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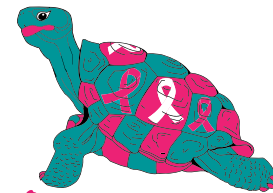
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Sharing Our Passion



One Step at a Time

Amazing! That is one word that I use to describe the Club-women of GFWC-SC each time I read or hear about the things you are doing in your community! Each of you brings so much to our state federation by the little deeds you do. I have been overwhelmed at the response to my special projects and thrilled that there is truly something for everyone!

Since August, we have been sending out our “Notes with a Passion” approximately every two to three weeks. This is a way to keep you up to date on the latest activities within GFWC and GFWC-SC. I hope you are enjoying these being delivered right to your email box.

I hope you have our Winter Session, which includes our Winter Board Meeting, on your calendar for January 7th. This meeting is being hosted and catered by South Carolina Oncology Associates in Columbia. Official Call is in this magazine, and on our website. Also, at this meeting we will have the Official Call with reservation information for the 2017 GFWC-SC State Convention. This information will be on our website that same day.

Plans are coming together for our benefit for Sandhills School and GFWC-SC next summer! “An Evening with Jeanne Robertson” to benefit Sandhills Schools Summer Program Scholarships and GFWC-SC. This event is planned for Saturday, July 22, 2017, at the Medallion Center in Columbia. This event is open to the public and is being planned in conjunction with our 2017 Summer Board Meeting/Session. Tickets are available through Eventbrite.com Please share this information with all of your family, friends and neighbors! If you are interested in securing group tickets, please contact me via email at jhprince@aol.com.

As we move into the holiday season and look forward to spending time with our friends and loved ones, please know I will be thinking of each of you. From my family to yours—**Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!**

Forever “Living the Volunteer Spirit” through GFWC-SC,

Janet

I cannot believe it's already time for the holidays! It seems like just yesterday we had Summer Session and now we're planning for Winter Board. Time is definitely flying! I hope everyone had a great recruiting season! From what I've heard, it has been a successful drive for the Juniors. I can't wait to hear how you welcomed your new members and the good deeds you all continue to do!

Thank you to everyone who submitted designs for t-shirts! An email will be going out to Junior club presidents in January for voting. These shirts will be sold at convention/online this spring. Proceeds will go towards the Junior Special Program and the Junior Travel Fund.

Our Junior retreat/project is planned for February 4! Final details will be given out at Winter Board. We hope to see as many Juniors there as possible.



It's everyone's favorite time of the year... reporting! I will be in touch with Junior presidents following Winter Board - PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. Reports take time, please give yourself plenty to get them all done and do not be afraid to ask for help.

Thank you for everything you have done in 2016!

In Junior Love- Katie



Katie Moydell
GFWC-SC
 Director of
 Junior Clubs

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Water, Water Everywhere!



Since we were together at Summer Board, the big weather story has been all about water, specifically floods and hurricanes. Beginning August 10, 2016, rain fell almost continuously for approximately seven days in Louisiana. The end result was approximately 7.1 trillion gallons of water in Baton Rouge and the surrounding suburbs, with upwards of 30 inches of water in some areas. To put that amount of water into perspective, 7.1 trillion gallons would equal three times the amount of water dropped on Louisiana by Hurricane Katrina. On August 17, 2016, Janet Prince activated our disaster relief committee which I chair. I sent a message to the president of GFWC-LA extending our prayers and offering to assist her members affected by the floods. The committee approved a donation of \$500 which was sent to GFWC-LA's treasurer on September 8, 2016. Our members and clubs subsequently sent in donations for Louisiana, and on October 3, 2016, I sent a second donation, \$650.00, to GFWC-LA.



Juliet Casper
GFWC-SC
First Vice President

Little did I know at the time that my own county and state would soon face water, water everywhere! On October 8, 2016, Hurricane Matthew made its way up the coast of South Carolina, making landfall southeast of McClellanville, as a Category 1 hurricane with 75 mph winds. Matthew left 11 inches of rain in Hilton Head and 10 inches in Charleston. The Spingmaid Pier, a Myrtle Beach landmark, was washed out to sea. There was also widespread flash flooding and record river flooding in Horry County and eastern North Carolina where hourly rainfall estimates from radar were as high as 7 inches per hour. Buildings were flooded, roads washed out, and sections of Interstates 95 and 40 were flooded in the Tar Heel State. More than 170 roads were closed in Horry County, and 44 of those roads were still closed November 2.

I encourage all clubs to consider making a donation to the Disaster Relief Fund on the contribution sheet that is sent to Kathie Walker by March 15, 2017. These funds really do directly help and change the lives of GFWC clubwomen.

Juliet

The GFWC-SC Christmas List



Kathie Walker
GFWC-SC
Treasurer

The end of year is great time to think about charitable giving. Are you going to donate? Which organization(s) will you choose, and how will you make that donation. Of course, GFWC-South Carolina would love to be on your Christmas List. Davenport and Company, who are financial advisors to GFWC International, presented some ideas at our 2016 International Conference. These are just some thought starters for you. For detailed information and expert advice, you should contact your personal financial advisor.

Gifts of Cash – the easiest way to give; and the charity has immediate use of the funds.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities – appreciated securities are those held for more than one year; easy to do – your broker can help; charity has immediate use of the funds upon sale.

Bequests – donations made through a will or trust which are distributed by your estate after your death.

Life Insurance Gifts – life insurance policies let you make a substantial donation to a charity in the future by making a series of small donations now.

Estate Gifts through your IRA – a form of a bequest where you name a charity as the beneficiary of your IRA or a portion of your IRA.

Kathie

2016 GFWC-SC Reporting Information



GFWC-SC Club Statistical Form; Special Programs, GFWC Community Service Programs, and the Advancement Area Reports



Kristin Fields
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President

Due Date: **February 1, 2017**

The reporting period: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Each club may submit one report for: each of the two Special Programs (Domestic Violence and Advocacy for Children), each of the six GFWC Community Service Programs and each of the six Advancement Areas.

No projections should be made in these reports.

GFWC-SC Club Statistical Form: The Form can be found at www.gfwc-sc.org website under Resources. This report can be emailed to GFWC-SC Second Vice President Kristin Fields at kristinf11@aol.com or mailed to Kristin Fields, 230 Muirfield Drive, Columbia, SC 29212. The form is due **February 1, 2017**.

Reports for Special Projects, GFWC Community Service Programs, and Advancement Areas:

Two copies of each report should be mailed, postmarked on or before February 1, 2017, to GFWC-SC Second Vice President Kristin Fields, 230 Muirfield Drive, Columbia, SC 29212. The first hard copy of each report mailed is needed by the Second Vice President to forward to the respective State Chairman for judging. The second copy is forwarded to our State President for reporting purposes.

If you choose to email the reports, each report should be sent by separate email to kristinf11@aol.com with the name of the club and the name of the Community Service Program, Special Project or Advancement Area in the subject line.

An email confirmation will be sent to the club president upon receipt of the reports, whether you submit via mail or email.

Junior clubs must submit **one (1) additional copy** to the Director of Junior Clubs, Katie Moydell, 200 Conrad Circle, Columbia, SC 29212, or by email at KatieMoydell1020@gmail.com.

Each Report Should Include:

(1) A **Separate** completed GFWC-SC State Narrative Entry Cover marked "FOR JUDGING". A GFWC-SC State Narrative Entry Cover form can be downloaded from www.gfwc-sc.org website. Note: The number to be inserted in the Total Number of Club Members is the number of club members paid as of April 30, 2016. This number was included on the Club Roster in the Club President's Packet distributed at Summer Board.

(2) A **Separate** narrative for each program report consisting of a maximum of three (3) single spaced typed pages. [Do Not Combine Narratives.] Only reports submitted with narratives are eligible for consideration for state awards. **If you choose not to include a narrative, the hours, number of club members participating and dollars donated or spent on projects reported on the cover sheet will be included in the totals for composite state reports to GFWC.**

(3) **Addenda** (supporting documents) are optional. Addenda are limited to five (5) pages and must be attached only to the report marked "FOR JUDGING."

