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MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC PRESIDENT

Our GFWC-South Carolina Clubs have been busy during September, October, and November. Congratulations to Coastal District President, Anne Redlus, Midlands District President, Melanie Matthew, and Upstate District, President Rhonda Garris on holding successful Districts Conferences. Districts elected and filled all positions for officers and board positions for the next administration.

Congratulations to the Upstate District on adding 2 new clubs. I was very happy to present the charter to GFWC Indian Land Women's Club in September. We are very pleased to welcome GFWC Greater Greenville Junior Woman's Club. We look forward to having both of these clubs join us at our Winter Board Meeting.

I want to congratulate the South Carolina Clubs that participated in GFWC's first National Day of Service, September 30. SC Clubs participated in many great projects to help address food insecurity in communities. Projects included working in food pantries and soups kitchens, food drives, school back pack donations, donations to food banks/food pantries/soup kitchens/Meals on Wheels, weekend snack bags for Meals on Wheels clients, partnerships with grocery stores, proclamations about NDS in local towns and cities, food donations to an animal shelter and other projects.

Twenty members from South Carolina made the trip to Biloxi, MS for the Southern Region Conference. Carrie Zimmerman and Juliet Casper presented informative workshops during the Conference. Marian St. Clair, 2024 Southern Region Conference CH and GFWC-SC president elect, Suzanne Carswell issued the invitation from South Carolina to the 2024 Southern Region Conference in Greenville in October 2024. There is information about Southern Region 2024 and how clubs can volunteer later in this magazine. We want this to be a special Southern Region Conference. Laurie O'Kelly (current Southern Region Vice President and President of St. Andrews Woman's Club, past GFWC-SC President) begins her term as Southern Region President.

Please read and save the information in this issue from 2nd Vice President, Kaye Jones about awards and reporting for the 2023 Club year. We will have more information on reporting at our Winter Board Meeting on January 13 at the Double Tree Hotel in Columbia. (There is information on our Winter Board and how to register in this magazine.) Save the information in this issue, so you can check on criteria or deadlines for reports and awards.

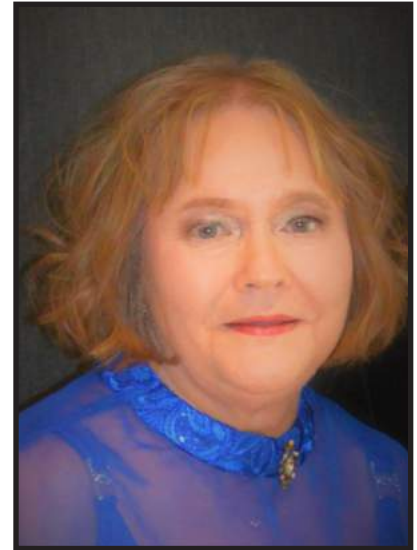
South Carolina Clubs have teas, luncheons, holiday home tours, gift shops, and participate in local festivals and other events this time of year. Our SC Clubs also do many projects during Thanksgiving and Christmas to help children, veterans, elderly, and others in our communities who need extra help and support during the holiday season. I know this is a busy time for all of you and your clubs! I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season!!!

I look forward to seeing you again in 2024!

In Federation Spirit,

Norma

Norma England
GFWC-SC President





MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC JUNIOR DIRECTOR

Wow!

Can you believe it's the end of the year already? Seems like 2023 just flew past us. The last quarter of the year has had so many highlights, one of the greatest being the annual Southern Region Conference. While I didn't win big at the casino in Biloxi, it was still a jackpot to be able to donate \$ 1,125.81 to a local library while dressing up as Dr. Seuss characters at the Junior Night. Then to top it all off, what an honor it was to have a Junior from South Carolina as a candidate for the Jeannie June award. Hearing all of the accolades and accomplishments of our very own Jan Allen of Charleston Junior Women's Club was definitely something to behold. Jan we are so proud of you!

Another thing the last quarter of the year holds for us is preparation for reporting. Please refer to this Clubwoman edition to know the "who, what, when, where, and how much", for the Junior reports. I challenge you to submit something, even if there is no narrative for each report. Attending the Winter Session in January will allow you the opportunity to learn more and get answers if there are any questions about reporting. Please be prepared to meet immediately following the Winter Session to discuss some plans for Junior Fun Night.

Thank you for being a good neighbor and for all of the work you have done in 2023. Let's ring in the new year with enthusiasm!

In Junior love,

Shelli

Shelli Pue
GFWC-SC Junior Director

Southern Region 2023
Biloxi MS





MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC PRESIDENT-ELECT

As I write this, **New Club** documents have just been sent to GFWC for the official federation of a new junior club, GFWC Greater Greenville Junior Woman’s Club. We are so excited to have another club representing our juniors and yet another GFWC presence in the exciting Greenville area. Already Greater Greenville Juniors are doing service projects collecting and delivering food to address food insecurity in Greenville County. This is a club that just a couple of months ago was only an idea. Working together with Upstate District officers and the Executive Committee, an interest meeting was organized, word of mouth and a social media invitation got the information out, and the result was a new and vibrant junior club. Please find and follow all our new clubs on social media. Facebook: GFWC Greater Greenville Junior Woman’s Club, Women of the ‘Burg Society, Pine Ridge Women’s Club, Indian Land Women’s Club and on Instagram: greatergvl_gfwc, pineridgewomensclub, ilwomensclub.

We would love to help you form a new club (general, junior, cyber or juniorette) or expand membership in your current club. The \$50 GFWC Membership Recruitment Grant is available once a year to help with your club’s recruitment events. The form is available in the member portal at GFWC.org or you may contact me and I will be happy to send you one.

Once again, the Sparkle & Shine Membership Recruitment Campaign Report for September, October and November is due to **GFWC.org** with a copy to me, please, by December 1. Fill out the GFWC 2022-2024 Membership ‘Sparkle & Shine’ Recruitment Campaign Report Form, add a spreadsheet or list of your new members as needed along with their contact information (address, phone and email) to **GFWC@GFWC.org**. As always, if you miss the December deadline go ahead and send your report. I know many clubs will have new members this quarter and we want you to be recognized in a future issue of GFWC’s Clubwoman Magazine.

Please contact me with any Membership or other GFWC questions. I am happy to help. This is my job and I love talking with each of you, no matter what the issue.

I wish you the very best holiday season and look forward to seeing each of you at our Winter Session in January.

