

## ADVANTAGES OF GFWC MEMBERSHIP

The General Federation of Women's Clubs unites the best and the brightest of today's women into a formidable group providing many advantages to its members, such as:

1. Broader contacts and view points - The exchange of projects and ideas on a district, state and national/international level provides a wealth of information to its members.

2. Diversified interests - Projects and programs are offered in the Arts, International Affairs, Education, Conservation, Home Life, Health, and Public Affairs. Truly something to satisfy every member.

3. Avenue for worthwhile service - Every member contributes her individual efforts. The combined forces of members on the club, district, state and international levels demonstrates "strength in unity" and provides the forum to "make a difference" where it counts.

4. Opportunity to mold public opinion - Our united efforts proves a greater impact on important issues than individual voices would be able to provide on their own.

### WHAT GFWC MEMBERSHIP MEANS FOR YOU AND YOUR CLUB:

FEDERATION can sometimes seem a little overwhelming, with all those talented

people sharing so many outstanding ideas. The key to understanding Federation is to realize that the federation requires very little from the clubs. It does provide a wide variety of opportunities for involvement, but it is the responsibility of each club's membership to choose areas that interest them and the level of participation that meets their needs. Making the most of your Federation experiences brings to you and your club:

1. A network of support and encouragement from women with mutual interests and concerns.

2. The resources and opportunities (not to mention inspiration) that otherwise would not be available, to help you better function within your community.

3. Freedom to be yourself and develop personal and leadership skills (without having to perform as someone's wife, mother, or employee). Many women credit their federation experiences with developing skills that, when included on a job resume, have opened the door to new jobs.

4. Fun, fellowship, and most important

**GFWC Motto:  
UNITY IN DIVERSITY**

## BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO GFWC & GFWC ILLINOIS

GFWC Clubwoman Magazine  
GFWC Illinois Clubwoman Magazine  
GFWC & GFWC IL Brochures  
GFWC Profile/Membership Cards  
GFWC IL Membership Cards  
1/2 Million Dollars in Grant Money for Programs  
GFWC Hdqs. in Washington, DC on National Registry  
GFWC Staff to answer questions or help out  
GFWC IL Headquarters Office in Chicago  
Women's History & Resource Centr in Washington, DC  
GFWC Administration Handbooks  
GFWC Program of Work Handbooks  
Program Bulletins/Updates  
Lists of Resources  
Membership Matters Newsletters  
GFWC Gold Cards for 50 year members  
Scholarships (For students & members)  
Group Insurance Programs  
GFWC & GFWC IL Conventions  
GFWC & GFWC IL Program Bureau & Auditions  
GFWC IL Isabella Candee Foundation  
GFWC on the Internet  
Information on Legislation Issues  
GFWC IL Legislation Day  
Open House at GFWC IL Headquarters  
Greater credibility in community  
Outstanding speakers on timely topics  
Quality entertainment  
Workshops on district, state & national levels  
Belong to world's largest women's volunteer organization  
State, National & International Recognition  
Community Service, Awareness & Respect of Community  
More clout in state & national issues  
Support in natural disasters or emergencies

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# GFWC - General Federation of Women's Clubs

The GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS is one of the largest organization of volunteer women in the world, boasting over 10 million members world-wide. As such, GFWC can be viewed as the "professional organization" for volunteer women. It is the network of support that exists to help you and your club better serve your community. Virtually every profession has a national and state organization behind it to look after and protect its interests. GFWC as well as GFWC Illinois is there for the benefit of you and your club. Using the GFWC logo, or prefixing your club name with GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs), identifies you with this prestigious organization.



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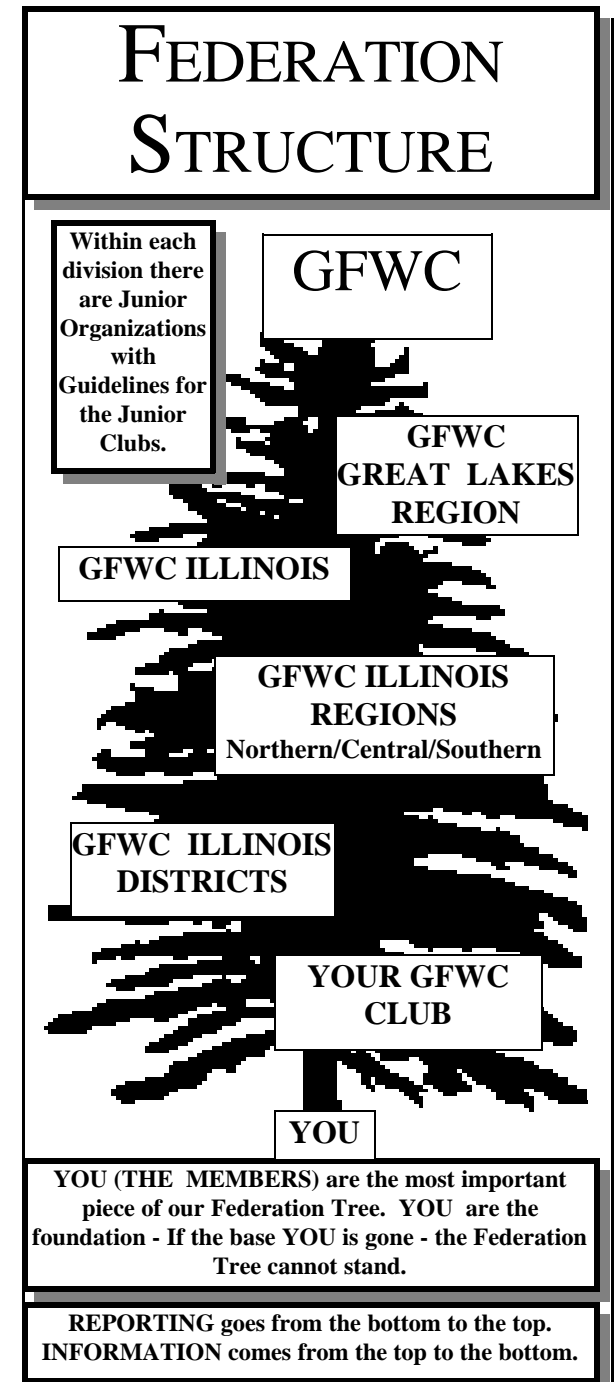
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**YOU (THE MEMBERS)** are the most important piece of our Federation Tree. **YOU** are the foundation - If the base **YOU** is gone - the Federation Tree cannot stand.

**REPORTING** goes from the bottom to the top. **INFORMATION** comes from the top to the bottom.