

June 2009

Dedicated women taking the time to make a difference in the home, community, and the world one project at a time.

We came, we saw, we laughed, we celebrated, we remembered, we shared, and we walked for the Roses!

(111th GFWC-SC Annual Convention in Mt. Pleasant, SC)

These federation friends rose early Saturday morning and walked the Arthur Ravenel/Cooper River Bridge with 50 other ladies attending convention.



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GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS IN SOUTH CAROLINA



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I can not even begin to describe our annual convention. It had everything I expected and a few surprises. I never dreamed to enjoy myself so much. Most of the joys came from seeing you all together. The sisterhood of volunteers is amazing!

**PAST-** As I reflect, it is so hard to believe that time seems to be flying by. In 2008, I drove 4,584 miles doing the work of GFWC-SC. I have logged in more cell phone minutes than I care to share. Most of all, I have enjoyed every minute that I have gotten to spend with you.

*(District Conferences, International Convention, Officers Tweak Retreat, Club Installations, Winter Board, and State Convention)*



*Tammy M. Garland*

**PRESENT-**We are on our way to Cleveland, Ohio for the GFWC Convention. We will do our best to represent you, your clubs, and our state in the best way possible. It is really an exciting time in our state to have two candidates for international office. Jackie Boland has been nominated for Southern Region Secretary and Marian St. Clair has been nominated for GFWC Treasurer. These two ladies give so much to you, me, and our state, but yet they are still willing and highly qualified to give even more. Our region and national organization will be very fortunate to have them in leadership roles.

**FUTURE-** I am getting ready to come see you! The officers and I are making plans to see all of you at your district conferences. Remember that there will be no Summer Board meeting in June, but instead we are asking you to make every effort to attend one meeting this summer. I am expecting a huge increase in attendance at all the district meetings. These meetings are for every member of your club and this July we are working on sessions that will truly benefit every member of your club. In planning, we reviewed the exit slips from last year and we are giving you what you said you needed. Best of all you 1) don't have to travel far, 2) it doesn't cost so much and 3) we get to have a little fun together!

I just want to thank you for all that you do for others. I know what it means to take your personal time to do "Woman's Club Work". I know how it feels to use family funds to do "Woman's Club Work". The best part is knowing that I have friends that I would have never had if it had not been for "Woman's Club Work". Remember to take the time to enjoy the company for your fellow club members. It is truly the gift that comes with giving.

**Take Time Awards:**

**General:**

- Category I **GFWC Jubilee Club**
- Category II **Sand River Woman's Club**
- Category III **St. Andrews Woman's Club**

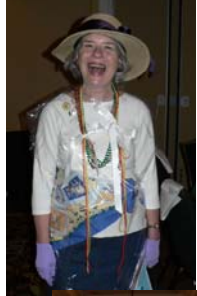
**Junior:**

- Category I **Seneca Junior Woman's Club**
- Category II **Easley Junior Woman's Club**





**2009 Ms. Trash to Treasure & Court**



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# President-elect ~ Laurie O'Kelly

I had so much fun at convention and it was great to see so many of you! Congratulations to all the winners. I am so proud to be part of GFWC-SC. We truly make a difference in the lives of others in South Carolina and beyond.

As the club year is winding down and you begin to plan your summer socials, don't forget this is an excellent opportunity to invite potential new members. Think about your friends and family members and invite them to join you.

## Honor Clubs

### Category I

|                                       |
|---------------------------------------|
| Charleston Federation of Women's Club |
| Foothills Woman's Club                |
| GFWC Jubilee Club                     |
| GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club          |
| Renaissance Woman's Club              |
| Spartanburg Woman's Club              |
| St. George Women's Guild              |
| Tuesday Afternoon Book Club           |
| Woman's Club of the Midlands          |
| Woman's Club of Wagener               |

I hope you have saved the date for your district conference. The District Presidents are planning the Summer Sizzling Sessions and we need you to help make it successful. You won't want to miss the presentation of district awards and the fun and fellowship with the clubwomen in your district. Your officers are working to put together informative breakout sessions so there's something for everyone. If you are a new club president, the President's Institute breakout session is the one for you. In this session you'll receive the presidents' packet with all the forms and deadlines you'll need throughout the club year. And, it's a great time to network with other club presidents. Here are the dates:

### Category II

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|--|
| Belvedere Woman's Club                 |
| Palmetto Woman's Club                  |
| Sand River Woman's Club                |
| Upstate Woman's Club                   |
| Walhalla Woman's Club                  |
| Woman's Club of Fort Mill              |
| Woman's Club of West Columbia          |
| Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville |

**Central District – July 24** (evening)      **Northern District – July 25** (afternoon)  
**Eastern District – July 17** (evening)      **Northwestern District – July 26** (afternoon)  
**Midlands District – July 18** (afternoon)      **Southern District – July 18** (morning)  
**North Central District – July 25** (morning)      **Western District – July 19** (afternoon)

### Category III

|                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| Aiken Woman's Club              |
| Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club   |
| Lexington Woman's Club          |
| North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club |
| St. Andrews Woman's Club        |
| The Woman's Club of Cayce       |
| Woman's Club of Charleston      |
| Woman's Club of Easley          |
| Woman's Club of Rock Hill       |

I look forward to seeing you at the Sizzling Summer Sessions!