Reporting Criteria

Clubs should report all activities for EACH Community Service Program, Special Project, and Advancement Areas. All activities reported must be club approved projects. A project/program may not be reported in more than one Community Service Program, Special Project and/or Advancement area report. **Clubs are asked to put "special emphasis" on up to three (3) of their top projects** for each of the Community Service Programs (CSP Projects and Partnership Projects), Special Projects, and Advancement Areas by reporting the "who, what, when, where, how and why" of the project as well as pertinent statistics for the project. Providing complete details will assist our state chairmen with judging and writing of their reports.

Certificates of Award

Certificates of Award will be given at convention to the 1st and 2nd winning entries in each of the three (3) General membership categories and two (2) Junior membership categories, and one (1) Juniorette category.

General Categories

Category I	1 – 12 members
Category II	13 – 30 members
Category III	31+ members

Junior Categories

Category I 1 – 20 members
Category II 21+ members

SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS TO BE AWARDED AT GFWC-SC CONVENTION BASED ON REPORTS SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2017

All Clubs submitting reports by February 1, 2017, will be considered for the following Silver Certificate Awards to be judged by the respective Community Service Program or Advancement Area Chair. Clubs do not need to send a special report for these certificates but should include in their narratives the appropriate information qualifying the club for the particular Silver Certificate. For example, the Education report would contain a description of the club's activities to eradicate illiteracy, thus qualifying the club for the Marie J. Hammond Silver Certificate.

Education:

Marie J. Hammond Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Dean C. Hammond. Basis: To the club accomplishing the most toward the eradication of illiteracy.

Debbie Alexander Adult Education Award: Sponsor: Friends of Debbie Alexander. Basis: To the club which has accomplished the most in the field of "Adult Education" by promoting adult literacy. Action Plan: Volunteer to tutor, provide transportation, offer facilities, purchase books or supplies for local literacy organizations, provide child care facilities, assist with refreshment for celebrations, promote adult education programs in your community, etc.

Fundraising:

Rebecca Robbins Award: Sponsor: Aiken Junior Woman's Club and Sand River Woman's Club. Basis: To the club or clubs working jointly, with the best overall fundraising project.

Leadership:

Leadership Silver Award: Sponsor: Saxe Gotha Woman's Club. Basis: To the club with the best overall leadership report.

Legislation and Public Policy:

Legislation Award: Sponsor: Carrie Jane Hughes. Basis: To the club reporting on an unusual legislation project.

Public Issues Award:

Lexington Woman's Club Public Affairs Award: Sponsor: Lexington Woman's Club. Basis: To the club doing the most outstanding work in Public Issues.

GFWC-SC JUDGING CRITERIA

Evaluation of the report will be based on the following points of information. Please address each applicable item in your report. Total hours spent and total monies donated will be evaluated on a PER CAPITA BASIS for all clubs.

1. Description of the project(s) in narrative paragraph form.
2. Number of events, hours, and monetary contribution.
3. Innovation/originality.
4. Participation of membership (consider club size).
5. Community participation (any outside organization or individuals that were involved and how).
6. Publicity of project, club, GFWC-SC, GFWC.
7. Success of project (impact on community).
8. Any additional information requested by the award sponsor relating to a particular award.

Contest Entries due February 1, 2017

Yearbook Award - Certificates will be awarded to clubs in the same membership categories as Community Service Program Awards. Yearbooks will be judged as professional (all or any typeset and layout work done by printer) or non-professional (club members type, copy and put together). Refer to the Yearbook Rating and Release Form distributed in President's Packet for content/judging criteria.

One (1) copy of the Club Yearbook with Yearbook Rating and Release Form must be sent to the Yearbook Chairman Frances Dantzler, 101 Point Drive, Lexington, SC 29072. Yearbooks may also be delivered at the GFWC-SC Winter Board Meeting in January 2017.

Newsletter Contest - Clubs and States may submit only one newsletter, and the newsletter must have been printed and clearly dated during the reporting year. Accompanying your entry must be a cover letter with GFWC specifics included.

Entries will be judged and awarded points on the following elements: 1) Content quality, including timeliness, clarity, and member impact; 2) Presentation; 3) Design; 4) Adherence to rules.

Awards:

Clubs - A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to the one club in the nation to recognize creativity and outstanding achievement in producing a club newsletter.

State - GFWC certificates are awarded annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to the one State Federation in each membership category to recognize creativity and outstanding achievement in producing a State Federation newsletter.

Please visit the GFWC Club Manual: Awards, Contests and Club Grants Section to learn more about the contest specifics.

A copy of the submitted sample of the club newsletter must also be sent to the GFWC-SC Communication/Identity

Chairman, Melanie Branham, 119 Richland Drive, Easley, SC 29642, postmarked on or before February 1, 2017.

Media Campaign Contest - Clubs may submit one media campaign per category: Advocacy, Fundraising, Membership Recruitment, and Special Events.

The media campaign must take place during the contest year: January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016. Campaign materials must include a medium (i.e. website, Facebook page, Twitter feed, YouTube Video, etc.) and contact information where additional information can be obtained. The following information should be included: Club President's name and contact information, Name and contact information of individual submitting the entry, Number of club members, Campaign Category, and an essay of no more than 500 words that includes the goal, budget, target audience, strategies and tactics, key messages, and post-campaign measurement and analysis.

Award: A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to one club in the nation to recognize outstanding achievement in implementing a successful and effective media campaign in each of the following areas: Advocacy, Fundraising, Membership Recruitment, or Special Event.

Each campaign must be emailed separately to GFWC-SC Communication/Identity Chairman, Melanie Branham at melanie-branham@yahoo.com on or before 5:00 PM February 1, 2017.

Please visit the GFWC Club Manual: Awards, Contests and Club Grants Section to learn more about the contest specifics.

Website Contest - Only one website per Club/State Federation may be submitted. The website homepage must contain a link to www.GFWC.org, and must include contact information for at least one member of the club (email address, telephone number and or mailing address).

The submission should include the website address, Club/State Federation name, website address, President's name and contact information, name and contact information of the person submitting the entry, number of Club/State Federation members, and a 250 word essay describing the website's purpose and the club's/State Federation's approach on website maintenance.

Submissions should be emailed to GFWC-SC Website Chairman, Kaye Gerrald at k.gerrald@gmail.com on or before 5:00 PM February 1, 2017.

Please visit the GFWC Club Manual: Awards, Contests and Club Grants Section to learn more about the contest specifics.

Contest and Writing Awards due March 15, 2017:

GFWC Youth Writing Competition: Youth (grades 1-12) may enter one poem and/or one short story on local club level. Categories: 1 (Grades K, 1, and 2), 2(Grades 3, 4, and 5), 3(Grades 6, 7 and 8), 4(Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12). Authors must be of amateur status. Entries must be typewritten, double-spaced, with minimum margins of 1", one side only, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Entries must be written during the contest year. Short stories limited to 2000 words. Poems can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of fifty lines.

Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page: author's name, e-mail address, mailing address and telephone number; name of sponsoring club and state federation; category and title of work. Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy. First place state winners will be sent for national judging. Entries must be written during contest year and may not have been published prior to competition and must be original works by author. Send to GFWC-SC Writing Contest Chairman, Stephanie Williams, 274 Sun Colony Blvd. Longs, SC 29568, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017.

A completed and signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be submitted with each entry.

GFWC Clubwoman Short Story and Poetry Contest: Authors must be of amateur status. Entries must be typewritten, double-spaced, with minimum margins of 1", one side only, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Entries must be written during the contest year. Short stories limited to 2000 words. Poems can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of fifty lines. Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page: author's name, e-mail address, mailing address and telephone number; name of sponsoring club and state federation; category and title of work. Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy. First place state winners will be sent for national judging. Entries must be written during contest year and may not have been published prior to competition and must be original works by author. Send to GFWC-SC Writing Contest Chairman, Stephanie Williams, 274 Sun Colony Blvd. Longs, SC 29568, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017.

A completed and signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be submitted with each entry.

Please visit the GFWC Club Manual: Awards, Contests and Club Grants Section to learn more about the contest specifics.

