

Welcome to the 2016-2018 Administration!

What a great honor to have been elected as the 2016-2018 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. This position is extra special for me because I will be a part of the GFWC Executive Committee lead by Sheila Shea, a GFWC member who began her Federation career as a GFWC Junior.



For the past two years as GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs, I was given the opportunity to complete research in GFWC Women's History & Resource Center. I learned that our Organization, like many benevolent, charitable, non-profit organizations, has had some pretty incredible leaders in its history. I am honored to be your 33rd GFWC Director of Junior Clubs while we celebrate GFWC Juniors 100th anniversary!

The theme for this administration will be: Federation and You, The Perfect Fit. My logo will be two individual jigsaw pieces fitting together so uniquely but with a purpose to build something greater than itself. I chose this theme to give you a sense of where we are right now. When you think of the GFWC, you might think of this big picture as being nearly complete, with maybe just a few end pieces left to place. With nearly half of our State Federations increasing or maintaining GFWC Junior membership, we are at that time when our momentum for growth is being realized.

My vision for this administration is for us to choose to commit, to work hard, to focus and to be resilient in our community service. The puzzle that I see being built is one where every state in this Federation seeks to understand the value of all three levels of membership, a vision that commits to taking the steps to starting new Junior and Juniorette clubs with the knowledge that these clubs and members can only make GFWC and each of our State Federations more complete.

Why I am bringing this to your attention? To help you to realize that you are the important part of the puzzle in helping to make changes, continuing the growth needed in existing clubs, and meeting the needs of your individual members. Let's capture the energy that is the essence of a new club and apply it to clubs that are established in our Federation. This will help grow our leadership base and see our puzzle being expanded into the future.

I am of the belief that members will continue to stay members in any organization when they feel that they are a part of the plans, when they feel a connection to the "builders", and when they know that the effort that they put forth in being here means something to those in leadership. I invite all members of GFWC to join us as we find the perfect "fit" for this Federation in our communities, the perfect "fit" for this Federation in each club, and the perfect "fit" for this Federation in YOU.

Thank you.

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