**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**
**MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION**
**Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania**

# *Call to 2026 Middle Atlantic Region Annual Meeting and Conference*

*Kathy Canzano, President*

## *The Heart of a Volunteer, Serving with Compassion, Leading with Purpose*

## Welcome to New York

You are invited to join fellow GFWC clubwomen for the Middle Atlantic Region Conference at the

The Marriott Albany
189 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12205
(518) 458-8444
Thursday, October 8 to Sunday, October 11, 2026

Your conference hotel is conveniently located
just off Interstate 87 and is convenient to Albany International Airport (ALB).

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**
The sleeping room rate is $135 (plus 14% state & local taxes) for a Standard Double Queen room OR Standard King room. Please make your reservations early if you have specific room needs.

FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS:
Call the hotel directly at (518) 458-8444 between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm
**Group Code: GFWC-NY Middle Atlantic Region (MAR) Conference**
**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS - September 24, 2026**

**APPROPRIATE ATTIRE:**
**Tours: Casual; comfortable shoes**
**Conference Business Sessions: Business Casual (slacks, skirts, blouses, dresses – no jeans)**
**Evening Banquets: Dressy**

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***Note: Provisions can be made to accommodate special dietary needs for all meals upon prior request.***
***Meal prices are all-inclusive.***

**THURSDAY OFF SITE DINNER October 8, 2026 $42**

Delmonico's Restaurant, 1553 Central Avenue, Albany, NY

**(Price includes salad, choice of entrée, non-alcoholic beverages, coffee & tea – cash bar and dessert not included)**

**FRIDAY OFF SITE TOUR & LUNCH, October 9, 2026 $20**

**Sips of Sisterhood Tea & Lunch**
**GFWC Century Club of Amsterdam Clubhouse, 130 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam, NY**

**FRIDAY DINNER October 9, 2026 $60**

**(Includes Mixed Green Salad, Starch, Vegetable and New York Cheesecake)**
**CHOICE OF:**
**_____Pork Tenderloin**
**_____Baked Halibut**
**_____Vegetarian Lasagna**
**Coffee and Tea**

**SATURDAY LUNCH October 10, 2026 $50**

**_____ Four Salad Buffet (Egg, Tuna, Chicken and Quinoa) chips, breads, etc.**
**Coffee and Tea**

**SATURDAY BANQUET October 10, 2026 $60**

**(Includes Greek Salad, Starch, Vegetable and Carrot Cake)**
**CHOICE OF:**
**_____Homestyle Pot Roast w/gravy**
**_____Lemon Pepper Flounder**
**_____Tri-Color Cheese Tortellini w/spinach, peas, and tomatoes in a light pesto sauce**
**Coffee and Tea**

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST, October 11, 2026 $41**

**_____Buffet Breakfast**

**Juice, Coffee, or Tea**

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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| Thursday, October 8, 2026 | |
| 5:00 AM – 6:00 PM | Conference Registration |
| 7:00 PM | Dinner at Delmonico's Restaurant |
| Friday, October 9, 2026 | |
| 8:30 AM – 9:30AM | Conference Registration |
| 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Vendors |
| 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM | Sips of Sisterhood Tea and Lunch |
| 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM | Conference Registration |
| 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Mini Leads Seminar |
| 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Standing Rules and Budget Committee Meetings |
| 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Financial Review and Nominating Committee Meetings |
| 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM | GFWC MAR Board Meeting |
| 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM | Reception |
| 6:45 PM | Processional |
| 7:00 PM | New York State Banquet |
| Saturday, October 10, 2026 | |
| 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Conference Registration |
| 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Vendors |
| 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Call to Order - GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Meeting and Conference |
| | GFWC Board Speakers and Presenters |
| 12:30 PM – 1:45 PM | Luncheon |
| | Presentation by GFWC President-elect Jolie Frankfurth |
| 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Business Meeting |
| | GFWC Board Speakers and Presenters |
| 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM | International Day of Service Project (Birthday Boxes) focused on Domestic Violence |
| 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM | 2028-2030 Incoming State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs meeting |
| 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM | State Photos |
| 6:00 PM | Reception honoring GFWC International President Wendy Carriker and |
| | GFWC President-elect Jolie Frankfurth |
| 6:45 PM | Processional |
| 7:00 PM | Region Banquet |
| | Presentation by GFWC International President Wendy Carriker |
| Sunday, October 11, 2026 | |
| 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON | Region Breakfast – Memorial Service |
| | LEADS Graduates Presentation |
| | State Presidents and Director of Junior Clubs Reports |
| | Invitation to 2027 Region Conference |