GFWC-SC Creative Writing Awards: GFWC-SC Individual Creative Writing Awards will be given in the following categories: 1) Essays; 2) Prayers; 3) Club Installations; 4) Song Lyrics; 5) Children's Short Stories. Each entry must be on a separate sheet of paper, typed and double spaced. The author's name, address, telephone number, club name and district, classification and title of writing should appear in the top right hand corner of each page. Previous entries may not be re-sub-

mitted and only unpublished material may be entered.

Submit entries to GFWC-SC Writing Contest Chairman, Stephanie Williams, 274 Sun Colony Blvd., Longs, SC 29568, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017.

Nancy Ann Morris Rivers Drama Award: Sponsor: Nancy Rivers. Basis: To the writer of the best Drama. Author must be of amateur status; writing earnings must not exceed \$500 annually. Entries must be typewritten, double-spaced, with a minimum margins of 1", one side only, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. All plays and skits are limited to one-act (30 – 60 minutes in length). Entries must have the following information on the top right corner of each page: name, address and telephone number of author, name of local club and title of manuscript. Entries must have been written during the contest year, may not have been published prior to competition and must be original works.

Submit entries to: Writing Contest Chairman, Stephanie Williams, 274 Sun Colony Blvd., Longs, SC 29508, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017.

Emma R. Lipscomb Memorial Award: To the writer of the best overall entry in the GFWC-SC Creative Writing Contest. Submit entries to: Writing Contest Chairman, Stephanie Williams, 274 Sun Colony Blvd., Longs, SC 29508, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017.

Frances B. Hair Award: Sponsor: The Woman's Club of Charleston. To the writer of the best short story submitted in the GFWC Clubwoman Short Story and Poetry Contest.

Submit entries to: Writing Contest Chairman, Stephanie Williams, 274 Sun Colony Blvd, Longs, SC 29508, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017.

GFWC-SC District/State Reports

Due Date: **March 15, 2017**

The reporting period: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

No projections should be made in these reports.

Each club may submit one report for each of the awards below. Submit entries using the **GFWC-SC District/State Report Form**. The following are due postmarked on or before March 15, 2017.

Silver Certificates of Award to be presented at GFWC-SC State Convention:

GFWC-SC Program Council Report: DONOR – GFWC-SC Program Council. BASIS – To the general club which most effectively carries out the GFWC Program Guidelines. First place in each General Membership category receives a silver award that the club retains.

Program Council Reporting Instructions: Use the GFWC-SC State/District Form. Summarize club work from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016. Report is limited to SEVEN (7) pages to include cover, narrative double-spaced and FIVE (5) pages of addendum (which is optional). First page heading should include name of club, district and number of members paid to GFWC-SC Treasurer by April 30, 2016. Report in each Community Service Program: Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues (total 6) separately. Include in your report a brief description of the programs and projects of your club. Describe briefly visual aids used such as exhibits, workshops, publications, etc. List other activities or contributions (money, time, etc.) which, in any manner, promoted GFWC Programs. Reports should be submitted to the Second Vice President, Kristin Fields, 230 Muirfield Drive, Columbia, SC 29212, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017.

GFWC-SC Mrs. John R. Wolff/Cancer SAVE-A-LIFE Project: Donated by the American Cancer Society, SC Division. **Form due to the American Cancer Society by March 15, 2017.** Entry material distributed to club presidents in President's Packets. Certificates awarded to participating clubs, framed certificates will be awarded to the club with the most points in each District, and a plaque (State Award) will be awarded to the club with the most points overall.

The Perry Anne Renwick Silver Award: Sponsor: Carole J. Mullis. Basis: to the clubs which report the best joint project undertaken by a general and a junior club working together. The clubs must submit one report, written together, and signed by the participating clubs' presidents, briefly describing the manner in which they worked together. Limit of two (2) typewritten pages, double-spaced; limit of two (2) additional pages of addenda. Report must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2017, and submitted to the GFWC-SC Leadership Chairman, Connie McFarland, 149 Seaygard Lane, Lexington, SC 29072.

GFWC-SC President's Special Program Awards:

Please use the State/ District Reporting form for 2016 which is available online at GFWC-SC website under resources. This form will also be available in hard copy at Winter Board.

"The Symbol of Longevity Award" to the club in each category with the best overall program in support of "What Color Is Your Cancer?" to be reported on the GFWC-SC/District Reporting Form postmarked by March 15th to Sylvia Ayers, GFWC-SC President's Special Project Chairman "What Color is Your Cancer?", 2307 Wintercrest Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

"The Slow and Steady Award" to the club in each category with the best overall program in support of Dyslexia Awareness to be reported on the GFWC-SC/District Reporting Form postmarked by March 15th to Gail Elfert, GFWC-SC President's Special Project Chairman "Dyslexia Awareness", 280 Aristides Drive, Irmo, SC 29063.

“The Turtle Shell of Protection Award” to the club in each category with the best overall program in support of the Your State...Your Project...the GFWC Signature Program – Domestic Violence Awareness to be reported on the GFWC-SC/District Reporting Form postmarked by March 15th to Sue Burgess, GFWC-SC President’s Special Project Chairman “Your State...Your Project”, P.O. Box 807, N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29597.

“The Affection Award” to the district with the best overall support of “What Color is Your Cancer?” through donations, awareness and volunteering. This award will be judged by Sylvia Ayers, GFWC-SC President’s Special Project Chairman “What Color is Your Cancer?” from the entries received for “The Symbol of Longevity Award”. **No additional report will be needed.**

“The Passion Award” to the district with the best overall support of Dyslexia Awareness through donations, awareness and volunteering To be judged by Gail Elfert, GFWC-SC President’s Special Project Chairman “Dyslexia Awareness” from the entries received for “The Slow and Steady Award”. **No additional report will be needed.**

“The Devotion Award” to the district with the best overall support of “Your State ... Your Project – GFWC Signature Program – Domestic Violence Awareness through donations, awareness and volunteering to be judged by Sue Burgess, GFWC-SC President’s Special Project Chairman “Your State...Your Project” from the entries received for “The Turtle Shell of Protection” Award. **No additional report will be needed.**

GFWC-SC Headquarters Awards

Jan W. Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: Sponsor: Jan W. Hadwin. To the club submitting the largest dollar amount in contributions to the Mansion Endowment. Submit contributions and names to the GFWC-SC Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Fund, 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, SC 29201, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017. To be judged by GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

Princa M. Wright Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: Sponsor: Princa M. Wright. To the club generating the largest number of contributors to the Mansion Endowment, which includes all Mansion Society categories. Submit names of contributors to the GFWC-SC Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment, 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, SC 29201, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017. To be judged by GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

Rudy H. McManus Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: Sponsor: Princa M. Wright. To the district generating the largest number of contributors to the Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment. Submit names of contributors to GFWC-SC Sims-Stackhouse Endowment, 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, SC 29201, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017. To be judged by the GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

Additional GFWC-SC State Awards:

GFWC-SC Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award: Sponsor: the Spartanburg Woman’s Club in memory of Mrs. Rudolph Rivers, President of GFWC-SC, 1984-1986. Basis: to the club with the best overall project. Two (2) copies to be submitted to your District President postmarked on or before March 15. In turn, each District President will send the winning report to the President-elect by April 1 for final judging.

GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year Award: Sponsor: Catherine Sharpe. Basis: To the clubwoman who has been outstanding during the club year through volunteer work in club projects and in other community work. Each club may nominate one member for this award. Please send your nominations, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017, to Catherine Sharpe, 116 Fox Glen Circle, Lexington, SC 29072. A panel of three judges not affiliated with GFWC-SC will make the final decision. The nomination should be written in narrative form by someone other than the nominee.

Please include:

A) The number of projects participated in by the nominee. Include a brief description of each club project and community project. B) The number of hours the nominee volunteered in each club and community project. C) The amount of monies raised in each club and community project as a result of her volunteer work. D) A brief paragraph describing her family and employment. Please note: This nomination should be for volunteer work from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016.

GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction: Sponsor: Debbie Alexander. Basis: a lifetime achievement award to a clubwoman judged on personal/professional accomplishment, challenges faced, demonstration of responsibility/influence, courage, humanitarian contributions, philanthropic activities, community involvement, volunteer work, professional commitment, notable success and honors, and any other laudatory qualities and achievement. Each club may nominate one member. Reports of no more than five (5) pages should be sent to GFWC-SC Second Vice President, Kristin Fields, 230 Muirfield Drive, Columbia, SC 29212, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017. Nominees will be judged by an independent committee of no less than three (3) judges.

