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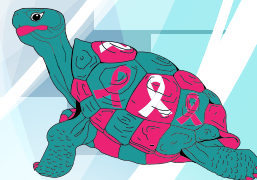
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One Step at a Time



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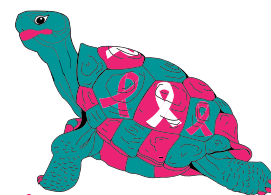
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*Sharing Our Passion*



*One Step at a Time*

Dear GFWC-SC Clubwomen,

I cannot believe my time as your GFWC-SC State President has now come to an end. What an amazing two years it has been for me personally and for our state as an organization. You have all been so welcoming to me and my family and I will always reflect fondly on this time I have had with you all.

I'm proud to share with you that over the past two years you worked on 3,091 projects, volunteered 164,189 hours, donated \$417,207, gave in-kind donations of \$321,901, spent \$79,768 and raised \$568,118! You embraced my three President's Special Projects "What Color is Your Cancer?", "Dyslexia Awareness", and "Your State...Your Project – Domestic Violence Awareness". On these projects alone you worked on 278 projects, gave 8716 volunteer hours, donated \$57,337 and donated in-kind \$48,064. All of these things were accomplished because of you and your devotion to your communities and to GFWC-SC and GFWC.

I want to express my sincere and heartfelt thank you to the 2016-2018 Executive Committee who stood with me these past two years and supported my goals. It has been a pleasure to work with you all and I look forward to cheering our 2018-2020 Administration on in all that they do to keep GFWC-SC Strong.

In my final remarks at this year's state convention I closed with a poem that Madame President Shea shared with us at her installation in 2016. It really tells how I feel about each and everyone of you....It is called "Heart Friends" and the author is Unknown.

"How generous is God that He has given those few and special women who are the true friends of my heart...How He must love me that He has let us find one another upon this crowded earth.... We are drawn to each other as if by some mystical force...we recognize each other at once.

We are sisters of spirit who understand each other instinctively. There is no blood between us, no common family history. Yet, there are no barriers of background or even age. Older, younger, richer, poorer – no matter, we speak the same language, we have come together in a special moment of time and the sense of union we feel will last throughout eternity.

How generous is God that He has given me so many other women I can call friends...I would be poorer without them. Yet, surely the Lord's true concern for us, His children, is to lead us to these rare and precious few. The ones who call out to us from long separations...the friends whom the heart feels joyfully at home."

Forever "Living the Volunteer Spirit" through GFWC-SC,

Love Always,

*Janet*



“How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”- Winnie the Pooh

It hard to believe that my time as Director of Junior Clubs has come to an end. The past four years have truly been amazing. From meeting with you across our great state to traveling to the west coast for International convention, I have enjoyed every minute of being your Director! Thank you for this amazing opportunity!

You ladies made my job easy just by doing what you do every day. Your commitment to the betterment of your communities is inspiring. This year, the Juniors reported donating almost \$24,000 under Junior Special Project, Advocates for Children! As always you have shown that you are dedicated to helping the future of our state.

Your commitment to ‘The Hopeful Campaign’ also meant a lot to me. Thank you for all that you have done to advocate for both homeless youth and human trafficking victims. Knowing that you are volunteering and bring awareness about these issues to your community gives me hope.

My favorite thing to watch the past four years have been the interactions of the Junior clubs. It makes me so excited to hear clubs planning events, fellowships and ideas to share with their members! I’ve had the pleasure of getting to know our members better and forming friendships. Please don’t stop the invites just because I’m out of this position!

Thank you to the 2016-2018 Executive Committee for being such a fun, supportive and hardworking group! It was a pleasure to work with you all and deepen our friendships. Janet- it was an honor to serve as your director! Thank you for everything you have done for me during this administration- love you! Carrie- I hope you enjoy this position as much as I have. You will ask “what have I done?” at least once during this journey but all the good decisions in life normally involve that thought!

To Mia- Thank you for showing me from a young age the importance of giving back. Your influence, support and love have me gotten where I am today. Thank you and I love you.

Thank you again GFWC-South Carolina. I’m looking forward to the adventures to come!



**Katie Moydell**  
GFWC-SC  
Director of  
Junior Clubs



*In Junior Love- Katie*

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## 120th Annual GFWC-SC Convention Minutes – April 20-21, 2018

The Convention began with a processional welcoming our guests of honor for the convention--- Past Directors of Junior Clubs of GFWC-SC, Past Presidents of GFWC-SC, current Executive Committee of GFWC-SC (See attached Convention Program for names and positions) The Processional was introduced by Peggy Aun, Convention Co-Chairman.

The 120th Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Club of South Carolina was called to order on April 20, 2018 by President Janet Prince at 11:00 a.m. Inspiration and Invocation were given by Linda Wagster, GFWC-SC, Chaplain. The Lexington High School ROTC presented the colors. Singing of the National Anthem was led by Tammy Garland, Past President, 2008-2010. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Janet Agnew, Past President 1978-1980. The South Carolina Pledge was led by Debbie Alexander, Past President, 1996-1998. The Collect for Clubwomen was led by Jo Ann Bolchoz, Past President, 2012-2014. National Pledge of Junior Clubwomen was led by Genna Prince, Special Assistant to the President.

Introduction of our welcome speaker, Sheriff Jay Koon was given by Jackie Boland, Past President, 1998-2000. Sheriff Jay Koon, Lexington County Sheriff, welcomed us to Lexington County and spoke briefly. Response to the speaker was given by Lynn Cleckler, Past President, 2004—2006. Introduction of our guest speaker, author Geanna Culbertson was given by Sara Bonner, Juniorette Chairman. Geanna spoke about her books and her background as an author. Response was given by Laura Palmer, Convention Co-chairman.

Grace was given by Caroline Mahaffey, Past President, 2014-2016 -- Hat and Glove Luncheon was served at noon.

Introductions of those who have joined the head table and the GFWC-SC Board of Directors was given by Laurie O'Kelly, Protocol Chairman. Andrea Christensen and Missy Earley were introduced as Pages for today. Timekeeper today is Caroline Mahaffey. Preliminary Credentials Report was given by Elizabeth Herring, Credentials Committee Chairman (see attached report). The Presentation of Convention Rules and Procedures was given by Jackie Boland, Parliamentary Advisor. A motion was made and seconded that the rules be adopted as read for the 120th Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of SC. The motion passed unanimously, and the rules and procedures were adopted. Presentation of Convention Program was given by Tonja Ivey, Special Assistant to the President. A motion was made and seconded that the convention program be adopted as printed as the order of business for the convention. The motion was unanimously approved, and the program was adopted as printed.

Report of the Board of Directors Meeting was given by Norma England, Secretary. Norma also read greetings received for our convention which included a letter from Past President Lavonia Hendrix and a Proclamation of Congratulations on the 120th anniversary of GFWC-SC from Governor Henry McMaster. Juliet Casper, President-elect, presented Honor Club Awards and Awards based on Club and District Rating Sheets (see awards listed in attached program) Kathie Walker, Treasurer, presented Contribution Sheet based awards (see awards listed in attached program) Kristen Fields, 2nd Vice President, presided over the GFWC-SC Advancement Awards and Community Service Program Awards for Fundraising, Leadership, Membership, Legislation & Public Policy, Women's History and Resource Center, Education, Home Life and Conservation. (See awards listed in attached program and see attached reports of presenting chairmen)

Announcements were made by Tonja Ivey, Special Assistant to the President. Announcements included an explanation of the 50/50 Board Raffles for Friday and Saturday nights. An announcement was made explaining the Quilt Raffle on Saturday night of a quilt made by Shirlee Alfors. The money from this raffle goes to the President's Special Projects. The Convention recessed at 2:20 p.m.

