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Giving Your Heart to GFWC

The theme for the 2018 Southern Region conference was Giving Your Heart to GFWC Membership. South Carolina was well represented with 14 members in attendance. Tammy Garland, Carrie Zimmerman, and Janet Prince presented workshops on Communications & Public Relations, Advocacy for Children, and Membership. Carrie also presided over a hilarious funeral for “The Way We Always Do Things” with Kaye Gerrald as one of the mourners. Marian St. Clair was the Saturday Luncheon Speaker and she spoke about Growing Forward. She challenged the audience to ponder these questions: “How do we parlay our gift for service, our passion for making the world a better place, into sustained and then increasing membership numbers? How will we, GFWC, survive in this changing world?” Marian then pledged to spend the next 21 months talking to members, listening to members, and working with members on opportunities for growth.

Our state will be hosting the next Southern Region meeting, October 17-20, 2019 at the Marriott in North Charleston. Laurie O’Kelly and Tammy Garland are co-chairs for the convention whose theme is The Most Wonderful Time of the Year. Convention shirts were sold in Mississippi and Tammy will be happy to bring one to you at Winter Board. The shirts are short-sleeved (\$15) or long-sleeved (\$20). Just email Tammy your size and selection.

Don’t forget to register for Winter Board. The form can be found online at the website or in the September magazine. You will have an opportunity to support the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial by purchasing raffle tickets to win a framed GFWC print. The last day to book your hotel room for Winter Board at the discounted rate of \$99 is December 14th.

The Call to the 121st Convention and registration form can be found in this issue since the deadline to book your discounted hotel room at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rock Hill is March 22, 2019. Make your plans now to Come See Me in Rock Hill.

With Federation Love,

Juliet

'Tis the season to be jolly! It's that time of year again that all things become festive! It is also the time of year that all of our clubs have opportunity to do what we do best..Volunteer! I am thoroughly enjoying all of the social media posts and emails of great activities all of the clubs do, especially our #gfwcscjuniors.

Over the last couple of months I have had the opportunity to meet many of the new GFWC-SC Junior presidents and other members. I was able to attend all three District meetings that went very well with the new “merges”. The Executive committee shared some Leadership information in our mini Leads class and I provided Advocates for Children ideas and GFWC information to the Clubs. Thanks to all the clubs that supported Advocates for Children’s week!!!

In October, the Executive Committee and many other GFWC-SC sisters attended Southern Region. The Directors of Junior Clubs from FL, GA and SC co-hosted a junior fun night called “The HeartBeat Of Our Future” to support March of Dimes, a GFWC partner. We played Bingo and Tenzies and raised \$1030.00! It was a great way to kick start Advocates for Children’s week! We hope to continue the fun next year too! I also want to give a shout out to Kaye Gerrald for assisting in presenting a mock funeral to help our our GFWC Leadership committee. You rock Kay!

Please continue to inform me of your schedules and invite me to events your clubs are hosting. I hope to see many clubs continue to support the Junior Special Project of Special Olympics.

Please be on the lookout for an upcoming fundraiser to support Special Olympics and the Junior Travel Fund.



Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC
Director of
Junior Clubs

*In Junior Love,
Carrie*



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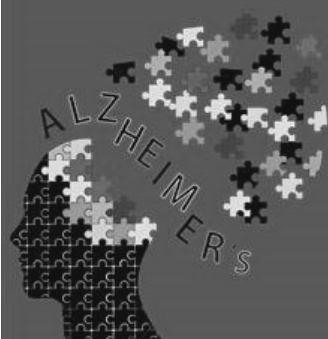
Giving Our Heart to Southern Region



GFWC Southern Region



**2018-2020
President's
Special
Project**



**Kay Chadwick,
SR President**

Symptoms of Alzheimer's

The most common early symptom of Alzheimer's is difficulty remembering newly learned information.

Just like the rest of our bodies, our brains change as we age. Most of us eventually notice some slowed thinking and occasional problems with remembering certain things. However, serious memory loss, confusion and other major changes in the way our minds work may be a sign that brain cells are failing.

The most common early symptom of Alzheimer's is difficulty remembering newly learned information because Alzheimer's changes typically begin in the part of the brain that affects learning. As Alzheimer's advances through the brain it leads to increasingly severe symptoms, including disorientation, mood and behavior changes; deepening confusion about events, time and place; unfounded suspicions about family, friends and professional caregivers; more serious memory loss and behavior changes; and difficulty speaking, swallowing and walking.

People with memory loss or other possible signs of Alzheimer's may find it hard to recognize they have a problem. Signs of dementia may be more obvious to family members or friends. Anyone experiencing dementia-like symptoms should see a doctor as soon as possible.

Source: alz.org. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another dementia, you are not alone. The Alzheimer's Association is the trusted resource for reliable information, education, referral and support to millions of people affected by the disease. Call our 24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900 or visit www.alz.org.

Sheet 2





Kristin Fields
GFWC-SC
 First Vice President

I hope all of our clubs had a successful fall recruiting season. Welcome to all of our new members! As winter approaches our Membership focus moves to mentoring. A suggestion for mentoring is to connect a new member with a seasoned member to allow for one-on-one conversation about club experiences and expectations. Pair up members during the social part of the meeting to allow for a casual conversation.