In Federation Friendship,

Suzanne

Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC President-elect



2022-2024 GFWC-SC YEAR END REPORTING INFORMATION

Reporting Matters!!!!

Reporting Period: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Reports are Due: **NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT OF THE DUE DATE LISTED**

<p>**CLUB CATEGORIES**</p> <p>General I 1-14 members General II 15-19 members General III 30+ members Junior Juniorette</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dotted black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">.....IMPORTANT..... REMINDER!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For Reporting Purposes TOTAL NUMBER OF CLUB MEMBERS IS THE # OF PAID MEMBERS FOR YOUR CLUB AS OF <u>APRIL 30, 2023</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE <u>INTENT</u> OF YOUR CLUB PROJECT DETERMINES <u>WHERE</u> YOU REPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Examples:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An ART THERAPY project that emphasizes the therapeutic value of art> ARTS & CULTURE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A project to aid veterans with PTSD> CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Animal themed fundraiser to benefit endangered animals> ENVIRONMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A project that helps special needs children focus attention> EDUCATION & LIBRARIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">And a project to aid those with addiction or depression> HEALTH & WELLNESS</p>
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REPORTING INFORMATION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -CLUBS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT ONE COPY OF EACH REPORT TO KAYE JONES AT clemsongirlkaye@aol.com with <u>the club's name and title of the report in the email subject line.</u> -All forms are now fillable – please go to GFWC-SC.ORG under More>Member Resources>President Packet -All reports must be emailed by midnight of the due date listed – please send one report package/subject (cover sheet, report, and/or addenda) in one email with the club's name and CSP/Special Project name in the email subject line -Report all club approved projects your club has done for each CSP, GFWC Special & Signature Program, Advancement Plan and President's Special Project -Complete a Statistical & Narrative Cover sheet on EVERY club approved project even if your club is not providing a narrative -INCLUDE IN EACH REPORT: A separate Statistical & Narrative Cover Form with Submission Type clearly marked, a separate narrative for each program report, as well as addenda (if you are providing any of these). Make sure you indicate Narrative and/or Addenda or both on the cover sheet form -Clubs are asked to put special emphasis on up to three (3) TOP projects in each of their reports by BRIEFLY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describing the INTENT of the project...who, what, when, where & why of the project in the narrative -Up to three (3) Narrative pages can be attached in the email with the Statistical & Narrative Cover Form marked as Narrative -Up to five (5) Addenda pages can be attached in the email with the Statistical & Narrative Cover Form marked as Addenda -Caption ALL photo addenda with Club Name, CSP or Special Project reporting under, and what is happening -Junior Clubs must submit one additional report to the Director of Junior Clubs Shelli Pugh at shellipue1@gmail.com -GFWC-SC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT, GFWC-SC DIRECTOR OF JUNIORS SPECIAL PROJECT, FUNDRAISING & THE CIP REPORT are the only projects that may be 'double' or 'cross' reported -All clubs are encouraged to, AT A MINIMUM, submit the Statistical & Narrative Cover Form -Only reports received via email will be judged unless otherwise stated! -For questions or issues, please contact Kaye Jones via text or phone to 803.360.8906 or email clemsongirlkaye@aol.com
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JUDGING CRITERIA:

Evaluation of each report will be based on the following so please address all applicable items in your reporting:

- Total volunteer hours, dollars donated, dollars raised and in-kind donations will be evaluated on a per capita basis for all clubs
- Description of the projects in the narrative form
- Number of projects, hours, dollars, & in-kind contributions
- Innovation and originality of project
- Participation of membership as compared to club size
- Community participation especially other outside organizations or individuals
- Publicity of project for club, GFWC-SC, and GFWC
- Success of project – impact on community
- Any additional information i.e. awards, sponsorship relating to project

DEFINITIONS FOR REPORTING

ADDENDA may include photos, handouts, publicity, etc. which help augment the understanding of your narrative and project.

ADVANCEMENT PLANS are the programs and projects clubs initiate to advance their clubs. There are 6 plan areas: **Communication & Public Relations, Fundraising, Leadership, Legislation & Public Policy, Membership, Women’s History & Resource Center**

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS such as United Nations Program Shot@Life, Heifer International, St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, Operation Smile, Hope for Justice, March of Dimes, Canine Companions for Independence, and UNICEF. **PLEASE SHARE IN YOUR NARRATIVE ANY IN-KIND DONATIONS AND VALUE. GFWC HAS ASKED FOR THIS AFTER OUR FORM WAS APPROVED.** (As AFFILIATES do change, for a complete list, refer to the GFWC.org website.) Also complete the SC Affiliate Statistical Form – this is one form to capture ALL the work your club does with any of the Affiliate Organizations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS (CSPs) are the programs and projects club members initiate and participate in to serve their communities, including projects with GFWC Affiliates. There are 5 program areas: **Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Education & Libraries, Environment, Health & Wellness.**

DOLLARS DONATED is the monetary amount given to programs and projects.

DOLLARS RAISED reflect dollars earned from fundraising and development of programs and projects. Applies to FUNDRAISING ONLY.

IN-KIND DONATIONS reflect the monetary value for goods provided to CSP programs and projects. Please refer to the GFWC In- Kind Donation Guide for an *estimated* value of commonly donated items at <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/In-Kind-Donation-Guide-2018.pdf> You may certainly estimate a value you feel best reflects your contribution.

INTENT explains reason for project.

NARRATIVE is the written description wherein you describe the Intent of the Project and the Who, What, When, Where, How and Why of a project.

NUMBER OF PROJECTS is the numerical account of the programs and projects initiated and participated in by your club.

STATISTICS are the Numbers: dollars, hours, members, etc.

VOLUNTEER HOURS are the amount of time that members worked on **Club Approved** programs and projects. **EXAMPLE:** If a club member or even several separate members donate blood, deliver Meals-On-Wheels, make

financial contributions to a charity, etc. it is NOT REPORTABLE. IF your CLUB votes to make a project of volunteering at the food pantry, delivering Meals-On-Wheels, makes a charitable grant or contribution with Club Funds, or go as a group wearing GFWC or Club apparel to donate blood, then that is a **Club Project** and those hours are reportable. REMEMBER: When you have a speaker (or attend a state meeting), you may count volunteer hours for the subject matter (ex: Environment) for each club member attending. Round to nearest hour!

