



## GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Newsletter

April 2024

It's finally APRIL! And while in some parts of our Region, winter may still show up, the best part is that *if* it does, we know it won't last long!

As this newsletter arrives in your inbox, I am certain that your club and state annual reports are complete and forwarded within your state, and ultimately to GFWC. This exercise was your opportunity to not only brag about your accomplishments, but also to write the next chapter of your club's history. And in this issue, perhaps you will see that your State President has shared *that project* that struck her as unique. I have always believed that GFWC does it best when it comes to sharing project ideas!

It's almost time for the annual GFWC International Convention, and I hope you will be able to join us in Chicago as members celebrate the end of a successful administration and the beginning of another two years together. The Middle Atlantic Region Dinner will be Saturday night, June 29 as we finalize the 2022-2024 MAR administration and welcome Marcia Wilson from GFWC PA as Region President 2024-2026.

It has been a special privilege to serve as MAR President; working with the MAR Board has hopefully enabled you, the members of local clubs, to learn and grow in your GFWC membership. Thanks to the Board members, Committee Chairman and members and Conference Chairman (and their committees) for their support and participation enabling this administration's initiatives to come to fruition! Here's a round of applause for those women:

### REGION OFFICERS:

Vice President – Marcia Wilson (GFWC PA)

Secretary – Kathy Canzano (GFWC NY)

Treasurer – Carolyn Forbes (GFWC DE)

REGION STATE PRESIDENTS:

GFWC DE – Trish Rodriguez

GFWC NJ – Shirley Holly

GFWC NY – Kathy Meyers

GFWC PA – Heide Cebrick

GFWC NY Director of Junior Clubs – Mary Ann Norton

MAR CHAIRMEN:

Budget – Kathy Canzano (GFWC NY)

- Committee Members: Christy Swiger (DE), Chris Burlew (NJ), Karen Amman (NY), Sara Ruppel (PA)

Standing Rules – Barbara McCloskey (GFWC NJ)

- Committee Members: Carla Pyle (DE), Dottie Bachman (NY), Donna Malone (PA)

Financial Review – JoAnn Propcheck (GFWC PA)

- Committee members: Mindy Goss (DE), Linda Babuef (NJ), Jane Lemak (NY)

Nominations – Linda Kreussling (NY)

- Committee members: Emme Miller (DE), Susan Chambers (NJ), Karen French (PA)

The Annual Conference Chairmen, who worked closely with this President to provide those who attended the 2022 and 2023 Annual Conferences the best possible experience: 2022 in Albany NY – Linda Kreussling and Donna Sherrer; 2023 in Atlantic City NJ – Mary Wolfe and Marie DiMatties

Very special thanks to these committee chairmen, who stepped up when asked!

- Deen Meloro, Facebook
- Vivien Finn, Fundraising
- Jean Revis, Jennie Award
- Jan Conant, Musical Director
- Jill Passaretti, Newsletter
- Linda Babeuf, Protocol
- Sue Stenson, President's Assistant
- Ora Kokol, Spiritual Values
- Henri Belcher Stack, Website

In closing, may I share a story:

When I GFWC NJ First Vice President (Leadership Chairman), one of the presentations I wrote was entitled “The Little Steps to Leadership”. When I joined my first club (a *long time ago!*), I had zero aspirations to lead; I simply wanted to meet like-minded women and get to know my (then) new community. And no one could have told me that I would move on to larger roles in my club, district, state, or (amazingly!) the international organization we know as GFWC. But I kept saying yes when asked. So I urge each of you who are reading this to consider taking those little steps. Because it’s the little steps that provide growth, that teach, and that ultimately enable you too to lead! Thanks to all who helped me grow, who taught me, and who enabled me to lead! Thanks all... it’s been a GREAT journey!

In Federation Friendship!  
Mary Pat

Each State President was asked to share some outstanding projects as reported by clubs... and the results were overwhelmingly outstanding! Thank you and congratulations to each club that reported and enabled your state to share your members’ success. You never know how each project shared will encourage other clubs! (Click on each link to read about these success stories!)

**From Delaware**  
**Trish Rodriguez, President**  
[Top Ten Projects](#)

**From New Jersey**  
**Shirley Holly, President**  
[Outstanding Projects from New Jersey clubs](#)

**From New York**  
**Kathy Meyers, President**  
[Highlights from some New York clubs](#)

From Pennsylvania  
Heide Marie Cebrick, President  
[News from GFWC Pennsylvania](#)

You are cordially invited to attend the  
2024 GFWC Annual Convention  
at the Hilton Chicago.  
720 S Michigan Ave, 60605, Chicago, IL USA



Meeting participants are responsible for securing their hotel reservations  
at the Hilton Chicago Online Reservations:  
Visit the link below to reserve your room online.  
[Make Room Reservations](#)

Reservations must be made by June 7, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.  
to secure the group rate of \$229 per night (plus applicable taxes).

To download Call to Convention, click below.  
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**"Save the Date"**  
**September 26-29, 2024**

for the 2024 Middle Atlantic Region Annual Conference  
in Harrisburg, PA.  
More information to follow.



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