

CALL

GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
123rd Annual Convention
May 14-16, 2026



CFWC Convention
2026

Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center
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OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION 2026

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CFWC Board Members, Club Presidents, Delegates and Members:

This is your official CALL to the 123rd Annual Convention of the GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC). This CALL contains information about Convention Sessions, activities, events, meals, registration and delegate information. It also contains the proposed amendments to our GFWC/CFWC Bylaws and proposed Resolutions for your consideration. Please study them and caucus within your clubs/districts before arriving at the Convention. No copies of the proposed Bylaw Amendments and proposed Resolutions will be available at the Convention, so it is important that you bring this CALL with you to the Convention. Members may view and download copies of this CALL, Bylaws and Resolutions from our website: www.cfwc.org. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Mary Sprague (MLSPRAGUE@sbcglobal.net) or Kathi McGraw (kathi_mcgraw@yahoo.com) Convention Co-Chairs.

Club Presidents: It is your responsibility to make sure your delegates receive or download copies of this CALL and the Registration Form. Non-voting members who plan to attend will need copies as well to insure they are informed and prepared to expedite business. Please adhere to all deadlines.

Convention is open to ALL members! It is a time to meet other clubwomen, gather new inspiration from our speakers and workshops and experience the camaraderie of Federation.

NOTE: The Registration Sheet is THE LAST PAGE of the package so that it can be removed and sent for your reservation. This way you can bring the Call with you with all of the agenda, proposed bylaw and resolutions, and candidate information.

President's Welcome

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the 123rd GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs Convention – 2026. As your 68th CFWC President, I am honored and grateful for your ongoing dedication and positive contributions to your communities. This annual gathering is a special opportunity for us to come together, celebrate our achievements, and share our experiences in service. Your unwavering commitment and passion have been instrumental in strengthening our Federation and making meaningful changes both locally and globally. I am truly inspired by the tireless efforts of our members, who continually demonstrate the power of unity and diversity in action. As we embark on this convention, let us embrace the “Magic of Federation,” support one another, and look forward to the exciting initiatives and memories we will create together.

Your reports showcase our Federation's commitment to improving lives locally and globally. This year's convention theme, “**Ignite the Magic of Federation**,” highlights our strength in supporting members as they make a positive impact in their communities while balancing unity and diversity.

Convention Highlights Include:

- **Chairman's Faire** – Meet with the CFWC Chairmen and learn firsthand about their projects.
- **Workshops** – Gain insights from Officers on key initiatives.
- **Area Meetings** - Connect with your Area Vice Presidents, foster friendships, and stay informed on regional activities.
- **Officer and Chairman Reports** - Stay up to date on Federation news and accomplishments.
- **Celebration of Life** - Honor and remember our cherished Sisters-in-Federation.
- **Awards Presentations** – Recognizing your dedication, efforts, and contributions toward achieving our shared goals.

At this Convention, my term as CFWC's 68th President ends and Wendy Curran will become the 69th President. We appreciate your presence during this important time for our Federation.

Yours in Federation and Love,
Sonya

REGISTRATION

Advance registration is accepted if received on or before **April 20**. Mail the Registration and Meal Reservation Form with a check to cover both the registration and meals in time for them **TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN** April 20.

Late registration fee is \$30.00.

Mail to:

Kathi McGraw
4584 Sherington Court
Cypress, CA 90630
714-995-8850

kathi_mcgraw@yahoo.com

ALL checks should be made payable to CFWC CONVENTION FUND.

REPRESENTATION

CFWC Bylaws: ARTICLE XIII, Section 13 E. A quorum for transaction of business at the convention will be ten percent of the registered delegates and three officers.

Section 13.2 Representation, Voting Body:

CFWC Membership

1. CFWC Officers, elected and appointed.
2. District Presidents or President's alternate
3. District First Vice-Presidents/Presidents-elect or alternate
4. Past State Presidents
5. Chairmen of Community Service Programs, Special Appointments and Administration.
6. Chairmen and members of Standing and Special Committees, including committee member when they are officially engaged in fulfilling their duties,
7. Club Presidents or their alternates.
8. Each club having 20 members or fewer will have two (f2) delegates or alternates. Each club shall have one (1) additional delegate or alternate for each additional ten (10) members or a major fraction thereof. Each Affiliate club shall have one (1) vote. This will allow our full dues paying Juniores to have all the benefits of belonging.