**Friday, Evening, April 20, 2018**—The GFWC-SC 120th State Convention was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn & Suites in West Columbia, SC by President Janet Prince. President Prince welcomed everyone to our evening session with the theme of Favorite GFWC Dress through the Decades and Celebrating our Present. Sylvia Ayers, Past President, 1994-1996, said Grace before our evening meal.

After dinner 2nd Vice President Kristen Fields presided over the presentation of Awards and Recognition. Awards given included Arts Community Service Program, Writing Contest, Photography Contest, Scrapbook and Yearbook, Public Issues Program, GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, GFWC Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Special Project Awards, and GFWC-SC President's Special Project Awards. (See awards listed in attached program and see attached reports from chairmen) Lynn Shore presented a special Award from the DAR to Kathie Walker for her service the US Army during the Vietnam War era. Announcements were made by Tonja Ivey the session was recessed at 8:45 p.m. The session was followed by the It's in the Bag---Junior Purse Auction and Dance the Night Away-- Junior Fun Night.

**Saturday, April 21, 2018 - Memorial Service** to honor and remember our members who died during the past year was held in Salons A & B at 8:30 a.m. The Memorial Service was led by Linda Wagster, GFWC-SC Chaplain.

The Convention was reconvened at 9:00 a.m. by President Janet Prince. Laurie, O'Kelly, Protocol Chairman provided introductions. Shelli Pue, Special Assistant to the Director of Junior Clubs, provided our Inspiration and Grace for the morning session. Breakfast Buffet was served.

Peggy Aun was introduced as the Page for today. Lynn Shore and Kathy Gerwig will serve as Tellers. The Timekeeper for today is Karen Pack. Reports were given by the GFWC-SC District Presidents: Neel Lesene, Central District; Peggy Aun, Midlands District; Laura Palmer, Northern District; Jan Stone, Southern District; Janine Lawson, Eastern District; Misty Konow, North Central District; Tina Winkler, Northwestern District, Mary Lou Wallace, Western District. (See attached reports)

### **Doors were closed at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with our By-Laws to hold 2018 Election of Officers.**

Norma England, GFWC-SC Secretary read the Rules of Election (see attached). Kaye Jones, Election Committee Chairman presented the State and District Confirmations.

The Elections Committee Chairman made a motion on behalf of the Elections Committee to confirm the state elections as presented. Shelli Pue---Director-elect of Junior Clubs; District Presidents: Anne Redlus---Coastal District; Katie Moydell---Midlands District; Tina Winkler---Upstate District; As well as the following members voted to represent their District as GFWC-SC Trustees at their 2017 District Conferences

For the GFWC-SC Board of Trustees: Eastern District Debbie Ritter, 2020, Northern District---Janet Agnew, 2021 (Upstate District); Western District---Mary Tipton, 2020; For the GFWC-SC Trustees of the Progress Foundation: Central District---Susan Swails, 2021 (Midlands District); Midlands District---Debra Harmon, 2021(Midlands District); North Central District---Adriana Marlow, 2021 (Upstate District); Northern District--Deb Peabody, 2020 (Upstate District); For the GFWC-SC Board of Trustees of Scholarship Fund: Northern District---Tammy Sessa, 2021 (Upstate District) Northwestern District---Karen Pack, 2021 (Upstate District), Southern District---Emily Timte, 2021 (Coastal District).

There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed. The nominees recommended by the Elections Committee for the state and district elections were unanimously approved.

Kaye Jones Election Committee Chairman presented the nominees of the offices of the GFWC-SC Executive Committee as approved by the Elections Committee. Beth Taylor was nominated for the office of Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed. Beth Taylor was unanimously elected as Treasurer. Suzanne Carswell was nominated for the office of Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed. Suzanne Carswell was unanimously elected as Secretary. Norma England was nominated for the office of 2nd Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed. Norma England was unanimously elected as 2nd Vice President. Kristin Fields was nominated for the office of First Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed. Kristin Fields was unanimously elected as First Vice President. President Janet Prince introduced the newly elected 2018-2020 GFWC-SC Executive Committee: Carrie Zimmerman—Director of Junior Clubs; Shelli Pue Director--elect of Junior Clubs; Beth Taylor—Treasurer; Suzanne Carswell—Secretary; Norma England---2nd Vice President; Kristin Fields—1st Vice President; and 2018-2020 State President, Juliet Casper.

The doors were reopened by the pages and the Officer Reports continued with the report of Director of Junior Clubs, Katie Moydell, followed by Kathie Walker, Treasurer; Norma England, Secretary; 2nd Vice President, Kristin Fields; President-elect, Juliet Casper, and President, Janet Prince. (see attached reports). Reports and awards from the Boards of Trustees were presented: Board of Trustees Report was given by Jo Ann Bolchoz and she also presented the Endowment Award (see attached report and award listed in the program). Report of Trustees of the Progress Foundation and Progress Foundation Silver Award were given by Barb Kogut, Chairman. (see attached report and awards listed in the program). Report of the GFWC-SC Scholarship Fund was given by Chairman, Lois Black. She also presented the Kate T. Davis Memorial Award. (See attached reports and award listed in the program). Reports were given by the Chairmen of the Standing Committees: Resolutions Committee---Ellen Mayes reported on the Resolution previously read from Governor Henry McMaster, Governor of SC: Headquarter Committee---Ann Malpass (see attached report); Conventions & Meeting Planning, Jo Ann Bolchoz (see attached report); Constitution and By-Laws---Lynn Cleckler introduced her committee (see attached report); Disaster Relief Fund—Juliet Casper (see attached report). Tammy Garland, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented an updated report on the 2018-2019 Budget and introduced the Finance Committee. The chairman moved that the Budget be approved as recommended by the Finance Committee. The 2018-2019 Budget was unanimously approved. Suzanne Carswell, Chairman of the international Out Reach Community Service Program presented the awards for International Outreach. (see awards in program)

Carrie Zimmerman, Director Elect of Junior Clubs presented our speaker, Jen Thompson. Jen Thompson is the Executive Director of Lighthouse for Life. Jan Stone, Southern District President gave the response. Katie Moydell, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs presented Awards for Junior Clubs. (see awards in program on page 12).

Announcements were made by Tonja Ivey. Session was recessed at 12:55 p.m.