*Laurie*



## Net Gain Clubs

### Junior Category I

|                               |
|-------------------------------|
| Grand Strand Jr. Woman's Club |
| Seneca Jr. Woman's Club       |
| Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club     |

### Junior Category II

|                               |
|-------------------------------|
| Aiken Jr. Woman's Club        |
| Charleston Jr. Woman's Club   |
| Easley Jr. Woman's Club       |
| Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia  |
| Jr. Woman's Club of Lexington |

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| <p>Aiken Woman's Club<br/>         Belvedere Woman's Club<br/>         Chapin Woman's Club<br/>         Clinton Federated Woman's Club<br/>         Easley Junior Woman's Club<br/>         GFWC Lowcountry Juniors<br/>         GFWC-SC Renaissance Woman's Club<br/>         Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club<br/>         Junior Woman's Club of Columbia</p> | <p>Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club<br/>         North East Columbia Woman's Club<br/>         North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club<br/>         Sandy Run Woman's Club<br/>         St. George Women's Guild<br/>         The Perihelion Book Club<br/>         The Woman's Club of Charleston<br/>         Woman's Club of West Columbia</p> |
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Dear Juniors!

Thank you to all the SC Juniors who attended our state Convention last month. We had a lot of fun participating in the "Trash to Treasure" banquet, we had an entertaining evening in my suite where Juniors were able to come mix and mingle, we enjoyed each other's company at the Junior Derby Luncheon where we viewed a short video displaying all the hard work that SC Juniors did during 2008 and we ended convention by enjoying a relaxed evening at Red's Ice House on the bank of Shem Creek. The "It's In the Bag" Live Auction helped raise \$825 which will go in the Junior Director Travel Fund! Thank you to everyone that donated and purchased these items! I am extremely grateful for your help!!!



I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the end of July while the Executive Board makes our state rounds to your district conferences. I hope to be able to share with you good news and information about different projects from around that nation that I bring back from the International Convention in Cleveland, OH. So mark your calendars and plan on attending your district meeting! It is a good information resource for your club members!!!

I would like to make a special request- I would love if we could get at least one representative from each SC Junior Club to make plans to attend the Southern Region Conference. GFWC- SC is hosting the event this year at the Hyatt Regency in Greenville, October 23 – 25th. If you do not have a roommate and would like to attend please let me know... we can try to make arrangements with other GFWC-SC club members who are planning on attending this event which can help make your stay a little easier on the pocketbook!!!

In closing, I would like to remind you to share with me the special fundraisers your clubs are working on so that I can share the themes and dates with everyone! Plus, don't forget to forward me your digital pictures displaying the fun you have had and the hard work that you are doing so we can show them off in a slide show during the Junior Luncheon in 2010.

In Junior Spirit!  
Caroline~

### **ARTS**

Category I- Seneca JWC & Grand Strand JWC

Category II-JWC of Columbia & Aiken JWC

### **CONSERVATION**

Category I-Walhalla JWC & Seneca JWC

Category II-Easley JWC & JWC of Lexington

### **EDUCATION**

Category I-Grand Strand JWC & Seneca JWC

Category II-JWC of Lexington & Aiken JWC

### **HOME LIFE**

Category I-Seneca JWC & Walhalla JWC

Category II-JWC of Lexington & Aiken JWC

### **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

Category I-Seneca JWC

Category II-Easley JWC & Aiken JWC

### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Category I-Seneca JWC

Category II-Aiken JWC



### **Junior Silver Awards**

Jan W. Hadwin Award: Category II-Easley JWC

Beth Broome Award: Category I-Seneca JWC

Bobbie L. Lowe Award-Walhalla JWC

Mary Plyler Memorial-Easley JWC

Elizabeth Prince Gouge Award-Easley JWC

Ann Borris Memorial Award: Category II-JWC of Lexington

Augusta Wolff Award: Category I-Walhalla JWC

Susan Abelkop Membership Award-Charleston JWC

Junior Spirit Award-JWC of Columbia

Jr. Clubwoman of Achievement-Melanie Branham  
President- Easley JWC

Junior Cup I-Seneca JWC

Junior Cup II-JWC of Lexington



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# Southern Region Conference

October 22~25, 2009

Greenville, South Carolina  
Hyatt Regency Downtown

## Fundraising Levels

### Individual:

Pound Cake- \$30

### Club Levels:

Banana Pudding- \$200

Fried Chicken- \$150

Sweet Tea- \$100

Cornbread- \$50

*These funds will be used to purchase decorations, door prizes, entertainment, goodie bags and officer gifts.*

*No club will be asked to provide additional funds to support the hosting of the SRC.*

*Each club is being asked to take part by your district conference in July.*

*With everyone's participation this will be a fabulous event and our true southern hospitality will shine through.*

Remit to Marian St. Clair ~ SRC Convention Chairman  
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**These are the  
South Carolina  
Pound Cakes so far**



Misty Konow  
Gail Elfert  
Laurie O'Kelly  
Patricia Ezell  
Linda Rodgers  
Dolly McDermott  
Juliet Casper  
Ann Miller  
Leslie Stanley  
Midge Burgess  
Nancy Beym  
Patricia Beleblas  
Lois Black  
Regina Elders  
Emily Pusser  
Linda Ham  
Lusie Childress  
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Trudie Heemsoth  
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Geri Rinehart  
Janet Agnew  
Jackie Boland

