

Benefits of Belonging

Nearly 100,000 members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs are united in their dedication to volunteer community service. While diverse in age, interests, and experiences, all clubwomen are united by a desire to create positive change in their communities.

With roots in local communities and branches around the world, GFWC members enjoy opportunities to learn from and share with one other at district, State, Region, and international meetings, seminars, and conventions. Operating under the broad umbrella of community service, GFWC clubs are able to assess the needs of their individual communities, consider the abilities and interests of their members, and focus their projects and programs in areas that satisfy the needs of both. Program guidelines, materials, and resources provided by GFWC and State Federations assist clubs in serving the needs of their communities effectively and efficiently.

Belonging to GFWC-AZ Desert Jade Woman's Club provides the opportunity to:

- Contribute to the quality of life in your neighborhood and community
- Gain a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction in doing good
- Participate in interesting, informative, and inspiring programs
- Explore and sharpen skills that can lead to professional advancement
- Expand your network of contacts—professional and personal
- Build lifelong friendships
- Have fun!

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all who live in the Greater Phoenix area and would like to meet new friends, serve as a community volunteer and learn new leadership skills.

GFWC Desert Jade Woman's Club meet at 9:30 am on the first Saturday of each month (September – May). Meetings are held at the First Chinese Baptist Church, 4910 E. Earll Dr., Phoenix, AZ. The annual dues for membership in GFWC Desert Jade Woman's Club is \$50. This includes membership in GFWC, GFWC-Arizona, and GFWC-AZ Central District.

Be a Volunteer. . . Come Join Us!

For membership information, please contact:

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*We've shared so much laughter,
Shared so many tears.
We've a spiritual bond that
grows stronger each year.
We're not sisters by birth,
but we know from the start,
God put us together to be
sisters by heart.*



General Federation
Of Woman's Club

GFWC-AZ Desert Jade Woman's Club



*The General Federation of Women's Club
is an international women's organization
dedicated to community improvement by
enhancing the lives of others through
volunteer services.*

*GFWC-AZ Desert Jade Woman's Club
is a 501(c)3 non-profit
charitable organization.*

Who are the Desert Jades?

In April, 1960 a group of ten young women came together for the purpose of serving the community and to become better acquainted with each other. GFWC Desert Jade Woman's Club became a federated club and a member of the General Federation of Women's Club.

The Desert Jades meet once a month, usually on the first Saturday. Our meetings include a business session and a program. Programs have included speakers from various community organizations, book authors, food and crafts demonstrations, and hands-on projects at meetings. Social activities are planned for members including organized tours of places of interest in the Greater Phoenix area. Members, their families and guest celebrate the Chinese New Year with an annual Chinese Banquet to celebrate the New Year.

Many members have developed their leadership skills in the club and have served in leadership positions at the district and state levels of GFWC Arizona, many of the local Chinese organizations and other non-profit agencies in the Phoenix area.

Community Service

The goal of serving the community has been accomplished throughout the years by contributions to many and various charities in the Greater Phoenix area such as: Phoenix Chinese Senior Center, YWCA of Maricopa County, Phoenix Chinese United Association, Phoenix Fire Department (contribution of heart thumper), Glendale Fire Department (contribution of heart monitor machine), St Vincent De Paul Medical and Dental Clinic, Feed My Starving Children and the Phoenix Art Museum. GFWC Desert Jade Woman's Club was the recipient of the 2016 APCA Community Service Award.

Fundraising

The Desert Jades raise funds by many creative methods: making and selling thousands of egg rolls, rummage sales, a booth at Chinese Week, compiling and selling a Chinese cookbook entitled "Tea and Chopsticks" (now in its 3rd printing) and a Chinese traditions book, "Lotus Pod," special notecards, Sale of T-shirts with Chinese Astrological signs, See's Candy, and BUNCO Event Fundraiser.

Projects

Among our past and current contributions are:

- Student scholarship for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar.
- Christmas gift bags (200) for underprivileged children at the St. Vincent de Paul Free Medical and Dental Clinic,
- Scholarships to graduating high school seniors of Chinese heritage. As of Spring 2017, a total of 268 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$111,575;
- Donation to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital and Katy's Way
- Raised funds and donation of books to the Brunson-Lee Elementary School;
- Established the Desert Jade and Friends Endowment Fund for the Arts of Asia Gallery at the Phoenix Art Museum,
- Facilitate the acquisition of The Forbidden City Artifacts Exhibition;
- Volunteered at the Chinese Community-wide Fourth of July celebration;
- Donations to Eve's Place, Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon, Ryan's Case for Smiles (pillowcases for Phoenix Children's Hospital).