Report submission reminder:

Focus on Mentoring with new members recruited from December - February is due March 1.

As you know, the southern coast was hit by two hurricanes this season, Florence and Michael. To help our club sisters in both Florida and North Carolina, the disaster relief committee approved donations to these two GFWC organizations. To help those closer to home here in South Carolina, donations were made to American Red Cross, Salvation Army, One SC Fund and Anderson Brothers Bank for the Nichols disaster relief fund. Our thoughts are with all of those impacted by both of these terrible storms.

I wish you all Happy Holidays!! I look forward to seeing you at Winter Board.

Please note my new contact information on the first page of the magazine: 2 Clay Court, Chapin, SC 29036.

In Federation,

Kristin

When it comes to your minutes, always think EDIT. You want to have all the necessary information but leave out the extraneous. Minutes should not read like an essay or short story. Check your grammar and spelling.

- Use past tense. "The meeting was held..."
- Condense and clarify your minutes by deleting nonessentials. Ask yourself: Do I need all of these words or explanations to communicate this point?
- Avoid unnecessary modifiers (adverbs and adjectives) such as "very", "really", "heated", "angry", etc.

Consider using bullet points.

<https://www.getminute.com/taking-meeting-minutes/>

Summer Session Highlights:

Total attending: 94

A funeral was conducted for the old districts.

Marlisa Small, Ms. South Carolina Senior America and member of North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club, was our special guest speaker/entertainer.

A power point presentation of St. Louis convention highlights was shown.

Program Council recommendations were approved.

New Junior awards were approved.

Three members of the Executive Committee dressed as superheroes.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Federation Love,

Suzanne



Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC
 Secretary



Beth Taylor
GFWC-SC
 Treasurer

I don't know about you but I am glad the Charity Registration and Raffle Registration is behind me. This is a good time to remind everyone of the importance of record keeping. The treasurer depends on the chairman of fundraising events to keep her informed of all income and expenses involved with the fundraiser. Have her get in the habit of recording everything involved. For example: start a spreadsheet with the number of tickets sold and the revenue of the ticket sales. Keep track of items donated, items purchased, value of donated items. List what the funds will be used for. This is just an idea, you will know what you will want to track and if there are any questions, I'm a phone call away or email me with questions. It may not all be relevant, but when you are filling out these forms you will have what you need. I also encourage you to send thank you notes to anyone who donates to your organization.

Good news is that I have 37 out of 47 clubs who have paid their dues and submitted requested rosters. Also, we have 2 member at large who continue to contribute and pay their dues as well. I hope to have all the clubs paid up before the final deadline. I don't want to lose any clubs due to lack of paying their dues.

Thank you to all the treasurers who sent in your dues on time!!

I hope you all have a fabulous Christmas season and don't forget about the families that may not be as lucky as you are and give from the heart.

Beth

Grand Initiative Update

It is wonderful to see so many clubs embracing GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock's 7 Grand Initiatives. I see Dr. Seuss Books being donated and shoes being collected. I know many clubs are making plans to observe the Martin Luther King Day of Service. There is one initiative you have an opportunity to support when you register for our state convention. Please consider making a donation for the capital campaign. We want GFWC-SC to be recognized as a member of the Millionaire Club. We just need to raise \$1000, and if 100 members gave \$10 when they registered for the state convention, we would succeed!

Constitution and Bylaws

All proposed changes to the GFWC-SC Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules need to be sent in writing to Lynn Cleckler, GFWC-SC Constitution & Bylaws Chairman, by mail postmarked on or before January 1, 2019 to 711 Cherokee Trail, Lexington, SC 29072, or by email to Bobbie Sox, bobbiewsox2@aol.com by midnight on January 1, 2019.

Resolutions

All proposed state resolutions need to be sent to Janet Agnew, GFWC-SC Resolutions Chairman, by email to janetag@bellsouth.net by midnight on January 1, 2019, or by mail postmarked on or before January 1, 2019 to 140 Burnett Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29302.

Season of Reflection

Holding his chubby hand, she walked with him down the steps, across the yard, into the evening dusk...

Up to the fence, looking over the field, enjoying the quiet, star-filled night.

"What are you thinking, Granna?"

How to put into words her wishes for him? For his future holidays - with and without her?

Things she'd hope he'd feel, share, experience, in his wide-open life and in years unknown....

The jingle of sleigh bells on the back of a prancing horse....

the musical echo of carols sung in a church service...

the smell of hot chocolate and marshmallows by a bonfire...

the breath-taking spell of colored lights across the water....

the bulge of a stocking hung on the mantle...

the laughter of family reunions at the dinner table...

the hugs of generations, the security of unconditional love,

The promise of eternity in a star-filled heaven.

"Just thoughts and wishes for you, my dear child, on this most precious night and time in December."

And they walked, hand in hand, through the grass, up the steps, into the lights and warmth inside.

