

**CALL FOR THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia
(GFWC Virginia)**

May 4-6, 2018

Renaissance Portsmouth
425 Water Street, Portsmouth, Virginia



2016-2018 GFWC Virginia Theme: "*Dare to Dream*"

CONVENTION THEME: "Dream On... "

Club Presidents are requested to read the Call to the members and elected delegates according to the bylaws of the Federation, Article IX, Section 1.B. "Each individual club shall be represented by its president or her alternate (ordinarily the First Vice President), and one or more additional delegates or alternates according to the following schedule:

Fewer than 50 members - President and 1 additional delegate;

51-100 members - President and 2 additional delegates;

101-150 members - President and 3 additional delegates;

151-200 members - President and 4 additional delegates;

201-250 members - President and 5 additional delegates;

251-300 members - President and 6 additional delegates.

Junior clubs shall follow the same schedule." The Registration Form must be signed by the Club President and one other officer. A delegate should be prepared to show identification.

Advance registration for meals and attendance shall be made by mail on forms included in this publication. Properly signed Registration Forms are to be mailed to the GFWC Virginia Credentials Chairman or Junior Chairman. Advance registration fee is \$45 for delegate or visitor and must be postmarked no later than **Friday, April 13, 2018**. Late registration fee is \$55 for delegate or visitor. Visitors attending Convention for one day shall pay \$40. Only members attending the full Convention may be registered as delegates, however, "any member of any club belonging to GFWC Virginia may be present at Convention and may take part in the discussions upon all measures brought forward, but shall neither introduce motions nor vote." GFWC Virginia Bylaws, Article IX, Section 1.6. Please indicate on the registration form which members are attending their first state meeting. They will receive special recognition.

Hotel reservations may be made by individual call-in no later than **Monday, April 2, 2018**. After that date, any additional reservation requests will be honored on a rate and space available basis only. Please call the hotel at 1-888-839-1775 or directly at (757) 673-3000. The code is **GFW** for the GFWC Virginia Convention room block. Guest room rates are: king or double/double: \$119.00 per day, plus taxes. Parking is \$5 per day in the deck. Valet Parking is available \$19 per day.

You can also use this link to reserve your room [Book your group rate for GFWC Virginia Convention](#)

ADMISSION TO ALL SESSIONS WILL BE BY BADGE ONLY

Club Presidents and other attendees: Please bring this Call with you so that you may follow the Bylaw amendments that are being proposed by the committee. Please share information on the speakers and encourage members to attend.

GFWC VIRGINIA – CONVENTION 2018

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Renaissance Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Virginia

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PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS

Thursday, May 3, 2018

10:30 – 1:00 p.m. Budget and Finance and Endowment Committee Meetings – President’s Suite
2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Executive Board/Junior Executive Board Meeting
5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Executive Board/Junior Executive Board Dinner – Meet in Lobby
9:00 – 9:45 p.m. Executive Board/Junior Executive Board Meeting
10:00 p.m. - ? Junior Executive Board Meeting

Friday, May 4, 2018

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Junior Executive Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Noon Executive Board/Junior Executive Board Meeting/Brunch

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday, May 4, 2018

11 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Exhibitors Open
11 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Convention Registration Open – Foyer
11:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Registration of Arts and Crafts
1:45 p.m. Musical Prelude
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. **OPENING SESSION Ballroom**
Procession of 2016-2018 District Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs, GFWC Virginia
Officers and Junior Officers– Announced by Heather Craven, GFWC Virginia Executive Secretary
Call to Order - Kelly Lane, GFWC Virginia President
Thought for the Day – Betty Shields, Chaplain
Opening Ceremonies
Presentation of Colors
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
National Anthem
Welcome
Welcome – Sharon Ewell, Southside District President and Dawn Kriigel, Southside Director of Junior Clubs
Preliminary Credentials Report – Linda Holsclaw, Credentials Chairman
Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes
Presentation of Convention Rules – Marlene Wine, Parliamentarian
Presentation of Convention Program – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman
Introductions – Kelly Lane and Joy Matkowsky
Reports of GFWC Virginia Officers
Treasurer – Bonnie Rosemond
Secretary – Dale Fisher
3rd Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs – Joy Matkowsky
2nd Vice President – Martha Matthews
1st Vice President – Kelly Lane
President – Kelly Lane
Report of Executive Secretary – Heather Craven

Memorial Resolution in honor of Fran Edwards, presented by Linda Beatty,
Memorial Resolution in honor of Shirley Moorman, presented by Alice Kyle District
Reports of Standing Committees

Budget and Finance – Kathryn Sowers, Chairman
Endowment Committee – Susie Mowry, Chairman
Headquarters – Emma Jean Wise, Chairman
Scholarships – Joan Kremzir, Chairman
Resolutions – Virginia Darnell, Chairman
By-laws – Marolyn Cash, Chairman

Report of Nominating Committee – Sarah Enstminger, Chairman

Reports/Awards of Special Appointments/Committees, Facilitated by Kelly Lane and Trina Behbahani

Community Improvement Program - Pat Reidinger, Chairman

*Legislation/Public Policy – Lynn Wherry, Committee Member

*GFWC Women’s History and Resource Center – Madalin Bickel, Chairman

*Fundraising – Tania Stephens, Chairman

Announcements/Door Prizes – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman

5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Convention Registration Open – Foyer

6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Reception Honoring GFWC Virginia Past Directors of Junior Clubs – Ballroom Foyer
ALL CLUBWOMEN INVITED (Cash Bar)

6:45 p.m.