SPECIAL NOTE: Attached is a listing of all the clubs and the number of delegates they are entitled to.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Please submit the names of Members who served on the CFWC Executive Board to Debbie Pietraszko (debpie74@yahoo.com) so that they may be included in the Celebration of Life Ceremony being held at the Convention. Please include only those who have passed away since the May 2025 convention. Please include a picture and the Executive Board positions they held. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Pietraszko. **Please send by April 20, 2026.**

LEADS REUNION: This event is open only to CFWC members who have participated in a CFWC LEADS Seminar as their District's representative; to all former CFWC Leadership Chairs who have conducted CFWC LEADS meetings and to all State Presidents who have included CFWC LEADS meetings in their administration.

EMERITUS: This event is open only to those CFWC members who have joined the CFWC Emeritus Club, which is an affiliate club of former CFWC Board members. The dues remittance form can be found at cfwc.org on the forms page.

CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHER: There will be a specific area assigned for photos of the 123rd Convention. Members will report to this area for all Achievement Award Photos with the CFWC Chairs. There will be live action

photos inside the rooms during the Convention. Should you not want to be photographed for any reason, or have your photos shown on our CFWC social media sites, please let the Convention Photographer know.

HOTEL INFORMATION: We apologize but we were informed when signing the contract that the hotel would be changing to a Hyatt and that would be undergoing renovation, which affects our room blockage and meeting rooms. Additional rooms will be available at the La Quinta Inn which is directly adjacent to the main hotel.

The official headquarters for the 123rd^t Convention:

Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center, 700 N. Haven Avenue, Ontario

Group Code: G-CAFE

Booking Link: <https://www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/ONTRO/G-CAFE>

Contact Hyatt: 1-877-803-7534

DEADLINE: April 13th

Room Rates: \$149 plus includes complimentary parking and wi-fi

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LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 3555 Inland Empire Blvd., Ontario; includes overnight self-parking

Standard Double or King: \$121 plus

DEADLINE: April 13th

Group Code: 051526CAL

Booking Link for May 14–15 - [https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/ontario-california/la-quinta-ontario-airport/rooms-rates?](https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/ontario-california/la-quinta-ontario-airport/rooms-rates?brand_id=LQ&checkInDate=5/14/2026&checkOutDate=5/15/2026&useWRPoints=false&children=0&groupCode=051526CAL&iata=00093796&adults=1&rooms=1&loc=ChIJe2Ld6ts0w4ARkDFY-VrjAwc&sessionId=1772557341)

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Booking Link for May 15–17 - [https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/ontario-california/la-quinta-ontario-airport/rooms-rates?](https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/ontario-california/la-quinta-ontario-airport/rooms-rates?brand_id=LQ&checkInDate=5/15/2026&checkOutDate=5/17/2026&useWRPoints=false&children=0&groupCode=051526CAL&iata=00093796&adults=1&rooms=1&loc=ChIJe2Ld6ts0w4ARkDFY-VrjAwc&sessionId=1772557341)

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AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE: - GOAT, Gocal's free, flexible micro transit service between airport and hotel.

Monday-Sunday, 8:00am-10pm. Book in advance: Airport transfers, pre-book; local trips on demand.

Wheelchair accessible. Call 855-557-3248

CONVENTION PAYMENTS

Attach check to registration form or use ZELLE

****Step 1***

Add Zelle recipient using this title below: Califfedofwomengfwc1

and use this email: Jilldrescher@att.net

Add **CFWC CONVENTION** on memo line. The funds will go directly to our State account with Bank of America.