ALL BELOW DUE FEBRUARY 1- Your reports will be sent on to GFWC by GFWC-SC

Submit to 2nd Vice President, Kaye Jones, clemsongirlkaye@aol.com

GFWC-SC STATE STATISTICAL & NARRATIVE COVER ENTRY FORM

**GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS, SIGNATURE & SPECIAL PROGRAMS and
ADVANCEMENT PLAN REPORTS**

- All clubs submitting reports will be considered for:
 - Certificate of Awards given to 1st Place winning Entries
 - Club Creativity Awards in the three (3) General Membership, Junior, & Juniorette categories
 - SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

The following awards will be judged from the entries submitted by category:

Debbie Alexander Adult Education Award: To the club which has accomplished the most in the field of adult education by promoting adult literacy.

Hughes Legislation Award: To the club reporting on an unusual legislation project.

Lexington Woman's Club Civic Engagement & Outreach Award: To the club doing the most outstanding work in Civic Engagement & Outreach.

Marie J Hammond Literary Award: To the club accomplishing the most toward the eradication of illiteracy.

Rebecca Robbins Fundraising Award: To the club, or clubs working jointly, with the best overall fundraising project.

Saxe Gotha Leadership Award: To the club with the best overall leadership project.

~Special note for CSP reports from GFWC ~

2022-2024 GFWC COMMUNITY CONNECTION INITIATIVES The 2022-2024 Community Connection Initiatives are projects that make a visual, physical, or emotional impact at the grassroots level. They are projects that bring awareness to what GFWC volunteering is all about. A Community Connection Initiative brings the shimmer, the glitter, and the shine to being a member of a GFWC club into your local community. Public relations and media play a large part in a Community Connection Initiative. Be sure to share your "sparkle" through internet, newspaper articles, social media, blog posts, radio, and television. Make an impact that will ensure your community members want to be a part of such a passionate group of women making good things happen at the grassroots level.

**Read more up on this on GFWC.org and make sure you include this information
in your CSP reporting.**

Submit to 2nd Vice President, Kaye Jones, clemsongirlkaye@aol.com

GFWC-SC AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS STATISTICAL FORM

The information here may have been reported in other reports, however please complete this *one* statistical form for *all* projects your club completed with any GFWC affiliate organization. This form is available on GFWC-SC > MORE>MEMBER RESOURCES>President's Packet> S >GFWC-SC Statistical Affiliate Form 2022 (pdf).

DUE MARCH 1

Community Impact Program (CIP)

See the information provided by
DeAna Reed-Sharpe in this magazine regarding criteria for this award.

ALL BELOW DUE MARCH 15 – These are State or District Reports and Awards

GFWC-SC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS – USE STATE/DISTRICT AWARD FORM

Stand Tall Award for the best overall award project(s) in the area of Elder Abuse/Neglect Awareness & Prevention. Submit one (1) copy to Program Chair, Lynne Hauptner, PeaceLynne@aol.com

Wear a Crown Award to the club that contributes the most money to Project Lifesaver. Submit one (1) copy to Program Chair, Lynne Hauptner, PeaceLynne@aol.com

Tech Tidbits Award to the best overall project promoting technology assistance and computer training for/with club members. Submit one (1) copy to Program Chair, Tracy Morzuch at tmariemorzuch@gmail.com

SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS – USE STATE/DISTRICT AWARD FORM

To be awarded at state convention. Submit per instructions below.

General Cup Award: To the General club in each category that most effectively carries out the GFWC Program Guidelines. Use the GFWC-SC State/District Award Form. Summarize club work from Jan. 1-Dec. 31. Limit report to NO MORE THAN SEVEN (7) pages to include: cover, narrative and FIVE (5) pages of addenda (optional). Report SEPARATELY in each Community Service Program only. Include 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.) that in any manner promoted GFWC Programs. Submit to 2nd Vice President Kaye Jones, clemsongirlkaye@aol.com.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE AWARD: the 2nd Vice President and the Director of Junior Clubs will submit to President Norma England the winners of the above categories by March 25 to be judged as the overall Best of the Best winner for GFWC-SC President's Award of Excellence. This award rewards and recognizes outstanding projects and reporting for work done in the community by their club. This award will be a Silver Certificate as well as a \$100 monetary award.

Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award: To the club with the best overall project. Submit two (2) copies to your District President. (In turn, each District President will send the winning reports to President-Elect, Suzanne Carswell, suzannecarswell@gmail.com by April 1 for final judging.)

MEMBERSHIP SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

Determined by the Treasurer

Howie Stackhouse/Nancy Boozer Award: To the District gaining the most newly federated clubs during the reporting year. To be determined by the Treasurer.

Sylvia Ayers Membership Award: To the club with the largest net gain in the reporting year. Winner is determined by the Treasurer.

HEADQUARTERS SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

Submit per instructions below.

Jan W. Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: 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. To be judged by GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

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

Rudy H. McManus Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: To the District generating the largest number of contributors to the Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment. Submit contributors to GFWC-SC Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Fund, 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, SC 29201. To be judged by GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

CONTRIBUTION SHEET SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

All clubs submitting a CONTRIBUTION SHEET will be considered for the awards listed below.

Submit to GFWC-SC Treasurer, Carrie Zimmerman, czim22@gmail.com

Keith Unger Memorial Award: To the club with the most donations to the Headquarters Fund. **Stackhouse**

Headquarters Award: To the club that contributes the most per-capita to the GFWC-SC Headquarters Fund. In-kind contributions, i.e. time and items, should be listed and submitted along with the Contribution Sheet.

Virginia (Sissy) Welch Award: To the District contributing the most money per capita to the GFWC-SC Headquarters Fund.

Endowment Fund Award: To the club with the most donations to the Endowment Fund.

Janet B. Agnew Award: To the club with most donations to the General Fund.

Kate T. Davis Memorial Award: To the club with the most donations to the Scholarship Fund. **Clubwoman**

Magazine Award: To the club with the most donations to GFWC-SC Clubwoman Magazine.

Progress Foundation Award: To the club with the highest per capita donation to GFWC-SC Progress Foundation, awarded annually at convention.

Caroline Mahaffey Hope Award: To the club that donates the most per capita to the Disaster Relief Fund during the GFWC-SC club year, including any funds donated on the Contribution Sheet, through Calls for Giving or random contributions. Award to be determined by the report of the GFWC-SC Treasurer and awarded by Caroline Mahaffey at the annual GFWC-SC Convention.

