

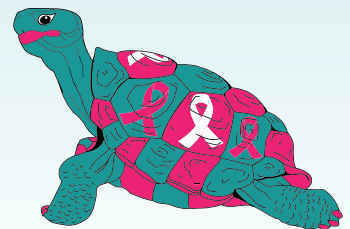


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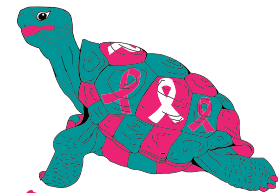
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One Step at a Time

Our 2017 GFWC-SC Convention is now in the history book! I hope you were able to attend and had a wonderful time celebrating all of our accomplishments; heard some inspiring speakers and had time to spend with your club sisters from across the state! We were blessed to have Jolie Frankfurth, our GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, with us for the entire weekend and she delivered a powerful message on Saturday evening on addressing our changing membership. Her speech is available on our website and I encourage you to go their and read through it and even hold a club program based on it. Also, we have added a PowerPoint of pictures taken at convention on the website for you to enjoy!

As you have heard by now, we have canceled our “Evening with Jeanne Robertson” that was scheduled for July 22nd. After looking at the amount of tickets sold vs. the cost of putting on such an event, it was decided that it was in the best interest of our state to cancel. I want to thank those of you that had purchased tickets either as a club or individually. I really appreciate your support.

Summer Board and Summer Session is scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2017. Please see the Official Call as well as registration information in this magazine. This meeting will focus on the “Dyslexia Awareness” portion of my special project. You will also find a “Wish List” of items for Sandhills School that we will be collecting.

Many members of your Executive Committee are preparing to travel to Palm Springs, California, to attend the GFWC International Convention June 21-27th. We look forward to sharing with you all that we learn from the business sessions, workshops and of course we are hoping to bring home lots of awards!

I hope you and your family have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

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

Janet



Thanks for a great first year!



Katie Moydell
GFWC-SC
Director of
Junior Clubs

I cannot believe GFWC-SC Convention has already come and gone! Janet, Janine and Jan truly out did themselves and I think everyone was pleased with the new format. If you were not able to attend, well you missed out!

A big “thank you” goes out to all members who supported the Juniors and purchased our GFWC shirt! Our goal was to raise funds for the Junior Special Project “Hopeful Campaign”. Proceeds will be donated at the end of this administration.

To each member and/or club that donated a bag to the Junior Bag Auction... WOW and THANK YOU! Jolie Frankfurth was amazed at the funds we raised... and left happy with a purse! South Carolina’s support of their Juniors is truly amazing. We are so fortunate to serve with our general members!

As your club installs new officers, please be sure to send me the names and e-mails of your new presidents. I like to send communication throughout the year and need to be sure I have accurate information.

Thank you for everything you continue to do for your community. I’m looking forward to representing y’all at International Convention in Palm Springs.

In Junior Love- Katie



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Minutes from the 119th Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of SC
April 28-30, 2017, Pawley's Island, South Carolina

