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## **Summer greetings from GFWC-SC!**

Thank you to those of you who joined the virtual Convention. For those of you who missed it, or just want to relive it again, here is the recap:

The Midlands District created a wonderful sightseeing video that brought the Columbia area to you. The Special Program, CSP and Advancement Areas chairs also did a fabulous job announcing the club winners. Additionally, we were able to complete some very important business matters. The Convention ended in our traditional way by awarding the Rose Mary Rivers, General Cup and Junior Cup awards, and by announcing the 2019 & 2020 Woman of Distinction and the 2019 & 2020 Volunteer of the Year. Thank you for your patience as we navigated through the agenda.

At our virtual Convention we also had the opportunity to hear from Sharon Rikard with Doors to Freedom. Through your generosity over \$500 was donated to Doors to Freedom.

Congratulations to all clubs. Even under challenging conditions GFWC-SC clubs reported a total of 1,000 projects and 38,862 volunteer hours. Clubs donated \$274,199 to programs and projects; raised \$172,494 through our fundraising efforts and donated \$92,880 in in-kind donations. I am blown away by all of your work during this trying time!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month. Clubs did an excellent job bringing awareness to this issue through the many pinwheel gardens planted across the state. The pinwheel garden is used to draw attention to the effectiveness of prevention and serves as a visible commitment to supporting child abuse prevention. Clubs planted gardens outside public libraries, parks, and community buildings. For more information regarding SC Children's Trust, please visit their website: *scchildren.org*.

To keep us all safe, the venue for 2020 meetings was Zoom, but now it is time to Vroom to Columbia for our first in person meeting! The call to the GFWC-SC Board of Directors and Summer Board meetings is in the back of the magazine. Preparations have been made to make sure this event can take place safely, and we are looking forward to meeting in person again. Again, the club member's safety is our top priority, so please attend if you feel safe doing so.

Again congratulations to all the 2019 & 2020 individual and club award winners. Have a super summer!

In Federation Spirit,



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Hi Ladies,

It was so good to see you all at our annual state convention. Among many obstacles, we weathered the storm (literally lol) and were able to share and celebrate all of our accomplishments over the past 2 years. It's always so nice to know what other clubwomen are doing around the state to help make South Carolina and beyond a better place.

Congratulations to all the clubs for being recognized for your creativity and fortitude in showcasing your volunteer spirit. As Director of Junior Clubs, I have the exciting job of once again, announcing the winners of the Junior Silver Awards.

## JUNIOR SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

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

Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

**Bobbie L. Lowe Junior Award:** To the Junior club with the most number of points earned on the Junior

Honor Rating Sheet per capita. Junior Woman's Club of Columbia



**Shelli Pue GFWC-SC**Director of Junior Clubs

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

Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

## Jan W. Hadwin/Beth Broom Junior Award:

To the Junior club with the best overall written report on the GFWC Junior Special Project. **Seneca Junior Woman's Club** 

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

**Susan Abelkop Junior Membership Award:** To the Junior club with the best overall membership report. **Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray** 

**Junior Spirit Award:** To the Junior club with the 'Best Overall GFWC Volunteer Spirit. Tied at 100 points each this award is presented to both

Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray and Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Congratulations Juniors! I look forward to seeing what you will accomplish over this next club year.

Although this is not an actual award, I would like to give **Honorable Mention** to **Chapin Junior Woman's Club** for receiving the most Spirit Peer votes by other Junior clubs. That speaks volumes, congratulations.

Juniors, we will have an official Junior Board Meeting directly following Summer Board, During this meeting, we will discuss and nominate a Director-elect of Junior Clubs. If you have any peaked interest or know someone that would excel in this position please let me know prior to our meeting. This will be an in-person event. If you would like to attend the Junior Board Meeting, but not in person please let me know and I will provide you with a zoom link specifically for this meeting.

Speaking of Summer Social, registration will be available online via Eventbrite for your convenience. If you register through Eventbrite there is no need to also email Courtney, our Credential Chair, she will automatically receive notice.

Once again, Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. I look forward to seeing you at Summer Board!