#### **Saturday, Evening, April 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Celebrating the 120th Anniversary of GFWC-SC Gala Embracing Our Future**

The Convention was reconvened at 6:30 p.m. by President Janet Prince. President Prince welcomed our guests and family members who had joined us for the gala celebration. Darlene Rittel, President, Sand River Woman's Club offered Grace for our evening meal. After dinner President Prince showed a short video, "No Matter What the Era GFWC-SC Girls Just Want to Have Fun". President-elect Juliet Casper presented the following District Awards: Virginia (Sissy) Welch Award---Midlands District; Ruby H. McManus Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award---Central District; Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award---Midlands District; Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award---Lexington Woman's Club. Deanna Reed-Sharpe, Chairman of the Community Improvement Program Awards, presented the Community Improvement Awards: 1st Place—Lexington Woman's Club; 2nd Place---Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville; 3rd Place Woman's Club of Cayce. Katie Moydell, Director of Junior Clubs, presented Junior Silver Certificate Awards: Junior Cup I---Seneca Junior Woman's Club; Junior Cup II—Junior Woman's Club of Columbia. Kristin Fields, 2nd Vice President, presented the Program Council Awards: Category I---Woman's Club of the Midlands; Category II—Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville; Category III---North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club.

The following Individual Awards were presented: "Girl Friends Who Care Award" presented to Katie Moydell and Kathie Walker by Janet Prince and Caroline Mahaffey. Honor Roll Class of 2018 was presented to Sharon Quinter, Sandra Anthony, Tracie Ross, Toni Phillips, Jeannie Turner, Lee Wolfe, Estelle "Sissy" Frierson, and Norma England. Class of 2018 Order of the Jessamine was presented to: Frances Dantzler, Christy Todd, Peggy Opitz. Jessamine Spirit Award was presented to Kinsley Evans. Juniorette Volunteer of the Year was presented to Brittany Burdick and Molly Sankey. Carol Van Rowland & Susan Van Haynes Junior Clubwoman of Achievement presented to Elizabeth Court. GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year was presented to Jeri McCumbee. GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction was presented to Dorothy Boyd. Jennie Award was presented to Gail Elfert.

Final Credential Report was given by Chairman Elizabeth Herring. (See attached report). Elizabeth Herring, Credentials Chairman, made a motion on behalf of the credentials Committee to accept the Credentials Report. The motion to accept the Credentials Report was unanimously approved by the Convention.

Katie Moydell, Director of Junior Clubs gave her final remarks. Janet Prince, President of GFWC-SC gave her final remarks.

Tina Winkler, Upstate District President, issued the invitation to the 2019 Annual Convention which will be held in Rock Hill, SC. Tonja Ivey made Announcements and conducted the 50/50 Board Raffle. Peggy Aun and Laura Palmer, Convention Co-Chairmen conducted the drawings for the President's Travel Fund Baskets and Quilt Raffle.

Kathy Monahan, GFWC-SC Past President, 2006-2008 conducted the Installation Ceremony of the newly elected GFWC-SC 2018-2020 Officers. The following officers were installed: Director-elect of Junior Clubs---Shelli Pue; District Presidents: Coastal—Anne Redlus; Midlands--- Katie Moydell; Upstate---Tina Winkler. Director of Junior Clubs---Carrie Zimmerman, Treasurer---Beth Taylor, Secretary --Suzanne Carswell, Second Vice President---Norma England, First Vice President---Kristin Fields, and President—Juliet Casper.

Carrie Zimmerman, newly installed Director of Junior Clubs, addressed the convention. Carrie discussed her background and family. She outlined her projects and plans for the next two years. Juliet Casper, newly installed President of GFWC-SC, addressed the Convention. Juliet gave us a brief update on her life and family. President Casper presented her theme, Make a Splash in Your Community. She discussed her special projects for the next two years. She showed a short video on Swimming Saves Lives, about one of her special projects.

There being no further business to come before the Convention, President Janet Prince adjourned the 120th Convention of GFWC-SC at 10:32 p.m.

A Reception to Honor the 2018-2020 Officers hosted by North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club was held in the Pre-Function area.

***Respectfully Submitted, Norma C. England, GFWC-SC Secretary***



**Juliet Casper**  
GFWC-SC  
President-elect



**Membership - The Real Deal**

Convention was a time to celebrate the 120th Anniversary of GFWC-SC, and celebrate three clubs with 120 years of volunteer service: Once a Week Club, Over the Teacups, and Paul Hayne Circle. We also recognized several member anniversaries. A complete list of club and member anniversaries can be found in this issue of Clubwoman magazine. It is not too late to recognize a member's anniversary. Just send the member's name and number of years of service to Kristin Fields, and pins can be given at Summer Board. We have pins to recognize 10, 25, 30, and 40 years of service. GFWC has a form to fill out for fifty year pins.

The theme for the 2016-2018 Membership Recruitment campaign was "It's the Real Deal". Our members and clubs certainly are the Real Deal. We accomplished more this administration, in terms of projects, volunteer hours, and money raised, with less members. We hope to increase membership with the redistricting of the state. The district officers will have more territory to cover, but more club presidents to assist them in their efforts to federate

new clubs and increase membership. There is one last membership recruitment report due June 1. If your club gained three new members or more in March, April, and May, be sure to send the report to GFWC so your club will be recognized in the GFWC Clubwoman magazine.

*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 Creativity Award Entry club projects. Again this year, an Awards Booklet was given out at Convention that 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.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Second Vice President. Have a safe summer!

*Kristin*



**Kristin Fields**  
GFWC-SC  
Second Vice President

**District Awards:**

- Virginia (Sissy) Welch Award: Midlands District
- Ruby H McManus Sims-Stackhouse Endowment Award: Northwestern District
- Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award: Midlands District
- Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award: Lexington Woman's Club

**Outstanding Club Awards:**

- Junior Cup I: Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- Junior Cup II: Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

**Program Council Awards:**

- Category I: The Woman's Club of the Midlands
- Category II: Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
- Category III: North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

**Photography Contest Winners:**

- Living Things: 1st – Darlene Griffin, "Inquisitive Pup"
- World of Pictures:
- Scenes: 1st – Darlene Griffin, "Beautiful Colorado Rockies", 2nd – Joyce Vajda, "A Clear Sunny Day"

**Scrapbook Contest Winners:**

- Category II: 1st – Aiken Woman's Club
- Category III: 1st – Woman's Club of Rock Hill

## 4.5 Months – Magic Number!



**Kathie Walker**  
GFWC-SC  
Treasurer

One last time! Yes, 4.5 months is indeed the magic number for GFWC-SC Treasurers! And 4.5 months after the end of your club's Fiscal/Club Year, the following items are due:

Annual Information Return (Form 990-N, Electronic Notice -e-Postcard) or Federal Tax Return (Form 990 or 990-EZ) to IRS  
Annual Charities Registration or Application for Exemption with the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office  
Annual Raffle Registration (if applicable)  
Annual Raffle Financial Report (if applicable)

For the majority of our clubs, the Fiscal/Club Year end is at the end of April or May; so your due dates would be September 15th or October 15, 2018.

As this is the last Club Woman Treasurer's article I will be writing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Club Presidents and Treasurers that I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with over the last four years. As I said at the 2018 Convention, there have been many happy times, a few tears, and some outright good belly laughs when I read some of your notes and reports. Everyone has been so cooperative and accommodating and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I know you will do the same for Beth Taylor and I wish her lots of luck in her new position. I am on to a new adventure as the President of the Woman's Club of Rock Hill and hopefully I will now have time to spend time with family and friends in our new home in the Florida Keys. Good Luck and God Bless!

*Kathie*



**Norma England**  
GFWC-SC  
Secretary

It has been an honor to serve as your GFWC-SC Secretary during the past two years. I have enjoyed attending events and representing you as a member of the GFWC-SC Executive Committee. My duties as secretary have kept me busy at times.