The 119th Annual Convention for the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina was held April 28-30, 2017, at the Litchfield Resort, Pawley's Island, South Carolina. President Janet Prince called the meeting to order at 11: 00 a.m. Invocation and Inspiration were given by Melissa Smith, St. George Women's Guild. The North Myrtle Beach Public Safety Color Guard presented the colors. The National Anthem was sung by Marlisa Small of the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Avery Bonner of The Jessamine's. Sara Bonner, Juniorette Coordinator, led the SC pledge. The Collect for Clubwomen was led by Anne Redlus, Home Life Chairman. The Pledge for Junior Clubwomen was led by Carrie Zimmerman, Director-elect of Junior Clubs. Welcome was delivered by Janet Prince, GFWC-SC President. Lynn Shore, Domestic Violence Chairman introduced our guest speaker, author Mary Alice Monroe. Response was given by Janine Lawson Convention Co-Chair and Eastern District President. Grace was given by Janet Smalley GFWC-SC Poet Laureate. The Convention was recessed for lunch at noon. The Convention reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Laurie O'Kelly, Protocol Chairman introduced the GFWC-SC Past Presidents, Officers, members' serving on the GFWC Board of Directors, convention co-chairmen, and special guest. President Prince introduced the Pages for today's session, Sue Burgess and Brenda Tarkenton and Timekeeper, Cynthia Whitely. Elizabeth Herring, Credentials Chairman presented the preliminary credentials report which revealed a voting strength of 100, non-voting 21 for a total of 121 attending. Jackie Boland, Parliamentary Advisor presented the Convention Rules and Procedures and they were adopted as presented. The Convention Program was presented by Tonja Ivey, Special Assistant to the President. Corrections to the program were noted and the convention voted to accept it as our official program. Greetings from GFWC were delivered by Marian St.Clair, GFWC 1st Vice President and by Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. Norma England, GFWC-SC Secretary presented the Report from the Board of Directors. Juliet Casper, GFWC-SC 1st Vice President presented Awards based on the Rating Sheet. (See awards booklet). She also presented membership pins for member anniversaries. Honor Clubs and Net Gain Clubs were announced. (See awards booklet). Kathie Walker, GFWC-SC Treasurer presented awards based on the Contributions Sheet (see awards booklet). Kristin Fields, GFWC-SC 2nd Vice President presided over the presentation of the GFWC Advancement Area awards for Communication and Identity, Fundraising, Leadership, Membership, Legislation and Public Policy, WHRC, Education CSP, Home Life CSP, and Conservation CSP. (See awards booklet). Sue Burgess, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club and a cancer survivor introduced her son Rusty Burgess an agent for AFLAC insurance. He gave a presentation about cancer insurance. Tonja Ivey, Special Assistant to the President, made announcements. The Convention was recessed at 3:25 p.m. until the "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" Banquet at 7:00 p.m., April 28, 2017.

The Convention resumed at 7:15 p.m. Grace was given by Maria Johnson, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club. Following dinner, Katie Riddle, Charleston Junior Woman's Club introduced our guest speaker, author, Kristy Harvey. Jan Stone, Convention Co-chairman & Southern District President gave the response. Kristin Fields, GFWC-SC 2nd Vice President presided over the presentation of the Arts CSP Awards, Writing Contest, Photography, Scrapbook and Yearbook Awards, Public Issues Awards, Domestic Violence Prevention Awards, and the GFWC-SC President's Special Projects Awards. Katie Moydell, Director of Junior Clubs presented her Special Project Awards. Announcements were made by Tonja Ivey, Special Assistant to the President. Everyone was invited to participate in the Junior Fun Night to play "Bunco for Babies". Convention was in recess until the business session on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

The Convention reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Suzanne Carswell, International Outreach Chairman, provided the inspiration. Laurie O'Kelly, Protocol Chairman introduced the head table and special guest. President Prince introduced the Pages for today, Karen Adams and Christina Swanson; and Timekeeper is Kendell Spellman. Elizabeth Herring, Credentials Chairman, gave an updated credentials report. (See attached report) A quorum was declared. Lynn Cleckler, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, moved for the adoption of the proposed amendments to Article V Dues and Finance, Article VII Officers, Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, Article VIII, Duties and Terms of Officers - the amendments to these Articles were passed unanimously. (See attachment) Newly proposed Article II, Section I Districts was passed with three opposing votes. Article 2 Section 2 Districts was added by a unanimous vote. The proposed newly added Article 2, Section 3 was amended by Marian St.Clair and seconded by Janet Agnew. The amendment was to strike the term pay dues in the amount of \$20 per club and insert pay dues as determined by each district. The amendment passed unanimously. The vote on the newly amended motion passed unanimously. Newly added Article 2, Section 4, Article 2, Section 5, Article 2 Section 6 were passed unanimously. (See attachment and Convention program for complete list of Bylaw changes.) The meeting was recessed at 10:00 a.m. for Brunch to be served and reconvened at 10:35 a.m. Tammy Garland, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, presented the 2017-2018 budget (see attached budget). Laurie O'Kelly made a motion on behalf of the Past President's Club that we move \$700 budgeted for Outgoing President's travel and evenly divide it between the President-elect and Director of Junior Clubs-elect for them to use for Orientation and Leadership Training in the Fall of 2017. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. (See attached motion). The Budget was approved as amended. JoAnn Bolchoz, Chairman of the Meetings and Convention Committee, gave her report. In Accordance with GFWC-SC Bylaws at 11:00 a.m. elections were held. Rules of Election were read by GFWC-SC Secretary Norma England. President Prince presided over the Elections, Confirmations, and Nominations. GFWC-SC State Elections Committee Chairman Kaye Jones read the Election Committee Report (see attached report). A vote was taken to confirm the District Elections for the following: GFWC-SC Board of Trustees, GFWC-SC Board of Trustees for the Progress Foundation and GFWC-SC Trustees for the Scholarship Committee. GFWC-SC Secretary Norma England read the letter of endorsement from the St. Andrews Woman's Club and the recommendation from the GFWC-SC Board of Directors to recommend Laurie

