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We made a Splash in Rock Hill! The Musicality Ringers opened the convention with an impressive performance, and we remembered our members who passed away with the Memorial Service led by our fantastic chaplain Linda Wagster. The Upstate District members were wonderful hosts, with table decorations that perfectly suited the themes for each session. The Woman's Club of Rock Hill went above and beyond by hosting a delicious Past President's Dinner and welcoming all attendees to their historic home on Saturday for Cokes and Conversation.

I am thrilled to announce that we have raised \$1410.00 for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial! Thanks to members who bought raffle tickets at winter board and convention, and thanks also to the following clubs who sent donations with their remittance: North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club, Upstate Woman's Club, and Woman's Club of Columbia. GFWC-SC will be inscribed on the donor wall for the memorial which will be dedicated on August 26, 2020. I have this date on my calendar and hope others will join me for the celebration of our right to vote.

At convention we were pleased to have the executive director from the USO South Carolina join us for dinner on Saturday night. Presenting her with a check for \$500.00 was a pleasure. Thank you to the districts for embracing the Change for Charity jars. All those coins add up! The 2019 Your State Your Partner charity is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. You can hear all about this charity at our Summer Session on July 20th. Make plans now to support the St. Jude Walk on September 14th in Summerville. Team GFWC-SC has already raised \$245.00 with a goal of \$1500.00.

I will be traveling to the GFWC Convention in Austin and it will be my greatest honor to represent all of you. Look for photos on the Facebook page and our GFWC-SC Photo Circle. Enjoy the summer! Come swim at the beach!

With Federation Love,

Juliet

Hello ladies!

What an awesome 2019 Convention we had! Thanks to all of the women that took time to attend, share, participate, fellowship and be a part of this great community of GFWC-SC.

In review of our 2018 reporting year I would like to share the numbers of what our amazing Junior Clubs have accomplished over the last year. The GFWC-SC Junior Clubs for the year 2018 reported 155 projects, 6295 Volunteer hours, raised/donated \$97,405 and \$7,377 in-kind donations. This was 5 out of 6 junior clubs reporting. Advocates for Children and Community service projects remains one of the strongest reporting areas for GFWC-SC Juniors. Absolutely fabulous!

Junior Woman’s Club of Columbia hosted their Diamonds and Pearls Brunch and invited me as a special guest. It was a super successful fundraiser and was amazing to watch this event being executed. Please continue to invite me to your meetings, fundraisers and/or membership recruitment meetings. I look forward to attending as many as I can during this administration!

During the 2019 Convention we did a small service project for Safe Passage located in Rock Hill, SC. Safe Passage provides support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse in Your Chester, Lancaster and Union Counties. Dr. Misty Konow delivered our snack bags and they were over the moon for the donation. Thanks so much for all that participated!

I will be attending the 2019 GFWC Annual Convention in Austin, TX in June. I can’t wait to share at Summer Board all of the great information that we will gather there! Have a great summer! See you all at Summer Board in July 20, 2019!

*In Junior Love,
Carrie*



Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC
Director of
Junior Clubs



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Kristin Fields
GFWC-SC
President-elect

What a great year of recruiting new members and fostering current members. The recruitment campaign, United by Our Diversity, is so true for all of our clubs and members. Our unity is in our similarities such as reciting the club collect and giving project reports at club meetings; while our diversity is in how we complete the project, club members and the communities touched by the club projects. United by Diversity!

Summer is a time to let go of those busy schedules and take a vacation. Some will plan to travel others will plan a staycation; whichever you do I hope it is enjoyable. While we take this break remember the focus for the summer months is retention. One way to keep your members engaged while the club is in recess is to stay connected through a texting tree, much like the calling trees. Select a few members to send group messages to several members to let them know you are thinking about them and to check on their welfare. Text messages can also be used to remind club members of upcoming club events as the summer ends.

The next new recruitment report is due September 1. Complete the form with the club's new members recruited during June, July and August, and submit to me and the GFWC contact.

At convention we celebrated several club and member anniversaries. A complete list of those anniversaries is in this issue of the clubwoman magazine. If you have a member you would like recognized at Summer Board, send me the club member name and years of service, and we will celebrate her anniversary. Member anniversary pins are available in 5-year increments.

I look forward to seeing you at our Summer Board.