It has been a pleasure to work with Janet Prince as President. She has been so organized and prepared, that it has made being your GFWC-SC Secretary an easy and enjoyable job. I have also enjoyed working with all the other members of the 2016-18 GFWC-SC Executive Committee. They are all so very dedicated and talented. The Standing Committee Chairmen, the Boards of Trustees Chairmen, and all the other committee and program chairmen have been so helpful. It has been a wonderful experience getting to know so many of you! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your secretary. It has been a great honor to serve GFWC-SC. All of you and your clubs do so much for our communities, our state, our country, and even on an international scale. Thank you for the opportunity to report your activities through our minutes!

*Norma*

### Community Improvement Program Awards

First Place—Lexington Woman's Club  
Second Place—Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville  
Third Place—The Woman's Club of Cayce

**Individual Awards & Recognition**  
***Girlfriends Who Care Award***



**Kathie Walker**  
**GFWC-SC Treasurer**  
**2014—2018**



**Katie Moydell**  
**GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs**  
**2014—2018**

**GFWC-SC Honor Roll**  
**Class of 2018**  
**Honorees**

Sharon Quinter – GFWC Woman’s League of the Lowcountry  
Saundra Anthony – North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club  
Tracie Ross – North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club  
Toni Phillips – North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club  
Jeannie Turner – North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club  
Lee Wolfe – Chapin Junior Woman’s Club  
Estelle “Sissy” Frierson – Lexington Woman’s Club  
Norma England—Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

**Order of the Jessamine**  
**Class of 2018**

Frances Dantzler—Lexington Woman’s Club  
Peggy Optiz—North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club  
Christy Todd—Chapin Junior Woman’s Club







**2018 Jessamine Spirit Award  
Kinsley Evans**



**Kathie Walker presented with an award from the Daughters of the American Revolution for her service during the Vietnam War.**



**Jennie Award  
Gail Elfert  
St. Andrews Woman's Club**

**2017 JUNIORETTE OF THE YEAR—BRITTNEY BURDICK**



Brittney is a honor student and member of the 2018 graduating class of Woodmont High School. She served as President of the Woodmont High School Juniorette Club in 2017 and Vice President in 2016. She has been instrumental in promoting the club by: designing t-shirts, planning meetings where the girls have been involved in activities such as painting pumpkins, painting nails, make-up tips, cookie decorating and obtaining guest speakers. Brittney helped increase club membership from 27 members in 2016 to 45 members in 2017. She also works a part-time job as a server in a local restaurant. She organized meetings for the juniorette club; collected bras for the "Free the Girls" international project; collected coupons for military families; organized self-defense classes during sexual awareness month; helped at a holiday fair by selling concessions for the local GFWC affiliate; and organized and attended with fellow members a trip to a local assisted living facility (Quillen Manor) where snowmen were handed out to the residents. Brittney is the daughter of Doug and Rhonda Burdick and resides in Piedmont, SC. In the words of Melissa Sims, teacher of Woodmont High School and Juniorette Club Sponsor, "she is an outstanding young lady who has a bright future ahead of her". GFWC-SC wishes her great success in all future endeavors.

**JUNIORETTE OF THE YEAR—MOLLY SANKEY**

Molly is a junior at River Bluff High School and member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club. She served as President of the River Bluff High School Juniorette Club in 2017, captain of the junior varsity volleyball team and of her club volleyball team. She has completed ten service project, 35 hours of service and raised \$97.00 from her service projects. She is also a member of Gator Paws a club which focuses on helping shelter animals and the Health Occupations Science Organization where she shares her spirit for science and jobs in the health field and will compete in a state competition for dental terminology. Molly comes up with service ideas for the club such as face painting and helping children at the JDRF Walk; decorating and supplying socks to children in hospitals; making valentines for nursing homes; raising awareness for cancer; raising money for a local women's shelter: making mats for the homeless, donating Christmas gifts for children who may not receive them otherwise; picking up trash on the side of the road and helping tutor others. Molly loves her family, especially her little sister, Maggie, and dog Bucky. In the words of Sara Bonner, River Bluff High School Juniorette Club Sponsor, "Molly is an avid participant in our Juniorette program and her community. She is a positive influence and always helps others". GFWC-SC wishes her great success in all future endeavors.



**Carol Vann Rowland & Susan Vann Haynes  
Junior Clubwoman of Achievement  
Elizabeth Porth**

## **Club Anniversaries Celebrated at the 2018 GFWC-SC State Convention**

GFWC-SC Renaissance Woman's Club—15 Years  
Upstate Woman's Club—25 Years  
Sand River Woman's Club—35 Years  
GFWC Jubilee Club—45 Years  
Seneca Junior Woman's Club—45 Years  
The Woman's Club of Charleston—50 Years  
St. Andrews Woman's Club—55 Years  
Lexington Woman's Club—60 Years  
Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville—60 Years  
Junior Woman's Club of Columbia—65 Years  
Once A Week Club—120 Years  
Over the Teacups—120 Years  
Paul Hayne Circle—120 Years

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### **GFWC-SC Club Members Anniversaries**

#### ***10 Years***

Mary O'Brien—GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry  
Pamela Schurgot—GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry

#### ***25 Years***

Mary Sprouse—Paul Hayne Circle  
Darlene Rittel—Sand River Woman's Club  
Hazel Jordan—Woman's Club of Cayce

#### ***30 Years***

Mary Lou Wallace—Sand River Woman's Club  
Ann Fornwald—Aiken Woman's Club  
Helen Randall—Aiken Woman's Club  
Joyce Jenkins—Aiken Woman's Club  
Sandy Bartholomew—Aiken Woman's Club  
Brenda Cole—Woman's Club of Cayce  
Francis Shealy—Woman's Club of Cayce

#### ***40 Years***

Anne Redlus—GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry  
Corky Nosek—GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry  
Carolyn Heffner—Aiken Woman's Club  
Ellen Huston—Aiken Woman's Club  
Betty Thomason—Aiken Woman's Club  
Becky Robbins—Sand River Woman's Club  
Jean Schwalbert—Sand River Woman's Club



**Jeri Lorraine McCumbee  
2017 Volunteer of the Year  
GFWC-North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club**

Jeri is a single mother of five girls--four step children and one biological daughter. Jeri has maintained a very close relationship with all four stepchildren since her divorce when the youngest was thirteen. She also has two beautiful grandsons born in 2016 and is fully enjoying the role of "Nana". Jeri is a 50-year young female business owner of Access Medical Center, purchased in 2003, and she worked there prior from 1992. In March of 2004, she opened a skin rejuvenation center called Derma Vogue.

Jeri has been a member of the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club since 2008. She served as First Vice President from 2010-2012 and 2012-2014. During her terms as First VP she opened her home to host many Executive Committee Meetings with delicious meals served.

She served on the Club's By-Laws and Education committee for four years. She has volunteered with the club fundraising Tour of Homes since joining the club in 2008 and donated booties to keep the homes clean. Jeri participates in the club's business expo each year at the September meeting. At each monthly meeting she donates items being collected per the program for that month such as USO books, supplies for Teen Angel, Valentines for Seniors, Christmas for Seniors, Coats for Kids and Thermometers for the five local schools. From her medical office, she has furnished large syringes for a fun event of jello shots for the club's International Project "Shot at Life". Regardless of the program or project being introduced Jeri is one of the first to raise a hand and make suggestions or participate in getting the work done. Jeri is currently serving on the Budget & Finance Committee.

