

Official Call to the 127th Annual State Convention
General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas
Friday April 21st and Saturday April 22nd, 2023
"LET THE FUN BEGIN WITH EVERY SPIN"

Convention Space:

Multi-Purpose Room, Door #2. Challenger Intermediate School. 325 N Walnut Goddard, KS 67052

Accommodation:

Hampton Inn by Hilton. 455 N. Crowne Drive, Goddard, KS 67052

The town of Goddard and host club Goddard Woman's Club welcomes GFWC of Kansas members (clubwomen and boosters) to celebrate GFWC at the upcoming state convention. During the 127th Annual State Convention we hope to include the State President's Area of Emphasis (food insecurity) and her State Project (supporting youth diabetes camps). We will also endeavor to mention the importance of April 22nd Earth Day, April 23~29th National Library Week and April 24th Federation Day during the convention.

Convention Space: The Convention will be held in the multi-purpose room of Challenger Intermediate School on both Friday April 21st and Saturday April 22nd. There will be a direct entrance into the multi-purpose room from the outside through Door #2. Please look for GFWC signs and pinwheels. All art and photography works for the state competition will need to be delivered to the convention space on Friday morning between 10am~12:30pm.

Convention registrations must be received by April 3rd, 2023.

Accommodation: The Hampton Inn will be the overnight accommodation setting and location for the Kansas Executive Committee, Rainbow Club, Past State Presidents and ESO meetings. To reserve your accommodation please email Betty Spain, at betty@imaginehospitality.net. Include in your email the following: your full name, contact information (phone, email), type of room (2 double beds or 1 king bed), any specific requirements (handicap accessible), how many nights and the date, and that you are wanting the GFWC of Kansas room block contract. Note: if you have a Hilton Honors number include that with your email. The room rate is \$115.00, parking and breakfast are free. Check in is 3:00pm, check out is 11:00am. Of special note, the hotel is still under construction so booking online or via Hilton directly will not be possible. Betty Spain is the General Manager for Imagine Resorts and Hotels who will manage the hotel once it is open. Betty has graciously volunteered to make our reservations individually through her special access. We ask each of you to please be patient as the hotel opens. Betty prefers you email her the required information but if needed you can call her directly at 620-640-8300. **Accommodations must be made by April 3rd, 2023.**

Suggested items to bring to convention.

1. Donations for Camp Live Well and Camp Discovery (See back side for the wish list of donations).
2. One or more large item per club for a raffle to benefit the Citizenship Essay Scholarship Fund.
3. Items for "Kansas Marketplace", please notate a price for your donated item. Baked goods are allowed. Proceeds from "Kansas Marketplace" benefit the general fund for GFWC of Kansas.
4. Reusable personal water bottle (receive a free raffle ticket as an incentive to conserve paper/plastic waste). We will have bulk water and iced tea available before the tours and during the convention for clubwomen to fill their personal water bottles.
5. Gently used plastic coat hangers (any color) {Gardner Athena}, clean and label free prescription bottles {Wamego Study Club}, plastic shopping bags {Goddard Woman's} these items help the specific clubs complete special projects in their community.

Wish List for donations to Camp Live Well and Camp Discovery (youth diabetes camps in Kansas)

Camp Live Well (Day Camp)

- ~Re-usable water bottles
- ~Skippy Peanut Butter – individual packets
- ~Slim Jim's
- ~Variety chip box
- ~Cheez-its
- ~Fruit Snacks
- ~Granola bars
- ~Sunscreen
- ~Water balloons
- ~Swim goggles
- ~Pool Toys
- ~Arts & Crafts supplies and/or craft kits for about 25 kids
- ~Multi-Color Sharpies

Camp Discovery (Overnight Camp)

- ~Re-usable water bottles
- ~Skippy Peanut Butter – individual packets
- ~Slim Jim's
- ~Bulk dry roasted peanuts
- ~Bulk raisins
- ~Graham Crackers
- ~Bug Spray
- ~Sunscreen
- ~Soccer ball
- ~Yard Games

Tours for Friday (Clubwomen and Boosters) and Saturday (Boosters)

Friday Tours (Clubwomen and Boosters):

Please meet in the lobby at the Hampton Inn by Hilton before 1:30pm on Friday to travel to “Rise Farms” (www.risefarmsks.com), or the Advanced Learning Library (www.wichitalibrary.org), and the “Nifty Nut House” (www.niftynuthouse.com). We will be travelling by motorcoach and will return to the hotel at approximately 4:00pm. The Advanced Learning Library tour and Nifty Nut House shopping opportunity will be a combined tour. Registrants will need to choose between Tour One: Rise Farms Tour, Tour Two: Advanced Learning Library Tour and Nifty Nut House or No Tour. Please notate your preference on the registration form.

Tour One: The RISE Farm tour is limited to 30 people. RISE Farms is a beacon of environmental progress in the heart of Wichita. It is a 15,000-square-foot specialty crop farm and a 204-panel solar farm blooming on the top floor of Fidelity Bank's Car Park. Their goal is to grow a variety of produce in a no-waste organic manner to supply area restaurants and Wichitans with fresh, local ingredients.

Tour Two: The Advanced Learning Library is the newest (2018) and largest library in Wichita. It includes specialized collections, areas designed for the distinct needs of youth age groups from birth to teens, an audiovisual studio, 3D printing access, and a number of informal and formal collaboration spaces. Nifty Nut House was established 1937 and is a third-generation family-owned business that prides themselves on quality products, great prices, and friendly service. They offer many varieties of nuts, candy, and gum and are a very well-known Wichita shopping destination.