**Insert Your Name Here**

# GFWC-SC Silver Awards

Myrtis Flanagan - Category I~St. George Women's Guild  
Jean T. Kight- Category II~Walhalla WC  
Mary S. Smith- Category III~St. Andrews WC  
Mrs. John R. Wolff~St. Andrews WC  
Lovonia Hendrix~Northwestern District  
Past President's Cup~ Midlands District  
Sylvia Ayers Membership~Central & Southern Districts  
GFWC-SC Patriot's Point Chapel Award~  
Tuesday Afternoon Book Club  
Susan James Memorial~Seneca JWC  
Edna J. Lockwood~Saxe Gotha WC  
Keith Unger Memorial~Lake Murray-Irmo WC  
Jan W. Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment~  
Palmetto WC  
Stackhouse Headquarters~GFWC Jubilee Club  
Princa M. Wright Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment~  
Palmetto WC  
Janet B. Agnew~Saxe Gotha WC  
Clubwoman Magazine~Saxe Gotha WC  
Leadership Silver~Walhalla WC  
Publicity Book Award~Upstate WC  
Rebecca Robbins~WC Rock Hill  
Legislation Silver~Walhalla WC  
Emma R. Lipscomb Memorial~Kaye Jones  
Frances B. Hair Award~Virginia Baxley  
Nancy Ann Morris Rivers Drama~Virginia Baxley  
Endowment Fund~Saxe Gotha WC  
GFWC-SC Progress Foundation~JWC Columbia  
GFWC-SC Kate T. Davis~Saxe Gotha WC  
Marie J. Hammond Award~Jr. WC Rock Hill  
Debbie Alexander Adult Education~Lexington WC  
Jr. Breast Cancer Awareness~Charleston JWC  
General Breast Cancer Awareness~Saxe Gotha WC  
GFWC-SC International Affairs Department~Walhalla WC  
Lexington Woman's Club Public Affairs~WC Rock Hill  
Howie Stackhouse Award~Mimi Scharf – Southern District  
Nancy Boozer Award~Kristin Fields - Central District  
Virginia (Sissy) Welch~Northern District  
Ruby H. McManus Sims-Stackhouse~Central District  
Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance~Northwestern District  
GFWC-SC Rosemary Rivers Memorial~St. Andrews WC



# **Minutes from the 111th General Federation of Women's Clubs of SC Convention**

## *May 1~2, 2009 Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina*

The 111th Annual Convention for the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina was held May 1 -2, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. President Tammy Garland called the meeting to order at 11:45 am. Invocation was given by Jolene Bryant, GFWC-SC Chaplin. The Wando High School Air Force Junior ROTC presented the colors. National Anthem was sung by Clarissa Rider. Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Kristin Fields, Central District President. South Carolina Pledge was lead by Janet Prince, Midlands District President. Collect for Clubwoman was lead by Libby Love, North Central District President. National Pledge of Junior Clubwomen was lead by Michele Hood, Director-elect of Junior Clubs. Representative Joseph S. Daning, District 92 Berkeley County, issued the official welcome to Mt. Pleasant. Response was given by Misty Konow, Courtesy Coordinator. Julia Hoyle, Northwestern District President, introduced the GFWC-SC Past Presidents, Officers and members serving on the GFWC Board of Directors. Charlotte Wymer, Credentials Committee Co-chairman, presented the preliminary credentials report which showed a voting strength of 97, non-voting of 30, 3 guests, for a total attending 127. The convention program was presented by Jackie Boland with corrections and the convention voted to accept it as the official program of the convention. Tammy Garland read the rules and procedures. Sylvia Ayers moved these be adopted as presented. The motion passed. Darlene Rittel, Western District President, offered grace and lunch was served. JoAnn Bolchoz, GFWC-SC Second Vice President, introduced Jennet Alterman, Executive Director of the Center for Women. GFWC-SC First Vice President and Membership Chairman, Laurie O'Kelly recognized first time attendees to the convention and presented Honor Club and Net Gain Club ribbons. Laurie O'Kelly, GFWC-SC First Vice President, Jo Ann Bolchoz, GFWC-SC Second Vice President, and Linda Rodgers, GFWC-SC Treasurer, presided over the presentation of Rating Sheet and Contribution Sheet Silver Awards and Certificates along with Special Projects and Committees Awards and Certificates. The convention recessed at 2:30 p.m. until the Arts Banquet at 7:00 p.m. May 1, 2009. The convention resumed at 7:00 p.m. Following dinner, awards and certificates were given for Arts in the Community, Creative Arts and the Conservation Department. Convention was recessed until the business session on Saturday, May 2. The convention reconvened at 10:10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2009. Officers' reports were given by GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Caroline Brown, GFWC-SC Treasurer Linda Rodgers, GFWC-SC Recording Secretary ShirLee Alfors, GFWC-SC Second Vice President Jo Ann Bolchoz, GFWC-SC First Vice President Laurie O'Kelly and GFWC-SC President Tammy Garland. Bobbie Sox, Chairman of Bylaws Committee, moved the adoption of the proposed amendment to Article V – Dues and Finance (attached). The motion was approved. GFWC-SC Treasurer Linda Rodgers presented the treasurer's report and General Fund Budget for 2009-2010. The convention approved the General Fund Budget for 2009-2010. The Budget and Finance Chairman Kaye Jones was introduced. The report from the Executive Board was given by GFWC-SC Recording Secretary ShirLee Alfors. Fundraising program for GFWC-SC to host the Southern Region Conference in Greenville, SC, October 22-25, 2009, was presented as approved by the GFWC-SC Board of Directors. In accordance with GFWC-SC Bylaws, at 11:00 a.m. elections were held. Charlotte Wymer, Chairman of the Credentials Committee gave the credentials report indicating a voting strength of 108. Sue Burgess, Chairman, presented the Elections Committee Report and moved the affirmation of the report (attached). The motion passed. GFWC-SC Recording Secretary ShirLee Alfors reported the recommendation from the GFWC-SC Executive Board to endorse Jackie Boland for the office of GFWC Southern Region Recording Secretary. The letter of endorsement from her club, The Woman's Club of the Midlands, was read to the convention. The voting delegates unanimously voted in favor of the endorsement of Jackie Boland as a candidate for the office of GFWC Southern Region Recording Secretary. GFWC-SC Recording Secretary ShirLee Alfors reported the recommendation from the GFWC-SC Executive Board to endorse Marian St. Clair for the office of GFWC Treasurer. The letter of endorsement from her club, St. Andrews Woman's Club, was read to the convention. The voting delegates unanimously voted in favor of the endorsement of Marian St. Clair as a candidate for the office of GFWC Treasurer. Princa Wright, Chairman, gave the Headquarters report and Jan Hadwin presented the financial report from the Headquarters committee. The report from the Board of Trustees was given by Linda Ham, Chairman. Sylvia Ayers, Chairman, gave the Progress Foundation report. Misty Konow gave the Scholarship Committee report. Jo Ann Bolchoz, GFWC-SC Second Vice President and Laurie O'Kelly, GFWC-SC First Vice President, presided over the presentation of awards and certificates in the Education, Home Life, International Affairs and Public Affairs Departments. Jackie Boland gave announcements. The convention was in recess. At 8:15 p.m. the convention reconvened. Chaplin Jolene Bryant led the Memorial Service of Remembrance and Honor Rose Ceremony. Director of Junior Clubs message was given by Caroline Brown, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs. President's message was given by GFWC-SC President Tammy Garland. GFWC-SC President's Special Project Time Awards were presented by Julia Hoyle. Laurie O'Kelly, GFWC-SC First Vice President presided over the presentation of District Awards. Caroline Brown, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs presented Junior Cup awards and Jo Ann Bolchoz, GFWC-SC Second Vice President presented the Program Council Awards. Melanie Branham was presented the Carol Vann Rowland and Susan Vann Haynes Junior Clubwoman of Achievement Award. Darlene Rittel was presented the GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year Award and Mary Vann was presented the GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction Award. Janet Prince and Jolene Bryant issued the invitation to the 112th GFWC-SC Annual Convention to be held April 22-25, 2010 at the Marriot Hotel in Columbia, SC. Charlotte Wymer, Credentials Committee Co-chairman, presented the final credentials report and moved for adoption. The motion passed. President Tammy Garland presented a video of hope named CAN. Winners were drawn for the donation baskets. The convention adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2009.