In Federation Love, *Kristin*

Club Anniversaries Celebrated at the 2019 GFWC-SC State Convention

- The Woman's Club of Columbia – 75 Years
- North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club—45 Years
- Palmetto Woman's Club – 35 Years
- Golden Strip Woman's Club - 5 Years

GFWC-SC Club Members Anniversaries

- 10 Years Katie Moydell – Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
- 20 Years Lynda Hardee - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
- Jeannie Turner - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
- 25 Years Joyce Thomas - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Hi Ladies, I hope you are all getting ready for a great summer. This spring has been very busy for my family and I have many trips planned starting with the International Convention in Austin, TX. I am looking forward to seeing old and new friends I have made with other ladies in GFWC! If you have never been, I highly recommend you consider the trip. If not this year, next year will be a big year for the state of SC as we welcome our very own Marian St.Clair as she is installed as GFWC International President. Not to mention that it will be very close to home in Atlanta, GA!

I am going to take from Kathie some important reminders for our year end requirements that need to be taken care of:

4.5 Months – Magic Number!

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, 2019.

In Federation Love, *Beth*



Beth Taylor
GFWC-SC
Treasurer

Congratulations to all of our club and individual award winners that were announced and awarded during our annual convention in Rock Hill. Our convention was a great time to celebrate all our hard work and accomplishments over the past year. Our Community Service Program and Advancement Area Chairs did an excellent job judging our awards and sharing the Creative Award club projects. I want to also thank all the clubs who participated in our reporting process. Reporting the projects, hours, funds raised, money spent, etc. is a time consuming process for Clubs and GFWC-SC. Thank you for taking time to participate. A really big thanks to all the clubs who reported via email. I hope to improve that process for next year.

Once again this year an Awards Booklet was distributed at Convention which included the club winners for our Community Service Programs, Advancement Areas and many other awards that were presented. Other Individual and Club Awards presented on Friday and Saturday nights at convention are included in this issue of Clubwoman.

One helpful hint to Club CSP Chairmen----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 and also for making plans for future projects.

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

In Federation Love, *Norma*

What a GREAT convention! Rock Hill really rocked it, from Cokes and Conversation at Woman's Club of Rock Hill's fabulous historic clubhouse to the Hilton Garden Inn treating us like royalty, to the Executive Committee in Super Hero capes. As always, it is just so inspiring to be with our sisters from across the state and hear what other clubs have done over the past year, how they've addressed membership challenges, how they handle reporting, fundraising and so much more. There are a myriad of things to learn from our club sisters and they are always more than willing to share. One of the things attending convention does for us, I believe: Once we've celebrated the year's accomplishments, it turns our vision to the future with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Attending convention is a "You GO Girl!" shot in the arm at the end of a productive year. I know I came home excited and ready for the next challenge. Now, on to Austin!

In Federation Love, *Suzanne*



Norma England
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President



Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC
Secretary



GENERAL FEDERATION
of **WOMEN'S CLUBS**

GFWC Southern Region 2019 Semi Annual Meeting

Dear Southern Region members,

It is time for us to meet with our fellow clubwomen from all over the United States and our International clubwomen. Please join us in Austin, Texas, at the JW Marriott Austin, for the 2019 GFWC International Convention. Tours begin on June 27 and convention ends on Monday night, July 1st. Please check the gfwc.org website to register. It will be a time to greet friends and also to make new ones.

Our Southern Region meeting will be a luncheon held on Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 1:00-3:15 p.m. Hope to see the Board of Directors and other clubwomen attending convention, including representatives from Aruba and the Grand Bahamas American Women's Clubs.

Won't you please come and join us.
Kay Chadwick
GFWC Southern Region President

**Minutes of the 121st GFWC-SC Convention
Hilton Garden Inn
April 12-13, Rock Hill, South Carolina**

The 121st Annual Convention for the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina was held April 12-13, 2019, in Rock Hill, South Carolina at the Hilton Garden Inn. President Juliet Casper called the meeting to order at 10:18 am. The Inspiration and grace were given by Linda Wagster, GFWC-SC Chaplain. Boy Scout Troop #277 presented the colors. Peggy Aun, Conservation Chair, Chapin Junior Woman's Club, led the assembly in our National Anthem. Bea Peyser, President of Woman's Club of Aiken, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Darlene Rittel, Sand River Woman's Club, led the Pledge to the State of South Carolina. Linda Grant, York County Woman's Club, led the "Collect for Clubwomen". Sara Bonner, Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray led the National Pledge of Junior Clubwomen. Sylvia Ayers, Past GFWC-SC President, introduced and welcomed speaker Betty Jo Rhea, former Mayor of Rock Hill. Kathie Walker, President of Woman's Club of Rock Hill, gave the response. Gail Elfert, Protocol Chairman, introduced GFWC-SC Past Presidents in attendance. Courtney Evans, Credentials Chairman, gave the preliminary credentials report (68 Voting, 48 Non Voting, Total Attending 116) and a quorum was declared. Bobbie Sox, Parliamentary Advisor, read the Rules and Procedures of Convention and they were adopted as presented. Peggy Opitz, Special Assistant to the President, Presented the Convention Program with corrections noted and the program was adopted as corrected. Reporting Secretary, Suzanne Carswell, read the report of the Board of Directors Meeting. GFWC President-Elect Marian St.Clair and Wendy Carriker, GFWC Secretary, brought greetings from GFWC. Linda Wagster, Chaplain gave the grace. President Juliet Casper introduced the Musicality Ringers, a hand bell choir made up of Woman's Club of Rock Hill members and friends, the Honoring Our Past luncheon entertainment.