-Melissa H. Smith, GFWC-SC Poet Laureate October 11, 2018 written for GFWC-SC Clubwoman

www.gfwc-sc.org



Norma England
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President

**Need help writing your club reports?
Come to the free Reporting Workshop on
Saturday January 19, 2019, anytime between 10am-2pm at
GFWC-SC Headquarters, 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia SC.**

Norma

2018 GFWC-SC Reporting Information

**GFWC-SC Club Statistical/Cover Form; Special Programs, GFWC Community Service Programs, and the Advancement Area Reports
Due Date: February 1, 2019**

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.

The reporting period: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

One copy of each report should **be emailed** by midnight **February 1, 2019**, to GFWC-SC Second Vice President **Norma England** englandn72@comporium.net The 2nd Vice President will forward a copy of the report to the State President and to the Community Service Program, Special Project or Advancement Area Chairman. Each email report should be sent by separate email to englandn72@comporium.net with the name of the club and the name of the Community Service Program, Special Project or Advancement Area in the subject line. **Emailed reports should be received by midnight on February 1, 2019.**

Clubs are encouraged to do reporting by email. If a club needs to do reporting by mail---please send **2 hard** copies of each report to 2nd Vice President, Norma England----1979 High Pines Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732. All mailed reports must be postmarked by February 1, 2019.

****Junior Clubs** must submit **one (1) additional copy** of all reports by mail or email to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oak Farms Road, Tamassee, SC 29686

Each Report Should Include:

A **Separate** completed Narrative Cover Entry Form for each report submission. Clearly mark report submission type: Statistics Only or Stats & Narrative or Narrative with addendum. The GFWC-SC Narrative Cover Entry Form can be downloaded from www.gfwc-sc.org website or in the updated President's Packet information.

Reminder: The number to be inserted in the Total Number of Club Members is the number of club members paid as of April 30, 2018.

A **Separate** narrative for each program report consisting of a maximum of three (3) single spaced typed pages. [Do Not Combine Narratives.]

Addenda (supporting documents) are optional. Addenda are limited to five (5) pages and must be attached only to the report marked "**Narrative with addendum.**"

If your club chooses 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.

Definitions:

Community Service Projects are the programs and projects members initiate and participate in to serve their communities, including projects with GFWC Partners.

Number of Projects is the numerical account of the programs and projects initiated and participated in by your club.

Volunteer Hours is the amount of time that members worked on club approved programs and projects.

Dollars Donated is the monetary amount given to programs and projects.

In Kind Donations reflect the monetary value for goods provided to programs and projects. Please refer to the GFWC In-Kind Donation Guide for an estimated value of commonly donated items as www.GFWC.org/reporting.

Dollars Spent is costs incurred by member, clubs, or State Federations to achieve Advancement Area goals.

Dollars Raised reflects the dollars earned from fundraising and development of programs and projects

Reporting Criteria

Clubs should report all activities for each Community Service Program, GFWC Special Program or 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), GFWC

Special Programs 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 30+ members

Junior Categories

Category I 1 – 25 members

Category II 26+ members

OTHER REPORTS DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2018

All Clubs submitting reports by February 1, 2018, 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 volunteer hours, dollars donated, dollars spent, dollars raised and in-kind donations will be evaluated on a PER CAPITA BASIS for all clubs.

Description of the project(s) in narrative paragraph form.

Number of projects, hours, dollars and in-kind contribution.

Innovation/originality.

Participation of membership (consider club size).

Community participation (any outside organization or individuals that were involved and how).

Publicity of project, club, GFWC-SC, GFWC.

Success of project (impact on community).

Any additional information requested by the award sponsor relating to a particular award.

Contest Entries due February 1, 2019

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. Form and criteria may also be downloaded at gfwc-sc.org.

One (1) copy of the Club Yearbook with Yearbook Rating and Release Form must be sent to the Yearbook Chairman Debbie Ritter, 503 20th Ave North, Unit 15B, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582 by Feb. 1, 2019. Yearbooks may also be delivered at the GFWC-SC Winter Board Meeting in January 2019.

Communications and Public Relations

Newsletter Contest - Clubs and States may submit only one newsletter, and the newsletter must have been printed and clearly dated during the reporting year (January 1 – December 31, 2018). Accompanying your entry must include 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 (30%); 2) Presentation (30%); 3) Design (30%); 4) Adherence to rules (10%). 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, Lynn Privette, 156 Stoney Point Lane, Chapin, SC 29036 postmarked on or before February 1, 2019.

Website Contest - Submissions should be emailed to GFWC-SC Website Chairman, Neel Lesesne at neeljwc@yahoo.com or 142 Sundowne Place Columbia SC 29209 on or before midnight February 1, 2019. 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. Please visit the GFWC Club

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

Conservation

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, 2019, to GFWC-SC President Juliet Casper and to Palmetto Pride, 2700 Middleburg Drive, Suite 216, Columbia SC 29204. Updated copies of the form will also be distributed at the January, 2019 Winter Board Meeting.

Public Affairs

The Hope Award. Sponsored by GFWC-SC Past President, Caroline Mahaffey, to be given to the club that donates the most per capita to the Disaster Relief Fund during the GFWC-SC year, including any funds donated on the Contribution Sheet, through Calls for Giving, or random contributions. Award to be determined by the report of GFWC-SC Treasurer and given by Caroline Mahaffey at the annual GFWC-SC Convention. Please note this is a new award and will be given for the first time in 2019.