*ShirLee Alfors*



# GFWC-SC Department Program Winners...

*These are the clubs receiving department program awards from the work completed in the year of 2008.*

## \*Arts in the Community

**Interim Chairman– LynnCleckler**

**Grounds For Change Award: Aiken Junior Woman's Club**

### **General:**

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> St. George Women's Guild
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Afternoon Book Club
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Winnsboro Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Walhalla Woman's Club
- Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> Aiken Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sand River Woman's Club

### **Junior:**

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Aiken Junior Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Lexington

## \*Creative Arts: Department/Program Awards

**Chairman-Janet Smalley**

**Grounds For Change Award: Woman's Club of Rock Hill**

### **General:**

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> GFWC Jubilee Club
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Walhalla Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Upstate Woman's Club
- Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> St. Andrews Woman's Club

### **Junior**

- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Easley Junior Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

## \*Conservation – Beautification

**Chairman-Joy Waller**

**Grounds For Change Award: Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville**

### **General:**

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> St. George Women's Guild
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Walhalla Woman's Club
- Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

### **Junior:**

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Walhalla Junior Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Lexington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

**Juniorette:1<sup>st</sup>** Hillcrest High Juniorettes

## \*Resource Conservation

**Chairman-Bobbie Wilhite**

**Grounds For Change Award: Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club**

### **General:**

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Afternoon Book Club
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Walhalla Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Belvedere Woman's Club
- Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Woman's Club of Rock Hill

### **Junior:**

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Easley Junior Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Aiken Junior Woman's Club

## \*Education - Focus on Literacy

**Chairman-Janet Prince**

**Grounds For Change Award: Lexington Woman's Club**

### **General:**

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> St. George Women's Guild
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Woman's Club of Fort Mill
- Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> Lexington Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Andrews Woman's Club

### **Junior:**

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Walhalla Junior Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Aiken Junior Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Easley **Junior Woman's Club**

## \*Education in the Community

**Chairman-Linda Grant**

**Grounds For Change Award: Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville**

### **General:**

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapin Woman's Club
- Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> Lexington Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sand River Woman's Club

### **Junior:**

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Walhalla Junior Woman's Club
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Aiken Junior Woman's Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Lexington

## \*Home Life - Focus on Financial Issues

**Chairman-Heather Byrd**

**Grounds For Change Award: Woman's Club of Fort Mill**

### **General:**

- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Woman's Club of Fort Mill
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Upstate Woman's Club

- Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> Woman's Club of Cayce  
 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Andrews Woman's Club
- Junior:**
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club  
 Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Aiken Jr. Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

**\*Home Life – Focus on Health**

**Chairman-Sylvia Ayers**

Grounds For Change Award: **GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club**

- General:**
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> GFWC Foothills Woman's Club  
 Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Upstate Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Walhalla Woman's Club  
 Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> Aiken Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- Junior:**
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Walhalla Junior Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Seneca Junior Woman's Club  
 Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Aiken Junior Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Charleston Junior Woman's Club
- Juniorette:** 1<sup>st</sup> Hillcrest High Juniorettes

**\*Home Life - Helping Hands**

**Chairman-Libby Love**

Grounds For Change Award: **Junior Woman's Club of Lexington**

- General:**
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Woman's Club of Wagner  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill  
 Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> GFWC Golden Corner Woman's Society  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Palmetto Woman's Club  
 Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> St. Andrews Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
- Junior:**
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Seneca Junior Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Strand Junior Women's Club  
 Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Lexington  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aiken Jr. Woman's Club
- Juniorette** 1<sup>st</sup> Hillcrest High Juniorettes

**\*International Affairs - Reaching Out Internationally**

**Chairman- Beth Tylor**

Grounds For Change Award: **St. Andrews Woman's Club**

- General:**
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Afternoon Book Club  
 Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Walhalla Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville  
 Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> St. Andrews Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Woman's Club of Charleston
- Junior:**
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Seneca Junior Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club  
 Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Aiken Junior Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Lexington

**\*International Affairs - United Nations**

**Chairman-Lois Black**

Grounds For Change Award: **Junior Woman's Club of Lexington**

- General:**
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Upstate Woman's Club  
 Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> St. Andrews Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lexington Woman's Club
- Junior:**
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Easley Junior Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Lexington

**\*Public Affairs – Focus on Community Safety**

**Chairman-Gail Elfert**

Grounds For Change Award: **St. Andrews Woman's Club**

- General:**
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Woman's Club of Wagener  
 Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Woman's Club of Fort Mill  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville  
 Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> St. Andrews Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aiken Woman's Club
- Junior:**
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Aiken Jr. Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Easley Jr. Woman's Club

**\*Public Affairs – Citizenship In Action**

**Chairman-Laura Palmer**

Grounds For Change Award: **Lexington Woman's Club**

- General:**
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Afternoon Book Club  
 Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Winnsboro Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Walhalla Woman's Club  
 Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> Lexington Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aiken Woman's Club
- Junior:**
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Seneca Junior Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Walhalla Junior Woman's Club  
 Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Charleston Junior Woman's Club  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aiken Junior Woman's Club

**Program Council Awards**

- Category I** GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club  
**Category II** Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville  
**Category III** St. Andrews Woman's Club



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### CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

It's all about the BEACH...