Following lunch, Linda Wagster, Chaplain, conducted a memorial service for club members who had passed away during the previous year.

Norma England, GFWC-SC Second Vice President and Dean of Departments, presided over the presentation the Club Creativity and Silver Awards of GFWC Advancement Areas. Members were invited to participate in a hands-on service project. President, Juliet Casper, recessed the convention at 2:13 p.m. until the Raising Our Voices in the Present Awards Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The convention resumed at 7:01 p.m. President Juliet Casper welcomed members to the dinner and Judy Reed, GFWC York County Woman's Club, gave the grace. After dinner, Norma England, Second Vice President and Dean of Departments presided over the GFWC Photography, Writing and Scrapbook Awards presentation, GFWC Community Service Program Awards, GFWC Signature Program, GFWC Junior Special Program and Junior Awards. Peggy Opitz, Special Assistant to the President, made announcements. Tina Winkler, Upstate District President, gave out door prizes. Shannon Smith, Fundraising Chair, announced Judy Reed as winner of the 50/50 raffle benefitting the Travel Fund for GFWC-SC Secretary and Treasurer.

Junior Fun Night "It's in the Bag" Purse Auction was conducted and, at 11:14 p.m., President Juliet Casper recessed convention until the business session on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

Saturday, April 19, 2019

President Juliet Casper reconvened the convention at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Gail Elfert, Protocol Chairman, introduced Past Presidents and honored guests in attendance. Linda Wagster, Chaplain, gave the Inspiration. GFWC-SC District Officers Anne Redlus (Coastal), Katie Moydell (Midlands) and Tina Winkler (Upstate) gave their officer reports.

GFWC-SC Executive Committee members Beth Taylor (Treasurer), Suzanne Carswell (Recording Secretary), Norma England (2nd Vice President), Kristin Fields (1st Vice President), President Juliet Casper and Carrie Zimmerman (Director of Junior Clubs) gave their Officer Reports.

Reports from Boards of Trustees were given. Janet Agnew, Chairman of the Trustees of GFWC-SC Endowment Fund and Jan Hadwin for Susan Swails, Chairman of the Trustees of Progress Foundation.

President Juliet Casper presided over the presentation of the Progress Foundation Silver Award and the Kate T. Davis Memorial Award.

Suzanne Carswell, GFWC-SC Secretary, gave the GFWC-SC Board of Directors Report and shared correspondence received including letters from Junior Woman's Club of Columbia endorsing Katie Moydell for the office of GFWC Director-Elect of Junior Clubs and St. Andrews Woman's Club endorsing Laurie O'Kelly for the office of GFWC Southern Region Secretary.

Reports from Standing Committees were given: Janet Agnew, Resolutions Committee Chairman, presented the following resolutions: 012-010 Home Life – Limit Liability for Volunteer Drivers and 015-010 Public Issues – Prosecution of Hate Crimes. The resolutions were approved as presented. Ann Malpass, Chairman of the Headquarters Committee, gave the Headquarters Report and presented the Headquarters Budget for 2019-2020, which was adopted as presented. Dolly McDermott, Conventions & Meetings Chairman, gave the Conventions & Meetings report. Beth Taylor on behalf of Kaye Hunke, Budget & Finance Chairman, presented the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget and it was approved as presented. Kristin Fields, Chairman of the Disaster Relief Fund gave her report.

At 10:52, the Credentials Report was given by Courtney Evans, Credentials Chair, which (49 non-voting, 68 voting, total attending 117). At 10:55, the doors to the convention hall were closed and in accordance with GFWC-SC By-Laws, elections were held at 11:00 a.m. GFWC-SC Secretary Suzanne Carswell read the Rules of Elections.

