

CALL

GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs

121ST Annual Convention

May 16-18, 2024



**Holiday Inn San Jose – Silicon Valley
GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION 2024

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CFWC Board Members, Club Presidents, Delegates and Members:

This is your official CALL to the 121st 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 (glenn.mcgraw@ca.rr.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.

President's Welcome

Aloha to the 121st CFWC Convention!

Dear Members and Friends:

Thank you all for attending and we are here to honor you and all your good deeds throughout the past year!

Thank you for all you do, to help families, clubs, communities, districts, and CFWC!

You are cherished and valued, and if I don't say it often enough, appreciated every day for your many acts of kindness and the care and concern you give to others.

Your reports were amazing, and CFWC salutes you all!

You all will have a special treat, as Jolie Frankfurth of GFWC, will be our honored guest and give us GFWC updates on Friday and have a workshop on Saturday morning to teach us some new ideas.

This year you will once again enjoy a chairman's fair, and it is a lot of fun to see what the CFWC Chairs have been doing over the past year!

There will be a Celebration of Life as we honor the lives of sisters in Federation that have gone on before us and as we miss them, we are forever grateful for their club work and life's journeys in CFWC.

A big item is you will be voting on Friday is the election of new officers for the 2024-2026 term administration and you will decide on the incoming leaders.

There will be an incoming reception for Sonya Matthies, who will be installed on Saturday night with the rest of the CFWC Executive Committee, so please be there to share their happiness and goals.

You will hear CFWC officers, District President updates, vote on recommendations and bylaws, and talk and visit with many members and friends we haven't seen since the February Boards in Milpitas.

There will be other workshops available for you to attend, Sonya Matthies will host a 1st VP workshop, Wendy, 2nd VP, and her team will do a membership workshop, there will be a communications workshop, with Sonja Hults, Chairman, and her team.

an Amenities workshop with Libby Buckley, and I will have a President's workshop, and we all are looking forward to entertaining you and sharing information about our jobs that many of you will be taking over in your clubs and districts.

Programs and awards and fun and laughter as we join to celebrate You and your accomplishments. You will receive the information on all the reports and what transpired in 2023.

Again, thank you for joining us at the Holiday Inn in San Jose.

A huge Thank you to Mary Sprague and Kathi McGraw for the many hours they put in to make this convention special and meaningful to each of us. Thank you both!

It has been my honor and privilege to be your CFWC President the past two years and I Thank you for the good times we have shared.

You are forever in my heart.

Love and Aloha,

Barbara

REGISTRATION

Advance registration is accepted if received on or before **April 30**. 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 30. Late registration fee is \$30.00.

Mail to:

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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) member 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 Pietrazsko (debpie74@yahoo.com) so they may be included in the Celebration of Life Ceremony being held at Convention. Include those who would have passed away since May 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Pietrazsko (debpie74@yahoo.com)

Send by: April 15

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

CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHER:

There will be a specific area assigned for photos of the 121st 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.

Additionally, prior to the dinner banquets and Happy Hour, group photos of clubs, districts and friends may be arranged by just showing up to the station.

HOTEL INFORMATION: The official headquarters for the 121st Convention:

Holiday Inn San Jose-Silicon Valley, 1350 North 1st Street, San Jose 95112
408-453-6200

Group Code: CFW

Booking Link: https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/find-hotels/select-roomrate?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qIta=99801505&icdv=99801505&qSIH=SJCCC&qCiD=15&qCiMy=042024&qCoD=19&qCoMy=042024&qGrpCd=CFW&setPMCookies=true&qSHBrC=HI&qDest=1350%20North%201st%20Street,%20San%20Jose,%20CA,%20US&sr_b_u=1&qRmFltr=

Complimentary shuttle to and from San Jose International Airport

DEADLINE: April 15th

Room Rates: \$129.00 Double/King ++(currently 14%, \$1.25 HBID,\$0.50 CA Tourism Tax
\$139.00 Ex King
\$159.00 Suites

Triple and Quadruple Occupancy an Extra \$10.00 and \$20.00 per night

Overnight self-parking: Free

Complimentary wireless internet in guestrooms

Complimentary meeting room Wifi

Non-Banquet Meals

CONVENTION ATTIRE:

Thursday Opening Session	Business Casual
Thursday Banquet	Hawaiian Attire
Friday Lunch	Federation Attire
Friday Banquet	Cocktail
Saturday Lunch	Business Casual
Saturday Banquet	Red, White, Blue Cocktail attire

AREA MEETINGS

Thursday, May 16, 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 non-voting years. 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 Banquet – Hawaiian Dancers



ESO – Amy S. Peele Spicy



Bio on Amy S. Peele Spicy, Sexy Story Mystery Writer, and Improv Performer Amy S. Peele has been an RN since 1974. She discovered her passion for organ transplantation when she started as a transplant coordinator at the University of Chicago in 1976. She enjoyed a thirty-five career in transplantation before retiring in 2014 from the University of San Francisco, which has one of the largest and most successful transplant programs in the US. Peele has a love for comedy and Improv and graduated From Second City Players Workshop in 1985 in Chicago. She has been writing for over fifteen years. In addition to killing people and using their organs in her mysteries, she enjoys medication, teaching, swimming, and pursuing

her spirituality.

Friday Banquet – Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC 2nd Vice President



A member of the GFWC Board of Directors since 2008, Jolie has been an integral part of the decisions that will take this organization into the future.

As GFWC Second Vice President, Jolie works closely with GFWC Chairmen and assisted them with the process of updating the 2022-2024 GFWC Club Manual. She also successfully served GFWC as Treasurer, Secretary, and Director of Junior Clubs, and has been a strong member of the Strategic Planning Committee for 8 years.

Jolie utilizes her unique leadership experiences to help organization leaders recognize the value of maintaining cohesive objectives while preserving individual uniqueness in accomplishing goals. She has a leadership style that fosters change, builds loyalty, and encourages others to be a part of the decision-making process.

Jolie is a graduate of the University of South Florida with a master's degree in educational leadership and a bachelor's degree in business/vocational education. Her teaching experience aids in leadership training, conflict resolution, public speaking, and crafting club models. Jolie has trained adult students in Business Management, Forms Design, closed captioning, and various software applications.

Her hobbies include fishing, paddle boarding, golfing, and adventures – but not zip-lining! She spent her young life traveling in a military family, but Jolie and her husband, Tom, have lived in Tampa for 30 years. Their two children have graduated college and are working out-of-state.

Jolie is excited to be a part of creating the future of GFWC.

Saturday Lunch – Paws for Purple Hearts



Paws for Purple Hearts is the world's only service dog organization for wounded Service Members and Veterans that partners with Bergin College of Canine Studies. Bergin College is the first and only college in the world that focuses on training and learning about dogs. It was founded and continues to be led by the famous canine researcher and inventor of the service dog

concept, Dr. Bonnie Bergin.

Through its unique mission to advance human-canine studies, it produces the some of the best service dog trainers and highest quality assistance dogs. Although Paws for Purple Hearts is now separate from Bergin College, all of our trainers are Bergin graduates.

AGENDA 121st CONVENTION – 2024

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“Aloha”

Preliminary Agenda/subject to change



Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – Pre-Convention

Executive Committee Meetings – Closed Meetings

1:00-4:00 pm	Membership Committee	Carmel
1:00-4:00 pm	Finance Meeting	Salon K
6:00-10:00 pm	Executive Committee	Salon K
7:00-8:00 pm	Registration	Mezzanine

Thursday, May 16, 2024

9:00-10:00am	Executive Board Meeting	Salons D&E
10:00-12:30	Registration	Mezzanine
MUST BE REGISTERED BY 12:30 PM TO VOTE IN AREA MEETINGS		
11:00-12:30	Emeritus Lunch	Salon L
12:00- 5:00	Vendors	Mezzanine
6:00-6:30 pm	Registration	Mezzanine