With extensive background and experience in fundraising, in 2013 Jeri became chair of the Club's newly formed Ways & Means-Fundraising & Development committee. That year she created and developed "Purses with Purpose" event, which has been the most successful and profitable fundraiser for the club. Under her leadership the last five years the club has raised over \$250,000 from this event. In 2017 \$75,000 was raised. This event has allowed the club to give back to the community and lend support to more than 29 charities. Jeri has been a lead sponsor of \$1,000 each year for this event as well as donating decorating items and purses. She not only runs the event and secures the sponsors and purses; she is the emcee for the event each year. Her networking ability through her connections in the community has been invaluable to our club and the success of this event.

Jeri never seems to slow down. She is the immediate past Chairman of the North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce and the North Myrtle Beach Foundation. In this position she provides guidance to the new chair. As the Chamber Chairwoman she helped to raise \$150,000 to help pass the Ride 3 program for the repair and construction of new roads in Horry County. As Chair of the Foundation, she participated in the annual Turkey Drive for the North Strand Helping Hand. And awarded scholarships to students attending Horry Georgetown Technical College.

Building North Myrtle Beach Campaign is a Capital Campaign to raise funds for marketing of North Myrtle Beach and diversifying the economy. Jeri is the cabinet chair and was very instrumental in phase one securing 3.5 million dollars of which she donated \$25,000. Currently phase 2.0 is underway and Jeri has help lead them to secure 3.2 million.

Jeri is also on the McLeod Hospital Foundation Board and has chaired the Hospital's Annual Ball for Seven Years. Monies raised at the ball were used to Refurbish the Pediatric Center, purchase MRI equipment, purchase a Security system, and add upgrades to the extended living facility. As a board member, she assisted in reviewing grant applications for needs of the staff and patients of the hospital. She graduated from the first McLeod Health Foundation Fellows program held at McLeod Seacoast Hospital. This group of business leaders has invested time and money into programs that support the hospital, its staff and patients. She was also involved in the Hospitals capital campaign in which they are working towards a goal of \$1 million dollars.

Jeri donates hundreds of hours to the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club, the local hospital, Chamber and Community as well as the other organizations listed. She has managed to own and operate a successful family practice employing twenty staff members and providers, while enjoying and maintaining a family life as a single woman and mom. Jeri gives tirelessly within her time, talent and treasure to all that need help. Her reward is realizing that she has made an impact in the community to help improve as many lives as she possibly can.



**GFWC-SC  
Woman of Distinction  
Dorothy Boyd  
Upstate Woman's Club**

Dorothy has been a member of the Upstate Woman's Club since 1993. Dorothy has consistently been one of the club's most loyal and dedicated members. Dorothy is the first one to volunteer to help out with anything the club is doing and diligently works with two of our charity groups. Dorothy supports Generation Boys Home every holiday with organizing volunteers and food to feed the boys as well as helping organize the homes annual fund raiser. She helps with their fall festival and genuinely loves all of her "boys" at the home. She also works hard every month assisting with our "Back Pack Blessings" group, ensuring the organization has enough food to feed these children in need every weekend. This past year Dorothy has done all of this work while caring for her ailing mother in Tennessee, until she passed away. Dorothy also took wonderful care of her Mother in Law this past year, taking her to doctor's appointments, visiting with her, opening her home to her sister's in law when they would visit until her Mother in Law passed away a few months ago. Dorothy is married to Richie and has two grown children, Brooks and Katie and one grandchild and two more on the way! Dorothy also runs her own trading and surplus business. Dorothy's selflessness and open heart to help others really sets her apart and she definitely exemplifies a "Woman of Distinction".



**Introduction of our GFWC-SC 2018 LEADS Candidate  
Kaye Gerrald, Chapin Woman's Club**

# GFWC-SC 120th Annual Convention Memories



2018 GFWC-SC Past President's Dinner held at GFWC-SC Headquarters



Opening Session—Friday, April 20, 2018



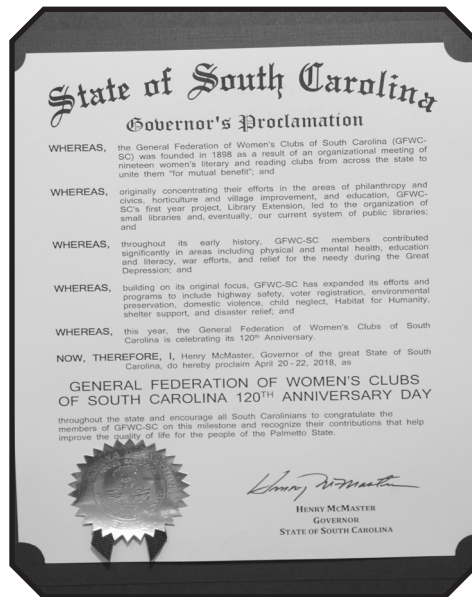
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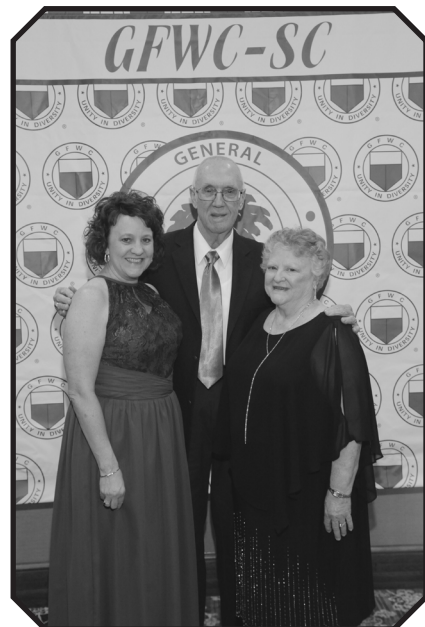
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GFWC-SC  
Saturday Night Banquet



# GFWC-SC 120th Annual Convention Memories





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Let's Make Splash GFWC-SC! Let's jump right in and make a difference in our community, our state and our world. I am honored to serve as the 2018-2020 State President and am excited about the upcoming GFWC convention in St. Louis where "It's Our Time to Connect". Your Executive Committee will be attending the convention which will feature a Rise Against Hunger Service project; guest speaker Nancy Witter, a comedian, author and life coach; guest speaker Pierson Phillips, a thirteen year old boy who proudly has special abilities, not disabilities; and workshops on parliamentary procedure, membership, leadership, legislation and public policy, and GFWC partners. We will cast our votes for the 2018-2020 GFWC Officers and proudly support Marian St. Clair for the office of President-Elect. We will also vote on changes to the GFWC bylaws and resolutions. You can see the proposed changes in the March-April issue of the GFWC Clubwoman magazine or on the website under Events. We look forward to sharing what we learn in St. Louis with all of you at our Summer Session on July 21. You can find the Call to our Summer Session on page 26.

Enjoy your summer and remember these words from the Dalai Lama: "Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects."