JUNIOR AWARDS due FEBRUARY 1, 2018:

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, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686

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 or emailed to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 on or before February 1, 2019.

Junior Cup Award I – Basis: to the junior club with the best overall written report on the year's work in Junior Category I; Mailed or emailed to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 on or before February 1, 2019. 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; Mailed or emailed to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 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 Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 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 Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 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 Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 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 Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 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 Director of Junior Clubs 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 Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 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 Director of Junior Clubs 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 be mailed or emailed to the Director of Junior Clubs 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 Director of Junior Clubs and/or Director of Junior Clubs-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 Director of Junior Clubs. Awarded at GFWC-SC Convention Junior Luncheon. Points due on or before by email or mail February 1 to be sent to the Director of Junior Clubs.

REPORTS Due March 15, 2019

GFWC-SC State Reports, Contests and Writing Awards

The reporting period: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

No projections should be made in these reports. Each club may submit one report for each of the awards according to instructions below. Submit entries using the **GFWC-SC District/State Report Form unless otherwise stated**. The following are due emailed by midnight March 15 or postmarked on or before March 15, 2019.

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, 2018 – December 31, 2018. 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, 2018. 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 by email or mail to the Second Vice President, Norma England, email: englandn72@comporium.net or 1979 High Pines Rd. Rock Hill, SC 29732 postmarked on or before March 15, 2019.

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, 2019.** 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 emailed or postmarked on or before March 15, 2019, and submitted to the GFWC-SC Leadership Chairman Kathy Monahan, by email: kmonahan@atlanticbb.net or by mail postmarked on or before March 15, 2019, to 2646 Spring Valley Drive, Aiken, SC 29803

GFWC-SC President's Special Program Awards:

The Lifesaver Award to the General and Junior club in each category and the Juniorette club with best overall program or project in support of "Swimming Saves Lives". This award will be judged by Special Project Chairman Janine Lawson and entries will be due on March 15, 2019 and may be emailed or mailed to Janine Lawson, email: jplawson66@gmail.com or 206 57th Ave North, Myrtle Beach, SC. 29582. Clubs may submit a 2 paged typed narrative for this award and additional photos.

The State Partner Award to the club with the best overall program in support of Your State Your Partner. This award will be judged by Special Project Chairman Dr. Misty Konow. Entries will be due on March 15, 2019 Submit report by mail or email to Dr. Misty Konow email: somethingaboutmisty@gmail.com or 302 Kirkstone Lane, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

Clubs may submit a 2 paged typed narrative for this award and additional photos. 2018 Partner is USO and 2019 Partner is St. Jude's Research Hospital

Change for Charities Award to the district that contributes the most money to the partnership jars. The award will be given on Saturday evening of state convention.

The Splash Award to the club whose overall work best supports the state theme "Make a Splash in Your Community". This theme encourages clubs to Honor the Past, Raise their Voices in the Present, and Show Gratitude and Kindness. This award will be judged by the President and her Special Assistants Brenda Tarkenton and Peggy Opitz. Special

Assistants. Judges will be looking for Support of the Turning Point Memorial, Legislative Action Center, and Thankful Tuesdays.

Clubs may submit a 2 page narrative and photos for this award. Entries are due by midnight, March 15, 2019. Clubs may submit entries by email or mail to GFWC-SC President, Juliet Casper email; jcasper@clawonline.com or 4115Friendfield Trace, Little River, SC 29566

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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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, 2019 To be judged by the GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

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 First Vice President by April 1, 2019 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, 2019, 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.(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, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

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, humanistic 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, Norma England email:

englandn72@comporium.net or 1979 High Pines Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29732 emailed or postmarked on or before March 15, 2018. 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, emailed or postmarked on or before March 15, 2018 to Jo Ann Bolchoz, jbolchoz@comcast.com or 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

SILVER CERTIFICATES OF AWARD AND RECOGNITIONS

Clubs do not need to submit a GFWC-SC District/State Report Form for these awards.

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, 2019 along with a check payable to GFWC-SC for total of contributions to GFWC-SC Treasurer, Beth Taylor, 4 High Pointe Lane, Blythewood, SC 29016-7609. 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, 2019.

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, 2019.

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, 2019.

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, 2019.

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, 2019.

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, 2019, 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, 2019, 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, 2019, 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 1st Vice President, Kristin Fields, kristinf11@aol.com or 2 Clay Court, Chapin, SC 29036 emailed or postmarked on or before March 15, 2019.

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, 2019. Judge: 1st Vice President, Kristin Field.

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. Knight 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, 2019. Judge: 1st Vice President, Kristin Field

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, 2018. Judge: 1st Vice President, Kristin Field

Sylvia Ayers Membership Award: Sponsor: Sylvia Ayers. Basis: to the club with the largest net gain for 2017. To be judged by the 1st 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 1st Vice President, Kristin Field.

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 1st 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 1st Vice 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 1st Vice President (Chairman of District Presidents) at Awards Banquet.