121st CONVENTION AGENDA

General Session 1-3 pm	Salons D&E
1pm. Call to Order – Barbara Briley Beard, CFWC President	
Presentation of Colors – Del Mar High Color Guard	
Renewal of Pledge of Allegiance -Diane Waterhouse	
Inspiration – Angie Nelson	
Song – Led by Deborah Bushnell	
Patriotic Message – Public Issues Chair Diane Waterhouse	
Welcome – Area A VP – Toni Lima	
Area B VP – Rosette Clippinger	
Introduction of Officers, Past CFWC Presidents, Guests – CFWC President Barbara Briley Beard	
Welcome of First Timers – 2 nd VP Wendy Curran and Area VP's	
Preliminary Credentials Report – Credential Chairman	
Adoption of Convention Rules – CFWC Parliamentarian Joyce Opjorden	
Adoption of Convention Program – 1 st VP Sonya Matthies	
Appoint Committee to read and approve 2024 Convention minutes – Barbara Briley Beard	
Officer's Reports (3 minutes and 2 copies)	
Corresponding Secretary – Gina Radocchio	
Recording Secretary – Cindy Sanders	
Director of Finance – Marsha Larusso	
Treasurer – Jill Drescher	

Financial Secretary – Deborah Bushnell

Parliamentarian – Joyce Opjorden

Consideration of Proposed By law Amendments – Joyce Opjorden

Consideration of Proposed Resolutions Amendments – Linda Koontz

Announcements – Mary Sprague and Kathi McGraw, Convention Co-Chairmen

4-5 p.m. AREA MEETINGS

AREA A

SALON A

AREA B

SALON B

AREA C

SALON C

AREA D

SALON M

Recessed until dinner

Thursday Evening Banquet –
In Honor of Club Presidents and District Presidents

District Presidents line up outside of Ballroom at 6:30 p.m.

6:45 pm. Procession of District Presidents

Salons F-J

Introductions – Libby Buckley - CFWC Amenities and Protocol

Meal Blessing – Sonja Hults

7:15 pm Dinner is served

Officers' Reports (3 minutes and 2 copies)

CFWC 1st VP Sonya Matthies

CFWC 2nd VP Wendy Curran

Area C VP BJ Addis

Area D VP Lynne Youngstrom

Area A VP Toni Lima

Area B VP Rosette Clippinger

Program – FCP Ho'mana Hula Dancers

Drawings

Announcements Mary Sprague and Kathi McGraw Convention Co-Chairs

Enjoy the morning workshops

Recessed until 1 pm for lunch

Friday May 17, 2024

8:00-9:30 am	ESO Breakfast	Salon L
8:00-11:00 am	Registration Open	Mezzanine
MUST BE REGISTERED BY 11:00 ORDER TO VOTE		
9:00-5:00 pm	Vendor Exhibit Open	Mezzanine
10:00-11:30	Workshops	
	Putting Your eggs in Right Basket	
	1 st VP Dean – Sonya Matthies	Salon A
	Chain of Command and other Links	
	CFWC President -Barbara Briley Bear	Salon B
	Connecting GFWC to Communities	
	CFWC Officer – Jolie Frankfurth	Salon C
	What are your Analytics - CFWC Communications Team	Salon M
2:00-5:00 pm	Voting	Salons K&L
5:00-5:30 pm,	Registration	Mezzanine

Award Luncheon

In Honor of all CFWC Chairmen, District Chairmen and Club Chairmen

Thank you for all you do for the Federation.

12:15 p.m. Processional for all CFWC Chairmen, Administration and Program
Chairmen and Committee Chairmen (Please sit in designated area)
Introductions – Libby Buckley – Amenities and Protocol

12:30 pm Blessing – Irene Charrette

12:45 pm Lunch

Reconvene

Candidates Speech – 2 minutes

Presentation of Awards Sonya Matthies

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS & ADVANCEMENT AWARDS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN, GFWC SPECIAL PROGRAM: Kelly Davis

ARTS AND CULTURE: Stephanie Zichichi

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH: Dianne Waterhouse

COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sonja Hults

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: Marcia Willett

EDUCATION: Sandra Cabral

ESO, GFWC ADVANCEMENT AREA: Reggie Mattox

ENVIRONMENT: Patsy Wilson

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT: Betty Paravato

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Lois Fitzhugh

LEADERSHIP AND LEADS: Vicki Holden

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY: Carol Burkhart
WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER: Priscilla Bolinder

Drawings – Kathi McGraw and Mary Sprague
Announcements – Mary Sprague and Kathi McGraw – Convention Co-Chairs
Recessed until dinner

Friday Evening Banquet
Honoring Past CFWC Presidents

5:45 pm Past CFWC Presidents line up for processions
Introductions – Libby Buckley - Amenities and Protocol

6:00 pm Welcome to Dinner – Barbara Briley Beard CFWC President
Meal Blessing – Kay Porter

6:15 pm Dinner is served

Reconvene

GFWC 2nd Vice President – Jolie Frankfurth

President's Address – Barbara Briley Beard CFWC President

Membership Awards and Past President's Chimes – Wendy Curran

Drawings – Kathi McGray and Mary Sprague

Announcements – Mary Sprague and Kathi McGraw

Recessed until 1 p.m. Saturday .