Forever "Living the Volunteer Spirit" through GFWC-SC,

*Juliet*



I am honored to be standing here tonight as the State President for the greatest woman's organization in the state, the General Federation of Woman's Clubs South Carolina. Thank you Kathy Monahan for conducting such a special, moving installation ceremony. When I served as club president for the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club, Kathy was serving as GFWC-SC President. It could not be more fitting than to have her here tonight to install the 2018-2020 officers. I want to also thank Janet Prince for her guidance and support. I hope to continue the good work you have done, but your big shoes will be hard to fill.

I would not be standing here today without the love and support of several people here in this room and some who could not be here. I want to introduce them, myself and my platform as only a scrapbooker would do...via photos. My husband Chris Mezenski is my best friend and biggest cheerleader. He rarely says No to me, despite the fact that I often say No to him. He knows how passionate I am about giving back, and often jokes that I give and volunteer for the whole family. But as any volunteer knows, when you say Yes to a project, a position, you are usually saying No to something else. Our son Tristan is our greatest blessing and gift. He was introduced to woman's club at an early age, serving as a leprechaun for our club's St. Patrick's Day float then laying sod at the Habitat for Humanity House we worked on when I was club President. I think he lives the Volunteer Spirit as much as any 19 year college student can, which is all a clubmom can hope for.

I am blessed to have my parents, Mike and Martha Casper, here with me tonight. My mom regularly attends woman's club events with me and my dad keeps me swimming. They gave me the greatest gift, an education. With an education, a woman can stand on her own two feet and speak her mind. There are many women in the world today that can't do either of those things. My sister Melissa, her husband Scott, daughter Mikayla, and son, my godson, Noah are also here. Melissa and I are Irish twins, just a year and week apart and we did everything together growing up. Swimming on a swim team where we were the slowest swimmers but tried really hard. Studying long and hard so we could get college scholarships. Both going to South Bend IN for college at neighboring schools, then both in Chicago for our first jobs. Hopefully when both of Melissa's kids are off at college she'll join one of the woman's clubs in Rock Hill so we can do woman's club together. My brother Michael, his wife Sarah and their son Samuel are also here tonight. My brother Michael is a volunteer too. After graduating from Indiana University, he joined the Peace Corp, at my urging and at the dismay of my fearful mom. Michael went to The Gambia, a small country in West Africa, surrounded by Senegal. There he met Sarah. I have two more siblings that could not be here tonight. My sister Erin and her family live in Catlettsburg, Kentucky. My brother Matthew and his family live in Fort Collins, Colorado. Matt and Mike are identical twins, and weren't spoiled at all by their three older sisters. Two years ago we celebrated my parent's fiftieth anniversary with a Casper family reunion. My dad is the oldest of 12 and all 12 are alive and well. We are a lucky Irish Catholic family. Last year we were all together for the baptism of my brother Matt's daughter Rose. My mom is the oldest of 5, all are still alive, and her mom, my Grandma Joy will be 94 this year.

Now that you have met my family, meet my club. The North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club. I am so happy to have so many of them here with me tonight. I came to this club in 2002 as the September meeting speaker. I was embraced by the roughly 35 members in the club and immediately thrust into a leadership position, serving on the board with my mentors Sue Burgess and Pat Estep. They took me under their wing and I drove them to the state meetings. Pat was the picture of class and grace, and Sue speaks her mind without hurting anyone's feelings. They have taught me so much and hopefully I will do them proud in this new position.

Now a bit about me. I have chosen a few photos that I think tell my story. This is one of my favorite photos because it features me in my first suit. I remember picking it out of the JC Penney catalog. I was in 7th grade and told everyone I was going to be a lawyer. I am a graduate of St. Mary's College, a Catholic, all women liberal arts college that is the sister school to the University of Notre Dame. I majored in Literature and Government, great majors to prepare me for law school. I gained confidence and conviction that was needed to survive the first year of law school at Indiana University. I think the best way to describe my education at St. Mary's is to share two quotes. The first is from the current President of the college Jan Cervelli: "Saint Mary's women are impolite in their insistence on making an impact. Today, we call that quality grit, the ability to assert oneself regardless of external circumstances, the will to transcend what might otherwise cause us to retreat." The second is from one of the professors: "Charity meets an immediate need, but justice addresses the underlying causes that created the need." I intend to be impolite in my insistence on making an impact and I intend that impact to be addressing the underlying causes of the many needs in our community. I hope each of you will do the same.

My swim team, the Grand Strand Masters Swim Team. Swimming is how I manage the stress of being an attorney. Swimming laps for an hour and half three times a week if I am lucky, challenges me, relaxes me, enlightens me, restores my soul. It also helps me keep the pounds off, which is hard since my husband and I are both foodies. But my stress level is a lot lower now that I practice law on my own terms with a great new partner and friend, and wonderful staff, including two that came with me from other firm of 18 years. As I prepared to stand here as your state president, I felt it would be hypocritical of me to lead a woman's organization while silently accepting sexist behavior in my own business. How could I enjoy this honor when those around me did not see the value in it? My advice, don't let fear hold you back from making a change.

So now that you know some of my history, I think you will understand and hopefully embrace my theme, goals and projects for the 2018-2020 administration.

**Make a Splash in Your Community.** Every clubwoman can be that pebble that sends ripples through the water that is her community.

**We can Make a Splash first by Honoring the Past.**

Last year on the way to the GFWC convention in Palm Springs I noticed an article in the Clubwoman magazine that I had overlooked before. It was about the Turning Point Memorial and the struggle for women to secure the right to vote. The 19th Amendment was 70 plus years in the making and Clubwomen played a vital role in its passage. In 2020 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Our right to vote is the key to doing justice, not just charity. It is my goal to raise enough money to have GFWC-SC listed on the memorial.

**We can Make a Splash by Raising Our Voices.** One goal of incoming International President Mary Ellen Brock is to promote involvement in the legislative process. Follow bills of interest and let our Congressmen know our position. I hope our clubs in South Carolina will assist members in signing up for the Legislative Action center and taking action on bills. Federation Day April 24 is the perfect day to start Raising Our Voices. This week's News and Notes urges members to push for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and removal of the deadline for ratification. We only need two more states to ratify the amendment that ensures rights are not denied based upon an individual's gender. South Carolina is one of the states that has not ratified this amendment. We need to ask each candidate for governor what their position is on ERA. We need to tell our state senators and representatives to support the ratification of ERA before they break from the summer the first week of May.

**We can Make a Splash Showing Kindness and Gratitude.** Thankful Tuesdays is another goal of incoming International President Mary Ellen Brock that I want GFWC-SC to adopt. Every Tuesday we can spend a few minutes of our day to write what we are thankful for in a journal, or send a thank you card to a fellow member or friend, or do a random act of kindness.

There are two special projects for this administration. The first is Your State Your Partner. Members voted for the GFWC partner that our state would adopt and focus on. Three choices were offered and the votes were extremely close between two. So we will have a 2018 Partner the USO and a 2019 Partner St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The second President's project should not come as a surprise to you. The project is Swimming Saves Lives and will focus on reducing unintentional drowning. I hope you enjoy this next presentation which was greatly enhanced with the help of my son Tristan.

I would first like to thank all of you that attended the 2018 Convention in Columbia, SC this past April. It was such an enjoyable time with lots of laughs, lots of tears and so much support! I know the ones that could not come were there in GFWC-SC Federation Spirit! The Convention Committee, Janet, Katie, the entire Executive Board and our GFWC-SC sisters did an amazing job! Kleenex may be a fundraiser idea in the near future for us!

