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**GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**
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Women In History:

Science & Medicine

- **Marie Curie** (born Nov, but often featured in STEM months)
 - First woman to win a Nobel Prize; pioneered research on radioactivity
- **Rosalind Franklin**
 - Critical contributions to understanding DNA structure
- **Jane Goodall** (born April 3)
 - Revolutionized how we understand animals and conservation

Activism & Social Justice

- **Coretta Scott King**
 - Continued the work of the civil rights movement after MLK's death
- **Dolores Huerta** (born April 10)
 - Co-founder of the United Farm Workers; coined "Sí, se puede"
- **Wangari Maathai** (born April 1)
 - Founded the Green Belt Movement; Nobel Peace Prize winner

Arts & Literature

- **Maya Angelou** (born April 4)
 - Powerful voice on identity, race, and resilience
- **Billie Holiday** (born April 7)
 - Used music to highlight racial injustice

Leadership

- **Jeannette Rankin** (born April 11)
 - First woman elected to U.S. Congress
- **Benazir Bhutto** (associated with April political milestones)
 - First woman to lead a Muslim-majority country

Breaking Barriers

- **Sally Ride** (first U.S. woman in space; died in July but often highlighted in STEM)
- **Temple Grandin** (born August but often used in neurodiversity education)

State Announcements:

Does your club have a logo? President Elect Wendy Clery has made one for each club using the current GFWC Logo. You can find all of them on Facebook, in our members only group.

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Letter from the President:

The reports are written, District Awards presented, photos have been judged and winners sent to Washington. Today I reflect on connections that have made so many things possible. Manchester Women's Club has worked with Workspace on Main St. Manchester. <https://workspacemanchester.com/> The gallery has been the backdrop for the MWC International Day of Service tag sale, served as a meeting place and presented the club with many collaborative opportunities to serve the community. I asked if they might give a reference for an artist who would judge our photo contest. That lead me to Michele Fischer-Paul. Each of the winners will receive a print of one of her photos. Follow her here: <https://creatrixct.my.canva.site/> or go to one of the galleries where she is exhibiting. She is on Instagram as Creatrix CT. I know I will be voting for her here: The People's Artist: sponsored by Johnny Depp. Preliminary online exhibit & contest [CLICK LINK TO VOTE](#) beginning MAY 4, 2026.

<https://peoplesartist.org/michele-fischer-jtND>

The reports have been completed, District Awards have been distributed, photographs have been evaluated, and the winners have been sent to Washington.

IMPORTANT: Memorial Honoring our Club Sisters:

Dear Club Presidents:

A reminder that at our State Convention on May 16th we will be honoring the passing of our

club sisters that have gone before us from May 2025 to present who were not included in the

2025 memorial.

Information needed is as follows:

Club sister's name

Club name

Passing date

If known, year joined and/or how many years in club

A "short blurb" about your club sisters' club activities while a membe

Please email me as soon as possible with the above information.

God Bless our sisters and their families.