RATING SHEET SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

All clubs submitting a RATING SHEET will be considered for the awards below.

Submit one (1) copy to President Elect Suzanne Carswell, suzannegcarswell@gmail.com, and one (1) copy to your District President

TO THE GENERAL CLUB IN EACH CATEGORY WITH THE HIGHEST POINTS ON THE RATING SHEET CATEGORY I:

Myrtis Flanagan Award

CATEGORY II: Jean T Knight Award

CATEGORY III: Lavonia V. Hendrix Award

JUNIORETTE: Mary S. Smith Award

ALL CATEGORIES: Mrs. John R. Wolff Award

TO DISTRICTS BASED ON THE RATING SHEET

Past President's Cup: To the District with the highest points on the Rating Sheet.



INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Use Award Nomination Form as outlined below. To be awarded at GFWC-SC Convention

GFWC-SC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year is awarded 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. The nomination should be written in narrative form, five pages maximum, by someone other than the nominee and include: (A) Number of projects participated in by the nominee. Include a brief description of each club project and community project. (B) Number of hours the nominee volunteered in each club and community project. (C) 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. Narratives should be sent, along with the Nomination Form and a photograph of the nominee, to: Catherine Sharpe, 116 Fox Glen Circle, Lexington, SC 29072. A panel of three (3) judges not affiliated with GFWC-SC will make the final decision.

GFWC-SC WOMAN OF DISTINCTION: 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 achievements. Each club may nominate one member. Narratives of no more than five (5) pages should be sent, along with the Nomination Form and a photograph of the nominee, via email to: clemsongirlkaye@aol.com with GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction in subject line. A committee of no less than three (3) judges unaffiliated with GFWC-SC will judge nominees.

AWARDS CREATED FOR GFWC-SC

Submit per instructions below.

Janet Prince, GFWC-SC LEADS Grows New Leaders Awards, GFWC-SC Past President 2016-18. To be awarded to each club in all club categories that sponsors a club member to attend the GFWC-SC LEADS Training each year. This includes paying for their registration fee and any other expenses associated with their attending. There is no form to complete for this award – clubs with LEADS candidates meeting the criteria specified will automatically receive this award.

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**Palmetto Pride Environment Achievement Awards: Due March 15.** To encourage club projects to eradicate litter and beautify their communities. Three (3) awards will be given. Palmetto Pride award information and forms are available at GFWC-SC.org under More > Member Resources > President Packet. Submit (1) copy to GFWC-SC Environment Chair, Donna Anderson at [donnapanderson@charter.net](mailto:donnapanderson@charter.net) and (1) to Palmetto Pride as indicated in award information.

### ESO AWARDS

**DUE MARCH 15**

ESO Awards

ESO Pin Designations – ESO members submit their completed book list to Carole Berenbrok ([lexotr@windstream.net](mailto:lexotr@windstream.net)) or Melanie Matthews ([melanie@pestfreesc.com](mailto:melanie@pestfreesc.com))

## ALL BELOW DUE MARCH 15

### DISTRICT AWARDS USE STATE/DISTRICT AWARD FROM

#### ~COASTAL DISTRICT AWARDS~

Coastal District President Anne Redlus, [anneredlus@gmail.com](mailto:anneredlus@gmail.com)

**Myrt Riggs Award:** To the club with the best overall club project.

**Coastal District Award:** To the club in each category with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

**Sue Burgess Education and Libraries Award:** To the club with the best project(s) involving local schools, public libraries, senior citizens, monetary donations and book drives, etc.

**Sissy Welch Award:** To the club with the largest membership percentage increase during the year.

**Pat Estep Award:** To the club with the best GFWC-SC President's Special Project report.

**Annie Utsey Award:** To the club with the highest percentage of members present at the District Conference. Determined by District Secretary.

**Joann Thornhill Bolchoz Spirit Award:** To the club with the best overall spirit. Criteria: 1) Attendance at Summer and Winter Boards, Conventions, District Conference and District Socials; 2) Attendance of State and/or District Officers at club meetings, fundraisers or socials; 3) Club Yearbook sent to District President and GFWC-SC First Vice President; 4) Prompt return of GFWC-SC District Dues, Rating Sheet and Club President's Directory; 5) Reporting Participation in all Community Service Programs. To be judged by the Coastal District President.

#### ~MIDLANDS DISTRICT AWARDS~

Midlands District President Melanie Matthews, [melanie@pestfreesc.com](mailto:melanie@pestfreesc.com)

**Boineau/Brodie/Clarke Silver Project Award:** For the best overall project for a club with 30 members or less.

**Crook/Somerset Project Award:** For the best overall project for a club with 31+ members.

**Abiklaled CIP Award:** Given in even years. (Not given in 2020) To the club whose Community Impact Project improves the community and lives of the most diverse groups of its citizens (child and adult, rich and poor, male and female).

**Addy/Samsel Education & Libraries Award:** To the club with the best overall project(s) in Education & Libraries.

**Bonnette Library Award:** To the club with the best overall project(s) in support of libraries.

**Alexander/George Advocates For Children Award:** To the club with the best overall project(s) for Advocates for Children.

**All Environment Award:** To the club with the best overall projects in Environment.

**Betty Thomason Civic Engagement & Outreach Award:** To the club with the best Civic Engagement & Outreach project(s).

**Keating International Children's Award:** To the club with the best international children's project.

**Lexington Woman's Club Legislation & Public Policy Award:** To the club with the best overall project in Legislation & Public Policy.

**Marine Arts & Culture Award:** To the club with the best overall Arts & Culture project(s).

**Junior Woman's Club of Lexington/Palmetto Woman's Club Rating Sheet Award:** To the club with 30 or fewer members with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

**McFarland Rating Sheet Award:** To the club with 31+ members with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

**Midlands District Membership Award:** To the club with the largest net gain in membership.

**Midlands District President's Spirit Award:** To the club with the "Best Overall GFWC Spirit". Criteria: 1) Attendance at Summer and Winter Boards, Conventions, District Conference and District Socials; 2) Attendance of State and/or District Officers at club meetings, fundraisers, 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.