O'Kelly as a nominee for the office of GFWC Southern Region Treasurer in the election to be held at the Southern Region Conference in Georgia, October, 2017. The Convention body voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation. GFWC-SC Secretary Norma England read the letter of endorsement from the St. Andrews Woman's Club and the recommendation from the GFWC-SC Board of Directors to recommend Marian St.Clair as a nominee for the office of GFWC President-elect in the election to be held at the GFWC Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, June, 2018. The convention body voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation. Standing Committee Reports resumed after the elections were completed. Ann Malpass, Headquarters Committee Chairman, presented her report (see attached). GFWC-SC Officer Reports were given by President Janet Prince, 1st Vice President Juliet Casper, 2nd Vice President Kristin Fields, Secretary Norma England, Treasurer Kathie Walker, and Director of Junior Clubs Katie Moydell. Central District President Neel Lesesne, Eastern District President representative Brenda Tarkenton for Janine Lawson, North Central District President Dr. Misty Konow, Midlands District President Peggy Aun, Northern District President Laura Palmer, Northwestern District President Tina Winkler, and Southern District President Jan Stone. (See attached). Reports and awards from the Boards of Trustees were presented by Jo Ann Bolchoz, Chairman of the Trustees of GFWC-SC; Janet Agnew, Chairman of the GFWC-SC Progress Foundation; Lois Black, Chairman of the GFWC-SC Scholarship Fund; Juliet Casper, Chairman, GFWC-SC Disaster Relief Fund. (See awards booklet and attachments). 2nd Vice President Kristin Fields presided over the presentation of awards for the International Outreach CSP. 1st Vice President Juliet Casper presented our guest speaker, Christina Jackson, Executive Director of Sea Haven for Children. Response was given by Director-elect of Junior Clubs Carrie Zimmerman. Director of Junior Clubs Katie Moydell presented the Junior Club Awards. (See awards booklet). Announcements were made by Tonja Ivey, Special Assistant to the President. The Convention was in recess until 7:00 p.m.

The Convention was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. Nancy Ellisor, of the Woman's Club of the Midlands said Grace. Dinner was served. Juniorette Coordinator Sara Bonner introduced our guest speaker, Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. Shelli Pue, Special Assistant to the Director of Junior Club gave the Response. 1st Vice President, Juliet Casper, 2nd Vice President, Kristin Fields and Director of Junior Clubs, Katie Moydell presented district, outstanding club and individual awards. Secretary, Norma England presented the Honor Roll~Class of 2017 (See list in Convention Program). Treasurer, Kathie Walker presented the Class of 2017~Order of the Jessamine and Laura Palmer presented the Jessamine Spirit Award. Closing thoughts were given by Katie Moydell, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs and GFWC-SC President Janet Prince. Invitation to the 2018 Convention to be held in West Columbia, SC was given by Midlands District President Peggy Aun and Northern District President Laura Palmer. Elizabeth Herring, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, presented the Final Credential Report. Special Assistant to the President Tonja Ivey made final announcements and winners for the donation baskets were drawn. Everyone was invited to a reception to honor GFWC 1st Vice President Marian St. Clair and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Jolie Frankfurth following the close of convention. The Convention adjourned at 10:05 p.m. A Memorial Service of Remembrance and Honor was held on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. led by Kendall Stedman of the Charleston Junior Woman's Club.



