

Welcome

to the

Woman's Club of Springfield



www.WomansClubofSpringfield.org

~ Membership Guide ~

Club Meeting Schedule

Every second Tuesday of the month

September – June @ 6:30 PM

Please check our website [Events Calendar](#)

For dates and venue assigned to each meeting.

Club Officers

President, Beverly Stoltz

1st Vice President (Leadership), Carol Lee Barron

2nd Vice President (Membership), Melody Corrigan

Recording Secretary, Sally Glover

Corresponding Secretary, Patty Toler

Treasurer, Valerie Turner

Parliamentarian, Barbara C. Kiker

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GFWC International President, Marian Simmons-St Clair

GFWC Virginia President, Dale Fischer

GFWC Virginia Northern District President, Mary Driver-Downs

## Member Obligations

- Work at least one and a half days a month at the Pink Elephant Thrift Shop
- Help clean the Pink Elephant Shop every 6 weeks
  - Attend monthly meetings
  - Participate on a committee/department
    - Pay annual dues of \$60

# Club History

The Woman's Club of Springfield was chartered by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs in 1954 as the Crestwood Women's Club. The name was changed to the Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc. in 1969. We are proud to have played a major role in the creation of the Richard Byrd Library; we raised over \$6,000 to move the library from a bookmobile to a suitable rented facility. Today, our affiliation and dedication continue to support the Richard Byrd Library.

In 1964 The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop was created to fund "The Sounding Board", a mental health facility. When Fairfax County took over this facility, we continued to operate the shop to fund other charitable projects, Today, The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop is our major fundraising activity. To date, we have made charitable grants of over \$500,000.

In 1992, our club created a long running partnership with Cameron Elementary School. We have supported Reading Is Fundamental, Head Start, clothing and school supply drives, and food baskets. This project has expanded to include other local schools, including Crestwood and Garfield, and has been updated to include the Backpack Buddy Project. Among our many charitable projects, we are proud to annually award a college scholarship to a graduating senior from John R. Lewis High School or West Springfield High School. We support local hospitals with our Layette Project, Bethany House for survivors of domestic violence, and ECHO, a non-profit community support organization in Springfield.

*Club Flower*    Pink Rose  
*Club Colors*    Pink and Green



# Committees and Advancement Plans

Membership in the Woman's Club of Springfield includes a commitment to promoting volunteerism, empowering women to reach their full potential, and a dedication to making a significant positive impact on our community. Our club departments and committees allow our members to make a positive difference in our community through volunteer programs, while developing new skills and interests for personal development. Each member must serve on at least one committee or department.

Signature Program Resources (Domestic Violence Awareness)

Arts and Culture

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Educations and Libraries

Environment

Health and Wellness

Communications and Public Relations

Fund Raising and Development

Finance

Leadership

Legislation and Public Policy

Membership

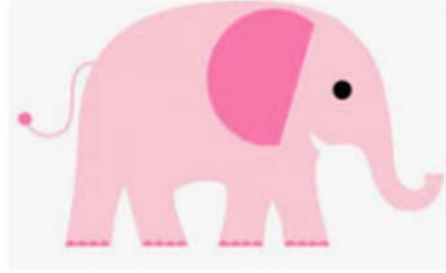
Women's History and Resource Center/Club Institute

Hospitality

Good Cheer

Please see our website 'About Us' page for 'Whom We Support'  
<https://womansclubofspringfield.org/about-us/>

# The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop



The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop opened for business in 1964. In 1974 the Woman’s Club of Springfield became its sole owner and operator. The shop is entirely staffed by unpaid volunteers and is our main fundraiser. All profits are used for philanthropic projects.

The Pink Elephant Shop is located at 6127-B Backlick Road, Concord Center, Springfield, VA (703) 451-2467. Shop hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## The General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC)

GFWC’s roots can be traced back to 1868 when Jane Cunningham Croly, a professional New York journalist who wrote under the pen name Jennie June, attempted to attend a dinner at an all male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Croly was denied admittance based upon her gender, and in response, formed a club for women. She chose the name “Sorosis”, a Greek word meaning “an aggregation; a sweet flavor of many fruits.” In 1890, Croly extended an invitation to women’s clubs throughout the United States to attend a convention in New York City. Sixty-three clubs attended and took action to form the General Federation of Women’s Clubs. What began as 63 clubs in the early 1890s has become an international organization of community-based volunteers in thousands of clubs in all 50 states and more than dozen countries.



<https://www.gfwc.org/>

# Membership Application

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## Benefits

- form new and lasting friendships
- make a positive difference in our community through volunteer programs
- develop new skills and interests for personal development
- enjoy social activities, including day excursions and trips

## Membership Chairman

Melody Corrigan  
Email: [WCS.GFWC@gmail.com](mailto:WCS.GFWC@gmail.com)

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Email this completed application form to the  
Membership Chairperson: [WCS.GFWC@gmail.com](mailto:WCS.GFWC@gmail.com)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies, Special Interests, Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark one or more of the Committees/Departments you are interested in:**

- Signature Program Resources (Domestic Violence Awareness)
- Arts and Culture
- Civic Engagement and Outreach
- Educations and Libraries
- Environment
- Health and Wellness
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- 2) Print this page, complete manually, then scan / photograph and email as an attachment.