President Juliet Casper presided over the Elections, Confirmations and Nominations. Lynn Cleckler, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, moved for the adoption of amendments to: Article VII – Officers, Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Boards of Trustees, Sections 5, 6 & 7 was accepted by unanimous vote; Article XI - Nominations, Elections and Vacancies, Section 3 was accepted by unanimous vote. A vote was then taken to confirm the District Elections for the GFWC-SC Board of Trustees: Coastal District- Dolly Infinger, St. George Women’s Guild (2018=2021) and Brenda Taylor, St. George Women’s Guild (2018-2021); Midlands District - Janet Watkins, Sand River Woman’s Club (2019-2022); Upstate District - Sheridan Crouch, Seneca Junior Woman’s Club (2019-2022). Board of Trustees of Progress Foundation: Coastal District- Pat Ezell, Woman’s Club of Charleston (2018-2021); Midlands District - Kaye Gerrald, Chapin Woman’s Club (2019-2022); Upstate District - Sylvia Ayers, GFWC York County Woman’s Club (2019-2022). Trustees for the Scholarship Fund: Coastal District – Lynn Hickle, GRWC Woman’s League of the Lowcountry (2018-2021); Midlands District – Vickie Lovett, Dream Makers Woman’s Club of South Carolina (2019-2022) and Chris Woodworth, Chapin Woman’s Club (2019-2022); Upstate District – Karen Harris, Junior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill (2019-2020). GFWC-SC Elections Committee members: Coastal District – Peggy Opitz and alternate Sharon Quinter; Midlands District – Neel Lesesne and Alternate Kaye Jones; Upstate District – Misty Konow and Alternate Janet Smalley. President Juliet Casper presented the recommendation of Katie Moydell for GFWC Director Elect of Junior Cubs and Laurie O’Kelly for GFWC Southern Region Secretary. GFWC-SC Secretary Suzanne Carswell read the letters of endorsement from the St. Andrews Woman’s Club to nominate Laurie O’Kelly as a candidate for GFWC Southern Region Secretary and the letters of endorsement from the Junior Woman’s Club of Columbia to nominate Katie Moydell for GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs. The convention body voted unanimously to confirm the elections, confirmations and nominations. The doors to the convention hall were opened and the meeting continued.

Lynn Cleckler, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, moved for the adoption of amendments to: Article VII – Officers, Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Boards of Trustees, Proposal to ADD Section 8: Laura Palmer moved and Judy Reed seconded new wording to read, “The Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and all other Committees, are authorized to communicate with each other and participate in the meeting by electronic media. Sufficient notice shall be given to enable a quorum to participate. Members may vote by electronic communication media in emergency situations. A report of any action taken via electronic communication media shall be verified and made a part of the next meeting of the Board, the Executive Committee, or the Committee.” The newly amended motion was unanimously approved.

Laurie O’Kelly and Jackie Boland presented the Spotlight 2020 Report and Jackie Boland and Marian St.Clair recognized clubs and presented pins to individual contributors to the 2020 Fund. President Juliet Casper gave the grace and at 11:30, the “Everyone Has a SUPER-hero Inside” luncheon was served. Janet Prince, ESO Chairman introduced guest speaker, author Gillian McDunn. Tina Winkler Upstate District President presented door prizes.

The meeting recessed at 1:10 p.m. until the Splash Celebration Awards Dinner, and members were encouraged to visit Cokes and Conversation at the Woman’s Club of Rock Hill’s historic mansion.

President Juliet Casper reconvened the convention at 7:01 p.m. Kendall Spillman, Charleston Junior Woman’s Club, gave the grace. After dinner, Misty Konow, Your State Your Partner Chair, presented the Change for Charities Donation to Joanie Thresher, Senior Director of USO South Carolina. Katie Moydell, Midlands District President, introduced the convention keynote speaker, Wendy Carriker, GFWC Secretary. Carrie Zimmerman, Director of Junior Clubs, presented her President’s Special Project awards. Juliet Casper, President, presided over the awards for her President’s Special Projects and Kristin Fields, 1st Vice President, presided over the District Awards. Carrie Zimmerman, Director of Junior Clubs, presented Junior Silver Certificates and Junior Cup awards. Norma England, 2nd Vice President, presented the Program Council awards. Suzanne Carswell, Secretary, presented the 2019 Honor Roll and the 2019 Order of the Jessamine. Laura Palmer presented the Jessamine Spirit Award and Jo Ann Bolchoz presented the Juniorette Volunteer of the Year award.