Juniorette Volunteer of the Year: Sponsor: Jo Ann Bolchoz. Basis: To the juniorette clubwoman who has been outstanding during the club year through volunteer work in club projects and in other community work. Each juniorette club may nominate one member for this award. Please send the nomination, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017 to Jo Ann Bolchoz, 2435 Pristine View, Charleston, SC 29414. A panel of judges not affiliated with GFWC-SC will make the final decision. The nomination should be written in narrative form by someone other than the nominee. Please include (1) the number of projects participated in by the nominee; (2) a brief description of each club and community project; (3) the number of hours volunteered and (4) the amount of monies raised as a result of her volunteer work. A brief paragraph describing her family life and school achievements should also be submitted. The nomination should be for volunteer work from January

1, 2016 – December 31, 2016.

GFWC and GFWC-SC CLUB AND INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS ENTRIES to be submitted at the GFWC-SC STATE CONVENTION

Scrapbook Award: Certificates will be awarded to clubs in the same membership categories as Community Service Program Awards. Entries should be brought to GFWC-SC Convention to the designated area by noon on Friday of Convention. Each entry must be registered with the Scrapbook Chairman Frances Dantzler and accompanied by the Release Form/Scrapbook Rating Sheet. The Scrapbook Rating Sheets were distributed in President's Packets.

Photography Contests: Please visit the GFWC Club Manual: Awards, Contests and Club Grants Section to learn more about the contest specifics and entry rules.

Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs and must be amateur photographers (earnings from photography must not exceed \$500 annually). Photos may be black and white or color. Size of entry must be 8 x 10 inch print, mounted on rigid 8 x 10 board with an overall thickness not to exceed 3/8 inch. No mattes, frames or hangers. Photos must be taken during the contest year.

Entries are to be brought to the GFWC-SC Convention registration table by noon on Friday of Convention. Linda Grant, State Photography Contest Chairman will select one state winner for each contest or category below and will send to GFWC for judging.

The same image may be submitted to multiple photo contests, but separate photos must be entered into each category.

All entries must be accompanied by a completed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver.

Photos will NOT be returned.

The GFWC Club Manual - Awards, Contests and Club Grants section outlines all the Photo Contest details. GFWC offers three opportunities to participate in the Photo Contests:

The World in Pictures Categories

1. Living Things – adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife.
2. Scenes – city, landscapes, rural, skies, sunrise, sunset, waterscapes, weather.
3. Still Life – abstract (any assemblage of objects either in an arranged or natural setting), buildings, monuments.

GFWC Volunteers in Action – Photos are to provide members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities through photography.

A Year in Pictures (Calendar Contest): This contest is also known as the Calendar Contest. It features photographs depicting the twelve months of the year, providing members the opportunity to showcase their talents while supporting GFWC through the fundraising calendar.

Each photo for all contests must have a label on the back with the following information:

- a) Contest Name
- b) Photographer's name, e-mail address, mailing address, and phone number
- c) Name and State of sponsoring club
- d) Title and Brief caption giving location and other notes about the photo
- e) Arrow indicating the top of the photo.

Final notes, be sure to check the GFWC Club manual to find all the photo contest details, bring your photos to Convention and Linda Grant our Photography Contest Chair will send off State entries to GFWC by the deadline.

SILVER CERTIFICATES OF AWARD AND RECOGNITIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT GFWC-SC STATE CONVENTION

GFWC-SC CONTRIBUTION SHEET: A Contribution Sheet was included in the Club President's Packet. This is to be completed and submitted on or before March 15, 2017 along with check payable to GFWC-SC for total of contributions to GFWC-SC Treasurer, Kathie Walker, 1485 Greenmoor Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

Silver Certificates of Award to be awarded to the club donating the most per capita based on the Contribution Sheet:

Endowment Fund Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Wayne Unger. Basis: donation to the Endowment Fund. Contributions must be received by the Treasurer by March 15, 2017.

Keith Unger Memorial Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Gus F. Floyd. Basis: donation to the Headquarters Fund. Contributions must be received by the Treasurer by March 15, 2017.

Janet B. Agnew Award: Sponsor: Janet B. Agnew. Basis: donation to the General Fund of GFWC-SC. Contributions must be received by the Treasurer by March 15, 2017.

GFWC-SC Kate T. Davis Memorial Award: Sponsor: Miss. Sara McColl in memory of Mrs. George E. Davis, Chairman of GFWC-SC International Scholarship and Student Loan 1938-1959. Basis: donation to the Scholarship Fund. Contributions must be received by the Treasurer by March 15, 2017.

Clubwoman Magazine Award: Sponsor: Dianne M. McCarty. Basis: donation to the GFWC-SC Clubwoman Magazine.

Contributions must be received by the Treasurer by March 15, 2017.

Stackhouse Headquarters Award: Sponsor: GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee. Basis: to the club that contributes the most per capita to the GFWC-SC Headquarters Fund postmarked on or before March 15, 2017, based on contributions received by the Treasurer. In kind contributions, i.e. time and items, should be listed and submitted with the contribution sheet.

The GFWC-SC Progress Foundation Silver Certificate Award: Sponsor: GFWC-SC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club. To be awarded annually at state convention to the club with the highest per capita donation to GFWC-SC Progress Foundation postmarked on or before March 15, 2017, to the Treasurer.

Virginia (Sissy) Welch Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Silas B. Welch. Basis: to the district contributing the most money per capita to the GFWC-SC Headquarters Fund postmarked on or before March 15, 2017, to the Treasurer.

GFWC-SC RATING SHEET: A Rating Sheet was included in the Club President's Packet. The Rating Sheet is to be completed, and then ONE (1) copy is submitted to your District President and ONE (1) copy to First Vice President Juliet Casper, P.O. Box 808, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578, postmarked on or before March 15, 2017.

Rating sheets are used to determine Honor Club designations.

RATING SHEET: Silver Certificates of Award to be awarded based on the Rating Sheet postmarked on or before March 15, 2017. Judge: First Vice President Juliet Casper.
To the General Club with the highest points on the Rating Sheet:

Category I: Myrtis Flanagan Award Sponsor: Mrs. W. C. Flanagan.
Category II: Jean T. Kight Award Sponsor: Mrs. R. Larry Kight.
Category III: Lovonia V. Hendrix Award Sponsor: Mrs. Lovonia V. Hendrix.
Juniorette Category: Mary S. Smith Award Sponsor: Mrs. Lynwood Smith.
All Categories: Mrs. John R. Wolff Award Sponsor: Mrs. John R. Wolff.

To Districts based on the Rating Sheet:

Past President's Cup – Basis: to the district with the highest points on the Rating Sheet postmarked on or before March 15, 2017. Judge: First Vice President.

Lovonia Hendrix Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Hubert Hendrix. Basis: to the district with the second highest points on the Rating Sheet postmarked on or before March 15, 2017. Judge: First Vice President.

Sylvia Ayers Membership Award: Sponsor: Sylvia Ayers. Basis: to the club with the largest net gain for 2016. To be judged by the First Vice President and Treasurer.

Howie Stackhouse Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Sanford Howie. Basis: to the district president gaining the most new clubs paid in full by February 1 of each year. Judged by First Vice President.

Nancy Boozer Award: Sponsor: Mrs. L. Dale Boozer. Basis: to the district president who organizes or federates the most clubs in a fiscal year. Judged by GFWC-SC First Vice President and Treasurer.

Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Norman W. Lynch. Basis: to the district with the largest club membership attending GFWC-SC Annual Convention, as reported to the First President not later than 4 p.m. (or previously announced time) on the second day of convention. The count will be made by the Credentials Committee. Award to be made by the First Vice President (Chairman of District Presidents) at Awards Banquet.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ENTRY DEADLINE March 1, 2018 – This is awarded every two years, so this report is not due in 2017. Club entries must be sent via mail, postmarked no later than March 1, 2018, to the State GFWC Community Improvement Program Award Chairman, DeAna Reed-Sharpe. See entry guidelines online at the GFWC website: www.gfwc.org.

