



GFWC WOMEN'S CLUB OF SOUTH COUNTY (GFWC-WCSC)

"We Live the Volunteer Spirit in South County and Make a Difference in Our Community!"

Thank you for your interest in joining our club!

The GFWC Women's Club of South County, a local civic organization, seeks to bring women of all backgrounds together for philanthropic service. Our goal is to provide community support through volunteerism, provision of grants to local non-profit agencies and educational scholarships to women in need.

We accomplish our mission by volunteering member services and time, fundraising, sponsoring events, awarding scholarships and supporting selected community organizations committed to:

The Arts
Conservation
Education
Social Services

Our membership consists of women from all areas and backgrounds who share a common desire to help the community while meeting and enjoying the friendship of other women. We ask that all those interested in joining the club attend one membership meeting prior to submitting an application. We hold approximately 6 general membership meetings each year. Please contact one of our membership co-chairs and let them know which meeting you will be attending so that we can be sure to say hello! Of course, if you are currently acquainted with a member, you can also attend one of our monthly meetings as their guest.

We use a team structure to complete the work of the club and all members are expected to participate actively on one of the teams. Our current teams are membership, operations, hospitality, internal communications, external communications, fundraising, finance and community outreach. The community outreach team has three subcommittees working on a variety of programs including scholarships, community grants, a rolling library, youth essay contest and a preschool reading program. We are always open to new ways to serve our community and provide an opportunity for members to suggest additional volunteer or service activities.

As with all organizations, membership comes with both privileges and responsibilities. All prospective members are required to document their understanding and acceptance of these club expectations by signing the attached privilege and responsibility form and submitting it with your membership application.

Once you have attended a general membership meeting and decided to apply for membership, please send your completed membership application, the signed privilege and responsibility form, the interest and skills form and your first year dues of \$60 (payable to GFWC-WCSC) to either of the Membership Co-Chairs named on the application.

**Thank you for your interest and we look forward to welcoming you to the
GFWC Women's Club of South County.**

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
WOMEN'S CLUB OF SOUTH COUNTY
PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Founded in 1962, the GFWC Women's Club of South County is part of the GFWC of Rhode Island, which was founded in 1894, and of the international GFWC, begun in 1890.

Those who are members of this club have the following privileges:

- Receive and be included in the membership yearbook.
- Vote on membership issues.
- Receive notification of all membership meetings.
- Receive the newsletter.
- Expand personal relationships as well as networking opportunities.
- Participate in and enjoy the activities sponsored by the club.
- Share in the benefits and responsibilities of membership.
- Know that you are making a difference in the community.

Those who are members of this club have the following responsibilities:

- Be a member of at least one committee/team.
- Attend as many membership meetings as possible. There are usually a minimum of 6 meetings a year.
- Provide "a dish" and help with cleanup and/or set up for one meeting per year as assigned by the Hospitality Committee
- Pay annual dues by May 31st.
- Bring women who are interested in the club and potential membership to a meeting.
- Mentor new members until they are familiar with the club.
- Maintain the privacy of other club members by not sharing the membership yearbook (our "pink" book) outside the club.

I agree to the above responsibilities and wish to become a member of the GFWC Women's Club of South County.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



GFWC Women's Club of South County
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ *Month of birth and day* _____

Spouse/Significant Other:

Telephone _____ *E-Mail* _____

Mailing Address _____

Emergency Contact (name and phone number)

Hobbies (sewing, quilting, knitting, etc.)

Work History

Membership application continued:

Community Organizations/Board Experience (please note those which you are currently involved with)

How did you hear about the club? _____

Please tell us why you wish to join the Women's Club of South County

Please provide your consent to inclusion of your personal information in our membership list (the "pink" book) by checking below:

_____ *photo (you can provide one or we will have one taken at a membership meeting)*

_____ *address*

_____ *phone*

_____ *emergency contact and phone no. of that person*

_____ *email*

Signature _____ ***Date*** _____

Your completed application along with the signed privilege and responsibility form, interest and skills form and annual dues payment of \$60.00 (checks only payable to GFWC-WCSC) should be sent to one of our two co-chairs:

Membership Co-chairs:

Sandy Coletta, 205 Willett Ave., Saunderstown, RI 02874. 401-391-6203

Joanne Daly, 35 Denison Dr., Narragansett, RI 02882. 401-473-4151

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Interests and Skills Form

To assist us in ensuring that your experience in the club and your committee work is as rewarding as possible, please rank the top two areas of community involvement that interest you. If you are passionate about an area that isn't listed, please write it in. This information will assist our club as it develops new outreach activities.

 Arts

 Conservation

 Education

 Social Services

 Other (please describe) _____

We are also interested in understanding the skills that our members can bring to the work of the club. Please check all that apply.

 Fundraising

 Public Relations & Marketing

 Writing, editing, proofreading (newsletter articles or web posts)

 Social Media

 Website Development

 Grants (evaluation and prioritization)

 Event coordination

 Meeting management

 Legislative affairs/Lobbying

 Public speaking

 Finance

 Project Management

 Mentoring

 Other (please describe) _____

Signatures _____

Date _____