

Hello, Federation Friends!

It is an honor and a privilege to have this opportunity to serve you, my fellow clubwomen, as your 3rd Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs. My job is to represent the Junior membership and I will work to the best of my abilities to do so. My fellow Juniors, I want to hear from you, the good **and** the bad, to ensure that I'm doing right by you. I am excited to work with the Junior **and** General Executive Committees, a group of ladies that are here to serve **us**, the members of GFWC Virginia. Collectively juniors and generals work together to ensure that our Virginia Federation is strong, diverse, and making an impact in our communities, our country, and our world. I look forward with anticipation to being part of the 2018–2020 administration serving with our international leaders who are encouraging all members to build on our legacy of service, embrace our commitment to “Unity in Diversity,” and return to our roots to effect positive change in our communities through legislation.

There's a favorite quote of mine from a Bengali renaissance man, Rabindranath Tagore, which provided the inspiration for my theme. “I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.” To follow, my theme for this administration is **Spread Joy, Serve Others**.

During this administration I challenge all of our members, junior and general, to share your passion for service, spread the word about GFWC, and continue to serve others. Share your passion by inviting new people to join you in your projects and at your meetings. Spread the word about GFWC through social media, local media, and plain old word of mouth...talk about what you do with enthusiasm, let your community see that you're making an impact and others will want to join you. As you continue to serve others. I also encourage you to **spread** out – identify a new organization to partner with or fundraise for, work in a community service program area you may not have been active in before, do something new/different and find **joy** in changing things up! I'm excited to see how you'll **Spread Joy** and **Serve Others**.

I look forward to visiting all the districts during the next two years, building on the friendships I've made and meeting new Federation friends. Thank you for the opportunity to represent our Junior membership and our state and to serve you, the Junior Club Women. Don't hesitate to call, email or text if you have questions, feedback (good or bad), or just want to chat!

Over ten years ago I found my local club and the outlet for service I needed. I also found a group of women who care about their community and each other, I found opportunities for growth and I found friendships I could never have imagined...I found GFWC. I hope you'll take time to think about what you have found in GFWC and spread that joy as you serve others.

In Federation love & Junior spirit,

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