Carrie Zimmerman presented the Carol Van Rowland and Susan Vann Haynes Junior Clubwoman of Achievement Award. Kristin Fields presented the award for GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year. Norma England presented the award to the 2019 GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction. Sylvia Ayers presented the Jennie June Award.

Courtney Evans presented the Final Credentials Report, which revealed a total attendance of 118. An Invitation to the 2020 GFWC-SC Annual Convention in Myrtle Beach was issued by Anne Redlus, Coastal District President, and an Invitation to the 2019 Southern Region Conference in North Charleston was issued by Laurie O’Kelly. Peggy Opitz, Special Assistant to the President made announcements. Tina Winkler, Upstate District President gave out door prizes. Shannon Smith, Fundraising Chair, conducted the 50/50 drawing, which was won by Joyce Vajda. Sylvia Ayers announced the winners of the President’s Travel Fund Basket Drawing.

Being no further business, President Juliet Casper adjourned the convention at 11:12 p.m.

**Congratulations to GFWC-SC
Volunteer of the Year
Rika Castaldo of the Woman's Club of Rock Hill**

Rika has been a member of the Woman's Club of Rock Hill since 2014. In that short time, she has made a major impact on her club and her community. During the past Program Year, Rika has headed up the Home Life Community Service Program. She has led her group in the completion of 10 Home Life projects.

Additionally, Rika played an integral part in the Woman's Club of Rock Hill Donor Recognition Plaque Project. This project was initiated several years ago when Phase I, the creation of the rose and vine sculptured stand, was completed. The project languished for approximately 3 years but Rika and 3 other determined team members jumped right in and completed it in record time (less than 6 months) Rika was primarily responsible for the design of the plaque and the 2 full size mock up options. She also participated in the confirmation of donors, selection of materials, and selection of a fabricator.

In her community, Rika is actively involved with the York County Arts Council and the Museums of York County. She has served on the Museum of York County Guild and Museum of York County Board. She spends countless hours supporting the various programs and activities of the museum.

Rika is married to her husband John and has 2 children, a son and daughter (Stephanie and Jeffrey). She also has one grandson, Colin, who is an honorary member of the Woman's Club of Rock Hill. Each week, Colin - who is 5 - returns the empty trash cans from the street to the clubhouse (supervised by his grandmother).



**Congratulations to
GFWC-SC Juniorette of the Year
Caroline Payne of the
River Bluff Juniores**



**Congratulations to the graduating
seniors of the Woodmont Juniores!**

**Pink GFWC Honor Cords
were given to them to wear at
commencement.**

Congratulations to GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction HELEN MASSEY RANDALL

In a time when women in architecture were a rarity, a young lady named Helen Massey's lifelong ambition was to become an architect. She was accepted into the Architecture program at Clemson University for the fall of 1967. At that time the Dean strongly "suggested" that she attend a women's liberal arts college for 2 years first. Taking the Dean's recommendation, Helen attended Salem College for two years and then transferred to Clemson in the fall of 1969. By that time there were more women on the Clemson campus but still not many in architecture. Having been a Girl Scout for 11 years and achieving her Curved Bar rank, Helen joined a service sorority made up of former scouts. She met her future husband, Eric Randall. After earning a Master of Architecture degree in 1974, Helen and Eric married. Helen and Eric moved to Charlotte, NC. Helen worked as an Intern Architect for Little and Associates. Helen was the only female in their Architecture Department. There she drew plans for Eastland Mall.

In 1978, Eric and Helen and their young son relocated to Aiken, SC for Eric's job. In Aiken, Helen became a stay at home mom and immersed herself in community and volunteer activities. She joined AAUW and Town and Country (a ladies' civic club) in 1978. Helen served as secretary of AAUW and was part of a 4 person committee to do research on Chinaberry, the oldest house in Aiken. The four ladies were recognized in 1981 by Historic Aiken Foundation for being instrumental in getting Chinaberry listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Helen was also active in the young mother's circle at St John's Methodist Church. She served on the Mead Hall PTO Board as Volunteer Coordinator for 2 years and as a substitute teacher for 5 years. She also did substitute work for another 5 years in public schools. Helen tutored and corrected papers at both Mead Hall and Aiken Elementary. She was a Cub Scout den leader.

