

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia
(GFWC Virginia)

August 11-13, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn, Suffolk, VA

CONFERENCE THEME: "Cornerstones Sparkle"

Club Presidents are requested to read the Call to the members and elected delegates according to the bylaws of the Federation, Article IX, Section 4. "Woman's Clubs and Junior Woman's Clubs shall be represented by the club President or her alternate, and one or more additional delegates as follows, these delegates are in addition to those entitled to representation by virtue of the position they hold as outlined further in this section of the Bylaws:

- 1-10 members – Club President, or her alternate and 1 additional delegate;
- 11-20 members – Club President, or her alternate and 2 additional delegates;
- 21-30 members – Club President, or her alternate and 3 additional delegates;
- 31-40 members – Club President, or her alternate and 4 additional delegates;
- 41-50 members – Club President, or her alternate and 5 additional delegates;
- 51-60 members – Club President, or her alternate and 6 additional delegates;
- 61-70 members – Club President, or her alternate and 7 additional delegates;
- 71-80 members – Club President, or her alternate and 8 additional delegates;
- 81-90 members – Club President, or her alternate and 9 additional delegates;
- 91-100 members – Club President, or her alternate and 10 additional delegates;
- 101- and more members – Club President, or her alternate and 11 additional delegates;

Advance registration for meals and attendance shall be made using the form included in this publication. Properly completed Registration Forms are to be mailed to the GFWC Virginia Credentials Chairman or Junior Chairman. Package registration fee is \$100 (this includes breakfast and lunch sessions for Saturday) for attendees and must be postmarked no later than **Wednesday July 19, 2023**. For registration postmarked after July 19, please add \$10 per attendee for a total registration fee of \$110. **Electronic registration with payment via PayPal is available.** Please see below for detailed instructions.

Club Presidents and other attendees, please share the information on the speakers and workshops and encourage members to attend. Please indicate on the registration form which members are attending their first state meeting so they can receive special recognition. **Please bring this Call** with you so that you may follow the discussion on the Bylaws Revisions as proposed by the Bylaws Committee.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel reservations may be made by individual call-in no later than **Tuesday, July 18, 2023**. After that date, any additional reservation requests will be honored on a rate and space available basis only. Use the link below to make on-line reservations or call the hotel directly at 757-925-1300 and ask for GFWC Virginia Conference room block. Directions to the hotel are available from the hotel website. Room rates are \$139 per day for single or double occupancy plus applicable taxes. [Available Rooms - Hilton Garden Inn Suffolk Riverfront](#) - use group code GFWC

Hilton Garden Inn
100 East Constance Road
Suffolk, VA 23434
757-925-1300

ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE – Preliminary Agenda
August 11-13, 2023
Hilton Garden Inn, Suffolk VA
“Cornerstones Sparkle”

Friday – August 11, 2023 – Pre-Conference Meetings

1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.	Joint Executive Board Meeting
3:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.	Registration Open
6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.	Cash Bar
6:30p.m. – 9:30p.m.	Dinner and “Virginia’s Got Talent” (open to all Conference attendee – separate registration from Conference Package)
9:30p.m.	District Caucuses
9:30p.m. - until	Junior Executive Board Meeting

Saturday – August 12, 2023

7:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Registration Open
7:30a.m. – 8:45a.m.	Club Presidents Breakfast – Speight Room Club Presidents only please (Breakfast included in package) Grace Speaker – Deb Strahanoski, GFWC President
7:30am. - 8:45a.m.	“Enlighten Listening Skills” Activity Breakfast – Ballroom For all other attendees not attending Club Presidents Breakfast (Breakfast included in Package)
8:45a.m.	Musical Prelude
9:00a.m. – 9:45a.m.	Opening Session Call to Order – Bonnie Rosemond, GFWC Virginia President Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America Led by Celeste Corrigan, Civic Engagement and Outreach Chairman Thought for the Day – Linda Beatty, GFWC Virginia Chaplain Collect – Linda Beatty, GFWC Virginia Chaplain Welcome – Hostess District – Southside - Amy Riggs, President, Mary Katherine Steed, 3 rd Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs Introductions – Bonnie Rosemond, GFWC Virginia President Greetings – Deb Strahanoski, GFWC President Preliminary Credentials Report – Linda Holsclaw, Chairman Recognition of First Time Attendees – Cynthia Baroody, Membership Chairman Michelle Clary, Jr. Membership Chairman Reports of Officers Report of Executive Secretary – Heather Craven Reports of Chairmen Budget and Finance – Kathryn Sowers, Chairman Bylaws – Hope Royer, Chairman GFWC Virginia Emblem Redesign Endowment – Gloria Worrell, Chairman Scholarship – Marlene Wine, Chairman Strategic Planning – Kelly Lane, Chairman Nominations – Lori Rocker, Chairman