JUNIOR AWARDS due FEBRUARY 1, 2017:

Instructions for Junior Reports: Entries for the Junior Department Silver Awards 1 and 2 can be the same as those submitted for the GFWC-SC Community Service Program Reports. All reports can be emailed or mailed to the Director of Junior Clubs, Katie Moydell, 200 Conrad Street, Columbia, SC 29212, katiemoydell1020@gmail.com.

JUNIOR SILVER AWARDS

Categories 1 and 2 – One Silver Certificate Award for each Community Service Program in both Categories. Basis: to the club with the best typewritten report on Community Service Program work as stated in the GFWC objectives, postmarked to the Junior Director on or before February 1.

Junior Cup Award I – Basis: to the junior club with the best overall written report on the year's work in Junior Category I;
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to the Junior Director on or before February 1. Limited to 20 double-spaced pages, including addenda.

Junior Cup Award II – Basis: to the junior club with the best overall written report on the year’s work in Junior Category II; to the Junior Director on or before February 1. Limited to 20 double-spaced pages, including addenda.

Bobbie L. Lowe Award – Basis: to the junior club with the most number of points earned on the Junior Honor Sheet per capita; copy of Honor Sheet to the Junior Director postmarked on or before February 1.

Mary Plyler Memorial Award – Sponsored by Mrs. Pat Taylor. Basis: to the junior club with the most hours spent per capita on club projects. Winner to be determined by the Junior Honor Sheet; a copy to the Junior Director postmarked on or before February 1.

Jan W. Hadwin Award – Basis: to the Category II club with the best overall written report on the GFWC Junior Special Project to the Junior Director postmarked on or before February 1.

Beth Broome Silver Award – Basis: to the Category I club with the best overall written report on the GFWC Junior Special Project to the Junior Director postmarked on or before February 1.

Elizabeth Prince Gouge Award - Sponsored by Aiken Junior Woman’s Club. To the junior club who does the most outstanding work in children’s health care. To the Junior Director postmarked on or before February 1.

Ann Borris Memorial Award: Cancer Project. Basis: to the junior club (largest half) reporting the most outstanding work done in the field of cancer; to the Junior Director postmarked on or before February 1.

Augusta Wolff Award: Cancer Project. Basis: to the junior club (smallest half) reporting the most outstanding work done in the field of cancer; to the Junior Director postmarked on or before February 1.

Susan Abelkop Membership Award – Sponsored by Piedmont Junior Woman’s Club. Basis: to the junior club with the best overall membership report. Judged by Junior Membership Chairman by GFWC Membership Guidelines. Report to Junior Director postmarked on or before February 1.

Junior Spirit Award – Sponsored by Susan Haynes. Basis: to the junior club with the “Best Overall GFWC Volunteer Spirit”. Points: 10 – invitation to Junior Director and/or Junior Director-Elect to club events (i.e. meetings, fund-raisers, social); 10 – club members servicing on Junior Board; 10 – attendance at Summer Board; 10 – attendance at Winter Board; 10 – attendance at Convention; 50 – Junior club peer vote (may not vote for own club). To be judged by the Junior Director. Awarded at GFWC-SC Convention Junior Luncheon. Points due postmarked on or before February 1 to the Junior Director.

Junior Reports due March 15, 2017

Carol Vann Rowland and Susan Vann Haynes Junior Clubwoman of Achievement Award – Sponsored by Mary and Christy Vann. Basis: to a Junior Clubwoman who upholds the ideals of General Federation of Women’s Clubs and Junior Clubs. A woman who is outstanding in her club and community. Each Junior Club may nominate one member. Reports should be sent to the Junior Director postmarked on or before March 15 to be judged by Mary Vann, the Junior Director, and the First Vice President.

GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Special Program Awards:

Please use the State/ District Reporting form for 2016 which is available online at GFWC-SC website under resources. This form will also be available in hard copy at Winter Board.

Samantha’s Hopeful Award: Named after a local homeless teen starting her Junior year at USC, this will be awarded to the **General Club** that overall best incorporates the Director’s Special Program focusing on Homeless Teens and Human Trafficking. Reporting in both areas of this program preferred. Report is due to Director of Junior Clubs postmarked on or before March 15. To be judged by Director of Junior Clubs.

Magic’s Hopeful Award: Named after a local homeless teen who just graduated high school; this will be awarded to the **Junior Club** that overall best incorporates the Director’s Special Program focusing on Homeless Teens and Human Trafficking. Reporting in both areas of this award preferred. Report is due to Director of Junior Clubs postmarked on or before March 15. To be judged by Director of Junior Clubs.

The Millie Crom United Award: Named after the first International Director of Junior clubs; this will be awarded to the **Junior clubs** which report the best joint project undertaken by 2 or more Junior clubs working together. The Junior clubs must submit one report, written together, and signed by the participating Junior clubs’ presidents, briefly describing the manner in which they worked together. Report is due to Director of Junior Clubs postmarked on or before March 15. To be judged by Director of Junior Clubs.

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT AWARDS

(Awarded at District Conference)

The GFWC-SC State/District Form should be used to submit reports. This form was included in the Club President’s Packet, is in this magazine and can be downloaded from the GFWC-SC website under Resources. Reports should be postmarked on or before March 15, 2017.

CENTRAL

Somerset Silver Award – Donor: Roy Somerset. Basis: to the club membership 31 and over, that has the best overall project. Two copies must be submitted to the District President postmarked on or before March 15.

Dotsy L. Boineau Silver Award – Donor: Mrs. Trippett Boineau. Basis: to the club membership 10 – 30, that has the best overall project. Two copies must be submitted to the District President postmarked on or before March 15.

Palmetto Club Award – Donor: Palmetto Woman’s Club. Basis: to the club 1-25 members, with highest points on the Rating Sheet. Postmarked on or before March 15 to District President.

Central District Award – Basis: to the club 26 and over members, with highest points on the Rating Sheet. Postmarked on or before March 15 to District President.

Judy Keating International Affairs Children's Award – Donor: St. Andrew's Woman's Club. Basis: to the Central District club with the best International Outreach (previously International Affairs) project(s) working with children in other countries. Postmarked on or before March 15 to District President.

Debbie P. Alexander Award – Donor: Junior Woman's Club of Columbia. Basis: to the club with the best overall project working with children in crisis-day care centers, schools, South Carolina Cares for Children, etc. Postmarked on or before March 15 to GFWC-SC Public Issues Chairman, Beth Taylor, 4 High Pointe Lane, Blythewood, SC 29016.

Ethel M. Wismer Memorial Award – Donor: Jan W. Hadwin. Basis: to the club with the highest attendance at District Conference to be judged by District President.

EASTERN

Mrs. Rufus H. Cain Award – Sponsored by Mrs. Rufus H. Cain. Basis: to the club with the highest average points on the Rating Sheet. Postmarked on or before March 15 to the District President.

Pat Estep Community Service Award – Sponsored by North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club. To the club with the best GFWC-SC President's Special Project report. Submitted to the District President on or before March 15.

Sue Burgess Education Award – Sponsored by Sue Burgess. Basis: to the club in the Eastern District with the Best Educational Project(s). Action Plan: Any projects dealing with the education of others, such as programs for local schools, public libraries, senior citizens, money donations, book drives, etc. Two (2) copies must be submitted to the District President postmarked on or before March 15.

The Ruth Fairchild Memorial Award – In memory of Ruth Fairfield for over 30 years of deep selfless devotion and outstanding service to the Woman's Club of Darlington and her community. Sponsor: Woman's Club of Darlington. Basis: to the Eastern District Club that has earned the most hours as a mentor to a child. Two (2) copies must be submitted to the District President on or before March 15.

