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**Welcome to your State Convention!** This is a moment to honor our collective achievements as we continue to reimagine volunteer service. Each of you has gone beyond the ordinary to create meaningful change, and now, we gather to reflect on our progress and embrace new possibilities.

For almost 135 years, service and personal growth have been at the core of GFWC. Central to our mission is our **circle of influence**—a powerful force that drives transformation, strengthens communities, and inspires action. Represented in our emblem, this symbol reflects the far-reaching impact of our efforts, demonstrating that each of us can shape a brighter future.

As we look ahead, I encourage you to champion progress—breaking barriers, sparking innovation, and harnessing our collective strength. Under the banner of **Educate, Engage, Empower**, we are committed to expanding knowledge, forging deeper connections, and amplifying our ability to make a difference. Education unlocks opportunity, engagement strengthens connections, and empowerment fuels meaningful action.

Together, we have upheld the values of collaboration, service, and camaraderie. Over the past year, GFWC members have enriched the arts, preserved natural resources, promoted education, supported good health, and strengthened civic engagement. You have raised awareness for domestic and sexual violence prevention and advocated for children through countless initiatives. Your dedication to both local and global communities is truly inspiring.

I am delighted to invite you to an unforgettable experience at the **2025 GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 6-9, 2025**. Our time together will reinforce our unity and propel the General Federation of Women's Clubs into its next chapter, equipped and ready for the journey ahead. We eagerly await your arrival in Atlanta, where GFWC members will be **Spinning Vision into Reality!**

I extend my heartfelt congratulations on your extraordinary achievements. Your passion and perseverance embody the very spirit of GFWC. Our future holds boundless opportunities.

Yours in *Living the Volunteer Spirit!*

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