

CALL

GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs

120th Annual Convention

May 18-20, 2023



Child at Heart

**Doubletree by Hilton, Santa Ana Orange County Airport
GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION 2023

May 17- 20, 2023



CFWC Board Members, Club Presidents, Delegates and Members:

This is your official CALL to the 120th 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 Convention. No copies of the proposed Bylaw Amendments and proposed Resolutions will be available at 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) 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.

CFWC President



President's Welcome

Dear Members and Friends:

As we honor each and every clubwoman and member at this 120th Convention let your Happy Heart/Child at Heart be present.

As you accept your award certificates, be proud of who we are, what we do, and a Big Thank you for all your many hours and projects to community service.

Enjoy the Chairman's Fair, workshops for learning and fun, as the Officers and Chairmen will delight you in their interactive workshops to show you different and creative ways to do projects and write reports.

We will have fun dressing up in high school attire and of course there will be a Federation Day to honor our blue and gold.

A quiet reflection for Celebration of Life for those who left us too soon this past year, as we remember and Bless those members in our hearts and prayers.

We will eat, laugh, talk, and learn together.

We will share stories, visit Chairman tables and see how the CFWC Chairman take on their tasks and make the community, clubs and members become aware of all that we do. They will tell us about their first year of this administration and what they will be pursuing in the next year.

You will hear from your CFWC Officers, hear recommendations, and enjoy the Area meetings with your four Area VP's.

There will be committee reports and programs for your enjoyment.

More fun as we enjoy being together and learning from each other how clubs and Districts do the same tasks differently.

You will be recognized for your projects and receive awards. Thank you for your time, talent, projects, money, hours and in kind donations.

We hope you will join us, fun times are almost here, and travel safe to and from the beautiful Doubletree in Santa Ana, CA. There is a free shuttle to and from the hotel from John Wayne airport for your convenience.

Excited to see you all in May!

Make your reservations soon!

Love and Aloha,

Barbara

REGISTRATION

Advance registration accepted if received on or before **April 26**. 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 26**. 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 Juniors to have all the benefits of bellowing.

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Please submit the names of Members who served on the CFWC Executive Board to Sonja Hults (cfwcsonjahults@gmail.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, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Sonja Hults (cfwcsonjahults@gmail.com) or Debbie Pietrazsko (debpie74@yahoo.com)

Send by: April 15

CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHER:

There will be a specific area assigned for photos of the 120th 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 120th Annual Convention is:

Doubletree by Hilton, Santa Ana Orange County Airport
201 East MacArthur Blvd., Santa Ana 92707
714-825-3333

Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/cfwc-convention-2023/>

Central Reservations: (866)568-0896

Hotel Shuttle: 714-825-333 press 0 or ask for front desk

DEADLINE: April 26th

Room Rates: \$144, plus taxes

Overnight self-parking discounted to \$14.00

Breakfast buffet discounted to \$18.00 per person

Complimentary In-Room High Speed Wifi

Complimentary meeting room Wifi

CONVENTION ATTIRE:

Thursday Opening Session	Business Casual
Thursday Banquet	Dress as you did in High School
Friday Lunch	Federation Attire
Friday Banquet	Cocktail
Saturday Lunch	Business Casual

AREA MEETINGS

Thursday, May 18, 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 Nominating and Elections 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 Speaker – Justine Palmore



Justine's bio: Justine is the Executive Director of StandUp For Kids, Orange County program. She began her involvement with StandUp For Kids in 2006, while she was doing an internship. She moved from being an outreach volunteer to becoming Executive Director in 2008. After moving into the role of Executive Director, Justine became involved with the National Board in 2011 and worked as the National Interim ED for almost two years. She's remained on the National Board from 2012-2020. Justine also owns her own financial consulting business providing outsourced accounting, operations management and training to small businesses. Palmore earned her B.S. in Human Services, and is a Certified Addiction Recovery Coach. She is a wife, the mother of three, and resides in Mission Viejo, CA.

Organization overview: StandUp for Kids - Orange County was launched in 2003 with a single focus: To end the cycle of youth homelessness in our community. We work to provide basic needs, housing, mentoring, in-school support, care, and love to at-risk and homeless youth ages 12-24. In 2022, we served 1,078 youth and young families in need.



Thursday Banquet – La Habra High Ukulele Ensemble

ESO - Gayle Carline



Gayle Carline is the acclaimed author of 15 books, from mysteries to fantasies, with a dash of humor spread liberally among them. When she is not writing, she is leading workshops on writing and publishing, speaking at events, or riding her horse in competitions. Gayle enjoys creating fascinating characters whom she can involve in everything from chasing a killer to sailing a pirate ship. She lives happily with her husband and a sassy Corgi. In addition, she has a son and two horses whom she thoroughly enjoys even if they don't live with her. You can find out more about her by visiting <https://gaylecarline.com/>

Gayle Carline has written many books since she started writing in about 2000. She is a mystery writer and a humorist. Gayle started with articles for the California Riding Magazine and then the Placentia News-Times but her goal had been to write mysteries. Her newest series is called the Dragon Shadows Series. Peri Minneopa Mysteries was her first series. Her love of horses has led to her writing such books as From the Horses Mouth, One Lucky Memoir and others that combine mystery with her love for horses to make a great read.