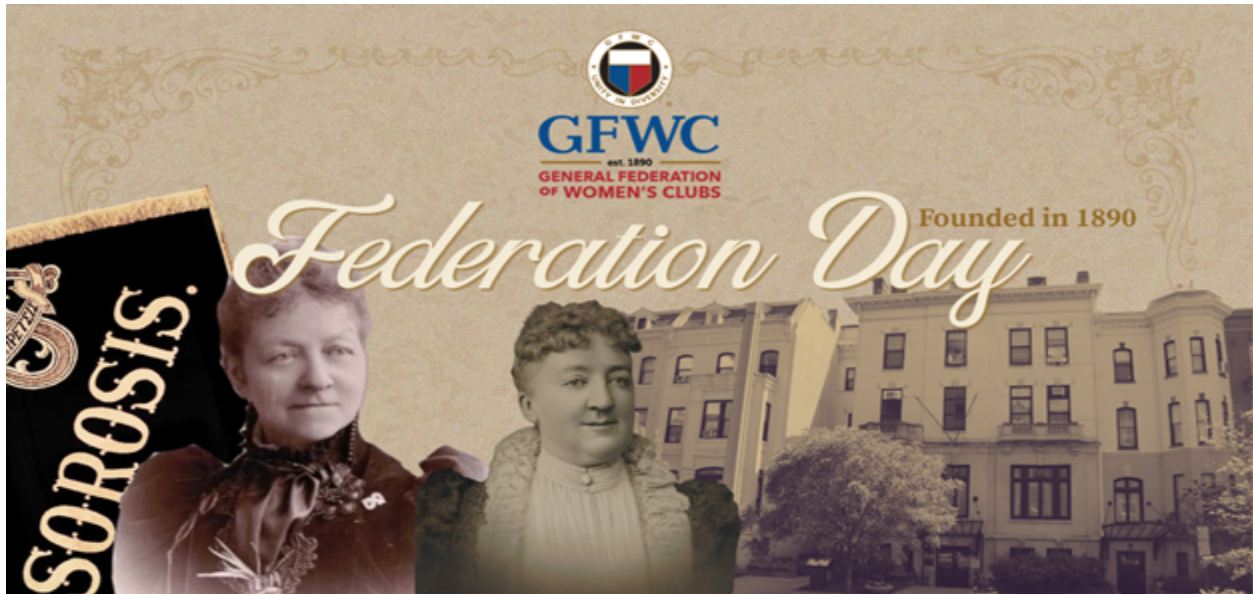
Thank you,

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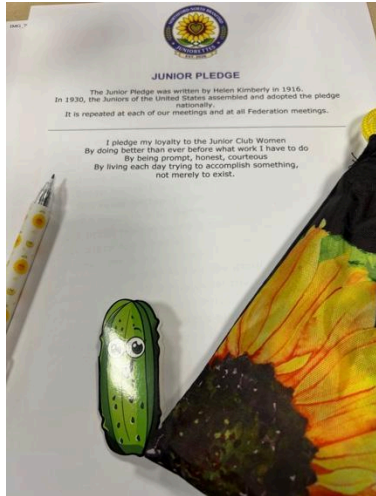


One hundred and thirty-six years ago, on April 24th, 1890, 63 women from 17 states across the country formally adopted the constitution of the newly-formed General Federation of Women's Clubs. Their commitment to each other paved the way for the immeasurable impact clubwomen have had on the world.

Volunteers in Action Week:



The GFWC CT Board of Directors voted to include the newly formed Northford-North Branford Juniores, GFWC into our Federation.



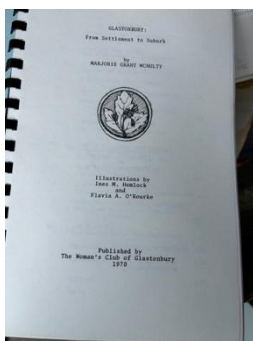
The GFWC CT President welcomed the club and answered questions about GFWC during their April meeting. . The club advisors shared the Junior Pledge and talked about meeting structure. The Juniorettes will be installed at our May Convention. Planning a club's inaugural service project and initial fundraiser is an important milestone



The Terryville Woman's Club worked on programs for Northwest District Day.



Eva Menon, a member of Manchester Women's Club is an Alzheimer's Association volunteer. She presented at MWC's meeting. Are you interested in learning about this GFWC Affiliate?



The family of Mary Preisner donated the archives of the Federated Woman's Club of Glastonbury. This book was a Community Impact Project (CIP).



Windsor Locks Women's Club at their Spring Bonanza – so many baskets, so many gift cards support their community service.



GFWC CT Executive Committee met for lunch and transition discussions. Jeanne Kehoe, Treasurer; Kathy Barnes, President; Nicole Karalli, 2nd Vice President, Wendy Clery, President-elect

GFWC CT CALENDAR – updated 2026

- May 2 Honor Flight Connecticut – Bradley International Airport
<https://honorflightct.org/home>
- May 15-16 GFWC CT May Convention Hilton Garden Inn – Windsor, CT.
Click here for the Call to Convention
<https://www.gfwcct.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/CALL-FOR-MAY-CONVENTION-2026-Final-1.pdf>
- June 26–29 GFWC 2026 Annual Convention
Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale, Arizona
Hotel Registration Link:
https://book.passkey.com/event/51125855/owner/8712/home?utm_source=brevo&utm_campaign=News%20%20Notes%20-%20January%2015%202026&utm_medium=email
- July 18 2026-2028 GFWC CT Orientation location TBA
- September 25-27 GFWC New England Region Conference, Doubletree by Hilton, Milford, MA
- October 25 GFWC CT Fall Conference