Musical Prelude

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

“Be the Light” Marjorie Branch Banquet – (Cocktail attire) – **Ballroom**

Procession of GFWC Virginia Past Directors of Junior Clubs and 2016-2018 Joint Executive Boards- Announced by Heather Craven, Executive Secretary

Welcome- Joy Matkowsky, Third Vice-President/Director of Junior Clubs

Grace

Dinner

Entertainment

Speaker

Tribute to GFWC Virginia Past Directors of Junior Clubs

Junior Special Awards – Introduced by Trina Behbahani

*Shenandoah Award – Shenandoah District Juniors

*Marjorie Branch Award – Tidewater District Juniors

*Thomas Jefferson Health Award – Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman’s Club

*Southside District Award in Legislation – Southside District Juniors

*Junior Director's Awards and Junior Club of the Year – Joy Matkowsky

*Leadership Awards – Kelly Lane, Chairman, Trina Behbahani, Junior Chairman

Introduction of 2018 GFWC LEADS Participant – Trina Behbahani

Presentation of Anniversary Certificates, Extension Cup, Membership Cup, and Membership Pin

Recipients-Martha Matthews, Chairman, Amanda Paez, Junior Chairman

50/50 Drawing – Jenny Hinegardner, Junior Secretary/Treasurer

Announcements – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman

10:00 p.m.

View Arts and Crafts Exhibits

10:30 p.m. - ?

Districts' Caucus

Saturday, May 5, 2018

7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Polls Open

7:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Convention Registration Open

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Vendors and Exhibitors Open

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST

8:30 – 11:15 a.m.

BUSINESS SESSION/AWARDS - Ballroom

Call to Order – President Lane

Credentials Report Update – Linda Holsclaw, Chairman

Report of Executive Board Action – Dale Fisher, Secretary

2018-2020 State Project Proposal – Kelly Lane, President-elect

Report of Strategic Planning Committee – Pat Reinders, Chairman

Report of By-laws Committee continued (if needed) – Marolyn Cash, Chairman

Report of Historian – Helen Hill

Community Service Program Awards, Facilitated by Kelly Lane and Trina Behbahani

*Education – Dawn Kriigel, Chairman

- *Public Issues – Patty Pedrick, Chairman
- *Conservation – Joanne Hamner, Chairman
- *Health – Jenny Martin, Chairman
- *Home Life – Sandy Stiltner, Chairman

Platform Change—Angela Paez, Music and Technology Chairman

“Illuminating Your Possibilities”

Junior Business Session/Awards – Shenandoah

Introductions – Joy Matkowsky, 3rd Vice President, Director of Junior Clubs

Inspirational Moment

Junior Credentials Report – Cheryl Wilson, Credentials Junior Chairman

Election of Junior Officers (by ballot)

Reports of GFWC Virginia Junior Officers

Secretary/Treasurer – Jenny Hinegardner

Assistant Director of Junior Clubs – Trina Behbahani

Director of Junior Clubs – Joy Matkowsky

Reports of District Directors

Report of Junior Executive Board Action – Jenny Hinegardner, Junior Secretary/Treasurer

Reports of Junior Standing and Special Committees

Budget and Finance – Jenny Hinegardner, Chairman

Standing Rules – Trina Behbahani, Chairman

Fundraising – Stephanie Griffin, Chairman

Junior New Business

Camp Easter Seals Virginia Awards and Presentations

*GFWC Virginia Junior Continuing Project Awards – Heather Placer, Chairman

Presentation of Camp Easter Seals Virginia Staff Recognition Gift – Joy Matkowsky

Presentation Easter Seals UCP North Carolina and Virginia – President Lane

Junior Honor Society Awards – Trina Behbahani

Announcement of Junior Election Results

Junior Pledge

Announcements – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Convention Registration Open

10:00 – 11:15 a.m. View Arts and Crafts Exhibits

All Dogwood Society and 1907 Society members gather in the Lobby for photo at 11:15 a.m.
(Advance lunch seating for Dogwood Society members who have purchased a luncheon ticket)

11:45 a.m. Musical Prelude

12:00 – 2:45 p.m. ***“Band of Color” Dogwood Luncheon – Ballroom***

Welcome – President Lane

Update from Endowment Committee and recognition of Dogwood Society members –
 Susie Mowry, Chairman