Junior Reports due March 15, 2019

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 Director of Junior Clubs by mail or email on or before March 15, 2019. Award to be judged by Mary Vann, the Director of Junior Clubs, and the 1st Vice President.

GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Special Program Awards:

Please use the State/ District Reporting form for 2019 which is available online at GFWC-SC website under Resources. This form will also be available in hard copy at Winter Board.

Contests and Writing Awards due March 15, 2019:

GFWC Youth Writing Competition: Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Entries must be written during the contest year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31). Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page: author's name, e-mail address, mailing address and phone number; name of author's GFWC club and state federation submitting the author's work; category and title of work.

Grade 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). One entry per person per category. Authors must be of amateur status; earnings from writings may not exceed \$500 annually. Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by author. Short stories limited to 2000 words. Poems can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.

A completed and signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be submitted with each entry. Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy. First place state winners will be sent for national judging.

At the time of this publication, the GFWC-SC Writing Contest Chairman position is open, so we ask that all entries the Youth Writing Competition and Clubwoman Writing Contests be sent to GFWC-SC Second Vice President Norma England, via email by midnight on March 15, 2019, to

englandn72@comporium.net or by mail postmarked March 15, 2019, to 1979 High Pines Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

GFWC Clubwoman Short Story and Poetry Contest: Authors must be dues-paying members of an active GFWC club. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Entries must be written during the contest year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31). Entries must have the following:

in the top right hand corner of each page: author's name, e-mail address, mailing address and phone number; name of author's GFWC club and state federation; category and title of work. Submit one entry per person per category. Authors must be of amateur status; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually. Entries may not have been published prior to competition and must be original works by author. Short stories limited to 2000 words. Poems can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.

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

Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy. First place state winners will be sent for national judging. 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-submitted and only unpublished material may be entered.

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.

Emma R. Lipscomb Memorial Award: To the writer of the best overall entry in the GFWC-SC Creative Writing Contest.

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.

GFWC-SC District Awards Due On March 15

The GFWC-SC State/District Form should be used to submit reports. This form is 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 or emailed to District President's on or before March 15, 2019.

Coastal District Awards

All of the following reports are to be submitted to the Coastal District President, Anne Redlus email: anneredlus@gmail.com 712 Freshwater lane, Bluffton, SC 29909 postmarked or emailed on or before March 15th.

Myrt Riggs Award – Basis: to the club that has the best overall club project

Coastal District Award – Basis: to the club with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet

Pearce/Baxley Award – Basis: to the club that has the best overall Arts Program Report based on GFWC criteria which may also include participation in the photography and creative entries at the GFWC-SC Convention. These entries will 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 in the even numbered years.

Sue Burgess Education Award – Basis: to the district club with the Best Educational Project(s) involving programs for local schools, public libraries, senior citizens, money donations and book drives, etc.

Sissy Welch Award – Basis: the club with the largest membership percentage increase during the year.

Coastal District President's Spirit Award 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 al Community Service Programs. Shall be determined by the Southern 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.

Annie Utsey Award Basis: to the club with the highest percentage of members present at District Conference. To be determined by the District Secretary.

Midlands District Awards

All of the following reports are to be submitted to the Midlands District President, Katie Moydell email: katie-moydell020@gmail.com or 200 Conrad Circle, Columbia, SC 29212 postmarked or emailed on or before March 15th.

Boineau/Brodie/Silver project Award--Basis--for the best overall project for a club with 30 members or less.

Crook/Somerset Project Award--Basis-- for the best overall project in a club with 31 + members.

JWC-Lexington/Palmetto Club Rating Sheet Award--Basis--to the club with the highest number of points on the rating sheet-- clubs with 30 or fewer members.

McFarland Rating Sheet Award--Basis-- to the club with the highest number of points on the rating sheet --clubs with 31+members.

Keating International Affairs Children's Award---Basis--best project (s)in International Outreach --Children reported to the District President by March 15.

Alexander/George Advocates for Youth Award--Basis--best overall project(s) for Advocates for Youth reported to the District President by March 15.

Wisner Attendance Award---Basis--for the club with the highest attendance at the District Conference

All Conservation Award---Basis --best overall project(s) in Conservation reported to the District President by March 15.

Addy/Samsel Education Award----Basis ---best overall project(s) in Education reported to the District President by March 15.

Abiklaled CIP Award---Basis---given every 2 years (to be awarded in the even years) – Sponsored by 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---Basis --best overall project in Legislative Action reported to the District President by March 15.

Bonnette Library Award---Basis --best overall project(s) for support of libraries as reported to the District President by March 15.

Midlands District Membership Award---based on the club who had the largest net gain in membership.

Marine Arts Award--Basis--best overall project(s) as reported to the District President by March 15.

Thompson Public Issues Award---Basis best overall project(s) as reported to the District President by March 15

Midlands District President's Spirit Award

Upstate District Awards

All of the following reports are to be submitted to the Upstate District President, Tina Winkler email: twin-kler@oconnee.k12.sc.us or 1116 Daniel Ave. Seneca, SC 29678 postmarked or emailed on or before March 15th.

