

## GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS - CHARLOTTE

## "MENTORING...Our Club's Future"

GFWC-Charlotte is a service organization in our community that boasts multiple generations of women in its General membership. Mentoring someone into the club is much like introducing a new person into your church community or welcoming someone new into your neighborhood. It is important that the new member feels welcomed, comfortable among the women of the club, has someone to introduce her to others and "show her the ropes" in her first twelve months of membership.

We encourage you to consider these suggestions as you mentor a new member and help her experience GFWC-Charlotte. Many of our club resources are now available on our web page - www.gfwc-charlotte.com.

- ➤ Contact a prospective new member to explain what GFWC is. Share a copy of the current club brochure which highlights our club activities and projects (available electronically).
- > Share what projects or committees YOU have been involved with during your membership.
- > Encourage her to attend as a guest to a monthly meeting in order to experience first-hand what GFWC-Charlotte is about.
- > Encourage involvement in club departments and committees, specific to her talents and interests.
- > Attend the New Member Orientation with her.
- ➤ Offer to bring the new member to her first few meetings. The next best option meet her at the door. She needs to know we are happy she is here and that she is a part of GFWC-Charlotte the minute she walks into the room!
- > Invite her and her spouse/guest to sit with you at our Husband/Guest Night.
- ➤ Contact another club member (or a current member of the Membership Committee) and request that person meet her at a specific meeting or club activity, if/when you are unavailable.
- ➤ Follow up within a couple of days from her first club meeting or activity and LISTEN to her feedback. Share her relevant insights with the current membership chair or committee member.