



# GFWC Federation Day

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# Federation Day

## April 24, 1890

- 63 clubs from across the US met in New York City and officially formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs under the leadership of Jane Cunningham Croly. The GFWC constitution was ratified.
- Today there are approximately 3,200 clubs and 80,000 members worldwide.
- Every year, Federation Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on where we have been as an organization and to look forward to the goals we hope to accomplish in the future.
- As Clubwomen we wear many hats. So, put those hats on display and share your great work in your community on Federation Day.
- GFWC unites us all to one common mission to celebrate Unity in Diversity.





# Federation Day Ideas

Federation Day can be commemorated in many ways. One of the best ways is to attend the GFWC-NC Annual Convention in Wilmington in April. Imagine a hotel packed full of clubwomen sharing ideas and brainstorming on how we can improve our communities and enhance the lives of others through volunteer service!.

- Ask your mayor to make a proclamation on April 24<sup>th</sup> as your club's Federation Day.
- Offer to teach a women's history lesson in a local classroom and dress in vintage clothing for impact.
- Plant flowers or trees around your town with a placard announcing your club name and date of service.
- Go to [www.gfwcnc.org](http://www.gfwcnc.org) Community Service tab, click on 2020-2022 Special Programs and Projects and then the Federation Day link for ideas and updates.

*The opportunities are endless, only limited by your imagination!*



# Additional Ways to Celebrate



- Host a Federation Day Celebration event.
- Host a recruitment event!
- Host a Federation Tea or a community clean up in April.
- Take Advantage of the Clubwoman Magazine.
- Visit the GFWC Marketplace on April 24th.
- Send a Federation Day Press Release to local media.
- A sample press release template can be found in Resources under My Digital Library on the GFWC member portal on [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org). Select P for Press Release.
- Share the GFWC love on Facebook! It is the perfect place to let your community know about the important work your club is doing.
- Get your photos ready now. Share pics of your club during Volunteers in Action Week - #VolunteersinAction.
- Let us know how you're celebrating!

**On April 24, 2021 we will celebrate 131 years!**

# Reporting & Club Awards

- Club Presidents to report all project statistics on the CP&S form and send to GFWC-NC 1st VP.
- One overall Award amongst all clubs. Submit to Pauletta Parker: [parkerpr62@gmail.com](mailto:parkerpr62@gmail.com)
- One copy of the completed award form along with the project narratives due **midnight, Feb. 1, 2021**
- If mailed, One copy of the completed award form along with the project narratives postmarked by **Feb. 1, 2021**

***Contact Pauletta for her address if you plan to mail the award form with the narratives.***



# Summary - Closing

## A FEDERATION PRAYER

Gathered here are women, Lord  
A sisterhood by plan  
Pledged to do our very best  
In every way we can.  
Some have within us, God  
The means to promote zeal.  
Others have a heart that's touched  
By what the others feel.  
All here feel the need to serve  
And bring about Thy way  
Of understanding, truth and love.  
This is the way we pray.  
By action toward the things in life  
That need our care and love.  
So, look with favor on us Lord  
And help to guide our ways  
Let us see there is need  
With love please fill our days.

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