Juliet Casper
GFWC-SC
 First Vice President



Summer is a time for celebrations. We celebrate our veterans on Memorial Day, and we celebrate our freedom on July 4th. Parents, students, and teachers celebrate the end of the school year, and many of our GFWC-SC clubs celebrate the end of their fiscal year by recognizing their outstanding members. At the state convention in April, I had the pleasure of recognizing members with 25, 30, 40, and 50 years of service to GFWC-SC. A special congratulations to fifty year members, Janet Agnew and Mary Vann, both of the GFWC Jubilee Club. Only 12 clubs sent me information regarding member anniversaries, so I am sure we have a few more ladies with extended service to GFWC. Please send me names and anniversaries. I would love to give out some more pins at our summer board meeting.

Summer is also the time many of our clubs go on hiatus. I encourage clubs to think of summer break as a time to recharge and reconnect with members. The May/ June issue of GFWC Clubwoman magazine featured a great article by Jan Allen, GFWC Leadership Chairman, that suggests we "ROAR" during the summer. Have a Retreat for your officers to brainstorm ideas for the fall. Hold an Orientation for new members and or new officers, so everyone understands their roles and responsibilities. Consider an Attitude Readjustment. Does it feel like your club does the same thing every year? Is the same old fundraiser getting the job done? Consider new speakers, projects, and fundraisers. Do some Realistic strategic planning, meaning make a list of doable goals for the coming year. Without regular meetings in the summer months, clubs can think big picture, but also think FUN. Why not encourage members to meet up for happy hour or at the local parade or festival. Or, better yet get a group to come to summer board!

Juliet



Congratulations to all of our club and individual award winners. Our Community Service Program and Advancement Area Chairs did an excellent job presenting our awards and sharing the Creative Award club projects. This year an Awards Booklet was given out at Convention which included the club winners of our CSP, Advancements Areas and many other awards presented. The Individual and Club Awards presented Saturday night at convention are included in this issue of Clubwoman.

As a note, make a list of club projects completed from January through May before taking a summer break from your club activities. This will be helpful when reporting next year.



Kristin Fields
GFWC-SC
 Second Vice President

I look forward to seeing you all at Summer Board. Have a safe summer!

In Federation Spirit,

Kristin

District Awards

- Howie Stackhouse Award
- Nancy Boozer Award
- Virginia (Sissy) Welch Award
- Ruby H. McManus Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award
- Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award
- Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award

- Midlands District
- Midlands District
- Midlands District
- Central District
- Midlands District
- GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Outstanding Club Awards

- Junior Cup I
- Junior Cup II
- Program Council Awards
 - Category I
 - Category II
 - Category III

- Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
- The Woman's Club of the Midlands
- Sand River Woman's Club
- The Woman's Club of Cayce

Photography Contest Winners

- Living Things 2nd - Joyce Vajda
- Scenes 2nd - Kathie Walker
- Still Life 2nd - Judith Gaudett-Tesla

- 1st - Donna Rae Grave
- 1st - Judith Gaudett-Tesla
- 1st - Kathie Walker

Scrapbook Contest Winners

- Category I Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- Category II Aiken Woman's Club
- Category III Woman's Club of Rock Hill



Kathie Walker
GFWC-SC
Treasurer

TREASURER DEADLINES – COMING UP SOON!!!

IRS Filing: The 990-N or E-Postcard filing is due every year by the **15th day of the 5th month** after the close of your tax year (5 ½ months after the close of your club’s fiscal year). For example, if your tax year ended on May 31, the e-Postcard is due Oct 15th. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the next business day. Every club **MUST** file some type of tax return with the Federal Government - the 990-N or E-Postcard; IRS Form 990; 990-EZ; or 990-PF. Please read the information at this website for a complete explanation of requirements.

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits>

SC Secretary of State Filing: Every club **MUST** file either the Registration Statement for a Charitable Organization or The Application For Registration Exemption with their Annual Financial Report for a Charitable Organization. A charitable organization may either submit the Secretary of State’s Annual Financial Report Form or the IRS Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-PF. There is no fee associated with this filing. All are due on an annual basis 4 1/2

months after the close your club’s fiscal year. Please read the information at this website for a complete explanation of requirements: http://www.sos.sc.gov/Public_Charities/Public_Charities_Info

Financial Reporting: In order to file an annual Financial Report with the SC Secretary of State, your club must submit their IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF or the Secretary of State’s Annual Financial Report Form. If your club files the **990-N or E-Postcard** – you must complete and file the Secretary of State’s Annual Financial Report Form with either your Registration Statement for a Charitable Organization or Application for Registration Exemption. If you fail to do so, the Secretary of State may assess an administrative fine of up to \$2,000 for each separate violation.