MIDLANDS

Becky M. Silver Award – Sponsored by the Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville. Basis: to the club, membership 25 and under, with the best overall project. One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

Ruby Crook Silver Award – Sponsored by the Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club. Basis: to the club, membership 26 and over, with the best overall project. One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

Junior Woman's Club of Lexington Silver Award - Sponsored by Junior Woman's Club of Lexington. Basis: to the club, membership 25 and under, with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet. One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

Connie B. McFarland Silver Award – Sponsored by Lexington Woman's Club. Basis: to the club, membership 26 and over, with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet. One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

Midlands Conservation Award – Sponsored by Rose T. Wilkins. Basis: to the club with the "Best Overall Conservation Project". To be retired to the GFWC-SC Headquarters at the request of the donor. One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

Christie C. Addy Education Award – Sponsored by Saxe Gotha Woman's Club. Basis: to the club with the "Best Overall Education Project". One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

The Annie Laurie George Silver Award – Sponsored by the Lexington Literary Club. Basis: to the club initiating a project to benefit young people in children's centers by providing pleasant experiences that minimize the possibility of traumatic after effects. One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

Pamela Abikhaled Community Improvement Program Award (to be awarded in the even years) – Sponsored by Magnolia Woman's Society. Basis: to the club whose Community Improvement Project improves the community and lives of the most diverse groups of its citizens (child and adult, rich and poor, male and female). One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

Lexington Woman's Club Legislation Award – Sponsored by Lexington Woman's Club. Basis: to the club with the "Best Overall Legislative Project" that involves individual lobbying and/or keeps the club informed of legislative issues. To be retired to the GFWC-SC Headquarters at the request of the donor. One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

Midlands District President's Spirit Award – Sponsored by Terry S. Tucker. Basis: to the club with the "Best Overall GFWC Spirit". Criteria includes: 1) Attendance at Summer and Winter Boards, Conventions, District Conference and District Socials; 2) Attendance of State and/or District Officers at club meetings, fundraiser's or socials; 3) Club Yearbook sent to District President and GFWC-SC First Vice President; 4) Prompt return of GFWC-SC and District dues, Rating Sheet and Club President's Directory Forms; 5) Reporting participation in all Community Service Programs. To be retired to the GFWC-SC Headquarters at the request of the donor. One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

Mabel J. Bonnette Award – Sponsored by the Woman's Club of Cayce. Basis: to the club, membership 26 and over, demonstrating the most support for its local library. To be retired to the GFWC-SC Headquarters at the request of the donor. One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

Midlands District Conference Attendance Award – Sponsored by Connie B. McFarland. Basis: to the club with the highest percentage of members present at District Conference. To be retired to the GFWC-SC Headquarters at the request of the donor.

Midlands District Membership Award – Sponsored by Sally Yarber. Basis: to the club with the largest net gain. To be retired to the GFWC-SC Headquarters at the request of the donor. One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15.

NORTH CENTRAL

North Central Project Award – Sponsored by Jane Davenport. Basis: to the club with the best overall project. Postmarked on or before March 15 to the District President.

North Central District Award I - Sponsored by Andrea Davis. Basis: to the club membership 10-30, with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

North Central District Award II – Sponsored by Judy Crocker. Basis: to the club membership 31 and over, with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

Perry W. Cathcart Arts Award – Sponsored by Winnsboro Woman' Club. Basis: to the club reporting the "Best Overall Promotion of the Fine Arts within Their Community." Criteria: (a) hours of volunteer service by members to promote the fine arts within the community; (b) involvement with sponsorship of a fine arts event within the community; (c) presentation of a program within the club pertaining to the fine arts. Shall be judged by the District President and the State Arts Community Program Chairman. Two copies of the report must be submitted to the District President, postmarked on or before March 15.

NORTHERN

Northern District Award – Sponsored by Spartanburg Council of Federated Women's Clubs. Basis: to the club with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

Northern District Photography Award – Sponsored by Janet Agnew. To the club with the most photography entries at the GFWC-SC State Convention.

Jolene W. Bryant Award – Sponsored by Piedmont Junior Woman's Club and Spartanburg Junior Woman's Club in honor of Jolene Bryant, 1992-1994 GFWC-SC Northern District President. Basis: to the club with the best education project submitted to the District President for judging on or before March 15.

Mary Renfro Memorial Award – Sponsored by Spartanburg Woman's Civic Club. Basis: to the club with the largest membership percentage increase during the year.

Spartanburg Council of Federated Women's Clubs Award – Sponsored by Spartanburg Council of Federated Women's Clubs. Basis: to the club having the highest percentage of attendance at Northern District Conference. This award is to be retired to the club when club has won three successive years.

NORTHWESTERN

Once-A-Week Club Award – Sponsored by Miss. Elizabeth Morgan. Basis: to the club with the best overall project reported to the District President postmarked on or before March.

Northwestern District Cup – Basis: to the club with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

The Walhalla Junior Woman's Club Community Spirit Award – Sponsored by Walhalla Junior Woman's Club. Basis: to the club with the best overall project exemplifying service and enthusiasm while physically improving the community. Due postmarked on or before March 15 to the Northwestern District President.

Making Time for Others Silver Award – Sponsored by Seneca Junior Woman's Club. Basis: to the Northwestern District club with the best overall hands-on project benefiting special needs or underprivileged individuals reported to the District President postmarked on or before March 15.

Northwestern District Easley Junior Women's Club Arts Award – Sponsored by Lane Wells Dye, in memory of Clara Cassles and Ellen C. Dye for their past service in Easley Women's Club. Basis: to the club with the best "Arts Within Their Community" report. Criteria: A) Averaged volunteer hours of service; B) Projects or events constructed to promote the Arts; C) Programs introduced to educate others about the Arts (i.e. for club meetings, schools and community events). Two copies to be submitted to the District President for judging with the Arts Committee Chairman, postmarked on or before March 15.

Beulah Higgins Conference Attendance Award – Sponsored by Mrs. Forney W. Lowe. Basis: to the club with the highest percentage of members present at District Conference.

SOUTHERN

Myrt Riggs Award – Sponsored by Mrs. Larry T. Riggs. Basis: to the club that has the best overall project submitted to the District President with the Rating Sheet postmarked on or before March 15.

Southern District Award – Sponsored by Jean L. Pearce. Basis: to the club with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

Jean L. Pearce Award – Sponsored by Brenda Kiser. Basis: to the club that has the best overall Arts Program Report based on GFWC criteria submitted to the District President postmarked on or before March 15.

Virginia Baxley Silver Award – Sponsored by Tuesday Afternoon Book Club of Harleyville. Basis: to the club with the most photography and creative entries at the GFWC-SC Convention. To be determined by the District President at Convention.

Charleston Junior Woman's Club Community Improvement Program Award – Sponsored by Charleston Junior Woman's Club. Basis: to the club with the best overall Community Improvement Project submitted to the District President, postmarked on or before March 15 of even numbered years.

Jo Ann Thornhill Bolchoz Award – Sponsored by Jo Ann Thornhill Bolchoz. Purpose: to increase scholarship funding for women pursuing education at colleges and universities domiciled within the Southern District. Criteria: to be given annually to a woman's club in the Southern District which documents the largest donations in this category of scholarship funding. Must be received by the District President on or before March 15.

Brenda Kiser Silver Award – Sponsored by Brenda Kiser. Basis: to the club that reports the best overall activities pertaining to the District President's Special Project submitted to the District President postmarked on or before March 15.

Sissy Welch Award – Basis: to the club with the largest membership percentage increase during the year submitted to the District President with the Rating Sheet.

Southern District President's Spirit Award – Sponsored by Jadona Hadwin Rowell. Basis: to the club with the "Best Overall Spirit." Criteria includes: 1) Attendance at Summer and Winter Boards, Conventions, District Conference and District Socials; 2) Attendance of State and/or District Officers at club meetings, fundraiser's or socials; 3) Club Yearbook sent to District President and GFWC-SC First Vice President; 4) Prompt return of GFWC-SC and District dues, Rating Sheet and Club

President's Directory Forms; 5) Reporting participation in all Community Service Programs. Shall be determined by the Southern District President.

Annie Utsey Award – Sponsored by Jadona Hadwin Rowell. Basis: to the club with the highest percentage of members present at District Conference. To be determined by the District Credentials Chairman.

WESTERN

Sissy Brodie Award – Sponsored by Aiken Junior Woman's Club. Basis: to the club with the best overall project. Two (2) copies must be submitted to the District President, postmarked on or before March 15.

Joan Marine Award – Sponsored by Aiken Woman's Club. Basis: to the club with the best project in the Arts Community Service Program. Submit two (2) copies to the District President, postmarked on or before March 15.

