



# The Azalea City News

## Newsletter of GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC)

### A Note From The President

I want to say, **"THANK YOU!!"** to everyone who helped contribute to and support my trip to Chicago, IL to attend the 2024 GFWC LEADS and the GFWC Annual Convention. It was such a wonderful experience and I learned so much. Everything that I learned will be brought back to our state, district, and club to be used in leadership development. I encourage Azalea City Woman's Club members to attend GFWC Georgia LEADS at the Institute in August. The deadline to register is August 1st. I will be speaking at LEADS as well as the State Dinner regarding my experience.

Justin Jacobs  
President



### 2024 - 2026 Executive Officers

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*Nancy Nahila*

Second Vice President

*Charlie Oliver*

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*Annie Roberts*

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhance the lives of others through volunteer service.

With more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than 20 countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by advocating for women, children and families on issues such as domestic violence and sexual assault, food insecurity/hunger, and promoting healthy lifestyles. GFWC also supports the arts, works to preserve natural resources, advances education, encourages civic involvement, and works toward world peace and understanding.

For more information, please visit [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) or call 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).



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## 2024 - 2026 Community Service Program Chairs

### Art & Culture

*Debbie Altabello*

### Civic Engagement & Outreach

*Jeanette Coody*

### Education & Libraries

*Nancy Nahila / Collette  
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### Environment

*Justin Jacobs*

### Health & Wellness

*Charlie Oliver / Lynn  
Taylor*



## Arts & Culture



We continue to work on the fundraiser for the Dosta Theatre. I have been all over Valdosta searching for donations. We have received over \$1700 in In-Kind donations for the auction from over 20 businesses. The event will be held at Downtown Social on Thursday, July 18th starting at 7 pm. If you want to help set up, meet at Downtown Social at 6:30 pm.

Make sure to go by the Turner Center for the Arts to view and vote on your favorite photos taken in around City of Valdosta and Lowndes County. Voting ends on July 18th,



## Civic Engagement & Outreach



Independence Day, 4th of July, celebrated the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The document announced the political separation of the 13 North American colonies from Great Britain, marking the formal end of British rule and the beginning of the United States as an independent nation.

In honor of Independence Day, we would like to share the American Legion webpage that shows how to fold the flag, advisory rules for display and care of the flag, and many other United States Flag resources: [legion.org/flag](https://legion.org/flag)

## Education & Libraries



Keep reading!

Book Challenge: Every 10 books you read or donate gets you a ticket a small prize. In November a big prize will be given with lots of reader swag. Below are the special book challenges:

- A historical fact you didn't know
- A new word
- Favorite book quote





## Environment

In June, we had 3 members out picking up litter on our Adopted Street, Woodlawn Dr. The City of Valdosta has placed a sign on both ends of Woodlawn Dr proclaiming it Adopted by the Azalea City Woman's Club.

Update on our symbolically adopted sea turtle, Frank Sriracha!  
 "Frank Sriracha is thriving which is largely due to a clean and balanced environment. Keeping the water clean involves daily, weekly, and monthly tasks. We assess the salinity, ozone, temperature, and water clarity each day. Every week, we conduct a comprehensive water quality check, and tank filters are cleaned monthly. If we detect toxic levels of certain compounds such as ammonium or nitrite, we replace the tank water immediately. Our rehabilitation team will continue their hard work to ensure Frank Sriracha remains in peak health. Stay tuned for more updates on this little turtle!"  
 ~The Georgia Sea Turtle Center Team.



Pictured are Charlie Oliver, Justin Jacobs, and Janice Blanchard

## Health & Wellness



Marie Guest and Justin Jacobs  
 at the Walk to End Alzheimer's Event in 2022

At the 2024 GFWC Convention in Chicago, the Alzheimer's Association became an official affiliate of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs! The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia - by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Take charge of your brain health and join us in the fight to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia. <https://www.alz.org/abam/overview.asp>

You can find 10 Early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's and Demetia here: [https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/10\\_signs](https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/10_signs)

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### GFWC Affiliate Organizations

GFWC partners with "The Alzheimer's Association, Canine Companions, Heifer International, Hope for Justice, March of Dimes, Operation Smile, St. Jude Childrin's Research Hospital, and UNICEF USA for a greater reach and synergy to move the hearts and minds of masses to support our collective causes for the greater good." To learn more about GFWC Affiliates please go to: <https://www.gfwc.org/affiliate-organizations/>

Here is the Statistical Data for 2023 demonstrating our affiliate organization impact : 2,449 projects, 36,900 volunteer hours, \$297,692 donated, and \$118,633 in-kind donations



## July Events

- July 4th: Independence Day
- July 8th: ACWC Social Gathering. More Details Coming
- July 17th: Battle of Badges Blood Drive at the City Hall Annex Multi-purpose Room.
- July 18th: Family Fun Night and Silent Auction at Downtown Social starting at 7 pm.
- July 22nd: 16th Annual Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest Reception from 5-7 pm.
- July 27th: Reception for GFWC GA President, Cathy Jones in Vienna, GA.
- July 27th: Back to School Community Block Party, Unity Park from 9 am - 1 pm

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## August Events

- August 13th: Club Meeting. Our meetings are returning to the 2nd Tuesday's of each month starting at 6 pm.
- Aug 16 - 18: 2024 GFWC GA Institute - LEADS
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# Club Members In The Community



Top Left to Bottom Right: Charlie Oliver, Avernell Rogers, Janice Blanchard, Justin Jacobs, Debbie Altobello, Lisa Spells, Annie Rogers, Jeanette Coody, and Marie Guest attending the Summer Social held at Smokin' Pig