Remember your morning workshops.

Memorial Service Celebrating the lives of CFWC Board members we lost this past year. Those in attendance will leave the room quietly at the end of the service. Thank you to Deborah Pietraszko for arranging this ceremony.

Saturday May 18, 2024

7:00-8:00	LEADS Reunion	Salon L
8:00-2:00	Vendor Exhibits	Mezzanine
8:30-10:00	Chairman Faire	Salon D&E
10:00-11:30	Workshops	
	Amenities & Protocol – Libby Buckley	Salon A
	How to Write a Powerful Article - -Communications Team	Salon B
	Membership – Wendy Curran and Area VP's	Salon C
	Crossing the Line into Leadership GFWC 2 nd VP – Jolie Frankfurth	Salon M

Saturday Lunch

Honoring Federation Members, the Foundation of CFWC

1pm. Reconvene

Meal Blessing – Yvonne Cahill

1:15 pm Lunch is served

Reconvene

Awards – Sonya Matthies

CFWC CONTESTS

CFWC CREATIVITY WRITING CONTEST, YOUTH CREATIVE WRITING, ACHIEVEMENT

AWARD: Olma O'Neill

CFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: Olma O'Neill

CFWC YOUNG MUSICIAN'S AWARD: Anna Dinter

COMMUNITY IMPACK PROGRAM: Jane Thomey

JENNIE JUNE CONTEST: Toby Kahan

Program - Paws for Purple Hearts

Western States Region Update – Pam Ament & Dori Kelsey

District Presidents Reports (2 minutes)

Drawings

Announcements – Mary Sprague & Kathi McGraw, Convention Co-Chairmen

Saturday Evening Banquet
Honoring 2022-24 & 2024-26 Executive Committee

Processional – 2022-24 & 2024-26 Executive Committee

Introductions – Libby Buckley, Amenities & Protocol

Meal Blessing – Sandra Cabral

7:15 Dinner

Reconvene

New Club Ceremonies – Wendy Curran, 2nd VP Membership

Installation of Officers for 2024-26 by Pamela Ament, Immediate Past CFWC President

Exchange of President's Pin – Barbara Briley Beard

Acceptance Speech – Sonya Matthies

Drawings – Mary Sprague & Kathi McGraw, Convention Co-Chairmen

Collect – all together

“Let there be Peace on Earth” – Deborah Bushnell

Adjournment – Barbara Briley Beard CFWC President

Reception following in honor of CFWC 2024-26 President – Sonya Matthies

Menus

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Emeritus Lunch – Chicken Crusted Parmesan with Alfredo Penne Pasta and Broccoli, Green Salad
Vegetarian Gnocchi with Alfredo Sauce
Dessert – Lemon Coconut Cake

Banquet – Mahi-Mahi with Pineapple Pico, served with Jasmin Rice and Green Beans
Vegetarian – Mushroom Ravioli with Pomodoro Sauce
Dessert – Strawberry Shortcake

FRIDAY, MAY 17th

ESO – All American Breakfast Buffet

Lunch – Chicken Piccata with Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Asparagus
Vegetarian – Eggplant Parmesan
Dessert – Apple Tart

Banquet – Flank Steak with Chimichurri Sauce, Rice and Black Beans, Ceasar Salad
Vegetarian – Vegetarian Lasagna
Dessert – NY Cheesecake

SATURDAY, MAY 18th

LEADS – Continental Breakfast

Lunch – Korean Chicken with Jasmin Rice and Kimchi, Green Salad
Vegetarian – Stuffed Bell Pepper with Tomato Plant Crumble and Saffron Rice
Dessert – Cherry Pie

Banquet – Chicken with Garlic Lemon Butter Cream Sauce, served with Rice and Roasted Vegetables
Vegetarian – Napoleon Vegetable Tower over Polenta and topped with Pesto
Dessert – Chocolate Truffle Cake