In 1987, Helen started drawing house plans part-time while also substitute teaching. She went back to Aiken Tech in 1997 to update her skills by learning auto cad, and with her new skill, was able to obtain full time employment drawing shopping center plans for Wyatt Development for the next 4 years. Later Helen worked at Woodside Development drawing, hundreds of house plans. She has worked part time in the Building Inspections Division for the City of Aiken as Plans Examiner since 2004. As Plans Examiner, she reviews commercial and residential plans submitted for permits to ensure they meet the latest codes.

As a member of Aiken Woman's Club since 1980, Helen has helped with most projects. She served as Very Special Arts Chairman from 1993-95 and 2009 – 2013. This involved attending Special Olympic Committee meetings, contacting school groups each fall to notify them of the date, suggesting various crafts, coordinating with the Special Olympics committee and school personnel, and following up with reminders for volunteers. Helen was responsible for ordering tables, chairs, tents, donuts, and making arrangements to have popcorn and drinks donated. As an architect, Helen was able to draw scaled drawings of the various school football fields which included tent layouts each year. She met tent vendors before the event to make sure the tents were placed in the correct locations. Helen also took pictures of each group to send along with thank you letters.

Helen has served as publicity chairman for Aiken Woman's Club since 2013. She takes pictures of speakers/ programs and items collected for charities. She writes short articles to submit to the paper with each photo and sometimes must follow up with the paper numerous times.

In 2015, Helen volunteered to be in charge of tickets for AWC's annual Luncheon and Fashion show. She maintains a list of ladies who attended from previous years and calls them in January to let them know about the luncheon. She also takes pictures of the models, table decorations, and food tables and submits the pictures to the paper. Helen has also participated in other Aiken Woman's Club projects: Habitat Women's build lunches, Relay for Life, Breakfast with Santa, Aiken's Makin, Summer Reading Program for Children, and the Big Read.

Helen and Eric are the proud parents of 2 adult children and 5 grandchildren, ages 2-12. As parents they attended piano recitals, band programs, swim meets, basketball and soccer games and Girl Scout and Boy Scout activities. As grandparents, they watch their grandchildren's sports and school programs, scouting programs, and dance and piano recitals.

ACHOO!

Frequent sneezes from pollen breezes,
Sniffles abound are heard.
What to take? How to break
Hay fever that occurs ?
Kleenex nearby? Eyes runny or dry?
Avoiding dandelions is a must.
Sinuses are full, and that's no bull-
Sweeping patios brings the dust!
Coughs aplenty, find something to remedy
to relieve us once again;
Springtime's start becomes a part
of coughs showing our pain.
Help's on the way! Get through the day
to enjoy this season's beauty...
Enjoy the roses, despite your noses,
It's a Southerner's seasonal duty!

Melissa H. Smith
GFWC-SC Poet Laureate

The convention attendees received an Awards Booklet which is now available on the GFWC-SC website. What follows is a list of the awards presented live at the convention. Congratulations to the winning Clubs and Individuals ! Thanks so much for reporting your volunteer work so we could reward your efforts.

Friday, April 12

Communications and Public Identity

Creativity Award----North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Website Award Overall Winner to be sent to GFWC----Chapin Woman's Club

Fundraising

Creativity Award---Woman's Club of Cayce

Rebecca Robbins Award (Silver Award)---Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club and Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

Leadership Awards

Creativity Award---Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Leadership Silver Award---Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Perry Anne Renwick Silver Award---NONE

LEADS Candidate---Kendall Spillman, Charleston Junior Woman's Club

Membership

Creativity Award---Woman's Club of Cayce

Club and District Rating Sheet Silver Awards

Myrtis Flanagan Award-Category I---Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Jean T. Kight Award-Category II---to be presented at Summer Board

Lovonia V. Hendrix Award-Category III---St. Andrews Woman's Club

Mary S. Smith-Juniorette Category---NONE

Mrs. John R. Wolff Award-All Categories---St. Andrews Woman's Club

Lavonia Hendrix Award-2nd Place-District---Coastal District

Past President's Cup-1st Place-District---Midlands District

Legislation and Public Policy

Club Creativity Award---North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Legislation Silver Award---Sand River Woman's Club

Women's History and Resource Center

Club Creativity Award---Chapin Woman's Club

Contribution Sheet Silver Awards

Headquarters Awards

Keith Unger Memorial Award---Palmetto Woman's Club

Jan W. Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment--- Palmetto Woman's Club

Stackhouse Headquarters Award---Palmetto Woman's Club

Princa M. Wright Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment---Palmetto Woman's Club

General Fund

Janet B. Agnew Award---Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

Clubwoman Magazine Award---Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Disaster Relief Fund

Hope Award---GFWC Golden Strip Woman's Club

ARTS

Club Creativity---Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Writing and Yearbook are in the Awards Booklet

Scrapbook

General Category I---NONE

General-Category II-1st Place---Aiken Woman's Club

General-Category III-2nd Place---Woman's Club of Rock Hill

General-Category III-1st Place---Chapin Woman's Club

Junior 1---None **Junior 2**---None



Photography

Living Things-1st Place---Joyce Vajda, Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

2nd Place---?????