Rating Sheet Awards:

Davis Cup - Sponsored by Andrea Davis. Basis: to the club membership 1-13, with the highest number of points on the Ratings Sheet.

Crocker-Spartanburg Award - Sponsored by Judy Crocker and the Spartanburg Council of Federated Women's Clubs. Basis: to the club membership 14 and over, with the highest points on the Ratings Sheet.

Project Award:

Davenport-Morgan Project Award - Sponsored by Jane Davenport and Miss Elizabeth Morgan. Basis: to the club with the best overall project reported to the District President, postmarked on or before March 15th.

Arts:

Cassles-Dye Arts Award - Sponsored by Lane Wells Dye, in memory of Clara Cassles and Ellen C. Dye for their past service in the Easley Women's Club. Basis: to the club with the best Arts 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 by the Arts CSP Chairman, postmarked on or before March 15th.

Janet Agnew Photography Award - Sponsored by Janet Agnew. Basis: to the club with the most photography entries at the GFWC -SC State Convention.

Education:

Jolene W. Bryant Education Award - Sponsored by the Piedmont Junior Woman's Club and the Spartanburg Junior Woman's Club. Basis: to the club with the best education report submitted to the District President for judging, postmarked on or before March 15th.

Membership:

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

** Special Needs/Underprivileged:*

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

Attendance:

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

GFWC and GFWC-SC CLUB AND INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS ENTRIES to be submitted at the GFWC-SC STATE CONVENTION ON APRIL 12, 2019

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 Debbie Ritter and accompanied with the Scrapbook Rating Sheet. The Scrapbook Rating Sheets were distributed in the updated President's Packets and are available to download at gfwc-sc.org under resources.

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). Photographs must be original work of the member submitting the photo. 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. Debbie Ritter, 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

Living Things – adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife.

GFWC Volunteers in Action – These photos should capture GFWC members in action as they engage in volunteer activities

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.

Please be sure to review GFWC Club manual to find all the Photo Contest details.

Bring your photos to GFWC-SC Convention. Deb Ritter, our Photography Contest Chair will send State entries to GFWC by the deadline.

Ellen Mays, Signature Project Chair

In July I received an email from Juliet Casper with an email attached from Caroline Mahaffey announcing two Human Trafficking meetings in Greenville, South Carolina in August. Juliet asked me to attend as Domestic Violence Chairman for GFWC-SC. Checking my schedule, I decided to attend both meetings. When I tried to make reservations for the seminar on August 24th from 8 to 1 at the Convention Center, every place was filled. Therefore, I made plans to attend the meeting from 6 to 8 PM on Thursday, August 23rd at Coleman Medical Staff Auditorium in Greenville.



My daughter, E. Ellen, and I made the hour and forty-five minute ride to Greenville on the 23rd. The Greenville Memorial Staff were so helpful and kind. They even provided us with an evening meal which was delicious before the meeting. Two doctors from California, Dr Nancy Nguyen and Dr Jennifer Cox, along with a Greenville Sheriff Office member who handles all the Human Trafficking cases for her department spoke to the group of Doctors and E. Ellen and me about how to recognize the characteristics of Human Trafficking and what to look for in the Emergency Room and the Medical Office. This conference was designed to enable physicians to recognize victims of Human Trafficking and train them how to handle these fragile victims. The Doctors gave an excellent presentation and then asked for question which were many. This made me realize how ahead of the curve GFWC-SC was about this problem. Our organization has been concerned since hearing Alan Wilson, our Attorney General, in 2014. I received some wonderful handouts about signs of Human Trafficking and Myths about Human Trafficking which will be posted on our GFWC-SC website.

All of you need to know this number, 1-888-373-7888. This is the number for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center.

After the session, E. Ellen and I went down to meet the doctors who spoke and Jessica D. Weingartner who was in charge of both meetings in the conferences. She was impressed with GFWC-SC and our knowledge about this problem. I told her I tried to attend on Friday but there was no room. She offered to let me attend since she was in charge of the event. Unfortunately, I had made plans for that Friday that could not be changed. She gave me the email address so I could live stream it from home. Sisterhood working together made this possible; I am proud of GFWC-SC and all the subjects and situations I learn about as a member.



GFWC Jennie Award Contest

It is my privilege to be our state Jennie Award Chairman. The GFWC Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, and we continue to honor her memory by selecting one clubwoman from each GFWC eight regions for outstanding commitment to club, community and family.

Since it is an award for lifetime personal excellence, club presidents should consider utilizing the knowledge of club historians for their Jennie Award nominee. Club presidents should be mindful of first impressions and make the nominee's packet of supporting materials as professional as possible because it may be judged at the different levels by influential community leaders.

