

GARNER WOMAN'S CLUB CHEAT SHEET

GWC – Garner Woman's Club

GFWC – General Federation of Women's Clubs. HQ is in DC.

GFWC-NC – General Federation of Women's Clubs of North Carolina – HQ is Raleigh, NC

SER – Southeastern Region

1734 Society – The financial security of the GFWC

1902 Society – The financial security of the GFWC –NC

Generals – the name we give to members 45 years and older

Juniors – in NC these are members between the ages of 21-45

Juniorettes – in NC these are members middle school & high school age

WHRC – Women's History & Resource Center at our headquarters in Washington, DC – founded in 1984, this center collects, preserves, interprets and promotes the history of GFWC and women Volunteers. (You may join the Friends of the WHRC club by yearly donations – log on to gfwc website.)

www.gfwc.org GFWC's website

www.gfwcnc.org GFWC-NC's website

www.garnerwomansclub.org GWC's website

Convention – The annual meeting of the GFWC-NC membership – time for luncheons, banquets, installations (every even year), speakers, workshops, networking

District – a shortened name for OUR District, which is District IV. NC currently has 9 districts spread across NC. Ours includes Carthage, Cary, Dunn, Durham, Fuquay-Varina, Raleigh, Wake Forest, Wendell, Western Wake, and Zebulon.

Region – refers to OUR particular region – SER – which is Southeastern Region. The US has 8 Regions. Ours includes, NC, TN, KY, WV, VA, DC, MD

Unity in Diversity – That's our "Motto" for EVERYONE

Collect – "A Collect for Clubwomen" was written in 1904 by a school principal, Mary Stewart, as a personal daily prayer. When it was first published she felt it might have special appeal to club women. The first women's organization to ever use it was GFWC.

GFWC Signature Project - Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Fund

The GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship was created through GFWC's commitment to our Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, to change the lives of survivors as they take the next step in reshaping their future in a positive way through higher education. For nearly half a century, GFWC has fought to eliminate domestic violence, and the establishment of the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Fund is one way GFWC will move towards achieving that goal. This Fund is fully supported by donations from GFWC members, partners, and friends.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all per-capita paying GFWC federated club members. More than 60 years ago, the ESO program became a permanent part of what is now known as the GFWC Education and Libraries Community Service Program. Through ESO, clubwomen are given direction in planned reading for self-enrichment and personal growth. Over the years, many GFWC clubwomen have profited from this unique self-improvement program, seen as vital by the members it directly benefits. ESO provides

clubwomen with a structured reading program that is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. ESO goals include:

- Encouraging clubwomen's pursuit of higher education
- Creating an additional means to unite women in volunteerism
- Developing a support network for women returning to school
- Improving current and develop new study skills
- Stimulating systematic home reading and study with minimal supervision
- Encouraging the establishment of home libraries and greater use of public libraries
- Encouraging the formation of reading/study/discussion groups

Members can participate in ESO as part of a reading group or on their own. The program provides membership, awards and certificates, pins, reading lists, and a framework in which to pursue continued self-improvement through reading. Many clubs combine club programming with ESO related activities, such as reading awareness and book promotion.

Community Service Programs and Special Projects Our Community Service Programs and Special Projects are structured to enable clubs to harness the vast resources of our membership to address the emerging needs of their individual communities. GFWC Community Service Programs and Special Projects focus on the major issues of our time—supporting women's health, preserving natural resources, promoting literacy and equality, and encouraging volunteer service—and fall into the following areas of focus:

- Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
- Juniors Special Project: Advocates for Children
- Arts and Culture Community Service Program
- Environment Community Service Program
- Education and Libraries Community Service Program
- Health and Wellness Community Service Program
- Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program

The GWC projects committees select various projects and speakers for our monthly meetings, all that will fall under one of these focus areas.

L.E.A.D.S. GFWC initiated the Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) for the purpose of finding, training, and encouraging club women from the grassroots level to step up, pursue, and accept leadership opportunities at all levels of Federation. GFWC-NC modeled a similar program for the districts. District LEADS candidates will be given the opportunity to learn about GFWC, GFWC-NC, as well as receive special training to share with her District. From this group, one person will be chosen to represent North Carolina as the LEADS representative at the GFWC Annual Convention.

Sallie Southall Cotten –Sallie Southall Cotten (13 June 1846-4 May 1929), writer and Woman's Club member and also a civic leader, was born in Lawrenceville, Brunswick County, VA. As a young girl, Sallie Southall was sent to live with an uncle in Murfreesboro; there she attended public school and later Wesleyan Female College. She then went to Greensboro Female College, from which she was graduated in 1863. For the next two years, during the Civil War, she was a teen-age schoolteacher. On March 14, 1866, Sallie Southall married Robert Randolph Cotten, a Confederate veteran of Edgecombe County. They lived first

in Tarboro, where he had a mercantile business; later they moved to Wilson. His desire was to be a planter, however, and it was not long before he purchased two plantations in Pitt County: Southwood and Cottendale. The family lived first at Southwood, where Cotten prospered as merchant and farmer. When his Wilson business needed his attention, he moved his family back to live in Wilson for ten years. A final move brought a return to Pitt County and Cottendale, where the Cottens spent the remaining years of their long and busy lives. The opportunity for public service came in 1893, when Governor Elias Carr appointed Sally as one of North Carolina's managers for the Chicago World's Fair. She traveled over most of the state gathering materials and relics to exhibit. She prepared a collection of books written by North Carolina women and presented them to the International Library of books written by women, on exhibit at the fair. This collection won her a World's Fair medal and diploma. She served the state again on the board of managers at the Atlanta and Charleston expositions. In her travels, Mrs. Cotten met women from all parts of the country who were active in the budding women's movement. Long interested in the status of women, she returned home and began work immediately in encouraging women to organize themselves on the local level. As a result, many clubs came into being. A principal leader in the organization of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs in 1902, she was the fifth president and an active member for twenty-five years. Her leadership led women through many movements with far-reaching results: they achieved a law permitting women to sit on school boards; they worked for local civic reform, libraries, education, child labor reform, and improvement in institutions of correction; and they raised money to establish an educational loan fund for girls, naming it the Sallie Southall Cotten Loan Fund. Mrs. Cotten composed the federation song in 1910 and wrote *The History of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, 1901-1925* (1925). The federation made her honorary life president.

The Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship (SSCS) is awarded to an outstanding high school senior (male or female). The student from an accredited school in North Carolina must be sponsored by a Federated club in good standing with GFWC-NC. The GWC has a SSCS contestant and sends him/her on to the district Arts Festival, and the district winners then compete at the state level for the SSCS, which is currently \$6,000 per year for four years, for a total of \$24,000.

District Arts Festival - The District Arts Festival is the time when club and individual awards are announced and the outstanding efforts of talented and hardworking clubwomen are recognized.

Minnie Lou Parker Creech Award – Outstanding NC Clubwoman

Linda G White Award – Outstanding NC Junior Clubwoman

Juanita Bryant Citizenship Award – Outstanding NC Clubwoman who best signifies that of citizenship involvement

GFWC News & Notes – The name of the GFWC weekly news worthy page – comes on Fridays or Saturdays electronically – www.gfwc.org to sign up

"Find Your Beat, Join the Rhythm" – Special Project of GFWC-NC President, Karen Throckmorton.

Discover the Magic: Enchanting Minds and Inspiring Art - Special Project of GFWC-NC Director of Junior Clubs, Rebecca Duffy.