3rd Place---Tina Winkler, Seneca Junior Woman’s Club

Wildlife-2nd Place---Joyce Vajda, Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

1st Place---???????

A Year In Pictures-1st Place---Tina Winkler, Seneca Junior Woman’s Club

Scenes-1st Place---Maryanne Lovelidge, GFWC Women’s League of the Lowcountry

Please let Norma England and Suzanne Carswell know if you received a photography award and are not listed above.

CONSERVATION

Club Creativity Award---Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

Palmetto Pride---NONE

EDUCATION

Club Creativity Award---Sand River Woman’s Club

Marie J. Hammond Silver Award---Chapin Woman’s Club

Debbie Alexander Adult Education Award---Lexington Woman’s Club

ESO Certificates

Mary Jane Burroughs (Woman’s Club of the Midlands)---read 18 books

Lynn Shore (Steel Magnolia’s Service Club)---read 17 books

HOME LIFE

Club Creativity Award---Chapin Woman’s Club

GFWC-SC Mrs. John R. Wolff/Cancer SAVE-ALIFE Award---Jubilee Club

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Club Creativity Award---Aiken Woman’s Club

PUBLIC ISSUES

Club Creativity Award---Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

Lexington Woman’s Club Public Affairs Award---Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Club Creativity Award---Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

GFWC JUNIOR SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Club Creativity Award---Sand River Woman’s Club

GFWC-SC JUNIOR AWARDS

Bobby L. Lowe Award---Junior Woman’s Club of Lake Murray

Mary Plyler Memorial Award---Seneca Junior Woman’s Club

Jan W. Hadwin Award---Charleston Junior Woman’s Club

Beth Broome Award---Seneca Junior Woman’s Club

Elizabeth Prince Gouge Award---Chapin Junior Woman’s Club

Ann Borris Memorial Award---Junior Woman’s Club of Lake Murray

Augusta Wolff Award---Seneca Junior Woman’s Club

Susan Abelkop Membership Award---Junior Woman’s Club of Lake Murray

Junior Spirit Award---Junior Woman’s Club of Lake Murray

Saturday April 13

Endowment Fund Award---North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club

GFWC-SC Progress Foundation Silver Award---Woman’s Club of West Columbia

GFWC-SC Kate T. Davis Memorial Award---Woman’s Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Jessamine Spirit Award---Raelyn Safdi



Director of Junior Clubs Special Project

Super Girls-BAM!---Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Wonder Women POW!---Junior Woman's club of Rock Hill
Super Heroes ZAP!!---NONE

President's Special Projects

Lifesaver Award General Category I---Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Lifesaver Award General Category II---Sand River Woman's Club
Lifesaver Award General Category III---Woman's Club of Charleston
Lifesaver Award Junior Category I---NONE
Lifesaver Award Junior Category II---Junior Woman's Club of lake Murray
Lifesaver Award Juniette---NONE
Your State Your Partner Award---USO---Chapin Woman's Club
Change for Charities Award---USO---Midlands District
The Splash Award---Sand River Woman's Club and North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club



District Awards

Howie Stack House Award---NONE
Nancy Boozer Award---NONE
Virginia (Sissy) Welch---Midlands District
Ruby H. McManus Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award---Midlands District
Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award---Midlands District
Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award---North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

District Awards

These were the District Awards that were NOT printed in the Awards Booklet

Coastal District

Myrt Riggs Award---North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Sissy Welch Award---Women's League of the Lowcountry
Pat Estep Community Service Award---North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club



Midlands District

JWC-Palmetto Club Rating Sheet Award---Woman's Club of the Midlands
McFarland Rating Sheet Award---St. Andrews Woman's Club
Midlands District Spirit Award---St. Andrews Woman's Club

Upstate District

Davis Cup---Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Davenport-Morgan Project Award---Woman's club of Rock Hill
Jolene Bryant Education Award---Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Outstanding Club Awards

Junior Silver Certificate Awards

Junior Cup I---Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Junior Cup II---Chapin Junior Woman's Club