Judging Criteria:

1. Commitment to Club—the nominee should have an outstanding record of success and achievement, not only in terms of her club's volunteer programs/projects but also her role in a leadership position, her activity to build membership and promote the club to others and her overall spirit of volunteerism. She should be kind, loyal, and positive in her relationships with other clubwomen, and her commitment should be continuous, rather than a onetime activity.
2. Commitment to Community—community service must address real community needs and concerns. This service should go beyond club activities and be carried out through other community organizations (e.g. schools, hospitals and elected/appointed position, etc.) as well as through the workplace. Activities should reflect an innovative or unique approach to volunteer work.
3. Commitment to Family—Recognizing that families come in many different forms, the nominee might be a single parent, a grandparent raising her grandchildren, an adult caring for an elderly relative, or an adult without children. The definition of a family member may include persons who are older or younger than the nominee. It may include nuclear as well as extended family members. The nominee should exemplify outstanding concern for the well-being, health and welfare of one or more persons by providing aid and comfort on an on-going basis, separate and apart, from club and community.

Award rules are outlined very clearly in the 2018-2020 GFWC Club Manual by going to www.GFWC.org and click Jennie Award. Those rules and nomination form will be available at our Winter Board meeting January 5, 2019. Most important date to keep in mind is June 1, 2019, when clubs submit names and nomination materials to Sylvia Ayers, Jennie Award Chairman.

Questions? Email or Call Sylvia Ayers, Chairman, sayers_67@hotmail.com or 803-327-9479.



Midlands District Conference

"There are two way of spreading light- to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." Edith Wharton

Thank you to all the Midlands District members who joined us for our district meeting. A big thank you to Woman's Club of Cayce for use of their clubhouse. We had a successful and productive meeting!

Thank you for all the invitations I have received to your club events! I haven't been able to make everything, but I would love to have the opportunity to visit with each club so please keep those invites coming. It's been a pleasure to follow your clubs on social media and see all the good you've been doing!



Reporting is coming up and we have new awards for our district! If you have any questions about reports, please do not hesitate to contact me. Grab a friend (or two, or three) and give yourself plenty of time. We all know you did lots of good work, but we need you to report them!

I hope that each and everyone of you has a Happy Holiday season filled with peace and love. You are the backbone of our organization and we're so thankful to have you. Thank you for all you do!

In Federation Love,

Katie

Coastal District Conference

The first meeting of the Coastal District was held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Morgan Creek Grill on the Isle of Palms, SC. All 5 District clubs were represented with a total of 26 members and guests in attendance. At the meeting, the proposed changes to the 2018-2020 Coastal District Awards were accepted and State and District Committee positions were filled and approved. Each Club President or representative gave outstanding reports on the upcoming activities of their clubs.

Future activities on the district level:

1. Swim Like a Duck Fundraiser was introduced and clubs were asked to duplicate this fundraiser in their clubs to raise money for the State Project, "Swimming Saves Live."
2. A district newsletter will be sent out 4 times in the coming year with the sharing of upcoming projects and fundraiser projects. Also, a discussion question will be proposed by the District President and club presidents will share their thoughts and ideas.
3. Clubs were encouraged to invite other clubs in the districts to their fundraisers and big projects.
4. Anne Redlus, District President would like to visit each club during this administration.
5. Search for areas in the Coastal District to start a new club.

The LEADs workshops on Treasurer, Membership, Leadership and Fundraising were held by members of the GFWC-SC Executive Committee. The meeting closed with the presentation of 2017 Southern District Awards prepared by 2016-2018 District President, Jan Sone.

Anne Redlus, 2018-2020 Coastal District President



Club News

Sharon Quinter, President
GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry

Our club has been truly "Living the Volunteer Spirit" over the past several months with fundraising, membership recruitment and retention, and serving our local and international partners. One of the most successful events this fall was our Game Day. We define Game Day as the day where women come together with their friends to enjoy an afternoon of game playing, such as Mahjong, cards, Mexican Train or whatever they want to play. This year's event was held at Indigo Run Plantation on Hilton Head Island and over 160 tickets were sold. It was a beautiful venue that created just the right atmosphere for this event. Following some game playing and lunch we drew the winning numbers for the basket auction, which is one of the reasons women return each year. The beautiful baskets were donated by club members and contained everything from a Keurig to a Spartina Golf Bag and accessories valued at \$600. We also held drawings for gift cards that were donated from local businesses.

The event was very profitable. We donated \$1,000 to Operation Smile, \$1,000 to our GED Scholarship Fund and \$1,000 to be used in a local school district where the majority of students are at-risk and from low income families. Since the event was right after Hurricane Florence, we raffled a \$100 bill and raised \$400 for Hurricane victims. This year's event was our most successful ever. We had co-chairs and a committee who were committed to the project and worked hard to make all this possible.

Happy 50th Birthday to the Woman's Club of Charleston!

We celebrated with a special cake and we sang Happy Birthday to ourselves at our meeting October 18, 2018.



Official Call to the
GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF SOUTH CAROLINA
121ST ANNUAL CONVENTION



Glen the Frog says “Come Make
a Splash in Rock Hill at the
GFWC-SC Convention!”

April 11-14, 2019

Hilton Garden Inn

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its One Hundred and Twenty First Annual Convention at The Hilton Garden Inn, 650 Tinsley Way, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730, April 12-14, 2019. One of our special guests will be Wendy Carriker, GFWC Secretary. The preliminary agenda and more details will be in the March Clubwoman magazine. All clubwomen are invited and encouraged to attend to see how our clubs have made a Splash in our State.