Date: Friday - July 24, 2009

Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Blue Marlin, Downtown Columbia

Attire: Beach or Green Dress

Registration Fee: \$16.00



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803-732-1309  
Kristinf11@aol.com

What to expect: Light Dinner, GFWC-SC Officer Reports, “Green” Door Prizes, and most of all time with fellow club members.



**Pat Estep**  
Eastern District  
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N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582  
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patestep@msn.com

I am so proud of the clubs in the Eastern District even if we are a very small district with only three clubs. Each club walked away from convention with awards which made me very proud of their hard work. In making our area a better place in which to live. Since Eastern District helped put on the Convention I want to thank each of my clubs for a great job. Chicora Women's Club for providing the goodie bags for the State Officers. Girls you went way beyond my expectations. We all thank you for the great bags. Grand Strand Junior's for their donation for the Color Guard and the help with the Jr. Luncheon Decorations. To the North Myrtle Beach Women's Club what can I say but thank you for all your support. Table decorations for Saturday night, paying for the entertainment for Saturday night and for the items for the general membership goodie bags. Each of these clubs is what makes a great group of volunteers. Just ask and you shall receive from them.

**Our District Summer Sizzler will be hosted by Chicora Women's Club  
Friday, evening July 17, 2009**



**Janet Prince**  
Midlands District  
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jhprice@aol.com

Congratulations to all of the clubs in the GFWC-SC Midlands District that won awards at our GFWC-SC State Convention. For those of you that missed convention this year, it was wonderful and I hope you can make plans to attend in 2010 when we are co-hosting the convention here in Columbia!

The Midlands Summer Session will be hosted this year by The Woman's Club of Cayce at their clubhouse located at 901 Oakland Avenue in Cayce on Saturday, July 18 at 3:00 p.m.

The cost for registration will be \$5 per person and you can send your checks made payable to GFWC-SC Midlands District to me at 1550 McSwain Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169.

Please RSVP by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

My heartfelt thanks goes' out to each of you for supporting Relay for Life - Lexington County. The Midlands District raised almost \$1,500 for the American Cancer Society.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing many of you at our Midlands District Conference in July.

The Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill will be hosting the North Central District Sizzling Summer Session on Saturday, July 25th.

Please come join us as we roll out the red carpet for our North Central District Summer Sizzling Session. We will award district silver, have great breakout session and enjoy the fellowship of other clubwomen from our state.



**Libby Love**  
N. Central District  
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Rock Hill, SC 29732  
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The meeting will be held at Grace Lutheran Church  
Registration is \$3.00 per person.





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**Kay Berry**  
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The Northern District will be hosted by the Upstate Woman's Club  
July 25th in the afternoon.

We'll meet at the Rotary Hall in the center of downtown Simpsonville.

The address is 126 SE Main Street, Simpsonville, SC, 29681

We'll see you there in July!!

### "Sundaes on Sunday"

Sunday afternoon at 2:00 on July 26th

Hosted by the GFWC Golden Corner Woman's Society

They are saving the best to last.

Now let's show them how good we really are by having  
the largest attendance at the Sizzling Summer Session.

*Advance registration forms will be sent to your club presidents,  
but walk-ins are always welcome.*



**Julia Hoyle**  
Northwestern District  
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jshcat@bellsouth.net

Our Summer Sizzling event will take place July 18th, 10:00 am  
at the Charleston County Public Library  
68 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC.

We are so looking forward to having this meeting  
and seeing everyone again.



**Mimi Scharf**  
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Charleston, SC 29412  
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mmscharf@comcast.net



**Darlene Rittel**  
Western District  
1009 Kerr Drive  
Aiken, SC 29803  
803-648-0656  
drittell@gforcecable.com

Our summer session will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2009,  
from 2:30 -5:30 pm.

Location will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
961 Trail Ridge Rd. Aiken, SC 29803

Registration forms may be sent to:

Darlene Rittel, 1009 Kerr Drive, Aiken, SC 29803.

The summer session registration fee is \$3.00 and is  
payable at the door or checks to Darlene Rittel.

Congratulations to Ashlan Prince, daughter of Janet and Gary Prince, on receiving First Place in the Creative Arts Essay Youth Category Two contest. Ashlan wrote a paper this year entitled Save the Bureau of Land Management Program - Adopt a Wild Mustang for her language arts class. Ashlan is in the 6th grade and is a student of South Carolina Connections Academy, a public virtual charter school. Janet is the GFWC-SC Midlands District President and is a member of the Woman's Club of Midlands.