Fund Raisers: If your club must file the S.C. Secretary of State’s Annual Financial Report Form, you will need to keep detailed financial records of ALL fundraisers; such as: Gross Receipts, Charitable Contributions, Cash Prizes, Noncash Prizes, Rent/Facility Expenses, Food and Beverage Costs, and other Direct Expenses. It would be wise for club treasurers to familiarize themselves with this form as soon as possible so that you will know what type of information you should be gathering. (<http://www.sos.sc.gov/forms/Charities/AnnualFinancialReportForm>).

Raffle Registration: The Annual Raffle Registration form is available on the Secretary of State’s website at www.sos.sc.gov, under Forms and Fees. The raffle registration includes a \$50.00 filing fee. Registered organizations are required to file an Annual Raffle Financial Report with the Division of Public Charities 4 ½ months after the end of their fiscal year (includes itemized receipts/expenditures for each “non-exempt” raffle). Throughout the year, remember to keep track of all raffle receipts, expenses, and prize values. You will need this information to complete the Annual Raffle Financial Report. This form is available on the S.C. Secretary of State’s website, along with all of the information needed to successfully complete this process. <http://www.sos.sc.gov/Raffles>

As always, if you have any questions or need help on any of the submissions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017 Order of the Jessamine

Lisa Minges, Chapin Junior Woman’s Club

Foy Pierce, Jubilee Club

Shelli Pue, Junior Woman’s Club of Columbia

Peggy Garvin, Lexington Woman’s Club

Joyce Thomas, North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club

Judy Reed, GFWC York County Woman’s Club

Lynn Shore, GFWC Steel Magnolia’s Service Club

Hello GFWC-SC ladies! What a great convention we had this year! Many thanks to all the ladies that made it possible!

In September 2017, we are going to coordinate a team for the St. Jude walk in Charleston, SC again this year. Juliet Casper will be our GFWC-SC team captain. St. Jude is an international partner with GFWC. <https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/other-ways/childhood-cancer-awareness-month.html>

I would like to add a twist this year. Some clubs participated in the St. Jude walk in their local neighborhoods last year. We encourage this! Your club can coral their own team, host an event, participate in Charleston and/or donate to someone from GFWC-SC walking! When I submit reports to GFWC we can include this information as part of a partnership project! If your club decides to do this please report to me under the Special Project, Advocates for Children.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing many of you at summer board.

I can be reached at 864-710-5851 or czim22@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC
Junior Director-Elect

Sandhills School Wish List

Card Stock Computer Paper—Various Colors
Reams of Copy Paper,
Notebook Paper, Glue Sticks, Scotch Tape, Folders, Highlighters
Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer
Novelty Items that can be used as rewards for the students:
cool pencils, pens, erasers, etc.
Gift cards to Walmart, Target, Hobby Lobby
Monetary Donations to purchase a Laminating Machine and supplies



GFWC-SC Member Anniversaries

25 Years

Joan Musselwhite—GFWC York County Woman's Club
Sarah Bolton—GFWC Palmetto Woman's Club
Jackie Ward—GFWC Chapin Woman's Club
Joyce Thomas—GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Anne Elliott—GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

30 Years

Caroline Mahaffey—Upstate Woman's Club
Ann Keisler—St. Andrews Woman's Club
Jo Norris—St. Andrews Woman's Club
Laurie O'Kelly—St. Andrews Woman's Club
Judy Dent—GFWC Palmetto Woman's Club
Mary Kay Nance—GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Peggy Garvin—Lexington Woman's Club

40 Years

Evelyn Johnson—Belvedere Woman's Club
Betty Sutton-Ustry—Belvedere Woman's Club
Elaine Vaughn—Belvedere Woman's Club
Linda Windham—GFWC Palmetto Woman's Club
Annie Brown—Paul Hayne Circle
Maria Macaulay—Paul Hayne Circle
Sue Burgess—GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Marilyn Hatley—GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Trudie Heemsoth—Woman's Club of Fort Mill



Congratulations Janet Agnew and Mary Vann of the Jubilee Woman's Club for 50 years of service to GFWC-SC!