Program Council Awards

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

Individual Awards and Recognitions

Honor Roll---In Awards booklet
Order of the Jessamine---In Awards Booklet
Juniorette Volunteer of the Year---Caroline Payne (River Bluff Juniorettes)
Carol Vann Rowland and Susan Vann Haynes Junior Clubwoman of Achievement---Tabitha Safdi (Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray)
GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year---Rika Castaldo (Woman's Club of Rock Hill)
GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction---Helen Massey Randall (Aiken Woman's Club)



2020 Fund Acknowledgements at the April 2019 GFWC-SC Convention

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Woman's Club of Rock Hill

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Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Sand River Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Cayce
Woman's Club of Charleston
Woman's Club of the Midlands
Woman's Club of West Columbia

Community Clubs:

Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
St. Andrews Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Community:

Jackie Boland & Family
Jo Ann Bolchoz
Lynn Cleckler
Laurie O'Kelly

Woman's Club of the Midlands
Charleston Woman's Club
Saxe Gotha Woman's Club
St. Andrew's Woman's Club

Horizon:

Marian & Tim St.Clair

St. Andrew's Woman's Club

Marian St. Clair presented the Donors in attendance at Convention with a pin featuring a Rising Sun, which is described more on the following page. You can receive one of these pins by making a donation to the 2020 Spotlight Fund.

GFWC and the Rising Sun



The GFWC Emblem, created and adopted in 1920 under the leadership of President Alice Ames Winter, shows a crusader's shield emerging from a darkened world to represent enlightenment. The shield's colors are red, white, and blue—the colors of the United States of America. Red signifies courage, white is for purity, and blue represents constancy. The band that circles the shield symbolizes eternity.

There was an earlier emblem, however, commissioned in 1892 by the Committee on the Federation Badge Pin. The Committee's appointees included GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, and its first president, Charlotte Emerson Brown. The Committee's goal was to design a pin that expressed the elements articulated by Croly and Brown in the motto, "Unity in Diversity." The committee chose dawn with the sun's rays as its symbol and selected blue as the federation color.

A delegate's ribbon from the 1912 Biennial Convention held in San Francisco, now displayed in the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center, shows a version of this early emblem. The pale green ribbon is stamped with a silver image of a rising sun and its rays, with the letters "GFWC" held within its arc.

At the close of the Progressive Era, President Winter felt that the rising sun on the original pin was no longer appropriate. She believed that GFWC could now acknowledge that the "sun had risen," and the design of the emblem we have today was commissioned.

Although the use of the original emblem was relatively brief, it persists in various forms. The GFWC President's pin, for example, displays the crusader's shield held within a sunburst. More importantly, the image is still powerful. The sun has long been a symbol of strength, growth, and passion in many cultures, and the rising sun characteristically represents a new start, or a new optimism—an idea that will be at the heart of the 2020-2022 Administration.

Official Call GFWC-SC
Summer Board of Directors Meeting and Summer General Session
Saturday, July 20, 2019
Embassy Suites Greystone, 200 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

- 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 2019 Summer Session**
Report from Board of Directors Meeting
Report of GFWC International Convention
Program and Reporting Updates
Guest Speakers: Author Andrea Bobotis and Representative from St. Jude's District Meetings

- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn**



Andrea Bobotis (pronounced with two long o's) is the author of the debut novel *The Last List of Miss Judith Kratt*, forthcoming from Sourcebooks on July 9, 2019. A native of South Carolina, she holds a Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Virginia. Her fiction has received runner-up awards from the Raymond Carver Short Story Contest and the James Jones First Novel Fellowship, and her essays on Irish writers have appeared in academic journals such as *Victorian Studies* and the *Irish University Review*. She lives with her family in Denver, Colorado, where she teaches creative writing to youth at Lighthouse Writers Workshop. She also teaches yoga and is a national parks geek.

Andrea Bobotis's atmospheric debut novel, *The Last List of Miss Judith Kratt*, follows a spinster sister as she untangles the dark legacy of her family's possessions in a South Carolina cotton town. Recalling the Southern lyricism, tragic family secrets, and suspenseful storytelling of the novels of Amy Greene, Wiley Cash, and M. O. Walsh, *The Last List of Miss Judith Kratt* is forthcoming from Sourcebooks Landmark on July 9, 2019.

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GFWC-SC Registration Form for Summer Session

Due by Monday, July 8, 2019

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:

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September 14

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Coastal District Meeting,: Waters Edge Restaurant,
1407 Shrimp Boat Lane, Mt. Pleasant, SC

September 22

Upstate District Meeting

October 5

Midlands District Meeting: Woman's Club of Cayce Clubhouse

