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Announcements

GFWC Alabama
January 11, 2021



A Message from the GFWC Alabama President:

This president hopes this GFWC Alabama correspondence with upcoming dates of importance will be beneficial to all clubs and members. In addition, this president feels compelled to offer

reassurance to members as GFWC Alabama and the nation enters the New Year with the COVID-19 pandemic.

We embarked upon 2021 with many of the same challenges that we hoped to leave behind in 2020. The most important to the Federation currently, is growing concern with the rise in COVID-19 new cases and fatalities in a lot of Alabama counties. Please know that the GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs is carefully monitoring both the National and State news, reading the CDC Guidelines, State of Alabama Department of Public Health Guidelines, consulting a physician associated with the CDC, and has now added updates from the United States Department of the Army to the GFWC Alabama list of trusted sources on the COVID-19 pandemic. Using statistics, reports, and advice obtained from these sources, coupled with the knowledgeable advice of the GFWC Alabama Executive Committee, the Executive Committee will continually evaluate upcoming events scheduled through May 31, 2021. This has been the practice of GFWC Alabama since June 1, 2020. We want ALL clubwomen to feel confident knowing that if at any time after obtaining statistics, reports, and advice from our trusted sources, the GFWC Alabama Executive Committee will make prompt decisions regarding scheduled events to increase the health, safety, and wellbeing of GFWC Alabama members. The GFWC Alabama Executive Committee will keep all members updated should any event be changed from an in person meeting to a virtual meeting. PLEASE WATCH YOUR COMMUNICATIONS FOR UPDATES!

1/20: Revised Deadline for [GFWC Alabama LEADS Applications](#)

1/29: RSVP Deadline for Winter Board; submit proposals [via email to President Matthews](#)

1/30: [GFWC Alabama LEADS](#) (Virtual - Zoom)

2/1: [Club Reports Deadline](#)

2/1: [GFWC LEADS Application](#) Deadline

2/5: GFWC AL EC and Finance Committee Mtg (AFWC HQ)

2/6: GFWC AL Board of Directors Meeting (Prince of Peace Catholic Church - Hoover)

2/20: Reporting Workshop for GFWC AL Chairmen (AFWC HQ)

2/27: GFWC AL South District Meeting (Fairhope)

3/1: Louise M. Wilson & [GFWC Jennie](#) Nominations Due

3/13: GFWC AL North District Meeting (Double Springs)

3/15: AGS Outstanding Juniorette Nominations Due

3/15: GFWC AL [Scholarship](#)

GFWC Alabama will NEVER risk the health or safety

[Applications](#) Due

3/20: GFWC AL Central District Meeting (TBD)

4/15-17: 126th Annual GFWC AL State Convention (Perdido Beach Resort)

4/18-24: GFWC Volunteers in Action Week

4/24: GFWC Federation Day

6/25: [GFWC LEADS 2021](#) at the GFWC 2021 Annual Convention

6/26-28: GFWC 2021 Annual Convention (Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, Canada)

8/6-7: GFWC AL Summer Board of Directors Meeting

of not one member. However, for the remainder of this pandemic GFWC Alabama strongly encourages each member to use their personal judgement when attending in person events.

Several GFWC Alabama officers and chairmen have offered updated information on upcoming events and several have offered reminders of many reporting and other items of importance with a deadline of February 1, 2021. Please take time to review all this information. If you have questions or would like further assistance, each officer or chairmen always stands prepared to assist GFWC Alabama clubs and members.

Thank you to each member of the GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs for your commitment to *"Living the Volunteer Spirit...Empowering Others to Live Well"*.

In Federation service,

Randy Matthews, President
GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs

GFWC Alabama Spring District Meetings 2021 by Jan Greer, GFWC AL President-Elect

In spring the weather usually turns warmer, trees begin to grow their leaves, plants start to flower and young animals such as chicks and lambs are born. It's the time of new growth. That is what we as clubwomen are experiencing during this season. One of the best ways to enjoy and grow during this time is through our Spring District Meetings. Last year we were fortunate to meet in person for all of our Fall District Meetings. We are planning to do that this spring.

Our Spring District Meetings are:

February 27, 2021

South District Meeting - location: Fairhope, hosted by GFWC Jubilee Woman's Club

March 13, 2021

North District Meeting - location: Double Springs, hosted by GFWC Double Springs Study Club

March 20, 2021

Central District Meeting - location: Hoover, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, hosted by TBD

Each and every one of us belong to a club because we have a servant's heart. District meetings are a wonderful time to meet clubwomen from around the district and state and network about what we do as an organization. It is also a great time to have fellowship with others. Visiting with old friends and making new friends is a bonus of helping others in our community!

I hope that each and every one of you are able to attend your district meeting!

See you this spring!

In Federation Friendship,
Jan Greer
GFWC Alabama President-Elect

Don't Miss These Important Deadlines by Becky Vansant, GFWC AL First Vice President

Reporting Deadline - February 1

After all the emails, letters and social media posts, I am confident that everyone knows that the deadline for submitting reports is February 1. Remember if you mail reports, they must be postmarked by February 1st. If you elect to email your reports, then you have until 11:59 pm on February 1. Email reports to bvansant63@gmail.com. Don't forget to send copies to your District Director as well, and don't forget to complete the President's Award of Excellence, page 97 in the AFWC Yearbook.

Louise M. Wilson Outstanding Clubwoman - March 1

The Louise M. Wilson Outstanding Clubwoman award is given annually at the GFWC Alabama Annual State Convention. This award is given to the Alabama clubwoman who, in the opinion of the judges, has given of herself and typifies the real Alabama clubwoman. Entry rules for this award can be found in the RACS Manual and in your AFWC Yearbook pages 102-103. The application deadline for this state award is March 1.