**Congratulations GFWC-SC
Volunteer of the Year
Connie Zdenek
Woman's Club of Rock Hill**

From the time Connie joined the Club in 1999, when she took on the publicity for the Designer Showhouse, which transformed our clubhouse and the surrounding landscape-- all the way to this very week-- she has been active and supportive. Her positions and activities include: Publicity Chairman for several years; Corresponding Secretary (newsletter editor); Chairman, International Community Service Program (different times); First Vice-President; President; co-chairman of fundraising events; treasurer for the Historic Preservation Committee; writer of grant and conference program application submissions; oversight of the website writing and design as well as our recipe book, Traditional Tea Time Favorites; handling reservations and hosting food fundraising events beginning with the Showhouse Café in 2002 and until 2014. She has served or is serving on numerous Club committees such as Bylaws, House Rental, Clubhouse Inventory and Nominating Committee. She also monitors our security system.

She has a strong commitment to historic preservation and maintenance and understands the significance of historic properties contributing economic advantages and a special quality of life for residents. She has served from the very beginning on the Historic Preservation Committee and the 600 College Committee to restore/renovate the adjacent property; She arranged for the photos of the past Club presidents-- 38 of them—to be restored, matted, and accurately labeled to be consistent in appearance. She worked with a member and husband to build a display framework to hang the photos in the Club meeting room where they now serve as a reminder to all of the long history of contributions of our Club's foremothers.

Her family is a team supporter of the Club—financially and pro bono. Her husband Joe, a retired Winthrop University language professor, author and Chairman of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, provided editing services for our written work; as a watercolor artist, he painted 2 watercolors of our clubhouse and did the artwork for our Traditional Tea Time Favorites recipe book. He also helps with heavy work at the clubhouse property—spreading mulch, pruning, moving furniture, setting up Christmas trees to name a few tasks.

Connie worked closely with son Gary, owner of a graphic arts business in California, who designed the Woman's Club website pro bono with a business partner whom he hired to do the technical-structural part of the website. Gary along with his wife also designed the recipe book; he also prepared ads, brochures, and bookmarks for the Club. Connie continues to maintain and update the website as needed.

Connie understands the impact and benefits of community-wide networking...she has contacts in Rock Hill and the surrounding communities: she has worked in 3 school districts as a Speech, Language and Hearing Pathologist with State and National certification; she has taken leadership roles on the local and state professional organizations; for many years she was a member of an investment club as well as AAUW, another international women's organization. In addition, she has served on several boards including the Children's Attention Home board – a charity the Woman's Club actively supports. Though not a joiner of social clubs until after retirement, she now participates in one other charitable club and a book club. She and Joe had or do have membership in 2 dance clubs, the Sierra Club, Arts Council, Museum of York County, and a political party.

Connie's business degree led her to her first jobs in Washington DC and Europe. While working for the CIA in Vienna, she met Joe who was then Army Attaché. They have returned there a few times and over the years have traveled widely to many countries on 6 continents.

As a young mother, Connie continued her education earning a BA and MA in Speech, Language and Hearing from Winthrop University and spent 23 years in her chosen profession. She also speaks Spanish. In addition to Gary, they have another son, Mark, who is in management with an oil company in Texas. Connie and Joe have 3 grandchildren and recently welcomed a great grandchild, a boy named Emmett.

GFWC-SC WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Ann Fornwald Aiken Woman's Club



Originally from Oklahoma, Ann moved to Aiken SC in 1973. She joined Aiken Woman's Club in 1980. Although divorced in 1987 with two young children to care for, Ann continued her work in AWC while she returned to teaching Spanish and Latin in the local high schools in Aiken County. Ann served for many years as department chair of the Foreign Language Department in her school and served on the Foreign Language committees at the county and state level. Ann returned to the role of student and earned her M. Ed. with an emphasis in Spanish while teaching full time and maintaining an active role as mom in supporting her children in school, gymnastics, band, church, scouts, sports and other activities. During that time Ann was blessed to have her mother, newly widowed, move in with her in Aiken. Fortunately, Ann's daughter was still at home while working on her own master's degree for USC, so she was able to help care for her grandmother.