#### ~UPSTATE DISTRICT AWARDS~

Upstate District President Rhonda Garris, [wgarris@truvista.net](mailto:wgarris@truvista.net)



**Davenport-Morgan Project Award:** To the club with the best overall project.

**Cassles-Dye Arts & Culture Award:** To the club with the best Arts & Culture 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). Submit two copies, (1) to your District President and (1) to GFWC-SC Arts & Culture Chair, Dianne McCarty, [diannemccarty@gmail.com](mailto:diannemccarty@gmail.com) .

**Jolene W Bryant Education & Libraries Award:** To the club with the best Education & Libraries report.

**Making Time For Others Award:** To the club with the best overall hands-on project benefitting special needs or underprivileged individuals.

**Janet Agnew Photography Award:** To the club with the most Photography Contest entries at the GFWC-SC state convention. Determined by number of entries delivered at convention.

**Davis Cup:** To the club membership of 1-13, with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

**Crocker-Spartanburg Award:** To the club membership 14+ with the highest points on the Rating Sheet.

**Mary Renfro Membership Award:** To the club with the highest membership increase during the year.

## CREATIVE ARTS CONTESTS

### GFWC & GFWC-SC CONTESTS AND WRITING AWARDS

**\*\*\* ALL ENTRIES IN GFWC & GFWC-SC CONTESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETED GFWC CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER (included in Club Presidents Packet, downloadable at GFWC-SC.org under MORE > MEMBER RESOURCES > PRESIDENT PACKET or via GFWC.org in the Club Manual). \*\*\***

ALL information on GFWC CONTESTS is available via GFWC.org, > Member Portal > My Digital Library > Resources > C > Club Manual > Awards and Contests > GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (to fill out and download form). Also available at GFWC-SC.org > MORE > Member Resources > President Packet.

### DUE FEBRUARY 1

**GFWC NEWSLETTER CONTEST and WEBSITE CONTEST – Please log onto GFWC.ORG for more info.**

**Newsletter Contest:** Only one newsletter issue per club or State Federation may be submitted. Entries will be judged and awarded points on the following elements: • Content quality, including timeliness, clarity, and member impact (30%) • Presentation (30%) • Design (30%) • Adherence to rules (10%). The newsletter must have been published and clearly dated during the contest year (January 1-December 31). The front page of the newsletter must prominently display the official GFWC emblem and mention membership in GFWC. Refer to the GFWC Stylebook for GFWC Trademark Use Policies at [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org). Newsletter entries must include the contact information of at least one member, defined as an email address, telephone number, and/or mailing address. Clubs and State Federations with an electronic newsletter must follow the same entry rules - printed copies of electronic newsletters are required. **Email to: Tracy Morzuch at [tmariemorzuch@gmail.com](mailto:tmariemorzuch@gmail.com)**

**Website Contest:** MUST include website address, Club/State Federation name, President's name and contact information, name and contact information of person submitting entry, number of Club/State Federation members, and a 250-word essay describing why their website is a valuable resource to members and potential members. The homepage MUST contain a link to GFWC.org and include contact information for at least one member of the club (email address, telephone number and/or mailing address). **Email entry to Website Contest Chair, Tracy Morzuch, [tmariemorzuch@gmail.com](mailto:tmariemorzuch@gmail.com)**

### DUE MARCH 15

**GFWC and GFWC-SC WRITING CONTEST ENTRIES: Please log into GFWC.ORG for more info on GFWC contests. Manuscripts will not be returned.**

**Submit all entries for Clubwoman Writing Contests to GFWC-SC Contest Chair, Dianne McCarty, [diannemccarty@gmail.com](mailto:diannemccarty@gmail.com) .**

**GFWC YOUTH WRITING CONTEST:** Entries must be typed, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8.5 x 11-inch paper. Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31). Entries must have the following on the top right-hand corner of each page: Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number; Name of the GFWC club and State Federation submitting author's work; Category; Title of work; Grade Level. Category 1: Grades K, 1 & 2; Category 2: Grades 3, 4 & 5; Category 3: Grades 6, 7 & 8; Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12.

**GFWC SHORT STORY & POETRY MEMBER CONTEST:** Authors must be dues-paying members of a GFWC club. Entries must be typed, with minimum margins of one inch on all four sides, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper; must be written during the contest year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31); must have the following in the top, right-hand corner of each page: Author's Name, E-mail address, mailing address, 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 the author. Short stories are limited to 2,000 words. Poetry entries may be any style with minimum length of eight lines and maximum of 50 lines.

**GFWC-SC CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS:** Will be given in the short story categories like, essays, prayers, club installations, song lyrics, or children's stories or in the poetry category. Each entry must be typed on a separate sheet of paper. 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 resubmitted and only unpublished material may be entered

**WRITING AWARDS TO BE DETERMINED BY ENTRIES RECEIVED** (Judged by GFWC-SC Contest Chair):

**Nancy Ann Morris Rivers Drama Award:** To the writer of the best drama.

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

**Frances B Hair Award:** To the writer of the best overall writing entry submitted in the GFWC Clubwoman Short Story and Poetry Contest.

### **TURN IN BY NOON FRIDAY, APRIL 28 AT CONVENTION**

**GFWC & GFWC-SC PHOTOGRAPHY** entries are to be submitted at the GFWC-SC STATE CONVENTION by NOON on Friday of convention. (Please note: The Scrapbook contest will NOT be held during the 2022-2024 administration.)

**GFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:** Please refer to contest specifics at GFWC.org in the Club Manual. For questions, contact Photography Contest Chair, Dianne McCarty, [diannemccarty@gmail.com](mailto:diannemccarty@gmail.com).

**The GFWC Photography Contests encourage our members' artistic expression and recognize and support members' achievements in photography. GFWC offers three opportunities to participate in the GFWC Photography Contests:**

- **The World in Pictures**
  - **Our World Up Close**
  - **Natural Wonders**
  - **Reflections**
- **Living the Volunteer Spirit**

**\*\*Photographs will NOT be returned.\*\***

### **GFWC-SC CONVENTION ATTENDANCE AWARD**

**Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award:** To the District with the largest club membership attending GFWC-SC Annual Convention as reported to the President-Elect, not later than 4:00 p.m. (or previously announced time) on the second day of Convention. Count to be made by Credentials Committee and Award to be made by President-Elect at Awards Banquet.