Peggy All Award – Sponsored by Aiken Junior Woman's Club. Basis: to the club with the best project in the Conservation Community Service Program. Submit two (2) copies of the report to the District President on or before March 15.

Ginnie Samsel Award – Sponsored by Sand River Woman's Club. Basis: to the club with the best project in the Education Community Service Program. Submit two (2) copies of the report to the District President on or before March 15.

Betty Thomason Award - Sponsored by Betty Thomason. Basis: to the club with the most outstanding project with the greatest impact in Public Issues.

Western District Conference attendance Award – Sponsored by Kathy Monahan. Basis: to the club with the highest percentage of members present at District Conference. Shall be judged by the District President and District Treasurer. This award to be retired to the club when won three years in a row.

Other Awards:

Jackie Boland Attendance Award. Sponsor: West Columbia-Cayce Woman's Club. Basis: To the club with the largest membership (per capita) attending the Summer Meeting. The count will be made by the Credentials Committee. Award to be made by the First Vice President.

Marian St. Clair Club Attendance Award. Sponsor: St. Andrews Woman's Club. Basis: To the club with the largest membership (per capita) attending the Winter Board Meeting. The count will be made by the Credentials Committee.

Palmetto Pride Achievement Awards. Sponsor: Palmetto Pride. Basis: To encourage club projects to eradicate litter and beautify their communities. Four awards will be given: Litter Trashes Everyone Award, Litter Busters Award, Trash Talkers Award, and Beautiful Places Award. The Official Report Form is located on the GFWC-SC website under Resources. Clubs must send a copy of the report form by **February 1, 2017**, to GFWC-SC President Janet Prince **and** to Palmetto Pride, 2700 Middleburg Drive, Suite 216, Columbia SC 29204.

I look forward to working with you!

Kristin



GFWC-SC Spotlight 2020 Campaign Update

Thank you to everyone that has participated in the Spotlight 2020 Campaign this year. At Summer Board the South Carolina Necklaces were given to those in attendance and then the remainder were either mailed to the members, or picked up and shared at club meetings. As of November 6th, we have had a 16% participation (183/1110) and have raised \$7,710.00. As promised at Summer Session, we are including a list of the members who will be listed as “Southern Sisters” of the Spotlight 2020 Campaign and of the “Friendship Circle” with donors contributing \$200 or more.

Friendship Circle

Jackie Boland, Juliet Casper, Lynn Cleckler, Tammy Garland, Neel Lesesne, Caroline Mahaffey, Anne Redlus, Becky Travis, Meredith Vry, Kathie Walker, Janet Walker

Southern Sisters

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What Color Is Your Cancer?

Just a reminder to bring your “Chemo bag” to the Winter Board meeting in January. Items for the contents are listed in the “Notes with a Passion”, recently sent. These will be given to patients at the Cancer Center at SC Oncology Associates, where our meeting will take place.

Reporting time is close at hand, I know our clubs have been busy with many projects and activities to write about and I am excited to read what work you have committed to your communities.

Start to get involved in the preparations for the many Relays for Life across our state in 2017. There are countless opportunities to volunteer on committees, recruiting for a team, getting sponsors or selling luminaries. If you had an idea for a new project and did not get to start it this year, you still have time to execute it in the new year.

Bring awareness to Your Color or Colors of Cancer by using our calendar:

January--Cervical Cancer

February--National Cancer Prevention Month, Gallbladder & Bile Duct Cancers

March--Colorectal, Kidney & Multiple Myeloma Cancers

GFWC-SC President’s Special Project Chair, Sylvia Ayers

GFWC-SC INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Wow! I am so overwhelmed with and excited by our clubs' responses to our new state project, FREE THE GIRLS. Keep doing what you're doing! Here is a list of frequently asked questions and their answers:

Where do we send the bras?

Free The Girls
1552 Pioneer Trail
Chesterton, IN 46304



Please use their generic shipping label to ship your bras! Here is the link: <http://freethegirls.org/wp-content/uploads/Bra-Address-Label.pdf>

Is there a date by which we need to send them?

For reporting purposes, it would be wonderful if you would send what you have by December 31, 2016. By all means, continue your collections during the club year, as this is an ongoing project. However, if you'll count what you send by Dec. 31, you'll be able to include in your International Outreach report.



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: The 2016 Gift Catalogs are in! Check out what gifts of hope your club can give to help end global hunger and poverty. www.heifer.org/gfwc

OPERATION SMILE: GFWC has launched a \$150,000 fundraising campaign called The Campaign for Children's Smiles. As you begin to plan for next club year, GFWC is asking that every club commit to helping to raise the funds needed to meet this goal. kristiep@operationsmile.org (917)977-0173



SHOT@LIFE: In partnership with the United Nations Foundation, GFWC aims to decrease the 1.5 million deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases that occur each year and to give every child a Shot@Life. To find out more about how you and/or your club can get involved, email champions@shotatlife.org or Rebecca Maxie rmaxie@unfoundation.org

UNICEF UNITED STATES FUND: There are an estimated 21 million victims of forced labor and human trafficking around the world today. Recently, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club hosted a forum on Human Trafficking. To find out what you might do to raise awareness or raise funds, contact Mansi Mehta, Manager of Global Cause partnerships at UNICEF at mmehta@unicefusa.org. Or learn more about GFWC's partnership with the US Fund for UNICEF by visiting <https://www.unicefusa.org/supporters/organizations/nonprofits/partners/gfwc>

Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC International Outreach Chair
suzannec@sc.rr.com 803-297-9767

GFWC-SC Constitution & Bylaws

The deadline to submit proposed changes
is January 1, 2017

Please send any changes you would like to recommend to:

Lynn Cleckler
GFWC-SC Constitution & ByLaws Committee Chairman
lcleckler@mcnair.net, 359-3389
711 Cherokee Trail, Lexington, SC 29072





**GFWC-SC Members at the
GFWC Southern Region Conference
October 21-23, 2016
Jacksonville, Florida**



Club News



Clubwomen from St. Andrews Woman's Club assembled deployment bags for 300 members of the S.C. Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing, known as the Swamp Foxes. Some of the items in the bags were prepacked tooth brushes, razors, wet ones, slim jims, tootsie pops, chapstick, Tylenol and Kleenex. The project was sponsored by the Public Issues CSP of the St. Andrews Woman's Club.

GFWC-SC Winter Session Speakers



Cheri Nettles
Laughing All the Way....
Learning to Laugh and Enjoy Your Journey

Cherie Nettles is described as a knee-slapping, belly-laughing, people-magnet. She draws from her life experiences to teach her audiences that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, and she places her focus on the Truth of Proverbs 17:22, "Laughter is medicine to your soul."

Born in South Carolina, Cherie believes all southern girls arrive in the magnolia-lined states in three ways, safe, sweet and sassy, and she has chosen to place her emphasis on the "Sassy." Cherie is a Christian comedienne, Certified Laughter Leader, Bible teacher, motivational speaker and writer. She has entertained audiences across the United States with her laughter and motivational messages.

Cherie has been entertaining and warming hearts for almost 10 years. With her light-hearted humor and heart-warming testimony, Cherie will not only entertain your group, but also leave you with a warm feeling that God has touched your life, much like hers has been.

Cherie is a hilarious overcomer. From overcoming an abusive childhood, being diagnosed in her teens with a crippling disease, Rheumatoid Arthritis, and being a 14-year Ovarian cancer survivor, she learned quickly that sorrow brings sickness while joy brings healing. Cherie's comedy routines, Biblical and motivational messages of hope and inspiration will not only tickle your funny bone but bring healing to it.



Richard "Dick" Wall
Healing vs. Curing

**"The ground in winter holds
A Thousand Lovely Secrets."
-Carol Wall**

Since his wife's death in December, 2014, Dick Wall's mission has been speaking about her memoir, *Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening*. Dick carries forward Carol Wall's poignant story, published to critical acclaim, of two unlikely friends affirming life while facing illness and death.