**New Officers for Rock Hill WC**



**Seneca Jr. Woman's Club New Member Tea**



**New members of the Rock Hill Woman's Club**



**Palmetto Woman's Club Officers**



***Memorials  
Take  
Time  
To  
Remember***



**St. Andrews Woman's Club Officers**

**Central District**

Nancy Boozer  
*Palmetto Woman's Club & GFWC-SC Past President's Club*

**Eastern District**

Linda Hope Taylor  
*North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club*

**Midlands District**

Becky M. Clark  
*Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville*

**North Central District**

Nancy Freeman  
*Woman's Club of Fort Mill*

**Northwestern District**

Luanne Mayer  
*Paul Hayne Circle*

Lisa M. Smith  
*GFWC Golden Comer Woman's Society*

**Western District**

Dorothy Cone  
*Woman's Study Club of Ridge Spring*

Anita Gregory  
*Woman's Study Club of Ridge Spring*

Frances Rearden  
*Belvedere Woman's Club*

**GFWC-SC Scholarship Winners**

- Emilee Payne**  
*Hillcrest Junioresettes*
- Christopher Hall**  
*Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville*
- Marlena White**  
*Lexington Woman's Club*
- Kellynn Proctor**  
*Renaissance Woman's Club*
- Victoria Ferguson**  
*GFWC Jubilee Club*
- Jonathon Love**  
*Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill*



# GFWC Special Project Awards

## \*Legislation & Pubic Policy

### **Chairman-Elizabeth Herring**

#### **General:**

|         |                 |                              |
|---------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Cat I   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Woman's Club of the Midlands |
| Cat II  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Walhalla Woman's Club        |
| Cat III | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Woman's Club of Cayce        |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | St. Andrews Woman's Club     |

#### **Junior:**

|       |                 |                              |
|-------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Cat I | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Walhalla Junior Woman's Club |
|-------|-----------------|------------------------------|

## \*GFWC Junior Special Project-Advocates For Children

### **Chairman-Michele Hood**

#### **General:**

|         |                 |                                 |
|---------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Cat II  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Belvedere Woman's Club          |
| Cat III | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Woman's Club of Charleston      |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club |

#### **Junior:**

|        |                 |                                  |
|--------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Cat I  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Seneca Jr. Woman's Club          |
| Cat II | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Junior Woman's Club of Lexington |
|        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Aiken Junior Woman's Club        |

## \*Domestic Violence Awareness

### **Chairman-Lynn Cleckler**

#### **General:**

|          |                 |                                  |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Cat I    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill |
|          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | GFWC Saxe Gotha Women's Club     |
| Cat II   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Upstate Woman's Club             |
|          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Belvedere Woman's Club           |
| Cat. III | 1 <sup>st</sup> | North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club  |
|          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Sand River Woman's Club          |

#### **Junior:**

|        |                 |                                  |
|--------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Cat I  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Seneca Jr. Woman's Club          |
|        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club |
| Cat II | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Easley Junior Woman's Club       |
|        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Junior Woman's Club of Columbia  |

## \*Fundraising

### **Chairman-Sally Killough**

#### **General:**

|         |                 |                                  |
|---------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Cat I   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | St. George Women's Guild         |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill |
| Cat II  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Chicora Women's Club             |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Chapin Woman's Club              |
| Cat III | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Woman's Club of Rock Hill        |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | St. Andrews Woman's Club         |

#### **Junior:**

|        |                 |                                  |
|--------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Cat I  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Seneca Junior Woman's Club       |
|        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club |
| Cat II | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Aiken Junior Woman's Club        |
|        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Junior Woman's Club of Lexington |

|                   |                 |                            |
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| <b>Juniorette</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Hillcrest High Juniorettes |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|

## \*Leadership

### **Chairman-Meredith Fields**

#### **General:**

|         |                 |  |
|---------|-----------------|--|
| Cat I   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill       |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | GFWC Saxe Gotha Women's Club           |
| Cat II  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Walhalla Woman's Club                  |
| Cat III | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Sand River Woman's Club                |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | St. Andrews Woman's Club               |

#### **Junior:**

|        |                 |                                  |
|--------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Cat I  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Seneca Junior Woman's Club       |
|        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Walhalla Junior Woman's Club     |
| Cat II | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Aiken Junior Woman's Club        |
|        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Junior Woman's Club of Lexington |

## \*Membership

### **Chairman-Laurie O'Kelly**

#### **General:**

|         |                 |                                  |
|---------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Cat I   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club     |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill |
| Cat II  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Upstate Woman's Club             |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Chapin Woman's Club              |
| Cat III | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Aiken Woman's Club               |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club    |

#### **Junior:**

|        |                 |                              |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Cat I  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Walhalla Junior Woman's Club |
|        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Seneca Junior Woman's Club   |
| Cat II | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Aiken Junior Woman's Club    |
|        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Easley Junior Woman's Club   |

## \*Communications & Public Relations

### **Chairman-Kaye Jones**

#### **General:**

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| Cat I   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill       |
| Cat II  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Walhalla Woman's Club                  |
| Cat III | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Woman's Club of Cayce                  |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Woman's Club of Rock Hill              |

#### **Junior:**

|        |                 |                                |
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| Cat I  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Seneca Junior Woman's Club     |
| Cat II | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Easley Junior Woman's Club     |
|        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Charleston Junior Woman's Club |

## \*Women's History & Resource Center

### **Chairman-Janet Agnew**

#### **General:**

|         |                 |                       |
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| Cat II  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Walhalla Woman's Club |
| Cat III | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Woman's Club of Cayce |

#### **Junior:**

|        |                 |                         |
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| Cat I  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Seneca Jr. Woman's Club |
| Cat II | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Easley Jr. Woman's Club |

## *Melanie Branham honored with the Carol Vann Rowland & Susan Vann Hayes Junior Clubwomen of Achievement Award*

portrays a “Can Do It Attitude!” She shows this by supplying many new & exciting auction items from all over the southeast for a spring fundraiser. She has a “Warm Heart” displayed by making everyone in the club feel important. She recognizes what each woman’s strength is and puts it to work. She is generous in time and spirit. She teaches Wednesday night Preschoolers, sets up the Angel Tree each Christmas and leads the Backpack campaign during vacation Bible School. She has a loving spirit which is shown through a smile for everyone & makes each person feel special from young children to the older people on her Meals on Wheels Route.