## **JUNIOR AWARDS**

Submit to Director of Junior Clubs Shelli Pue, [shellipue1@gmail.com](mailto:shellipue1@gmail.com)

**DUE FEBRUARY 1**

### **SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS**

**Junior Cup Award:** To the Junior club with the best overall written report on the year's work.

**Bobbie L. Lowe Junior Award:** To the Junior club with the most number of points earned on the Junior Honor Rating Sheet per capita. Submit Junior Honor Rating Sheet.

**Mary Plyler Memorial Junior Award:** To the Junior club with the most hours spent per capita on club projects, determined by the Junior Honor Rating Sheet.

**Jan W. Hadwin/Beth Broom Junior Award:** To the Junior club with the best overall written report on the GFWC Junior Special Project.

**Ann Borris/Augusta Wolff Memorial Junior Cancer Award:** To the Junior club reporting the most outstanding work in the field of cancer.

**Susan Abelkop Junior Membership Award:** To the Junior club with the best overall membership report.

**Junior Spirit Award:** 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, fundraisers, social); 10-club members serving 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 Director of Junior Clubs and awarded at Convention.

**DUE MARCH 15**

### **GFWC-SC DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS:**

**Polly's Good Neighbor Award:** Awarded to the club that best displays random acts of kindness in the community.

**Gabrielle's Neighborhood Literacy Award:** Awarded to the club that best displays random acts of kindness toward literacy advancement for the youth (including financial literacy).

**Neighborly Love Award:** Awarded to clubs that use collaborative efforts in their participation of the Director of Junior Clubs Special Project, Neighbors Who Care.

**Carol Vann Rowland & Susan Vann Haynes Junior Clubwoman of Achievement Award:** Awarded to a Junior Clubwoman who upholds the ideals of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Junior Clubs: A woman who is outstanding in her club and her community. The nomination should be written in narrative form by someone other than the nominee and attached to the nomination form. Each Junior Club may nominate one member. Reports should be emailed to the Director of Junior Clubs Shelli Pue at [shellipue1@gmail.com](mailto:shellipue1@gmail.com). Award to be judged by Mary Vann, the Director of Junior Clubs, and the 1st Vice President.

In Federation Friendship,



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**Kaye Jones**  
**GFWC-SC Second Vice President**



MESSAGE FROM  
GFWC-SC SECRETARY

I have enjoyed working with all of you this year and learning about the projects our clubs are doing in South Carolina. Attending the Southern Region Conference in Biloxi, MS in October was a great experience. I had the opportunity to meet GFWC members from throughout the Southern Region. I made new friends and enjoyed spending time with many of you also. It was a great time to learn, laugh, share, and make new friends. I look forward to seeing all of you again at our Winter Board Session on January 13, 2024.

I hope you and your families have a happy, healthy Holiday season! Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year 2024!!

With Federation Love,

*Shannon*

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**Shannon Smith**  
**GFWC-SC Secretary**

### **The Giving Season**

It is here. Make it last.

Now we have time to reflect, gather the past, light the future.

“Tis the Season.”

Toss out the trappings and wrappings.

Create room for joy, for meaning, for value in living.

Walk away from the noise, refusing to echo it.

Fill that space with The Giving Season:

With Love, Kindness, Acceptance, Hope, Gratitude, Belief, Understanding –

Give these to All and it will bless others and our lives -

With an endless giving season of ever-growing faith in one another.

*Janet*

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**Janet Smalley**  
**GFWC-SC Poet Laureate**







MESSAGE FROM  
GFWC-SC TREASURER

Hello fellow Clubwomen!

Great job in turning in your dues by Nov 1, 2023! Many of you will qualify for our Progress Foundation Grant! If you have not turned them in yet please do so soon! Clubwomen if you add new members in the next few months please send in dues and updated typed rosters so that we can have an accurate count for our membership when we turn in our GFWC dues. This Treasurer was able to attend all conventions, GFWC-SC State Convention, GFWC International Convention, GFWC SC Upstate District meeting and GFWC Southern Region Convention in 2023. It has been refreshing to hear about all of the great things our ladies are doing!

A few reminders: This Treasurer continues to thank you for your support and trust in me as your GFWC-SC Treasurer. If you use the calendar year your taxes are due April 15. Please use the form on our GFWC-SC website when requesting reimbursement. It helps the organization process. Do not hesitate to ask this Treasurer if she has received any money you send. Especially if a tracking form has not been put on it. This Treasurer will answer quickly. Thanks for trusting me with your club funds and this Treasurer looks forward to seeing all of you at Winter Board. \*Remember I can be reached by email, [czim22@gmail.com](mailto:czim22@gmail.com), snail mail, 605 White Oak Farms Rd., Tamassee, SC. 29686 or phone (864) 710-5851.

In Federation Friendship,

*Carrie*

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**Carrie Zimmerman**  
**GFWC-SC Treasurer**

## State Elections Committee Report

### GFWC-SC Members who wish to serve on the Executive Committee for the 2024-2026 Administration

#### The qualifications to serve as an officer of GFWC-SC are:

1. Be an active member in good standing of a club with direct membership
2. Have been a member of GFWC-SC for three or more years
3. Have served as either a Club President, District President, or GFWC-SC Chairman
4. Is a legal resident of South Carolina

More detailed duties of these positions can be found in the state bylaws, Article VIII.

The candidate must submit a letter of recommendation from their club, signed by the club president, to the State Elections Committee Chairman at the address below by December 31, 2023.

Mail to: Kristin Fields  
2 Clay Court  
Chapin, SC 29036  
Or Email to: [kristinf11@aol.com](mailto:kristinf11@aol.com)

The Elections Committee will meet in January 2024 and submit a list of nominees to be voted on at the 2024 GFWC-SC State Annual Convention.

**District Presidents**, please submit a list of the members voted at your conference to serve 2024-2026 state positions to be included in the Call to Convention.

## Community Service Programs, Advancement Plans and Special Projects

### Arts and Culture, Dianne McIntosh McCarty

First, let me thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and visits after my recent accident in July and subsequent surgery in August. My shoulder is healing nicely - my hand is another story and I still need your prayers that I will regain use of my hand.

Arts and Culture are alive and well in GFWC SC. Keep up the good work!!! It is almost reporting time. Please submit your reports in a timely manner to Kaye Jones. Please submit creative writing entries to me Dianne McCarty. Photography entries should be brought to Convention by 12:00 noon on Friday. Do not hesitate to call if you have a question. I look forward to seeing you at Winter Board and Convention.