An attorney in Roanoke, Virginia, Dick graduated from Vanderbilt University and University of Virginia Law School. He and Carol were married for 42 years. They have three adult children and five grandchildren. You can read his blog at <http://www.misterowita.com/>

Radon is a cancer causing, radioactive gas that you cannot see, smell, or taste. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that it is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

According to EPA, radon comes from the natural (radioactive) breakdown of uranium in soil, rock, and water and gets into the air you breathe. It finds its way into homes through cracks and holes in the foundation, construction joints, and plumbing fixtures.

Radon has also been found in private well water in areas with rocks that contain uranium or radium. If radon is in your well water, it may enter your home and the air you breathe when the water is used for showering and other activities around the house. Water containing radon is typically not a problem in homes served by public water systems.

Richelle Tolton, Program Coordinator with the South Carolina Radon Program, will have a display at our Winter Board on January 7, 2017. Please stop by to learn more about how to get a free test kit to test your home, how you can lower elevated radon levels, and how you can help let your friends and family know about this dangerous gas.

If you want to learn more now, please visit the website: www.scdhec.gov/radon.

www.gfwc-sc.org

Official Call
GFWC-SC 2017 Winter Session/Board Meeting
Saturday, January 7, 2017
Hosted by:
South Carolina Oncology Associates

Saturday, January 7, 2017 — South Carolina Oncology Associates, 166 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29210.

GFWC-SC By-Laws Article VII - Section 3. The Board of Directors of GFWC-SC shall consist of the Executive Committee, the District Presidents, the Special Assistant to the President, the Director-elect of Junior Clubs, the Past State Presidents who are residents of South Carolina, Community Service Programs Chairmen, Special Appointments Chairmen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the GFWC-SC Scholarship Fund, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Progress Foundation, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Headquarters Committee, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, and the Presidents of Clubs, either direct or affiliated, or their appointees.

GFWC-SC Room Block

8:45 a.m. Registration/Light Refreshments
9:00 a.m. GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting
10:00 a.m. Call to Order 2017 Winter Session
 Report from Board of Directors Meeting
 Guest Speakers
 Reporting Workshop
 Tour of SCOA
1:00 p.m. Adjourn—Lunch provided by SCOA
1:00 p.m. Junior Board Meeting

Holiday Inn & Suites
Columbia-Airport
110 McSwain Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169
Courtesy Rate of \$99 per night plus tax
Reservation must be made by
December 24, 2016
803-391-4000

Directions to South Carolina Oncology Associates

From I-26 merge onto I-126 toward Columbia. Go approximately two miles take exit on to Greystone Blvd./Riverbanks Zoo. Turn right on to Greystone Blvd. At first traffic light turn right on to Stoneridge Drive and SCOA will be on your right.

From Aiken—I-20 to Exit 64A to I-26/I-126. Go approximately 2 miles and take exit on to Greystone Blvd./Riverbanks Zoo. Turn right on to Greystone Blvd. At first traffic light turn right on to Stoneridge Drive and SCOA will be on your right.

Directions to Holiday Inn & Suites

From Charleston—Take Exit 110—Turn right and then turn left at the first traffic light on to McSwain Drive. The Hotel will be on your right.

From Greenville/Spartanburg—Take Exit 110 and Turn left onto Sunset Blvd. At the first traffic light turn left on to McSwain Drive. The Hotel will be on your right.

From Aiken—I-20 to Exit 61. Turn right on to Sunset Blvd. and go approximately 2.3 miles. Turn left on to McSwain Drive and the Hotel will be on our right.

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Registration Form for Winter Session

Due by Monday, January 2, 2017

Basic Information

Name: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Credentials Information (check the first one that applies):

- Past President (of GFWC-SC)
- State Officer (including District Presidents)
- State Program Chairman (Comm. Serv., Spec. Proj/Comm/Appt). Name of Program: _____
- Standing Committee Chairman (Finance, Const. & Bylaws, Credentials, Headquarters, Resolutions, Disaster Relief)
- Club President or Appointee (if President absent or credentialed in any of above categories)
- Club Delegate/Voting (convention only - one per ten members, rounded to nearest ten)
- Member-at-Large (Not affiliated with any club)
- Club Member/Non-voting
- Guest

Medical Information – In Case of an Emergency:

Notify (primary): _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Notify (alternate): _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Medicine allergies: _____

Medications/location/instructions in case of emergency:

_____ (You are encouraged to keep emergency medications handy.)

Event and Meal Reservations:

Registration fee: \$15 _____

Late fee (after 1/2):\$5 _____

Meals: N/A

Total: _____

Make checks out to GFWC-SC.

Mail to: Elizabeth Herring

327 Annapolis Rd.

Lexington, SC 29072

liz.herring@windstream.net

Special Dietary Needs:

Vegetarian: _____ Gluten Free: _____ Food Allergies: _____

Christmas Stocking Extravaganza



GFWC-SC WASHINGTON, DC BUS TRIP DECEMBER 4-6, 2016

First to Columbia, then to Florence, we're 22 strong; Ready for our bus ride-hope it's not too long!
We met Antonio, our driver debonair, and loaded our bags and food we would share.
We began our adventure feeling quite jolly, thanks to our competent director, dear Dolly.
Did she say we're riding 3 hours before a pit stop? Skip the coffee! Pass the pretzels! I'll try not to pop!
With prosecco and chocolates and ham sandwiches free, we rolled into Virginia with 2 stops to pee!
Janet's trivia game asked us to ponder: "Where was the first convention held?" (Who knows way back yonder?)
We arrived at our Marriott just after dark, unpacked and regrouped-the bus hardly parked. For it's off to Mele for dinner – pasta or fish? Enjoy the ambience and the presentation-it's delish!
Around the Iwo Jima statue, Arlington in the rain....our pillows were calling....We slept feeling no pain!
Monday morning arrives, so it's back on the bus, off to Headquarters where they were waiting for us.
We saw all the beauty and elegant places, were welcomed by Marian and other important faces.
The building is gorgeous with tiles, chandeliers, and stairs. Our 2-hour tour included historical affairs of Archives and meetings and groups 'round the tree...So impressed with GFWC's footprint in downtown DC!
Then lunch at Clyde's was delicious and fun-yummy burgers and joined by a special guest son!
Who's shopping? Which metro? What uber to call? Antonio drove us to visit the Mall. The "Holiday Market" was not quite up to par. Thank goodness for Georgetown, Ford's Theatre, and DAR!
An evening ride to the memorials was lengthy and cold, But seeing the tributes to those who were bold reminded us all of the histories told.
Antonio circled – off the bus we would jump -In shadows and marble we felt the goose bumps. Abe Lincoln, FDR, the quotes of Dr. King...reminded us all of the blessings they bring.
Sacrifice and leadership through wars and hard times are captured in stone and preserved in our minds.
Seeing DC in Christmas trees and bright lights filled a memorable evening of our American rights.
"Cheers!" to our ancestors, whose examples we hold dear, with inspiration and honor to value each year.
A late evening nightcap downstairs at the bar (thank goodness our beds were not very far!) Then loading the bus Tuesday morning at 9:00; we're off to Carolina with more food and wine! Blankets and pillows to cushion our ride, napping and talking we sat side by side. Our trip was successful- no one fell down! We giggled and laughed and toasted the town
THANK YOU, Janet and Dolly, for a wonderful time.... good lodging and meals and a driver who's fine.
We'll remember this DC December trip the rest of our lives. Here's to GFWC-SC ! May our Sisterhood thrive!

-Melissa H. Smith, St. George Women's Guild, December 6, 2016

**GFWC-SC Takes on Washington, D.C.
First "Girlfriends" Bus Trip
December 4-6, 2016**



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GFWC-SC Winter Session

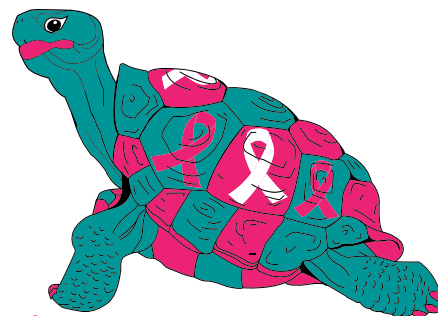
April 27 - 30, 2017

GFWC-SC State Convention—Pawley's Island

June 23 -26, 2017

GFWC Convention—Palm Spring's , California

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