Ann has been an active member of St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church since 1973. She served as Sunday school teacher for years and has been the Altar Guild Co-Chair for the past sixteen years. She also works monthly in the church Saturday Soup Kitchen.

Over the years Ann has held most offices available in Aiken Woman's Club including three separate terms as president. She has been an active volunteer in most of Aiken Woman's Club projects over the past thirty years including the Very Special Arts Festival, Celebration of Character, Heifer International Ark, Habitat for Humanity Woman's Build, Relay for Life, Summer Reading Program for Children and The Big Read.

In addition, Ann served as chairperson for the International Outreach Community Service Program during the GFWC-SC Presidency of Lynn Cleckler. During her tenure as chair, the state adopted and funded \$5,000 Ark from Heifer International to promote sustainable cottage industries in areas of the world where women and their families are struggling to support themselves and their neighbors. In addition the state continued its active support of Operation Smile and expanded support to a relatively new organization, the Nepalese Youth Opportunity, which buys girls out of slavery in Nepal and India by reimbursing the families with the price of a pig.

More recently, Ann served as Western District President from 2012 - 2014. During that time she visited most of the clubs in Western District and presided over Western District Summer Board meeting in Columbia in 2012 and in Aiken in 2013. She established the office of Western District Secretary/Treasurer to better serve Western District and is currently serving in that office.

Ann is the person most frequently turned to for information about GFWC, GFWC-SC, and AWC. She has wonderful leadership skills in her quiet, unassuming way.



The first GFWC-SC Girlfriends Who Care Award was presented to author Mary Alice Monroe on April 28, 2017, for raising awareness about conservation issues important to South Carolina wildlife through the power of story.

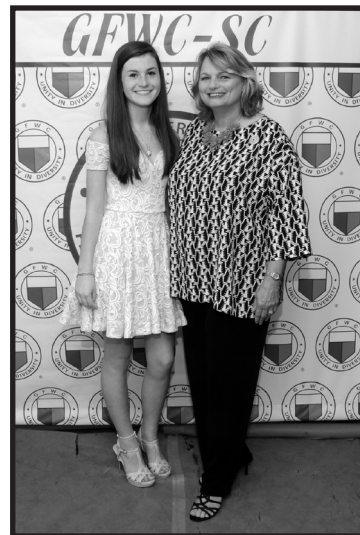
GFWC-SC 2017 LEADS Candidate Genna Prince Woman's Club of the Midlands

Genna Prince has been selected as our GFWC-SC 2017 LEADS Candidate. Genna was nominated by Marian St. Clair and presented at the 119th Annual Convention. Genna has just finished 8th grade at Sandhills School and will be attending Cardinal Newman School in the fall. The following is an excerpt from the recommendation received from Genna's principle, Anne Vickers, Sandhills School.

"Genna is an outstanding student in all areas. Her achievement and accomplishments are above her chronological age. Her leadership skills are superior. She is highly motivated and gives more than 100%. She is an active volunteer both in school and in the community. A unique quality about Genna is that she is very active in the school community and beyond, however, she often volunteers on a daily basis to help out any teacher, student or parent in need. She has the ability to see and anticipate needs before they arise. She has been an active participant in our sports program (soccer and basketball), and an active member of the General Federation of Women's Club. With all of Genna's active participation in our school community, she is well on her way to leaving an impressive legacy.

Genna is unique and has an impressive skill set as well as personal integrity. Wherever she goes she will be an asset because of her leadership skills and her commitment to serve. Genna sets the benchmarks high for herself. She is always striving for excellence."

Genna will be traveling with our Executive Committee to California and will make a presentation at our Summer Session on her experience. Genna will also be going through LEADS this year with another 14 year old from Minnesota!



Congratulations 2017 Jessamine Spirit Award Recipient Avery Bonner

Avery Bonner is 8 years old and in the 2nd grade at River Springs Elementary School in Irmo. She started in the Jessamines last summer and has really enjoyed all of their group service projects. Some of her favorite projects were when the girls put together the gift bags for the SCOA nurses at Winter Session and when they made the dog treats for Pawmetto Lifeline.

