



CALL to the Annual Meeting 2026 GFWC Southeastern Region Conference

All Clubwomen belonging to the GFWC Federations of the District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia are hereby
Called to the GFWC Southeastern Conference

October 16-18, 2026
EMBASSY SUITES by Hilton
Hamilton Place, 2321 Lifestyle Way
Chattanooga, TN
Host State: GFWC of Tennessee
Tennessee President: Stephanie Haggaard
Tennessee Director of Junior Clubs: Grace Ann Clark
Conference Co-chairmen: Vicki Bechet and Beth Smith

GFWC Theme - Living the Volunteer Spirit

GFWC International President's Theme – Unity in Diversity

GFWC SER Theme – READING HEROES

The purpose of the region shall be to provide a better understanding of the structure, programs, and challenges of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Standing Rules VI. Meetings E. Representation

The voting body of the GFWC Southeastern Region for all meetings shall consist of:

1. The Region Officers.
2. Chairmen of the Standing Region Committees (Financial Review, Budget and Finance, and Standing Rules) appointed by the Region President.
3. Chairmen of Special Region Committees (Elections, Evaluation, Minutes Review, and SER Fund Raising) appointed by the Region President.
4. Presidential Appointments made by the Region President (Chaplain, Historian, Parliamentarian, and Protocol Chairmen); and any other special committees deemed necessary.
5. GFWC International Past Presidents in the Region.
6. GFWC Past Directors of Junior Clubs residing in the Region.

7. Past Region Presidents.
8. Elected Officers of GFWC residing in the region.
9. Fifteen (15) delegates from each member Federation including the Federation President and Director of Junior Clubs. The procedure for selecting Federation delegates shall be left to the discretion of the Federation. The official form to be used to establish voting strength is provided by the GFWC SER President to the Registration Chairman and to the Chairman of Elections and printed in the conference program.

The Presidents of each member Federation are requested to provide copies of the CALL to all member clubs, appropriate officers and chairmen in their state.

We will be electing a Nominating Committee. Please bring a name from your state for this committee.

Standing Rules up for revision are attached.

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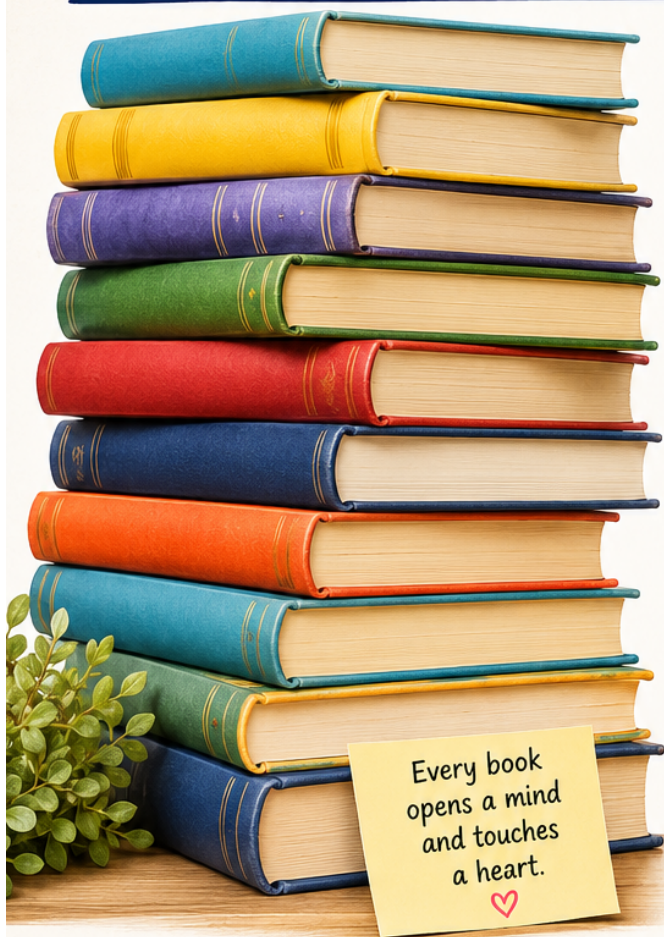


SCAN TO BOOK A ROOM

Help us build a  love of reading!