****Step 2***

Your registration will not be complete until your email a copy of the Registration Form (photo or scan) to: Kathi McGraw at kathi_mcgraw@yahoo.com or mail the registration form to Kathi McGraw, 4584 Sherington Ct., Cyp0ress 90630

CONVENTION ATTIRE:

Thursday Opening Session	Business Casual
Thursday Banquet	Cocktail
Friday Lunch	Federation Attire
Friday Banquet	Cocktail
Saturday Lunch	Business Casual
Saturday Banquet	Black, Gold, Cocktail Attire

AREA MEETINGS

Thursday, May 14, 4:00-5:00 pm

District Candidates will be presented for consideration to serve on committees. Current Bylaws state members are to be elected to the Bylaw and Resolution Committees in election year. Voting Delegates should be in their Area meeting rooms within 10 minutes following recess. Non-voting members may attend on a space available basis after voting delegates have been seated.

SPEAKERS/ENTERTAINMENT



Thursday Evening – Jerry Langford, Magician

ready to amaze with mind-blowing close-up magic, a stage show, or some combination of the two! His style of comedy-magic and mentalism has delighted and surprised audiences for many years.



Friday ESO Breakfast – Lynne Spreen

Lynne M. Spreen is the author of charming, heartwarming later-in-life romance and women's fiction. After a career in public education, she published her first novel, *Dakota Blues*, about two midlife women who embark on a life-changing road trip. Now, she writes exciting, closed-door romance about couples who are learning about themselves and finding a new gear in the second half of life.

A mother and grandmother, Lynne and her husband of thirty years live in southern California. When not writing, she can be found gardening, hanging out with friends and family, and gaming with her grands. Visit her website to sign up for her newsletter at SilverRomanceBooks.net.



Friday Banquet – Jolie Frankfurth

Jolie Frankfurth's GFWC *Path with Purpose* began as an inaugural member of the GFWC New Tampa Junior Woman's Club in 1997. Installed in 2010 as Florida Director of Junior Clubs, she started her leadership training on the Florida Executive Committee. Jolie spent years as an advisor to the GFWC New Tampa Juniores, which brings insight into how best to meet the needs of future generations of leaders.

Her journey as a GFWC Officer began in 2016 as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. Jolie hosted a volunteer service trip to the International Affiliate Club in Aruba. Sixty-seven members were honored to serve alongside international clubwomen in their efforts to volunteer globally and participate in two service opportunities that supported local charities.

Mrs. Frankfurth is honored to be the sole member to be elected GFWC Treasurer immediately after serving as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. Her expertise in business management, graphic design, and technology has proven invaluable to GFWC and its efforts to stay current and attract volunteers who want to make a difference in their local communities.

As GFWC First Vice President, Jolie serves as the facilitator for the GFWC Learning Gateway Series for a second administration. Using her expertise in adult education, she was asked to be the Lead Facilitator to create the GFWC Learning Academy, GFWC's first online training platform. She coordinated the trainers and training topics, recorded and edited the videos, and worked with Candice Gill, GFWC Design and Publications Manager, to bring to life what we have dreamed about for years.

As First Vice President, she also assists State/DC Presidents in recognizing the value of maintaining cohesive objectives through strategic planning while preserving individual uniqueness in accomplishing goals. She has created Google files for this Group to ensure that each president has access to successful agendas and scripts, transition materials, and other important tools to be a successful leader. Her own leadership style fosters change, builds loyalty, and encourages others to participate in decision-making.

Friday Banquet – The “Blacksmith Boys”



They are a "western old timey" band that are musicians but also blacksmiths that share their talent in both venues throughout California.

For over 20 years the Blacksmith Boys have provided entertainment services for many venues including the Stage Coach Country Music Festival in Indio, California, Calico Ghost Town, Huck Finn Bluegrass Jubilee, Old Town Temecula, Pala Casino, San Bernardino County Fair, and several non-profit organizations, private and corporate events. Enjoy this four piece band of Blacksmiths who also play old time family music.



**SAVING LIVES,
TWO AT A TIME**

Saturday Lunch – Shelter to Soldier™ is a CA 501c3 nonprofit organization that adopts dogs from local shelters and trains them to become psychiatric service dogs for post-9/11 and Gulf War veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress (PTS), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and/or Military Sexual Trauma (MST). Our program also places emotional support animals (ESAs) with active-duty military, veterans, Gold Star Families and first responders.

The Shelter to Soldier Canine Ambassadors are a team of certified therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers who provide no-cost visits of love and comfort to local military personnel, veterans, and their families.