My parents always instilled Volunteerism into my life. If someone asked me "What is one of your all time favorite memories as a child?" I would reminisce about the time I was a "hugger". What is a "hugger?" A "hugger" was a volunteer that stands at the end of a race or event at Special Olympics and congratulates the athlete for completing in the event.

My Project is The Superheroes of Special Olympics. "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me brave in the attempt." This project is inspired by my daughter Zoe and her absolute love with working with this population! I have researched through our communities across the State and realized that Special Olympic events, support and awareness is available in most areas! Maybe your Club will be the "Hero" in your Community to bring more awareness! I also was inspired by some of our Clubs already were partnering with this population! This project can be reported in Home Life too!

There will be three Categories to report in, Super Girls-Bam!, Wonder Women-Pow! And Superheroes-Zap! Each of these categories will focus on volunteering at activities, support, educating and/or awareness of Special Olympics and intellectual disabilities. There is also a twist to incorporate our International partners of St. Jude's and March of Dimes! I can't wait to give my presentation at Summer Board on July 21, 2018.

We will also continue to support our GFWC International partners of St. Jude's and March of Dimes through programs during Advocates for Children week in October 2018 and 2019! This can be reported in Advocacy for Children!!!!

I look forward to serving over the next two years with all of you. Please invite me to your meetings, membership drives and/or events! I will attend all that I can! Czim22@gmail.com or 864-710-5851.

*In Junior Love,  
Carrie*



**Carrie Zimmerman**  
GFWC-SC  
Director of  
Junior Clubs



**Kristin Fields**  
GFWC-SC  
First Vice President

I am excited to be able to serve as your 1st Vice President. I look forward to working with our new district presidents. I hope you all will plan to attend the district meetings this fall. This will be a great way to meet the clubwoman of the clubs that compose the new districts.

**Mark your calendars for the following district meetings:**

**Coastal:** September 22

**Midlands:** October 6

**Upstate:** October 13

I look forward to helping you all grow your membership. Continue to send me your recruitment notifications.

*Kristin*



**Norma England**  
GFWC-SC  
Second Vice President

I look forward to serving on the Executive Committee during the next 2 years. Our President has wonderful goals and exciting special projects planned. As 2nd Vice President, I am excited to work with all the Community Service Chairmen, Advancement Area Chairmen, and Special Project Chairmen, as well as our wonderful South Carolina Clubwomen. As 2nd Vice President I will learn so much about all the splashing projects clubs are doing! All clubs will Make a Splash in Your Communities”!

Our By-Laws regarding Program Council read: Article VII, Section 4. **The Program Council.** The work of the Federation shall be further carried on by a Program Council. The Program Council shall be composed of the Dean of Departments, the District Presidents, Community Service Program Chairmen, Advancement Area Chairmen, the Junior Department Chairmen, and Special Committees. The duties of the Council shall be to plan and coordinate the programs of the Federation in compliance with the objectives set forth by the Board of Directors and to provide materials for the use of member clubs. The Program Council shall approve all awards relating to programs, and then submit recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately after the Program Council

meeting to approve any recommendations.

It is my duty as 2nd Vice President to serve as Dean of Departments and oversee Program Council. **Our first Program Council for this administration will be July 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Wingate by Wyndham, Lexington, SC. (the night before Summer Board).** The July 20th Program Council will hear recommendations regarding the President’s Special Project Awards, proposed changes to the Rating Sheet, and other award changes. If any Program Council member has changes, additions, revisions or deletions to awards relating to programs or the rating sheet please send me the changes in writing no later than July 1, 2018. My contact information is 1979 High Pines Rd, Rock Hill, SC 29732 or englandn72@comporium.net. This is an important Program Council and I hope ALL Program Council members will attend.

**President’s Institute and Program Fair are planned for Summer Board, Saturday, July 21, 2018.** Club Community Service Program Chairmen, Club Presidents, and members can learn about our Community Service Program Partners, receive information on Community Service Programs, and the President's Special Projects. We will share informant from the GFWC Convention in St. Louis. Juliet and I will contact the Community Service Program Chairmen and Special Project Chairmen.

*Norma*

Hi ladies,

I am looking forward to working with Juliet and the board for the next two years serving as GFWC-SC Treasurer. I want to thank you all for the confidence you have in me and I look forward to getting to know you all. I promise to keep you all up to date regarding anything to do with the financial aspects of your clubs and I am here if you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to call me!

*Beth*



**Beth Taylor**  
GFWC-SC  
Treasurer



**Suzanne Carswell**  
GFWC-SC  
Secretary

What an honor it is to be serving our state federation with such a dynamic group of women! I so look forward to working with Juliet Casper, Kristin Fields, Carrie Zimmerman and the rest of your Executive Committee.

It is a blessing to me to be a part of a sisterhood that lifts and celebrates women. So many of you have been exceedingly gracious and kind with your help and encouragement, and I thank you. Beyond the good works that we do, it is my belief that it's the women of GFWC-SC and the friendships we share which make this organization so exceptional. I eagerly anticipate watching the next two years unfold, filled with new opportunities, experiences and friendships.

*Suzanne*

I am happy to serve as the chairman for the President's Special Project, "Your State Your Partner". Our partner for 2018 until our April convention in 2019 is the USO. The USO is a Public Issues Partner. It is a private nonprofit, congressionally chartered organization to assist America's troops and their families. I contacted the South Carolina USO office and here are some project ideas for your club and members:

**1. Columbia Metropolitan Airport**

Volunteers are needed for the following: check in members of the military, help them navigate the airport, maintain the center, and ensure that service members have a safe and comfortable environment in which to relax between flights. The center is open from 8a-9p Monday-Friday, and 8a-8p Saturday and Sunday.

**2. MEPS Fort Jackson**

Volunteers greet military applicants, provide snacks and beverages, maintain the center, and brief applicants' families on the USO's mission. Volunteers must have a valid Department Of Defense ID to volunteer at this location.

For both of these volunteer opportunities, our members should go to the volunteer website at [www.volunteers.uso.org](http://www.volunteers.uso.org) and submit a volunteer interest form.

**3. Wishlist**

You can go to [www.southcarolina.uso.org](http://www.southcarolina.uso.org), to find the USO's Amazon wishlist and purchase various items that will be directly delivered to the USO.

**4. Winter Board Collection**

Our clubs, and members, can start collecting the following items for the USO and bring them to our Winter Board Meeting: Snack items - beef jerky/Slim Jims, trail mix, nuts, protein bars, dried fruit, Rice Krispie treats, candy, chewing gum, bottled water, chips, fresh fruit, Personal Care Items - foot/baby powder, sunscreen, lip balm, travel sized deodorant, hand warmers, Office Supplies - white copy paper, blank greeting cards, postage stamps, Paper products/cleaning supplies - paper towels, compartment styrofoam plates, and disinfecting wipes.

Our members can go to [www.southcarolina.uso.org](http://www.southcarolina.uso.org) and become a member...it's free! You can electronically sign cards of encouragement to our service members. You can also make monetary donations as well.

*Misty Konow*



## **GFWC-SC Girlfriend's Book Club**

I don't know about you, but my favorite time to read is during the summer! I already have a stack of books ready for me to enjoy and have preordered more! I hope you will join me this summer and put down the electronics and sit back, relax and enjoy one of the great "Beach Reads" off of our GFWC-SC Girlfriends Book Club ESO Book List that was updated on May 15th and is on our website. If you have some favorites you would like to add to the list, please send me a quick email and I will make sure they are added!