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We are collecting
NEW or **GENTLY USED**
books for children in
Pre-K through 12th Grade.


Your donations will help provide
books for children and youth in
our community.

WE ARE ACCEPTING:

-  Picture Books (Pre-K–2nd Grade)
-  Early Readers
-  Chapter Books
-  Middle Grade Novels
-  Young Adult (YA) Books
-  Educational & Inspirational Books



Please ensure books
are clean and in
good condition.



GFWC Tennessee has requested that meal reservations be made online.

Friday October 16 Lunch Buffet

Mixed Green Salad, Broccoli & Cheese Soup, Potato Bar, Dessert \$43.00

Friday October 16 Dinner

Spinach Salad, Red Wine Braised Beef Short Ribs, Vegetables, Potato,
Bread Pudding w/Whiskey Sauce \$68.00

Saturday October 17 Lunch Buffet

Mix Green Greek Salad, Chicken Florentine, Vegetable Lasagna, Rice
Pilar, Green Beans, Dessert \$50.00

Saturday October 17 Dinner

Salad, 4 oz Filet, Boneless Her Cheese Stuffed Chicken
Breast, Vegetable, Dessert \$70.00

Cancellation Policy: No meal refund after OCTOBER 1ST

Cancellation Request must be sent to: Patty Gabilondo

Email: treasurer@gfwctennessee.com

The following is the QR code to do so.



**SER Meal Registration
QR Code
Deadline 9/30/26**



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Please make copies for EACH person attending

NAME _____ STATE _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Cell phone _____

Emergency contact _____

SER Registration (October 1, 2026) \$50.00 _____

Late/On-site Registration (After October 1, 2026) \$60.00 _____

One Day Only Registration \$25.00 _____

Registration Checks payable to GFWC Southeastern Region (per SER Standing Rules) and there are no refunds of registration fee.

Send this form and your payment to:

Andrea Lilly
GFWC-SER Treasurer
2933 Nassawango RD
Pocomoke, MD 21851
443-783-7563
lilhous2933@gmail.com

TENTATIVE AGENDA!!

Thursday, October 15, 2026

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration

Friday, October 16, 2026

8:30 to Noon Registration

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Vendors Open BEFORE.

10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 a.m. Service project

Lunch NOON

Expression of Thanks

Rebecca Bakker Literacy Speaker

2:00 Conference opening

Presentation of the colors

Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

Inspiration

Introductions

Greetings from GFWC Officers

SER Officers' Reports

Financial Report

Budget & Finance

Financial Review Committee Report

SER Fundraising

GFWC Fundraising

SER Special Emphasis

GFWC Annual Giving

Corporate Partners and Development

Protocol

LEADS candidates

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Registration

6:00 p.m. Social Gathering (cash bar)

7:00 p.m. GFWC of Tennessee State Night Banquet

Saturday, October 17, 2026

8:00 a.m.--9:30 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m.-- 7:00 p.m. Vendors Open

9:00--11:00 a.m. Registration (Lower Lobby of Conference Center)

9:30 a.m. General Session

Election of Nominating committee

W.E.A.V.E.

Standing Rules

State Reports

Memorial

12:00 Noon	Lunch – Speaker: Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC President-elect
2:00 p.m.	Community Service Programs Signature program Juniors’ special program Legislation/Public Policy Fundraising Juniorettes State Reports
4:30 p.m.	2028 -2030 State Presidents, Directors and Region President
6:00 p.m.	State Photos
7:00 p.m.	Banquet – Speaker: Wendy Carriker, GFWC International President 20 Closing reports (fundraising, credentials, GFWC fund raising, Annual Giving) Remarks by GFWC officers Invitations to 2027 SER in Maryland “Let There be Peace on Earth”

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books
and items needed
to read and relax.

♥
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- Cozy blanket or socks
- Mug or tumbler
- Tea, coffee, or hot cocoa
- Candle
- Bookmarks
- Reading light
- Journals or notepads
- Anything that helps you relax!



*Thank you for helping us create
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♥ BASKETS CAN BE DROPPED OFF BY _____

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