Saturday Tour (Boosters):

Please meet in the hotel lobby at 10:00am on Saturday to visit the Kansas Aviation Museum (www.kansasaviationmuseum.org). Personal vehicles will be used for transportation. It is in a historic art-deco building which use to be a working airport terminal. It houses a plethora of aviation heritage, learning library, restoration workshop, and multiple planes on display. Currently they are restoring a Cessna U-206, Blanche Noyes' C-37, Cessna 310 and just received a grant to start work on a B-52. The cost to tour the Kansas Aviation Museum is \$8. The group will stop for a late lunch at another iconic setting in Wichita before returning to the hotel lobby at approximately 3pm.

GFWC of Kansas 127th Annual State Convention

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According to GFWC of Kansas Bylaws:

Article VI-Conventions

Section 1. The Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas shall be held annually in the spring at a place to be determined by the person serving as President at the time of the Convention.

Section 2. Representation. The voting body shall be:

A. The President or her appointee and one delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof for each club holding active membership.

B. Members of the Board of Directors.

C. Past State Presidents and General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas Directors of Junior Clubs.

Section 3. The quorum for the annual convention shall be twenty-five (25) voting members.

- All clubwomen of GFWC of Kansas are invited and encouraged to attend the Convention.
- All attendees must complete the enclosed registration form and return to the State Registrar, Jeanna Maley, 10518 W Taft, Wichita, KS 67209 **before April 3rd, 2023**. Payment must also be submitted with the completed registration by the deadline.
- All attendees are responsible for securing their own hotel reservations **before close of business April 3rd, 2023**.
- If there is a chairperson or appointee who wishes to meet with the Executive Committee on Friday morning, please let Janine know by April 3rd, 2023.
- Rosemary Hour will be coordinated by the Rainbow Club. Please send names and information about any recently passed clubwoman so they can be respectfully honored at the convention. Send to Kate Field, 4108 Brigadune Drive, Hutchinson, KS 67502 **before April 3rd, 2023**.
- If you have specific dietary restrictions please call Janine Eilert directly at (316) 250-0432 so she can in turn discuss options with the caterer.
- Dress at the Convention will be business casual. Please keep in mind that although the weather may be warm and slightly humid, room air conditioning can be quite cool. Pack and dress according to your personal comfort level.

Menu:

Friday Dinner \$15, Baked Potato Bar. (Toppings ~ Chili, Smoked Pork, Shredded Smoked Chicken), Green Salad, Dessert (Baby Bundt Cakes)

Saturday Lunch \$15, Soup & Salad Bar (Taco soup, Wild Rice and Chicken soup, Vegetable soup), Green Salad, Dessert (Lemon and Chocolate Fudge Bars)

Directions to Convention Space and Hotel:

The Convention Space (Multi-purpose Room, Door #2, Challenger Intermediate School, 325 N Walnut, Goddard 67052) and Hotel (Hampton Inn by Hilton, 455 N Crowne Drive, Goddard 67052) are separate buildings, but within 1.7 miles of each other, 6 minute-drive. Both the convention space and hotel are conveniently located in Goddard and are just off Kellogg (US-54/400) the main highway that runs east/west through southern Kansas.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Friday April 21st, 2023 (**Multi-Purpose room, Door #2, @ Challenger Intermediate School, unless otherwise noted**)

10:00am GFWC of Kansas Executive Committee Meeting (small conf room @ Hotel)

10:00am~12:30pm Acceptance of all art, photography, and clubwomen crafts

12:30pm~1:15pm Registration begins (large meeting room @Hotel)

1:30pm Tours begin (charter bus leaves from Hotel parking lot)

4:00pm Tours end (charter bus returns to Hotel parking lot)

4:30pm Judging of the Art

5:00pm Rainbow Club Meeting (small conf room @ Hotel)

5:00pm~6:00pm Registration available

6:00pm Convention

6:15pm Dinner

8:00pm Guest Speaker

9:15pm ESO meeting (large meeting room @ Hotel)

Saturday April 22nd, 2023 (**Multi-Purpose room, Door #2, @ Challenger Intermediate School, unless otherwise noted**)

7:45am Past State President meeting (small conf room @ Hotel)

8:30am Registration available

9:00am Opening of Convention

11:00am Guest Speaker

11:45am Rosemary Hour

12:15pm Luncheon

12:45pm Convention Continues

1:30pm Guest Speaker

3:15pm Raffle Drawing, Closing Announcements

3:30pm Adjournment

1st Time Attendee

Previous Attendee

Legacy Clubwoman

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<u>Attendee Information</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Club Name:	<input type="radio"/> Registration Fee: \$25
First/Last Name:	<input type="radio"/> Friday Dinner: \$15
Mailing Address:	Saturday Breakfast: free if hotel guest
City, Zip:	<input type="radio"/> Saturday Lunch:\$15
Phone:	TOTAL PACKAGE: \$55
Email:	Total Paid:
<u>Tours (mark only one)</u>	Check #:
<input type="radio"/> Tour one: Rise Farms <input type="radio"/> Tour two: Advanced Learning Library and Nifty Nut House <input type="radio"/> No Tour	

Checks payable GFWC of Kansas. Send completed registration form and payment to State Registrar **before April 3rd, 2023.** Jeanna Maley, 10518 W Taft, Wichita, KS 67209

<u>Credentials (mark only one to indicate highest office currently held)</u>	
<input type="radio"/> International	Position
<input type="radio"/> State Officer	Position
<input type="radio"/> State Chairperson	Position
<input type="radio"/> Club Officer	Position
<input type="radio"/> Club Member	Position
<input type="radio"/> Booster/Guest	
<input type="radio"/> Voting Delegate OR <input type="radio"/> Non Voting Delegate	

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