Friday Banquet - Suellen Brazil (by Video) GFWC 1st VP



Suellen Brazil has been an active GFWC Board of Directors member for more than 30 years since being Alabama's Director of Junior Clubs, serving as Chairman of Junior Education, Junioresettes, Safety, Leadership, State President, Southern Region President, and GFWC Treasurer, Secretary, Second Vice President, and First Vice President.

Passionately committed to leadership development, personally and for others, her background and skills were vastly broadened while gaining various perspectives serving in all Alabama and Southern Region elected offices. As GFWC First Vice President and Second Vice Presidents, she has continued her commitment to enhance growth of the 51 State Presidents and 107 GFWC Chairmen/Committee Members. As Leadership Chairman, she directed a 73% increase in GFWC State LEADS programs and provided comprehensive state and District seminar templates. She frequently speaks at state LEADS seminars.

Leading HOBY's International Leadership Seminar as the National Volunteer Chairman and with 12 years of continued national service, Suellen gained far-reaching growth applicable today. Focused on strengthening connections with International Affiliates, she knows the value of being an international organization.

Suellen applies the national perspective, organizational expertise, and collaborative skills developed throughout 49 years in diverse leadership roles. With a rich background and extensive experience, Suellen is a highly enthusiastic, dynamic leader whose dedication and passion are unwavering.

A native Alabamian, she and husband Billy have two sons, and three adorable grandchildren. Retired after 44 years with Baldwin County Schools, she concluded her career as Executive Elementary Administrator, supervising 28 schools, 18,000 students, and all employees.

Saturday Lunch – BARK



BARK (Beach Animals Reading with Kids) is a nonprofit organization that has provided therapy dogs - free of charge - to schools and libraries throughout Southern California for 15 years. Children love to read to friendly, nonjudgmental dogs who watch and listen without laughing at mistakes. The readers enjoy the visit and change their attitude toward reading, "I read that whole book. Can I read her another one?" Our mission is helping young readers, but we also visit colleges during finals week, nursing homes, hospitals, and other locations when we have available teams.

AGENDA 120TH CONVENTION – 2023

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“Child at Heart”

Preliminary Agenda/subject to change

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 – Pre-Convention

Executive Committee Meetings – Closed Meetings

1:00-4:00 pm	Membership Committee	Rhone
1:00-4:00 pm	Finance Meeting	Burgundy
6:00-10:00 pm	Executive Committee	Burgundy
6:30-8:00 pm	Registration	Foyer

Thursday, May 18, 2023

9:00-10:00am	Executive Board Meeting	Ballroom C&D
10:00-12:30	Registration	Foyer
11:00-12:30	Emeritus Lunch	Ballroom E&F
3:00-3:30 pm	Registration	Foyer
6:00-6:30 pm	Registration	Foyer

CONVENTION AGENDA

General Session 1-3 pm Champagne A,B,C,D

1pm. Call to Order – Barbara Briley Beard, CFWC President

Presentation of Colors – Orange High Color Guard

Renewal of Pledge of Allegiance -Diane Waterhouse

Inspiration – Edie Seger

Song – Led by Edie Seger

Patriotic Message – Public Issues Chair

Welcome – Area C VP - BJ Addis
Area D VP – Lynne Youngstrom

Introduction of Officers, Past CFWC Presidents, Guests – CFWC President Barbara Briley Beard

Welcome of First Timers – 2nd VP Wendy Curran and Area VP’s

Preliminary Credentials Report – Credential Chairman

Adoption of Convention Rules – CFWC Parliamentarian Joyce Opjorden

Adoption of Convention Program – 1st VP Sonya Matthies

Appoint Committee to read and approve 2023 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
SPEAKER: Justine Palmore – Stand Up for Kids
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	CHAMPAGNE E
AREA B	CHAMPAGNE F
AREA C	CHAMPAGNE A
AREA D	CHAMPAGNE B

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 Champagne Ballroom
Introductions – Libby Buckley - CFWC Amenities and Protocol
Meal Blessing – Edie Seger
7:15 pm Dinner is served
Program – La Habra High School Ukulele Ensemble
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
Drawings
Announcements Mary Sprague and Kathi McGraw Convention Co-Chairs
Enjoy the morning workshops
Recessed until 1 pm for lunch

Friday May 18, 2023

8:00-9:30 am	ESO Breakfast	Ballroom E&F
9:00-11:00 am.	Registration Open	Foyer
9:00-5:00 pm	Vendor Exhibit Open	Foyer
10:00-11:30	Workshops	
	Amenities & Protocol – Libby Buckley	Ballroom C
	Finance – Marsha Larusso, Jill Drescher, Deborah Bushnell	Ballroom B
	Finding the HEART of Membership– Wendy Curran & Area VP's	Ballroom A
	Domestic Violence – Marsha Willett	Ballroom D
5:00-5:30 pm,	Registration	Foyer

Award Luncheon

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

Thank you for all you do for Federation.