Artfully yours,  
Dianne  
[803-553-1189](tel:803-553-1189)



### Civic Engagement and Outreach, Pamme Eades

As I pondered what to write about for this newsletter issue, I was copied on an email from my club's Civic Engagement chair, Paula Pinner, regarding an upcoming Friendsgiving Activity. The 2022-24 GFWC administration has created a focus on Community Connection Initiatives program. For Civic Engagement this means that clubs are encouraged to focus efforts on giving thanks and advocating for the essential workers in the community.

In November our club decided to host a Friendsgiving Breakfast at 630am for the Cayce Parks and Recreation, Sanitation and Garage Departments featuring a variety of Hardees Biscuits, coffee, juice and fruit. Committee members will serve and thank the Cayce teams for their hard work as they head out for the day. Members are also making Thanksgiving treat bags that will include water bottles and a snack for them to have later in the day.

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But the email was about more than just this program. Included in Paula's communication was also a thank you to club members who participated in a small project to help another organization put together race packets for a 5K. It was a great reminder that we should never forget to thank our members for their hard work.

But what made the biggest impact on me, was that the email started with a heartfelt note about two of our members (a mother and daughter) who lost a family member just a few days ago and how several club members had visited them the night before with a bevy of food. Today, I was able to visit myself and spend time with them. They kept telling me how thankful they were for the club and our members and how much they loved us. It was very humbling.

Sometimes, in the rush to do the right thing or create a great program, we don't really think about how what we do affects the receivers - particularly individuals and small organizations. We can move mountains and lift up broken hearts without even knowing it. We just need to take the time to see it.

*Pamme*



### **Education & Libraries, Phyllis M. Sippel, Ph.D.**

Well, here we are almost ready for all of the seasonal holiday celebrations... Thanksgiving, Christmas and a New Year. What follows right behind will be your reporting duties. I know it is your favorite time of year. Let's think of it as a time to Shine, Sparkle and "take a bow" for all of your hard work. As you prepare the reports, don't be shy about bragging, after all, your projects made a huge difference in the lives of children, adults and the community at large. I look forward to reading about your accomplishments!

Once again, I urge you to check out RESOURCES in the Club Manual for some inspiration.

Combat literacy issues with scholarships, advocacy, support local schools, educators, and STEM programs. Teachers need champions now more than ever. Teacher Appreciation Day (the First Tuesday of May) is a perfect time to honor your local teachers.

Education Focus: include children and adults in your projects to enhance literacy at all levels.

Library Focus: Support your local library. Each community is unique, thus projects can be tailor made to work in your neighborhood.

As always, I encourage you to review the Club manual at [www.GFWC.ORG](http://www.GFWC.ORG) specific to our CSP. You will find many ideas and suggestions.

Thank you for your dedication as you "Live the Volunteer Spirit."

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

*Phyllis*  
[psipp7777@gmail.com](mailto:psipp7777@gmail.com)  
843-338-7846



### **Environment, Donna Anderson**

As the holiday season approaches, spread festive cheer while also promoting environmental consciousness. Below are a few innovative and sustainable activities that show that holiday joy can go hand in hand with responsible environmental practices.

1. Eco-Friendly Gift-Wrapping: In a bid to reduce waste, clubs can organize an eco-friendly gift-wrapping workshop. Members can learn creative ways to wrap presents using sustainable materials, such as reusable cloth, recycled paper, and natural decorations. The workshops aim to reduce the enormous amount of discarded wrapping paper and promote environmentally friendly practices.

2. Green Gifting Exchange: As an alternative to traditional gift exchanges, have a „Green Gifting Exchange.“ Encourage members to find secondhand or upcycled gifts and bring them to the exchange. This initiative not only reduces the demand for new products but also encourages creative and thoughtful gift-giving.

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3. Sustainable Decorations Crafting: Club members create sustainable holiday decorations using recycled materials. From ornaments and wreaths to table centerpieces, the handmade decorations will adorn their homes and their local non-profit organizations, spreading the message of eco-friendly celebrations.

These activities allow the clubs to reduce waste, save money, and bond as a club while at the same time promoting creativity and caring for the environment while we celebrate the season.

*Donna*

GFWC-SC Chair, Environment CSP  
[donnapanderson@charter.net](mailto:donnapanderson@charter.net)



### **Leadership Advancement Area, Susan Lee Chairman.**

The time for LEADS is quickly approaching. Please consider sending in your application sooner rather than later. Remember, to earn the Janet Prince Award, your club must sponsor at least 1 person. Applications are due January 20 but you can send them in anytime. The application may be found at [GFWC-SC.org](http://GFWC-SC.org), Member Services, under L for LEADS.

Applications to be considered as the GFWC- SC LEADS candidate at GFWC annual convention can also be sent in anytime but are due on March 1. Those can be sent to me at PO Box 294, Pelion, SC 29123. The applications can be found at [GFWC.org](http://GFWC.org), Member Services (member portal), My Digital Library, Resources, L, LEADS application and information.

If you have problems finding either, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at [susank311@outlook.com](mailto:susank311@outlook.com).

Lastly, please make plans to join us at the Sims Stackhouse Mansion on April 25 for our Federation Day celebration. Link to purchase your ticket will be available soon.

As always, please let me know if you have specific leadership needs for you or your club.

In Federation Spirit,

*Susan*



### **Legislation and Public Policy Advancement Area, Lil Hayes, Chairman**

#### **CALLS TO ACTION:**

-We have many new members in our SC clubs who have recently moved to our state. At your next meeting, encourage your members to register to vote. They can do it on their smartphones by searching for "SC Election Commission", or even easier to remember, "register to vote in SC".

[Click here to REGISTER TO VOTE](#)  
[Link here to find the people you elect](#)

-The SC Hate Crimes Act has passed the SC House in each of the last two sessions, only to die both times in the SC Senate. This session, H.3014 is on the calendar for when the Senate returns in January, except it cannot be considered because two senators have objected to it. If you think it's a good idea, you need to contact your SC Senator to tell them, "I live in Senator (Name)'s district and I want them to support H.3014". Call their Columbia office, tell their staff that simple message, and give your address if they'd like it. You don't even have to be registered to vote!