This award has been chosen to recognize Melanie Branham of the Easley Junior Women’s Club. Her gifts have touched her family, her church and the Easley Junior Women’s Club. Her personality has made a real difference in our community.



## GFWC~SC Woman of Distinction *Mary Vann*

Mary is a native of Spartanburg and is a graduate of Spartanburg Junior (Methodist) College, Limestone College and completed graduate studies at Clemson University, Converse College and the University of South Carolina Upstate. Married at seventeen, Mary has five children and five grandchildren and completed her education after having four of her five children. She began her teaching career in the Spartanburg School Systems in 1968 and after teaching mathematics for twenty-six years she retired in 1996 to become caregiver for her elderly parents. In addition to her teaching career, Mary managed her father’s rental business and her family business.

Mary joined Piedmont Junior Woman’s Club in the fall of 1967 and served as chairman in all the departments as well as second vice president. As a junior clubwoman she served GFWC-SC on the Junior Board as Home Life Chairman and was in charge of projects at the SC School for the Deaf and Blind. She is a charter member of the GFWC-SC Jubilee Club founded in 1973 and helped to draft and develop the bylaws and standing rules of the club. In the Jubilee Club she has served as chairman of all the department or programs, treasurer, vice president, two terms as secretary and two terms as president. Mary has served GFWC-SC as Northern District Secretary and President, Health Chairman of the Home Life Department, Chairman of Arts and Crafts, Chairman of the Community Improvement Program and Corresponding Secretary. Mary has attended fifteen GFWC Southern Region Conferences and ten GFWC Conventions in demonstration of her commitment to volunteerism. Mary’s two favorite projects have been and continue to be Operation Smile where she has raised money and sewed supplies, gowns and dolls and the Glenn Springs Academy (Boy’s Home) of Spartanburg where for the past ten years she has provided school and office supplies and clothing.

Mary is a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church and has served three years as Treasurer, served on the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, the Leadership Committee, the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, and is a soloist for the choir. Mary served as a District Director for the Spartanburg Association of Educators and after her retirement she became involved in the Spartanburg County Education Association-Retired serving as Secretary, Vice President and President. She is a member of the ETA Chapter, Alpha Eta State, Delta Kappa Gamma International and has served as Finance Chairman for the past six years. She is member of the Limestone College Alumni and served on the Alumni Board.

Mary is the recipient of the following honors: Teacher of the Year ~ Carver Junior High School, 1996; Limestone College Service to Education, 1993; recognized by GFWC as one of the outstanding FREE Chairman at the 1980 convention and is listed in Outstanding Young Women of America, 1972.

In Mary’s words ~ “Club work is important to my family. My sister-in-law and one of my daughters were Junior Directors of GFWC-SC and my youngest daughter is a member of a junior club. GFWC has been a positive impact on my life. It has been an outlet for volunteer work; to become aware of the conditions at home and abroad; and to meet and make friends with other GFWC women from other areas of the country.” Mary through her courage and quiet resolution continually strives to make a difference in her community and state.



# GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year

## Darlene Rittel

Darlene has been employed as a Speech Language Pathologist with the Aiken County Public School District for over 30 years. The last eight years she has been assigned to Pinecrest Center. This site houses preschool classes for the 4K-Child Development Program. A major responsibility of her position is to screen and evaluate preschool children from across the county to identify any speech-language disorders and determine whether or not therapy is needed. Each year she evaluates more than 125 preschool children; and screens at least twice that many. She is also responsible for screening, evaluating and serving the 4-year old students at Pinecrest Center. In addition to providing speech therapy, Darlene is also the Coordinator for the Student Support Team at the school. In this role she is responsible for receiving referrals from teachers or parents if a student demonstrates educational concerns. The team meets and plans strategies and interventions to help the student be more successful at school. Darlene manages all the paperwork, schedules the meetings and maintains documentation for these referrals.

Darlene is an active member of the Greater Aiken Estates Neighborhood Association. This volunteer association strives to increase interactions with residents in the neighborhood, maintain appearance of the neighborhood, provide residents with pertinent information about property ownership and regulations, and support the Neighborhood Watch Program. The association has two formal meetings each year, with several other projects during the year. Darlene participated in the meetings, neighborhood yard sale, door-to-door canvassing for new members, and a potluck picnic where residents could get to know one another. In our fast paced society, frequently people do not even know their neighbors. This association attempts to address this phenomenon in hopes that, by knowing neighbors, regard, respect and understanding for one another will increase.

Darlene has been a member of St Paul Lutheran Church for several years. In addition to regular attendance at worship services, she volunteers with numerous activities in her congregation.

Aiken Woman's Club GFWC-SC is proud and pleased to present Dr. Darlene Rittel as our 2008 Volunteer of the Year. Darlene is one of our most active and involved club members as evidenced by the fact that she was also our nominee for Volunteer of the Year in 2006. In 2008 she supported all, and participated in most of the programs and projects of Aiken Woman's Club. In addition, Darlene was very involved in her school church, neighborhood and the entire Aiken community.

During her twenty years as a member of AWC, Darlene has held numerous club offices and has chaired various departments at the local level. In 2008 she served as Chairperson for the Home Life Department; and she attended the monthly board meetings in addition to the monthly general club meetings. She hosted one board meeting in her home during 2008, and co-hosted at a general meeting.

As the AWC Home Life Chairperson, Darlene led her club in addressing the departmental focus areas endorsed by GFWC.

Darlene wrote and submitted an application to GFWC for a Woman's Health Grant. When the \$100 grant money was received, Darlene was instrumental in arranging for ten AWC members to attend the four hour Red Cross training to become certified in CPR. Our club members are active in other organizations and events throughout the community, therefore it is prudent that they be ready to assist should the need arise. AWC is now continuing to provide this training annually.

Also in her role as Home Life Chairperson, Darlene served as the Team Captain for the club's Relay for Life team.