- 9:45a.m. - 10:15a.m. **“Time to Enlighten”**
 Leadership Activity
 Susie Mowry & Joanne Dixon, Leadership Chairmen
 Protocol, Hope Royer, Chairman
- 10:25a.m. – 12:20p.m. **“Cornerstone Marketplace” & Hands on Project**
 Network with the Chairmen of our Community Service Programs
 and Advancement Plans.
 Hands on Project, Operation Smile
- 12:30p.m.-1:45p.m. **“Sparkle and Shine”**
 Grace – Linda Beatty, Chaplain
 Lunch (included in Package)
 Cornerstone Membership
 Cynthia Baroody, Membership Chairman
 Michelle Clary, Junior Membership Chairman
 GFWC Jennie Award Presentation, Susie Mowry, Leadership Chairman
- 2:00p.m. – 2:30p.m. Guest Speaker – Deb Strahanoski, GFWC President
- 2:30p.m. – 3:45p.m. Nansemond River Preservation Alliance Presentation
 State Project Workshop, Watershed Explorer Learning Boxes
 National Day of Service
 Alzheimer’s Association
- 3:45p.m. – 4:30p.m. **GFWC Affiliates Enlightened**
 Hope For Justice
 St. Jude Children Research Hospital
 Canine Companions For Independence
- 4:30pm. – 5:00p.m. **Closing Session**
 Reporting Update – Susie Mowry, Chairman
 Awards Received at 2023 GFWC Convention – Bonnie Rosemond
 Final Credentials Report – Linda Holsclaw, Chairman
 Invitation to State Fair – Linda Holsclaw, Chairman
 HOBY Virginia update, Carol Outten, Coordinator
 Invitation to 2024 GFWC Virginia Annual Convention
 Joyce Jolly, Northern District President
 Announcements & Door Prizes
 Junior Collect – Michelle Clary, GFWC Junior Woman’s of Hopewell
 Collect – Patti Bickel, GFWC Kanawha Woman’s Club
- 5:00p.m. **Adjournment**
- Post–Conference** **All Attendees are welcome to stay for dinner,**
especially those staying for GFWC Virginia LEADS
– GFWC President Strahanoski will be in attendance
 – separate registration from Conference Package
- 6:00p.m.- 7:30p.m. Cash Bar
 6:30p.m.- 8:00p.m. “Cookout on the Veranda”

Sunday – August 13, 2023

- 7:00a.m. -8:30a.m. Sunday Breakfast Buffet (All Attendees Welcome)
 – separate registration from Conference Package
- 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m. GFWC Virginia LEADS – separate selection and registration

Conference Menus

Saturday Breakfast Buffet (included in package)

Scrambled Eggs with Cheese
Virginia Cured Bacon & Sausage Links
Home Fried Potatoes
Country Spiced Apples
Buttermilk Pancakes with Hot Maple Syrup
Assorted Muffins & Breakfast Breads
Assorted Fresh Juices
Freshly Brewed Coffee & Herbal Teas

Saturday Lunch (included in package)

Tomato Bisque Soup
Pasta Salad
Fruit Cup
Choice of:
Oven Roasted Turkey & Provolone in a Spinach Wrap
OR
Virginia Honey Cured Ham and Swiss on a Croissant
(please note selection on your registration form)
Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea & Cookie

Friday Dinner Virginia's Got Talent Show (optional – additional charge above package – open to all attendees) \$36

Asian Stir Fry Buffet
Stir Fry Chicken & Beef
Stir Fry Vegetables
Rice and Stir Fry Noodles
Egg Roll

Saturday Dinner Cookout on the Veranda (optional – additional charge above package – open to all attendees) \$32

Beer Brats
BBQ Chicken
Tossed Garden Salad
Pasta Salad
Homestyle Baked Beans
Fresh Baked Sweet Corn Bread

Sunday Breakfast Buffet (optional – additional charge above package – open to all attendees) \$25

Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Links
Hickory Smoked Bacon
Hash Brown Potatoes
Cheese Grits
Biscuits
Southern Style Sausage Gravy
Sliced Fresh Seasonal Fruit
Assorted Muffins & Breakfast Breads
Assorted Fresh Juices
Freshly Brewed Coffee & Herbal Teas

Regular and decaf coffee, hot teas

Regular and decaf coffee,
hot teas and iced tea
Cookies

Instructions for making electronic payment for Conference:

Using your PayPal account, follow these steps:

- Send & request money, Pay for goods & service, Enter headquarters@gfwcvirginia.org, Click next, Enter amount, Click continue, Click send money now
- Save the registration form to your computer and complete all the necessary information.
- Save the updated file and then email your registration form to:
- headquarters@gfwcvirginia.org AND Generals - credentials@gfwcvirginia.org

[Juniors & Juniores: juniors@headquarters@gfwcvirginia.org](mailto:juniors@headquarters@gfwcvirginia.org)

Proposed Amendments

In accordance with ARTICLE IX-MEETINGS, Section 3. Conference, A.” the GFWC Virginia Bylaws Committee submits the following proposed amendments to be included in GFWC Virginia business conducted at the 2023 Conference.”

ARTICLE IV- JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP, Section 5. Junior Meetings currently reads:

“The Junior membership may hold a business meeting in conjunction with GFWC Virginia meetings. Those entitled to vote shall be the Junior members entitled to vote at GFWC Virginia Annual Convention. meetings. The quorum for GFWC Virginia Junior business meeting at the GFWC Virginia Annual Conventions shall be 50% of the Junior delegates registered and in attendance, including two GFWC Virginia Junior Officers, representing no fewer than four Districts.”

Rewrite entire section.

If adopted, **ARTICLE IV- JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP, Section 5. Junior Meetings** will read:

“The Junior membership may hold a meeting in conjunction with GFWC Virginia meetings. Those entitled to vote shall be the Junior members entitled to vote at GFWC Virginia meetings. The quorum for GFWC Virginia Junior business meetings shall be a majority of the Junior delegates registered and in attendance, at least two of whom shall be GFWC Virginia Junior Officers. No fewer than four districts shall be represented.”

Rationale: Clarification

ARTICLE V- DISTRICTS, Section 5, Nominations and Elections, A. currently reads:

A. “The District Nominating Committee shall consist of five members: one elected by the District Executive Committee to serve as Chairman, the Chairman of the Junior Nominating Committee , three members and an alternate elected at the District Annual Meeting in the first year of an administration. In the event a District does not have a Junior Nominating Committee, at least one member of the District nomination Committee shall be a Junior. Consent of a member shall have been given prior to nomination. Only one nominee from a club shall be eligible for nomination. No District Executive Committee member, GFWC Virginia Executive Board member or GFWC officer may serve on the District Nominating Committee. With the exception of Chairman, no member may serve more than two consecutive terms on the District Nominating Committee. Voting shall be by ballot. “

Rewrite entire section.

If adopted, **ARTICLE V- DISTRICTS, Section 5, Nominations and Elections, A.** will read:

“The District Nominating Committee shall consist of five members: one elected by the District Executive Committee to serve as Chairman, the Chairman of the Junior Nominating Committee , three members and an alternate elected at the District Annual Meeting in the first year of an administration. In the event a District does not have a Junior Nominating Committee, at least one member of the District Nominating Committee shall be a Junior appointed by the District Executive Committee. Consent of a member shall have been given prior to nomination. Only one nominee from a club shall be eligible for nomination. No District Executive Committee member, GFWC Virginia Executive Board member or GFWC officer may serve on the District Nominating Committee. With the exception of Chairman, no member may serve more than two consecutive terms on the District Nominating Committee. Election shall be by ballot. A majority shall elect.”

Rationale: Continuity

ARTICLE V- DISTRICTS, Section 5. Nominations and Elections, D. currently reads:

“District officers shall be elected at the District Annual Meeting in the second year of the administration. Following the report of the Nominating Committee, the floor shall be open for nominations.”

Insert third and fourth sentences: “Election shall be by ballot. A majority shall elect.”

If adopted, **ARTICLE V- DISTRICTS, Section 5. Nominations and Elections, D.** will read:

“District officers shall be elected at the District Annual Meeting in the second year of the administration. Following the report of the Nominating Committee, the floor shall be open for nominations. Election shall be by ballot. A majority shall elect.”

Rationale: Continuity

Editorial changes not effecting content will be made to assure language and format continuity and clarification consistent with these amendments.