## Community Service Programs, Advancement Plans and Special Projects

H.3014 A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE „CLEMENTA C. PINCKNEY HATE CRIMES ACT“; BY ADDING ARTICLE 22 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE „PENALTY ENHANCEMENTS FOR CERTAIN CRIMES“, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO COMMIT CERTAIN DELINEATED CRIMES WHEN THE VICTIM WAS INTENTIONALLY SELECTED BASED ON CERTAIN FACTORS, AND TO PROVIDE VICTIMS OF A VIOLATION OF THE ARTICLE MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION FOR DAMAGES SUSTAINED

The GFWC-SC would like you to support this bill because it says to the world, particularly businesses thinking of coming here and bringing jobs, that SC will not tolerate these behaviors. It is also a warning to potential perpetrators that there will be additional penalties for hurting others as described in the bill.

[Click here to view full text of H.3014](#)

The SC legislative session begins on Tuesday, January 10, 2024.

**The GFWC-SC State House Day 2024** is coming in the Spring. Details are coming soon; Hope you can attend!!

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The General Federation of Women’s Clubs - South Carolina is the excited host of the 2024 Southern Region Conference in Greenville, South Carolina.

**Mark your calendars now for October 3-6, 2024!**

We will be at the top of Main Street at the Hyatt Regency in a city that Forbes Magazine calls “one of America’s best downtowns.”

October rates for this hotel will typically start at \$400/night but just for you, singles and doubles are priced at \$175/night and triples/quads are \$185/night.

Our theme for the conference is, “The Hills are Alive!” but, not only with music, as we are embracing all areas of Arts & Culture and including performance and visual arts, to literature, and even the decorative and culinary arts.

We hope you will arrive on Thursday to enjoy our Friday tour options, and have plenty of time to explore other aspects of Greenville.

The table is laid and the plans are made but the most important ingredient in our recipe is ... YOU!

We are calling all South Carolina clubwomen to join us and participate in showing our best South Carolina hospitality to our sisters from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Aruba and Belize because ...

We are cooking up a good time in Greenville, SC!





# It Is TIME to report!



Hi Everyone!

This year is the year to report your Community Impact Projects for the 2022-2024 Community Impact Program Awards! The Award Period is from **January 2022 to December 31, 2023**. Projects must have been undertaken by and accomplished during this award period.

The GFWC Community Impact Program Award is the longest standing project in GFWC. The award was introduced to members in 1949! The goal of the award is to encourage and recognize the positive impact a club can have on needs within their community.

Projects can provide opportunities for growing club membership, enhancing leadership skills, building relationships with individual and community groups, creating, and building public awareness of the club and GFWC. Any project that makes a large impact in your local community and fits the award criteria – making a visual, physical or emotional impact at the grassroots level, and brings awareness of what GFWC volunteering is about – will be accepted for judging.

Please email your entry to DeAna Reed-Sharpe, South Carolina Chairman for CIP, at **[deana.reed@yahoo.com](mailto:deana.reed@yahoo.com)**. **Entries are due to me by March 1, 2023.**

If your project is selected for the South Carolina State Community Impact Program Award, it will be sent for judging at the national level. GFWC awards \$100.00 for the State Award recipient. National Awards are \$2,500.00.

Additional award information and the entry form is found on the GFWC-SC website.

1.) Look in the Members Only section, 2.) Click on GFWC, 3.) look under Awards and Contests, 4.) click on 2022-24 Fillable CIP Award. Information and the form is also available on the GFWC Website in the Member Portal.

*DeAna*

DeAna Reed-Sharpe, GFWC-SC Community Impact Chairman

# National Day of Service





## **Official Call to GFWC-South Carolina Winter Board of Directors Meeting & Winter General Session**

Saturday, January 13, 2024 Doubletree Hotel, 2100 Bush River Rd., Columbia, SC 29210

### **9:00 a.m. Registration**

### **9:15 a.m. GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting**

GFWC-SC By-Laws Article VII - Section 3. The Board of Directors of GFWC-SC shall consist of the Executive Committee, the District Presidents, District Officers, 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 By-laws 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.

### **10:00 a.m. Call to Order Winter Board Session**

2024 Winter Report from Board of Directors Meeting Report, GFWC Southern Region Report, Reporting Workshop GFWC, Progress Foundation Grants, Recognize new GFWC-SC Club, Updates from District Presidents, Information on 2024 Convention, Information on LEADS, Southern Region 2024 and MORE!  
\*\*\*Muffins, pastries & beverages will be available during the General Session\*\*\*

### **1:00 p.m. Adjourn**

### **Junior Board Meeting**

**District Meetings** (if needed)

A block of rooms is being held at the Doubletree Hotel at a *special* group rate of **\$119 +tax & fees** for a room with 2 Queen beds. Cut Off date to reserve a room is **December 15**. Cancellation without penalty is required Jan 10 by 4:00 p. To reserve a room, contact Meetings and Convention Chairman Dolly McDermott, dollymcdermott@aol.com phone 301 466-9632. Give Dolly your name & phone number and she will reserve your room. Dolly will send the hotel a room list & send you a confirmation.

## **Registration Information**

### **Winter Board Registration Fee: \$20**

**Late fee (after 1/7)/2024: \$5** (late registration is accepted only if space is available) As approved by the Board of Directors and membership at Summer Board Meeting, August 2022: All Registration will be done via **EventBrite**. The link is on the GFWC-SC website. Follow the steps below:

1. CLICK THE LINK - the registration page for Winter Board 2023 will open
2. CLICK GREEN BUTTON "TICKETS" - A list of registration options will open, select what you would like, after your selection
3. CLICK ORANGE BUTTON "CHECKOUT" - enter your contact and payment information
4. CLICK PLACE ORDER BUTTON
5. A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO YOU



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## **Important GFWC - South Carolina Dates**

**GFWC-SC Executive Committee Meeting**  
January 12, 2024

**GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting**  
January 13, 2023

**GFWC-SC Winter Board Meeting - Junior Board**  
January 13, 2023  
Doubletree Hotel - 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210

**GFWC-SC LEADS Training**  
Application Due: January 20, 2024  
February 17, 2024  
Cayce Woman's Club Clubhouse

**GFWC-SC Chairman Reports**  
Due to GFWC-SC 2nd Vice President March 1, 2024

**GFWC-SC Reports, State & District Award Entries, Rating Sheets**  
Due to March 15, 2024 (See December Clubwoman for details)

**126th GFWC-SC Convention**  
April 18-22, Columbia, SC TBA

**GFWC Southern Region Conference**  
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