One morning just prior to the Relay for Life event, Darlene woke up to find her front yard "flocked" with a herd of purple plastic flamingos! This was an expression of appreciation to Darlene from her Relay for Life team members and her friends in Aiken Woman's Club (the 'delivery' and 'pickup fees' were of course donated to ACS). Darlene continued to raise awareness of breast cancer by wearing a pink ribbon during the month of October.

For the AWC's fifteenth annual 'Sample and Share' Luncheon, Darlene sold tickets, prepared food, and assisted with set-up, serving and clean up for the luncheon which was attended by 240 guests. As she presented a door prize from the Home Life Department, she briefly shared with the audience the objectives of the department.

As a member of the Social Committee, Darlene planned a very pleasant barge trip on the historic Augusta (GA) Canal. Several club members and spouses learned much about the cotton shipping industry and the history of our area in the 1800's. She also assisted with arrangements, for the club's annual Christmas Social, which is an event club members and spouses look forward to during the holiday season.

Dr. Darlene Rittel's volunteer work through the Aiken Woman's Club, the Aiken County Public Schools, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aiken Estates Neighborhood Association and the entire Aiken community has touched the lives of thousands.

# Creativity Awarded at Convention

## Yearbook

### General:

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Palmetto Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Belvedere Woman's Club
- Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> St. Andrews Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lexington Woman's Club
- Junior:
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Seneca Junior Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Walhalla Junior Woman's Club
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Woman's Club of Lexington

## Scrapbook

### General:

- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Afternoon Book Club
- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Upstate Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
- Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> Aiken Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> St. Andrews Woman's Club
- Junior:
- Cat I 1<sup>st</sup> Walhalla Woman's Club  
Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Easley Junior Woman's Club  
Juniorette 1<sup>st</sup> Hillcrest High Juniorettes

## \*Creative Arts- Photography

### Natural History:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Petti Allen, Walhalla Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Pusser, Charleston Jr. Woman's Club

### Scenic:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robin Schreiber, Upstate Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Petti Allen, Walhalla Woman's Club

### Feature:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Pusser, Charleston Jr. Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Schreiber, Upstate Woman's Club

### Volunteers in Action:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Pusser, Charleston Jr. Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Misty Konow, Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill

### A Year In Pictures Calendar Contest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robin Schreiber, Upstate Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Schreiber, Upstate Woman's Club

## \*Creative Arts - Youth Creative Writing:

### Short Story:

- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Grades 4-6 Emma McDaniel Woman's Club of Rock Hill  
Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> Grades 7-9 William McDaniel Woman's Club of Rock Hill

### Poetry:

- Cat II 1<sup>st</sup> Grades 4-6 Harper Abbott Walhalla Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grades 4-6 Kyle Wissig Upstate Woman's Club  
Cat III 1<sup>st</sup> Grades 7-9 Mikaela Smith Walhalla Woman's Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grades 7-9 Ashton Morgan Walhalla Woman's Club

**Youth Essay Winner:** Ashlan Prince  
Woman's Club of the Midlands

## Individual Creative Writing:

### Poetry:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joyce A. Vajda  
Woman's Club of Rock Hill  
2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Grant  
Woman's Club of Rock Hill

### Club Installations:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kaye Jones  
St. Andrews Woman's Club

### Drama:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Baxley  
*Tuesday Afternoon Book Club*

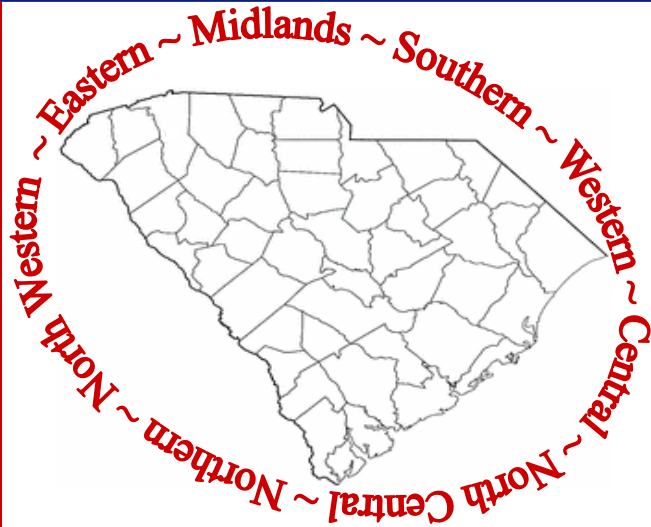
### **Nancy Ann Morris Rivers Drama Award:**

Virginia Baxley  
*Tuesday Afternoon Book Club*

### **Emma R. Lipscomb Award (Best Overall)**

Kaye Jones  
St. Andrews Woman's Club





**Ready or not ~ Here we come!**  
***District Conferences***

It takes 6 officers, 4 cars, 6 days, and lots of driving, but it is worth it.

Last year's goal was to see and speak with 200+ clubwomen from across the state.

**~2009 GOAL~**

**300+ GFWC-SC Clubwomen**  
*(all it takes is each district to have 38+ members to attend)*



**GFWC-SC 2008-2010**

***Take Time to Make a Difference***



- June 11-15** GFWC International Convention, Cleveland, Ohio
- July 17** Eastern District Conference (evening)
- July 18** Southern District Conference (morning) & Midlands District (afternoon)
- July 19** Western District Conference (afternoon)
- July 24** Central District Conference (evening)
- July 25** North Central District (morning) & Northern District (afternoon)
- July 26** Northwestern District (afternoon)
- October 22-25** Southern Region Conference, Greenville, SC (GFWC-SC Hosting)
- January 8** Leadership Training Seminar, Hyatt Place Columbia, SC
- January 9** Winter Board Meeting
- April 22-25** GFWC-SC 112th Annual Convention, Marriott, Columbia, SC
- June 11-15** GFWC International Convention, Omaha, Nebraska

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