

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

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

August 8-10, 2025

Hotel 24 South, Staunton, VA

CONFERENCE THEME: "Enjoying the Flight"

Club Presidents are requested to read the Call to the members and elect delegates according to the bylaws of the GFWC Virginia, 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 online form linked in this publication. Properly completed Registration Forms are to be done online, which will transmit to the GFWC Virginia Credentials Chairman or Junior Chairman. Conference Package registration fee is \$110 for registration after July 16, 2025, please add \$10 per attendee for a total package registration fee of \$120. **Electronic registration with Zeffy.** Detailed instructions are at the end of the Call.

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 and Standing Rules Revisions as proposed by the Bylaws Committee.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel reservations may be made by individual call-in no later than **Monday, July 14, 2025**. 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 540-885-4848 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.
<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=14254&nights=2&checkin=08/08/2025&group=9792503&lang=en-us&adults=1&childAges=>

Hotel 24 South
24 South Market St
Staunton, VA 24401
540-885-4848

ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE – Preliminary Agenda

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Friday – August 8, 2025 – 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 Pajama Party/Trivia Night

Join the Joint Executive Boards for dinner and a fun evening in your comfy clothes/pajama's. Brush up on your GFWC trivia, Early Childhood storybooks, and general “stuff” for a chance to show off your knowledge!

(open to all Conference attendee – separate registration from Conference Package)

9:30p.m. - until Junior Executive Board Meeting

Saturday – August 9, 2025

7:30a.m. – 12:00p.m. Registration Open

8:00a.m. – 9:15a.m. **Breakfast (included in Conference Package)**

Grace – Marolyn Cash

Tabletop Exercise – **Developing Ideas for Early Childhood Education Projects**

9:30a.m. – 10:15a.m. **Opening Session**

Call to Order – Susie Mowry, GFWC Virginia President

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Thought for the Day – Marolyn Cash, GFWC Virginia Chaplain

Welcome – Hostess District – Shenandoah – Laura Coburn, President

Introductions – Susie Mowry, GFWC Virginia President

Greetings – Dr. Susan Gettys, GFWC Secretary

Preliminary Credentials Report – Angela Paez, Chairman

Recognition of First Time Attendees – Carolyn Fellers, Membership Chairman

Alaina Chaffee, Jr. Membership Chairman

Reports of Officers

Report of Executive Secretary – Heather Craven

Reports of Chairmen

Budget and Finance – Lori Chevalier, Chairman

Endowment – Gloria Worrell, Chairman

Scholarship – Dale Fisher, Chairman

Nominations

State Project update – Nancy Vadersen, Chairman

Bylaws – Lori Rocker, Chairman

10:15a.m. - 11:00a.m. **“Lifting Up Our Leadership Skills to Soar to Success”** – Cynthia Baroody and Lynn Chapman, Leadership Chairmen

11:00p.m. – 11:45a.m. **What Can We Do for Affiliates?**

Hope For Justice

Alzheimer's Association

St. Jude Children Research Hospital

Operation Smile

Canine Companions For Independence

- 12:00p.m.-1:15p.m. **Lunch (included in Conference Package)**
 Grace – Marolyn Cash, Chaplain
Soaring to New Heights in Membership - Carolyn Fellers, Membership
 Chairman & Alaina Chaffee, Junior Membership Chairman
 GFWC Jennie Award Presentation, Cynthia Barooddy, Leadership Chairman
- 1:30p.m. – 2:00p.m. **Guest Speaker – Dr. Susan Gettys, GFWC Secretary**
- 2:00p.m. – 2:45p.m. **From Ideas to Reality in Advancement Areas Panel:
 More Ideas to Help You Soar**
 Fundraising
 Communications
 Legislative
- 2:45p.m. – 3:15p.m. **Revising those Beautiful Bylaws** – Sarah Entsminger, Parliamentarian
- 3:15p.m. – 4:30p.m. **“Marketplace” Conversations with Chairmen**
 Network with the Chairmen of our Community Service Programs.
 Advancement Plans and Special Projects
 Hands on Project – International Day of Service
- 4:30pm. – 5:00p.m. **Closing Session**
 Awards Received at 2025 GFWC Convention – President Mowry
 HOBY Virginia update, Carol Outten, Coordinator
 Legislation Day – Tricia Duvall and Lynn Wherry
 International Day of Service Update – President Mowry
 Final Credentials Report – Angela Paez, Chairman
 Invitation to 2026 GFWC Virginia Annual Convention – Jane May, Tidewater
 District President
 Announcements & Door Prizes – Judy Middleton, Meetings Chairman
 Junior Collect
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- 5:00p.m. **Adjournment**

Sunday – August 10, 2025

- 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m. GFWC Virginia LEADS – separate selection and registration

Conference Menus

Saturday Breakfast Sandwich Bar

(included in package)

Bacon Egg & Cheese Croissant
 Garden Vegetable Scramble
 Breakfast Potatoes
 Fresh Fruit
 Chilled Juices
 Freshly Brewed Coffee
 & Herbal Teas

Saturday Lunch (included in package)

Cold Salad Buffet

Garden Salad with Choice of dressing
 Choice of Warm Rolls with Butter
 Shenandoah Chicken Salad (Grilled Chicken Breast, Local
 Apples and Toasted Pecans tossed in a light yogurt dressing)
 Classic Tuna Salad
 De-constructed Potato Salad
 Summer Pasta Salad
 Fresh Fruit Salad
 Chef's Choice of Assorted Cookies or Double Fudge Brownie
 Iced Tea/Water

Friday Dinner

**(optional – additional charge above package –
open to all attendees) \$40**

Southwestern Style Seasoned Chicken & Beef
Paired with Colorful Peppers and Onions
Tortillas
Shredded Cheese, Salsa, Jalapenos, Sour Cream
Rice and Beans
Chef's Choice of Dessert
Iced Tea and Water

Saturday Dinner

**For anyone staying over for Virginia LEADS,
there are a plethora of quaint restaurants in**

Staunton to visit

Two favorites to consider:

Mill Street Grill

Depot Grill

**There are many other restaurants close by in
Downtown Staunton**

Sunday Breakfast Buffet

Staying over Saturday Evening?

Pre-purchase a ticket to the Hotel 24 Magnolia South Breakfast Buffet \$22

(save state sales tax!)

Chef's Choice of Daily Offerings to include Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Crisp
Smoked Bacon, Breakfast Sausage, Oatmeal with Raisins & Brown Sugar, Fresh Fruit, Yogurt,
Freshly Baked Pasties and Orange Juice

Registration using Zeffy

We are continuing with full electronic registration that was rolled out at Conference. This will allow the credentials committee to fully utilize technology to enhance our members conference experience.

Use this link to register for Conference - <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-conference-5>

You may select as many "ticket" options as you need if you are registering multiple members within a club. You will be asked to complete the registration information for each "ticket" you purchase to register each member attending. Please list the highest CURRENT position (GFWC, state, district or club) held by each person registered. Please ensure ALL names and club names are spelled correctly as this will be used for the name tags. What you type is what will be printed.

You may pay with credit card or checking account.

(Upon checkout, you may choose to make a donation to Zeffy to cover processing fees they incur or you may choose to select "OTHER" from the pull down menu and change the amount to ZERO. Zeffy does not charge GFWC Virginia for processing payments, which is great! Their default donation % is set high, so BE SURE to change it to a lower or zero amount)

If you need to register with a paper form, please email gfwcvirginia@verizon.net to request one.