Room Reservation Deadline is March 22, 2019

March 22 is the deadline for room reservations and can be made by calling 1-803-325-2800. Please be sure to state our group name when calling – GFWC-SC. Room rates are as follows: Queen Evolution (2 beds) \$119.00, Queen Junior Suite \$129.00, and King Junior Suite \$129.00. The room rates are per night and are subject to applicable taxes.

Advance Registration and Meal Reservations Required

April 4 is the deadline for Registration and Meal Reservations. The advance registration fee is \$15 per person. Late registration or on-site registration is \$20 per person. Meals may not be available for on-site registration. Please complete the Registration/Meal Reservation Form included herein for each person attending and send along with check for the total amount due made payable to GFWC-SC.

Sponsorship Opportunities

If you or your business would like to be a Signature Drink Sponsor, Dessert Sponsor, or Convention Sponsor, please contact Dolly McDermott, Meetings and Convention Chair, dollymcdermott@aol.com, c. 301-466-9632.

GFWC-SC 2017 Convention Menu

All meals will be buffet style to accommodate those with special dietary needs or allergies.

Friday Opening Session Lunch

“On the Border” bar featuring chicken and fish (It's Lent), corn and flour tortilla shells or bowls, sautéed peppers and onions, Southwestern rice, black beans and corn, chips, salsa, shredded cheese and sour cream.

Friday Dinner

Salmon with dill sauce and Maple Glazed Pork Loin with glazed carrots, rice pilaf, spring salad and dessert

Saturday Lunch

“BBQ” bar featuring slow cooked pulled pork and BBQ chicken with slaw, baked beans, and chips

Saturday Dinner

Flank Steak with Merlot sauce and Vegetable Lasagna with Caesar salad, roasted asparagus, red potatoes and dessert.

GFWC-SC Room Block

Hilton Garden Inn

650 Tinsley Way, Rock Hill, SC

803-325-2800

Room Rates (does not include tax and service fees):

Queen Evolution \$119.00 (2 beds)

Queen Junior Suite \$129.00 (2 beds)

King Junior Suite \$129.00

Guest Speaker: GFWC Secretary, Wendy Carriker

A dedicated clubwoman for 31 years, GFWC Secretary Wendy Carriker has served her community, district, state, region, and GFWC with passion and enthusiasm for the programs and projects supported by clubwomen everywhere.

Joining the Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club as a newcomer to the community, she was quick to get involved, serving in all offices, including club president. Wendy then joined the Woman's Club of Mount Airy and is a charter member of the Woman's League of Mount Airy. She has held leadership positions in all three clubs including president. She also served her district and state in many leadership roles, including GFWC-NC Director of Junior's (2000-2002) and GFWC-NC District President (2002-2004), and then served on the GFWC-NC Executive Committee from 2002 until serving as State President in 2012-2014. She also served GFWC as Libraries 2000 and Beyond Committee member as well as GFWC Communications and Public Relations Chairman (2014-2016).



While State President, her emphasis was "Honoring the Past, Connected to the Future" and together with the State Director of Junior Clubs, she led the state to a successful special project, feeding and supporting food insecure children across the state of North Carolina. A new GFWC-NC membership video was also produced and distributed to every club and district as well as shared on social media.

Wendy is also a volunteer at Victory Junction Camp, a camp for chronically ill children, which was a GFWC-NC State Special Project when the camp was founded in 2004. Elected to serve on the Mount Airy City Schools Board of Education for the past 20 years, she has served as chairman since 2004. She is also a board member of NCASA (North Carolina Association for Scholastic Activities) and has served on the NC School Board Association Board of Directors. The owner of Wendy Jane Creations and Megan's Mutt Munchies, she stays busy creating and baking. She and her husband Chip have two daughters.

GFWC-SC 121st Convention Registration Form

April 11-14, 2018

Send completed form for EACH Attendee along with check(s) payable to GFWC-SC to:
Credentials Chariman, COURTNEY EVANS, 107 SWEET GRASS LANE, COLUMBIA, SC 29203
cepevans@hotmail.com (803) 556-7042

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.)

MEAL RESERVATIONS

DEADLINE APRIL 4, 2019

Past President's Dinner (Thursday 6:30pm)	\$25.00 _____
Friday Opening Session Luncheon	\$25.00 _____
Friday Evening Dinner	\$40.00 _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$25.00 _____
Saturday Dinner	\$40.00 _____
Registration Fee	\$15.00 _____
Donation to GFWC Capital Campaign (optional)	_____
After April Late Registration Fee	\$20.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

LATE MEAL FEE OF \$5 PER MEAL AFTER APRIL

Meal prices are inclusive of Service Charges and Taxes

Special Dietary Needs:

Vegetarian: _____ Gluten Free: _____ Food Allergies: _____

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Winter Board, January 5, 2019 9:45 am
Wingate by Wyndam
108 Saluda Pointe Ct.

Program Council, January 4, 2019 6:00 pm

Executive Committee Meeting, January 4, 2019 8:00 pm

Reporting Workshop at GFWC-SC Headquarters, January 19, 2019

GFWC Reports Due to Norma England on February 1, 2019

GFWC-SC State and District Reports Due on March 15, 2019