GFWC Jennie Award - March 1

The GFWC Jennie Award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to club, community and family. They are chosen by their clubs to compete at the state, regional and national levels for the Federation's highest honor. The Jennie Award Nomination Form may be found on the GFWC Alabama website, in the RACS Manual and in your AFWC Yearbook pages 104-106. The nomination deadline for the Jennie Award is March 1.

Antionette Stallworth Givens Award for Outstanding Alabama Juniorette - March 15

Each Juniorette club is encouraged to vote on their own Outstanding Juniorette Clubwoman and encourage her to submit the application for the Alabama Outstanding Juniorette. The application may be found in the RACS Manual and in your AFWC Yearbook on pages 109-115.

Scholarships and More Scholarships - March 15

There is the \$500 President's Scholarship, the \$500 Sue Shaw Juniorette Scholarship, the \$1000 Sue & Virginia Hester Special Education Graduate Scholarship, and the \$1500 Kitty Stone Graduate Scholarship. Encourage women in your community to apply. The deadline is March 15, and the application may be found on the GFWC Alabama website and page 118 in the AFWC Yearbook.

Becky Vansant
GFWC Alabama First Vice President

A Message and Reminder from Terri Walker, GFWC Alabama Treasurer

First, I would like to take this opportunity to say how thrilled I am to be serving as the GFWC Alabama Treasurer. My pledge to all fellow clubwomen is to uphold the duties of this office to the best of my ability and to vow to assist all clubwomen in the state Federation.

I live in Ozark and have one daughter and two sons. I was very blessed in 2020 that God gave me two grandchildren, a grandson born in May, and a granddaughter born in October. I have 2 teenage granddaughters and a teenage grandson who all also live in Southeast Alabama. I have a degree in accounting and worked in banking for a few years after graduation. But my greatest professional fulfillment is serving as Payroll Manager for M1 Support Services for over 24 years in Fort Rucker, Alabama where I manage 3800 employees.

The GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs Bylaws state in:

ARTICLE IV-DUES AND FINANCES-SECTION 1. DUES

1. *Clubs in arrears for dues after February 1 shall forfeit representation at the state convention, and those in arrears by the end of the fiscal year shall forfeit membership in the Federation.*
2. *Clubs who increase membership up to February 1 and pay dues on such increased membership shall be entitled to such additional representation at the state convention as such increase permits.*

I will be notifying ALL District Directors of any clubs within your District who have not paid dues as of now, in the upcoming weeks. I would appreciate your full efforts as we work together in notifying these clubs, so all dues are received **NO LATER THAN February 1.**

Updated Treasurer's Reporting Forms have been placed on the GFWC Alabama Website and can be accessed [HERE](#). If you have difficulty accessing them, please contact this Treasurer for an updated Treasurer's Reporting Form.

if I can answer any questions or if I can assist in any way to your service to the Federation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In service,
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UPDATE:
GFWC Alabama State LEADS
– COMING SOON VIA ZOOM!



Shape
Prepare
Amplify
Rise
Kindle



GFWC Alabama State Leadership Education & Development Seminar

Let's Get Our SPARK 2021 On!

Suellen Brazil, Leadership Chairman

While not exactly my first choice, I am very excited, during our current COVID-19 conditions and to ensure the safety of attendees and presenters, to announce that our **2021 GFWC Alabama LEADS** will be **coming** our way through **ZOOM!** That's right! Each club and each district can select two representatives (who have not already attended State LEADS) who show leadership potential to participate in the 2021

GFWC Alabama LEADS on Saturday, January 30, 2021. They can participate in this exciting program from the safety of their home.

Participants are in for an engaging, powerful day where they will ignite a new SPARK for 2021! Together we will Shape, Prepare, Amplify, Rise, Kindle, and ultimately SPARK the action for a highly energized future for attendees.

NOW is the time to take action! If you have hesitated due to circumstances, you still have time to register. To participate:

- Clubs and districts identify representatives and writes a simple letter of support as the club's/district's representatives
- Members complete the [application form](#)
- Submit application form, brief club letter of support, and the revised registration fee of \$10 to Jan Greer, 2082 Forest Lakes Lane, Sterrett, AL, 35147, jcgreerafwc@gmail.com.
- **Registration deadline is January 20, 2021.**
- Registered representatives with fee paid will receive a personal email invitation to our Zoom 2021 LEADS from me.

NOTE: Those already registered will be contacted by this chairman prior to the revised registration deadline.

This seminar was planned with you in mind so don't miss out on the personal growth and networking event! We look forward to igniting a powerful SPARK on Saturday, January 30!

GFWC National LEADS Workshop

[Apply to Represent Alabama](#)

at the 2021 GFWC Convention



GFWC typically holds the annual GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) just prior to the opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. States may select one LEADS attendee for this national LEADS Seminar. GFWC Alabama has a proud history in having outstanding representatives attend this remarkable leadership development program offered by GFWC.

GFWC Alabama clubs are encouraged to submit a member who demonstrates leadership capabilities and would be interested in participating in this national leadership training seminar.

Information about the program, financial support, and application form may be found [here](#) (include link please) . The [GFWC LEADS Participant Application Form](#) must be completed and sent along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members to:

Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs
ATTN: LEADS Program
2728 Niazuma Avenue
Birmingham, AL 35205

Deadline for Submission: February 1, 2021

REPORTING REMINDERS:

Club reports are due February 1

Reporting Zoom Meetings were held on 1/4
and 1/10:

[click here to view Powerpoint Presentation](#)