If you have not already joined our "Girlfriend's Book Club" it is super easy, just go to our GFWC-SC.org website, click on Resources, Community Service Programs and under "Education" is everything you need to join! If you have already read books on our list, be sure to send those in as part of your book report, because they count too! Speaking of the "book report", please don't shy away because of that...all we need to know is if you liked the book and would you recommend it to your friends...super simple!

Several new books are being released right now like Kristy Harvey's "The Secret to Southern Charm", Mary Alice Monroe's "Beach House Reunion", Karen White's "Dreams of Falling", and Susan Boyer's next "Liz Talbot Mystery – The Lowcountry Bookshop"!

### **Happy Reading!**

*Janet Prince*

GFWC-SC ESO Chairman

## **Celebrating 'TOTE'ally Amazing Moms**

Many, many thanks to all who came out on May 12 to the "Celebrating 'TOTE'ally Amazing Moms" fundraiser. Over \$6,000 was raised and it could not have happened without the support of Joyce Thomas, Dolly McDermott, our members, the River Bluff Juniors, the committee, and our sponsors.

**TOTE Committee Members included:** Jackie Boland, Gail Elfert, Kaye Hunke, Tonja Ivey, Kaye Jones, Katie Moydell, Laurie O'Kelly, Janet Prince, Susan Smith, Marian St. Clair, and Susan Swails.

Our awesome sponsors who donated food and money include:

### **Rose Level – (\$250)**

The Boland Family, Laurie O'Kelly, JoAnn Bolchoz, Tim St. Clair, Carol Holmes, Regina Monteith & Toni Hubbell, Senn Bros. Produce, Lizard's Thicket, Marian St. Clair, Tilghman Beach & Golf Resort

### **Geranium Level – (\$100)**

Lynn Cleckler, Neel Lesesne, Nancy Lambert, Heather and Glen Hilliard, Sharon Lanier, Amy Sutherland, Anne Woods

### **Gerbera Daisy Level - (\$50)**

GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry, Woman's Club of Rock Hill, Woman's Club of Fort Mill, Juliet Casper, Gail Elfert, Susan Swails, Anna Pressly, Lezlie Barker, Carla Martinez, Sandy Orr, Barbara Murphy, Martha Strain, Beth Taylor, Becky Travis, Janet Prince

We are selling tickets for 4 days, 3 nights, 3 bedroom condominium at the beautiful Tilghman Beach & Golf Resort in North Myrtle Beach. Tickets are \$20 each and only 100 will be sold. The drawing will be held at Summer Board. Contact a committee member to purchase a ticket before all are sold.

### **CONVENTION TIME**

Suitcases loaded, miles to ride, snacks aplenty, packed side-by-side....

Friends together, off to convention! (Reservations confirmed-- important to mention)

"Who brought this wine?" "Has anyone a spare glass?"

"Is that restaurant good?" (Someone always asks.)

A comfortable suite of three rooms to be shared,

PJ time, late night giggles, and outfits compared.

"How did you get so tan on your legs?" "What necklace to wear?" "Who's allergic to eggs?"

"Will we go shopping?" "A new place--do tell.!" (Seeking antiques and shoes that we all love so well!)

"Don't forget your name tag--and remember your program book."

Exhibits to visit and displays--take a look,

"These are neat favors!" "Aren't the decorations cool?" A roomful of ladies--volunteers rule!

Introductions, recognitions, guests to applaud; the convention begins--we all are awed.

The collect is spoken, flag saluted, motions to amend, a vote is called for, the discussion soon ends.

Scholarships awarded; cheers abound, evening glitter, sparkles, and pizzazz all around.

Certificates given for efforts and gifts enriching our towns with community uplifts.

50-50 chances, baskets to win--"She's always lucky!" "How many tickets to spend?"

Pinwheels and pins and remarkable work done--the year's reports revealing hard work well run -

From International Outreach to Education and Health, we focus on projects that strengthen and help;

Leadership and Public Issues are front runner goals, with Arts and Conservation and Home Life roles.

Fundraising and donations ongoing and strong; meeting as clubwomen – bring a new friend along!

Our officers' and Headquarters' staff leading us to strive for excellence and improvements where we all abide.

Clapping and applauding the programs and ideals that challenge us daily to make dreams become real.

The banquets, awards, now all come to an end for a successful weekend of GFWC-SC Friends.

Repacking once more to travel back home, logging memories and smiles to reflect when alone.

(Missing exercise and gaining a few pounds- but oh, what a weekend of celebration all around!)

Club members are special--we gain strength together inspiring one another for future endeavors.

We'll cherish our clubs' yearly work that is done--mixing business and pleasure is always great fun!

**-Melissa H. Smith, GFWC-SC Poet Laureate**

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Friday, July 20 2018**

**Wingate by Wyndham, 108 Saluda Pointe Court, Lexington, South Carolina 29072**

6:00 p.m. Call to Order GFWC-SC Program Council Meeting

GFWC-SC By-Laws Article VII - Section 4. The Program Council. The work of the Federation shall be further carried on by a Program Council. The Program Council shall be composed of the Dean of the Community Service Programs, the District Presidents, the Chairmen of the two GFWC Special Programs, the six GFWC Advancement Areas, and the Chairmen of the six GFWC Community Service Programs; the appointed Junior Community Service Program Chairmen, if any, and the Special Projects Chairmen. The duties of the Council shall be to plan and coordinate the programs of the Federation in compliance with the objectives set forth by the Board of Directors and to provide materials for the use of member clubs. The Program Council shall approve all awards relating to programs, and then submit recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately after the Program Council meeting to approve any recommendations.

**Official Call GFWC-SC  
Summer Board of Directors Meeting and Summer General Session  
Saturday, July 21 2018**

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8:45 a.m. Registration/Light Refreshments

9:00 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, 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.

9:45 a.m. Call to Order 2018 Summer Session  
Report from Board of Directors Meeting  
Report of GFWC International Convention  
Program Fair featuring our state chairmen  
Club President Institute  
Guest Speakers  
NEW District Meetings

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Directions to Wingate by Wyndam**

**GFWC-SC Room Block  
Wingate by Wyndam Columbia/Lexington  
Courtesy Rate of \$109.00 per night plus tax**

**Reservation must be made by  
June 29, 2018  
By calling 803-957-5000  
Request "GFWC-SC" Block**

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.

**GFWC-SC Registration Form for Summer Session**

**Due by Friday, July 6, 2018**

Basic Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Credentials Information (check the first one that applies):

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

Medical Information –In Case of an Emergency:

Notify (primary): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Notify (alternate): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicine allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications/location/instructions in case of emergency: (You are encouraged to keep emergency medications handy.)

Event and Meal Reservations:

Registration fee: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Program Council Meal: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs:

Vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free: \_\_\_\_\_ Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GFWC-SC AND MAIL TO COURTNEY EVANS:**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

GFWC International Convention  
June 22-26, 2018 ~ St. Louis Missouri

GFWC-SC Program Council  
Executive Committee Meeting  
July 20, 2018

GFWC-SC Summer Board  
July 21, 2018

