ Registration Table Open**

**8 am – 6:30 pm ~ Exhibitor Showcase ~ Cowesett Room**

**Business Session ~ “Sea of Knowledge”**

**Processional formation ~ 8:45 am**

- State Presidents, please remember to bring white gloves, state flag, and flag stand.
- Business Casual attire

**9:00 am ~ Business Session**

**12:30 pm ~ GFWC New England Luncheon ~ “Anchors Away”**

- Listen to the remarks of our guest speaker: GFWC President-elect Suellen Brazil

**6:00 pm ~ Social Gathering**

**7:00 pm ~ New England Region Banquet ~ “Cruising the Coastal Waters”**

- Our guest speaker will be GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski
- Entertainment ~ Musical Duo Katelyn Belyea and Joey Peavey
- Cocktail attire



Sunday, September 25, 2022

**Business Meeting ~ “Gathering for the Ferry”**

**Breakfast Buffet ~ 8:00 – 9:30 am**

- Remembrance Ceremony: State Presidents, please email Marge Pfeiffer at [dmgoodwin2@live.com](mailto:dmgoodwin2@live.com) with the names of any New England Region board members who have passed away since 2021.
- Panel of Presidents and Director of Junior Clubs
- Speaker: Cara Young, Director at Day One
- Emblematic attire ~ wear your club or GFWC Marketplace items that have the General Federation of Women's Club Emblem.



**EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE ~**



**Sample of some of your shopping opportunities:**

- Thirty-One Bags
- Ja'Bodi, skincare
- Pretty Things, jewelry
- The Little Black Dress, clothing
- And, so much more



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## MEALS RESERVATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

State Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Present Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Previously attended a GFWC New England Region Conference? [ ] Yes [ ] No

### MEALS

#### **Friday: GFWC Rhode Island State Night Banquet** ~ Dinner Buffet includes:

- Salads: Garden Fresh Tossed Salad with dressing  
Caesar Salad with Herbed Croutons
- Entrees: Baked Cod with Traditional Crumb Topping  
Grilled Breast of Chicken Marsala
- Starch & Vegetable: Herbed Rice Pilaf  
Seasonal Mixed Vegetables  
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter
- Pasta: Pasta Primavera
- Dessert: Fresh Baked Cookies & Brownies
- Beverage: Coffee and Tea

Dinner Buffet **\$56.75** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Saturday Lunch**

Gourmet Luncheon (salad and sandwich bar) **\$37.50** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Saturday Night: New England Region Banquet** ~ Dinner Buffet includes:

- Salads: Garden Fresh Tossed Salad with dressing  
Caesar Salad with Herbed Croutons
- Entrees: Beef Tips with Mushrooms, Onions, and Red Wine Demi Glaze  
Roasted Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Sage Bread Stuffing
- Starch & Vegetable: Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes  
Italian Green Beans  
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter
- Pasta: Cheese Ravioli with Pesto Sauce
- Dessert: Fresh Baked Cookies & Brownies
- Beverage: Coffee and Tea

Dinner Buffet **\$56.75** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Sunday Breakfast**

Breakfast Buffet **\$27.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL MEALS \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any dietary restrictions** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE:** One reservation form for each attendee (copy if needed)  
Make separate check for meals payable to GFWC Rhode Island  
Attn: NER Registration, Tracy Kubricky, 9 Crest Drive, Narragansett, RI 02882  
*Questions: Email: [tracykubicky@gmail.com](mailto:tracykubicky@gmail.com)*

**Meal Fee: Deadline September 8, 2022 ~ Sorry no refunds after 9/8/2022**



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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

State Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Present Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Previously attended a GFWC New England Region Conference? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Participating in the Service Project? [ ] Yes [ ] No

[ \$25] \_\_\_\_\_ per person for the entire Conference

[ \$15 ] \_\_\_\_\_ per person for one day or part thereof

Friday 09/23 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday 09/24 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 09/25 \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Medical Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE:** One registration form for each attendee (copy if needed)  
Make a separate check for registration payable to **GFWC New England Region**  
Registration must be received by 9/8/22  
**Mail this form to Bev Pallmerine, Box 1095, White River Jct, VT 05001**  
**Questions: bpallmerine@gmail.com or 802.738.2832**

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## *Preliminary Agenda*

**Friday ~ September 23, 2022**

9 am – noon	Registration Table Open
11 am – 1:30 pm	Service Project ~ come and go as needed
2 pm - 6 pm	Registration Table Open
3:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Exhibitor Showcase ~ Cowesett Room
2:30 pm	Region Officer Meeting
3:45 pm	Region Board of Director Meeting
6 pm	Social Gathering
7 pm	GFWC Rhode Island State Night Banquet
<i>following the banquet</i>	Junior Fun Night

**Saturday ~ September 24, 2022**

8 am–6:30 pm	Exhibitor Showcase ~ Cowesett Room
8 am – 9 am	Registration Table Open
8:45 am	Processional Formation
9 am	Business Session
	Reports of Officers
	GFWC and/or Region Committee Reports:
	Community Service Programs ~ Community Connection Initiatives
	Signature Program
	Juniors' Special Program
	Legislation and Public Policy
	Fundraising
	Luncheon Recess
	Guest Speaker ~ GFWC President-elect Suellen Brazil
	Resumption of Business Session
	GFWC or Region Committee Reports:
	Annual Giving
	Workshop ~ Membership/Leadership/Communications & Public Relations
	2022 LEADS Graduates
	**Immediately following the afternoon Business Meeting GFWC President-elect Suellen Brazil will meet with incoming 2024-2026 state leaders
6 pm	Social Gathering
7 pm	GFWC New England Region Banquet
	Guest Speaker ~ GFWC International President Debra Strahanoski

**Sunday ~ September 25, 2022**

8 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast Buffet
	Remembrance Ceremony
	State Presidents and Director of Junior Clubs Panel
	Guest speaker ~ Cara Young, Director at Day One
	Closing Remarks
	Invitation to the 2023 New England Region Conference
	Closing Ceremonies