Awards of Special Appointments/Committees, Facilitated by Kelly Lane
 and Trina Behbahani

*Newsletter Awards – Del Williams, *The Virginia Clubwoman* Editor

*Website – Sue Basham, Chairman

*Communications & Public Relations – Sue Basham, Chairman

Grace – Betty Shields, Chaplain

Lunch

Fashion Show - Conservation Challenge-GFWC Style Project Runway

Membership Recruitment Recognition – Martha Matthews and Amanda Paez

*Membership Awards – Martha Matthews and Amanda Paez

Reports of Districts – Facilitated by Kelly Lane and Trina Behbahani

Announcement of Election Results

50/50 Drawing – Bonnie Rosemond, Treasurer

3:00 – 5:00 Announcements/Door Prizes – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman
Club/District Market Place
View Arts and Crafts

3:15 p.m. Installation Rehearsal

5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Pick-up Arts and Crafts Exhibits

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. **Reception Honoring GFWC Virginia Past Presidents**
ALL CLUBWOMEN INVITED (Cash Bar)

6:45 – 7:00 p.m. Musical Prelude

7:00 – 9:30 p.m. **“Rainbow Connection” Alice Kyle Installation Banquet - (Formal attire) - Ballroom**
Procession of GFWC Virginia Past Presidents and 2016-2018 Executive Board
Grace – Betty Shields, Chaplain
Dinner
Presentation of Junior Special Awards honoring GFWC Virginia Past Presidents
*Corinne Murray Award
*Margaret Allen Thomas Award
*Phyllis V. Roberts Award
*Shelby Paisley Hamlett Award
Tribute to GFWC Virginia Past Presidents – President
Procession of Incoming Officers, Executive Board and Junior Executive Board
Installation of 2018-2020 GFWC Virginia Officers
Remarks of 2016-2018 Director of Junior Clubs
Remarks of 2018-2020 GFWC Virginia President and Director of Junior Clubs
Announcements – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman

9:30 p.m. Installation Dessert Reception hosted by GFWC Ladies in Purpose Junior Woman’s Club, GFWC Metropolitan Richmond Woman’s Club, Lee District

Sunday, May 6, 2018

8:45 a.m. Musical Prelude

9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. **“Somewhere over the Rainbow” Brunch/Closing Business Session- Ballroom**
Call to Order – President Lane
Devotional Thought – Betty Shields, Chaplain
Grace – Betty Shields, Chaplain
Brunch
Results of GFWC Style Project Runway
Final Credentials Report – Linda Holsclaw, Chairman
State Fair – Linda Holsclaw, Chairman
Remaining Business
Community Service Program Awards, Facilitated by Kelly Lane and Trina Behbahani
*International Outreach – Kate Fisher, Chairman
*Arts – Deborah McClintock, Chairmen
*GFWC Signature Program Awards – Barb Kiker, Chairman
*GFWC Virginia State Project “Dare to Dream of No Hunger” – Linda Beatty, Chairman
HOBY Update and Raffle Results – Abby Lynch, Chairman
Invitation to 2018 Conference
Announcements/Door Prizes – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman
Junior Pledge
Collect For Clubwomen
Adjournment

11:45 – 2:00 pm Post-Convention 2018-2020 Executive Board Meeting

CONVENTION MENUS

Friday Marjorie Branch Banquet

Broiled chicken breast
with champagne sauce
Caesar salad
Chef's choice of starch
Seasonal vegetables
Rolls and butter
Coffee, decaf coffee, hot tea,
iced tea
New York style cheese cake

Saturday Alice Kyle Banquet

Mediterranean pork loin
Renaissance salad
Chef's choice of starch
Seasonal vegetables
Rolls and butter
Coffee, decaf coffee, hot tea,
iced tea
Selection of desserts will be
served at the Installation
Reception in lieu of dessert at
dinner

Saturday Breakfast Buffet

Foggy Point Restaurant
Present voucher
Chilled juice
Seasonal fruit
Croissants, Danish, muffins,
bagels
Scrambled eggs
Sausage links and bacon
Potatoes with peppers and
onions
Oatmeal w/ brown sugar and
dried cranberries
Individual cereal boxes
2% & skim milk
Yogurts
Coffee, decaf coffee, hot tea

Saturday Lunch Buffet

Soup of the day
Pasta salad
Cucumber salad
Field green salad with grape
tomatoes
Selection of deli meats and
cheeses
Selection of breads
Selection of extras (lettuce,
sliced tomatoes, onion, pickles,
pickled pepperoncinis)
Chef's dessert assortment
Coffee, decaf coffee, hot tea,
iced tea

Sunday Breakfast

Orange juice
Fruit garnish
Amaretto French Toast
with Maple Syrup
Scrambled eggs
Bacon
Coffee, decaf coffee, hot tea