Avery has also completed service projects at her school, with her Girl Scouts Troop, and with her family. At school, she helped collect canned goods for a local food bank, she clipped Box Tops to donate, and she gave donations to the school's March of Dimes campaign. With her Girl Scouts Troop, Avery helped collect items for 2 local animal shelters by receiving donations in the car rider line before school. With her family, Avery volunteered at the concession stand for Irmo Little League and, with some of her friends, had a bake sale in the lobby of South Carolina Oncology Associates to benefit SCOA Cares. She also loves to assist the leaders in children's ministry at church!

Avery was honored to receive the Jessamine Spirit Award at the state convention from Laura Palmer. It was a very special night for both of them! Avery is looking forward to a great summer of service with the Jessamines and attending GFWC-SC Summer Session in July!

119th GFWC-SC Annual Convention April 28-30, 2017



Congratulations!
Laurie O'Kelly, Candidate
for
GFWC Southern Region Treasurer
2018-2020
&
Marian St.Clair, Candidate
for
GFWC President-elect
2018-2020



GFWC-SC
Registration Form for Summer Session
Due by Monday, July 17, 2017

Basic Information

Name: _____ E mail: _____
District: _____ Club: _____

Credentials Information (check the first one that applies):

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

Medical Information – In Case of an Emergency:

Notify (primary): _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____
Notify (alternate): _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____
Medicine allergies: _____

Medications/location/instructions in case of emergency:

(You are encouraged to keep emergency medications handy.)

Event and Meal Reservations:

Registration fee: \$15 _____
Late fee (after 7/17): \$5 _____
Meals: N/A
Total: _____

Make checks out to GFWC-SC.
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327 Annapolis Rd.
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Special Dietary Needs:

Vegetarian: _____ Gluten Free: _____ Food Allergies: _____

Official Call
GFWC-SC 2017 Summer Session/Board Meeting
Saturday, July 22, 2017
Wingate by Wyndam

Saturday, July 22, 2017— Wingate by Wyndam, Columbia/Lexington—108 Saluda Pointe Court, Lexington, SC 29072

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

8:45 a.m. Registration/Light Refreshments
 9:00 a.m. GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Call to Order 2017 Summer Session
 Report from Board of Directors Meeting
 Guest Speakers
 Junior Board Meeting immediately following

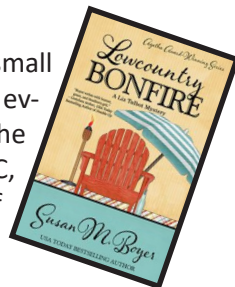
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 Columbia/Lexington
 Courtesy Rate of \$109 per night plus tax
 Reservation must be made by
 June 21, 2017
 By calling
 803-957-9000
 Request "GFWC-SC" Block



Susan M. Boyer is the author of the USA TODAY bestselling Liz Talbot mystery series. Her debut novel, *Lowcountry Boil*, won the 2012 Agatha Award for Best First Novel, the Daphne du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense, and garnered several other award nominations, including the Macavity. The third book in the series, *Lowcountry Boneyard*, was a Spring 2015 Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance Okra Pick, and has been short-listed for the 2016 Pat Conroy Beach Music Mystery Prize. It is also a 2016 Daphne du Maurier finalist for the Mainstream Mystery/Suspense award.

Lowcountry Bordello, the fourth Liz Talbot mystery, was released November 3, 2015. *Lowcountry Book Club* released July 5th, 2016 and was a Summer 2016 SIBA Okra Pick.

Susan loves beaches, Southern food, and small towns where everyone knows everyone, and everyone has crazy relatives. You'll find all of the above in her novels. She lives in Greenville, SC, with her husband and an inordinate number of houseplants.



Directions to Wingate by Wyndam

From Charleston—Take Exit 110—Turn left and go 2.9 miles. Turn left onto Ginny Lane and the hotel will be on your left.

From Greenville/Spartanburg—Take Exit 107A and merge onto I-20 W toward Augusta. Take Exit 61 onto US-378 toward Lexington. Turn immediate left onto Ginny Lane and the hotel will be on your left.

From Aiken—I-20 to Exit 61. Turn left on to Sunset Blvd. toward Lexington. Turn left on to Ginny Lane and the hotel will be on your left.

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