12:45 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

1 pm Blessing Edie Seger

1:15 pm Lunch

Presentation of Awards Sonya Matthies

- Civic Engagement and Outreach – Diane Waterhouse
- Education and Libraries – Sandra Cabral
- Environment – Patsy Wilson
- Health & Wellness – Lois Fitzhugh
- Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention – Marcia Willett
- Advocates for Children – Kelly Davis
- Communications and Public Relations – Sonja Hults
- Leadership – Vicki Holden
- Legislation and Public Policy – Carol Burkhart
- Arts and Culture – Stephanie Zichichi
- Parliamentary Certificates – Joyce Opjorden
- Website
- Fundraising – Sonya Matthies
- Women's History and Resource Center -Priscilla Bolinder
- Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) – Reggie Mattox
- Community Improvement Project – Jane Thomey
- Canine Companions

- Heifer International
- HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership)
- Operation Smile
- Prevent Child Abuse America
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Shot at Life

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 Current Officers and 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 – Edie Seger

6:15 pm Dinner is served

President's Address – Barbara Briley Beard CFWC President

Membership Awards and Past Presidents Chimes

SPEAKER – Sue Ellen Brazil (by Video)

Drawings – Kathi McGray and Mary Sprague

Announcements – Mary Sprague and Kathi McGraw

Recessed until 1 p.m. Sat .

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.

Saturday May 20, 2023

Honoring Federation Members, the Foundation of CFWC

9:00-12:00 pm	Vendor Exhibits	Foyer
8:00-9:30	Workshops	
	Arts & Culture – Stefanie Zichichi	Ballroom C
	Beano Your Communications -Communications Team	Ballroom B
	Membership – Wendy Curran and Area VP's	Ballroom A
	Parliamentary Procedure/Recording Secretary Joyce Opjorden & Cindy Sanders	Ballroom D
10:00-11:30		
	Young Musician – Anna Dinter	Ballroom C
	Beano Your Communications – Communications Team	Ballroom B
	Golden Records – Sonya Matthies, CFWC 1 st VP	Ballroom A
	Leadership – Vicki Holden	Ballroom D
9:00-11:00		
	Chairman Fair	

Honoring Federation Members, the Foundation of CFWC

1pm. Reconvene Champagne Ballroom

Meal Blessing – Edie Seger

1:15 pm Lunch is served

SPEAKER: BARK

Music Awards, Photography, Writing Contest

CFWC Newsletter contest

Statistical and Affiliate Information Totals

Program New Club Ceremonies – Wendy Curran 2nd VP Membership

Drawings

Announcements

Collect – all together

“Let there be Peace on Earth” – Led by Edie Seger

Adjournment – Barbara Briley Beard CFWC President

Thank you all for attending.

Menus

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Emeritus Lunch – Cobb Salad, bread rolls and butter, iced tea, water, coffee

Vegetarian – Pineapple Tofu – Crispy fried Tofu with Pineapple Sauce, bell pepper, onion served with Cilantro

Rice and Seasonal vegetables

Dessert – Cheesecake

Banquet – Butternut squash soup, Chicken Breast, bread rolls and butter, iced tea, water, coffee

Vegetarian – Eggplant Parmesan – Fried eggplant with mozzarella and pasta

Dessert – Double Chocolate Cake

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

ESO – All American Breakfast Buffet

Lunch – Mac n Cheese, Breaded Chicken, bread rolls and butter, iced tea, water, coffee

Vegetarian – Veggie Medley Stew – carrot, cauliflower, bell peppers, potato, squash, green beans in a Coconut Curry Sauce

Dessert – Tiramisu

Banquet – Flat Iron Steak, iceberg lettuce salad, bread rolls and butter, iced tea, water, coffee

Vegetarian – Beyond Meat – Beef Wellington, plant forward meat, phyllo Dough serve with espresso demi sauce, seasonal vegetables,

Dessert – Lemon Curd

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Lunch – Chicken Caesar Salad, bread rolls and butter, iced tea, water and coffee

Vegetarian – Caesar Salad, no chicken

Dessert – Chocolate Chip Cookies