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

**REGISTRATION FORM**
**GFWC MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE**
**October 8 – October 11, 2026**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2026**

**NAME:** _____

**ADDRESS:** _____

**PHONE:** _____ **EMAIL** _____ **STATE** _____

**CLUB** _____ **STATE PRESIDENT** ◯ **STATE DIRECTOR/JUNIOR CLUBS** ◯

**GFWC/MAR POSITION** _____ **2026 GFWC LEADS Graduate?** ◯

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| **Registration Fee:** | $35.00 _____ | |
| **Pre-paid raffle opportunities** | $20.00 _____ | (information on next page) |
| **Thursday, October 8:** | | |
| Delmonico's Restaurant | $42.00 _____ | |
| **Friday, October 9** | | |
| Sips of Sisterhood Tea and Lunch | $20.00 _____ | |
| New York State Night Banquet | $60.00 _____ | |
| Meal Choice (pick 1): | | |
| Pork Tenderloin ◯ | Baked Halibut ◯ | Vegetarian Lasagna ◯ |
| **Saturday, October 10:** | | |
| Luncheon | $50.00 _____ | |
| Banquet | $60.00 _____ | |
| Meal Choice (pick 1): | | |
| Homestyle Pot Roast ◯ | Lemon Pepper Flounder ◯ | Tri-Color Tortellini ◯ |
| **Sunday, October 11:** | | |
| Sunday Breakfast Buffet | $41.00 _____ | |

**TOTAL REGISTRATION AND MEALS** **$** _____

**PLEASE MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH YOUR MEAL SELECTIONS AND PAYMENT TO:**
Jo Ellen Cortapasso
33 Ontario Road
Bellerose Village, New York 11001
**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GFWC-NEW YORK (MEMO MAR)**
For any questions/dietary needs, contact: Donna Sherrer, 11 Delaware Road, Floral Park, N.Y. 11001
fpc09@aol.com or (516) 354-0401
*Please advise if you have any special dietary needs, such as Allergy, Vegetarian, Gluten-Free or Kosher*

# RAFFLE OPPORTUNITIES

Raffle opportunities may be pre-paid with registration. Every member who pre-pays with their registration will receive (at registration):

- 25 tickets to the donated raffle baskets
  AND
- 1 ticket to a $150 cash drawing

Members who choose not to pre-pay raffle tickets will be afforded the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for $20.00. **However, those who choose this option WILL NOT be included in the cash drawing and will receive 20 tickets to the raffle baskets.**

All prizes will be awarded at the close of the Saturday evening Banquet.



## 2026 Middle Atlantic Region Meeting and Conference
## In Support of the International Day of Service

This year the International Day of Service will be focused on Domestic Violence. We will be supporting a local organization located in Albany. We will be making Birthday Boxes. Items to be Included are cake mixes, a can of Sprite, icing, plates and napkins, small boxes of candles and cards. My goal is to provide 50-75 boxes so I need your help in collecting the items to donate. I would greatly appreciate if the members of each state would bring the items mentioned. Members in Pennsylvania would you please bring boxes of cake mixes and candles. New Jersey members would you bring the icing and a card. Delaware members you could bring plates and napkins (small packages of 8 count). New York members can you provide cans of Sprite and a noisemaker. We will assemble the boxes on Saturday afternoon.