In Junior Love,

Shelli



Norma England GFWC-SC

First Vice President

This is a time of year for celebrations---Mother's Day, Memorial Day, July , school graduations, weddings, etc. Many GFWC-SC Clubs celebrate the end of their fiscal year by recognizing outstanding members. At our first ever virtual state convention, April 24, we celebrated the end of a very unusual year for GFWC-SC.

Even in a global pandemic, we recruited new members and mentored current members. Some clubs added new members and others maintained their membership, even with COVID-19 restrictions. Our clubs were resourceful in using Zoom meetings, having combination Zoom/ in person meetings, conference calls, outdoor meetings, etc. I want to congratulate clubs on their adaptability. During our Convention we recognized clubs for net gains in membership and clubs retaining membership. We recognized Honor Clubs (clubs with 100+ points on the Rating Sheet.) We honored the club that had the most Rating Sheet points in each category and the Club that had the overall most points. We recognized our Volunteer of the Year and Woman of Distinction for 2019 and 2020. We honored clubs for many other

achievements! They are all listed in this edition of **Clubwoman Magazine**. **Congratulations!!!** 

Summer is also a time when clubs take a break from active meetings. While we take this break--- remember the GFWC Recruitment focus for the summer is Hat Off for Retention. One way to keep your members engaged while the Club is in recess is to stay connected

through a texting, email or phone tree. Texting and email messages can also be used to remind club members of upcoming Club, GFWC-SC, and GFWC events as the summer ends. I encourage clubs to think of summer break as a time to recharge and reconnect with members. Without regular meetings in the summer months, clubs plan and evaluate, but also think FUN. Why not get a group to come to our SC Summer Session on August 7or the GFWC Convention in Atlanta, August 27-30? Club Presidents, remember your next recruitment report, Hat Off to Retention is due September 1. Please complete the form with the names of new members recruited during June, July and August. Please submit to GFWC and a copy to me.

During convention we planned to celebrate Club anniversaries. But I was unable to recognize these Clubs, due to time constraints. A list of those anniversaries is in this magazine issue. If your Club has member/s with Milestone Membership Anniversaries you wish to recognize with pins, send me the member name/s and years of service, and I will send the pins you need. Member anniversary pins are available in 5-year increments. GFWC-SC pays for pins for 25 years—45 years. GFWC pays for pins for 50+ years. We hope to catch up on our member anniversaries at Summer Session. So please send me the names of members celebrating anniversaries, so they can be recognized. I look forward to seeing you at our Summer Session.

If you have any ideas or problems that you would like to share about recruiting and retaining members please call, text or email me anytime.

#### In Federation Spirit,

Norma

Thank you and congratulations to all of you who sent reports by the February 1st deadline. Reporting seems always to Our 2021 Virtual Convention is now behind us and all of our award winners, from both 2019 and 2020, have finally been announced. Certificates and awards were sent to club presidents in time for them to share at their May meetings. I hope you all like the new design of the certificates as much as we do. If you were not one of the clubs or clubwomen who received an award this year, please know that you are ALL winners for all the wonderful work you have done and continue to do to make our communities, state, nation and world a better place. It's an understatement to say that 2020 was a challenging year, but the passion and creativity shown by our members in adapting to new ways of service and fundraising was evident in your reports. I want to especially thank all the chairs of our CSPs, Advancement Plans, Special Programs, Special Projects and Contests for your thoughtfulness in judging reports and for making the video award announcements played at convention. Again, congratulations to our winners. I look forward toreceiving even more reports next year!



Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President

In Federation Love,





Convention went well DESPITE Covid! Yes, we had a few snags along the way (including the power going out in the hotel where EC was) but that's technology...and electricity! We tried to conduct an informative, engaging convention and hopefully, we achieved our goal. I am looking forward to seeing many more clubwomen in person in August – have a great, safe summer everyone!

In Federation Love,





**Kaye Jones GFWC-SC**Secretary

Why is it a penny for your thoughts but you have to put your two cents in? Somebody's making a penny.

—Steven Wright, comedian

Why is money called dough? Because we all knead it!

Why did the man put his money in the freezer? He wanted cold, hard cash!

When you GOOGLE, What makes a good Treasurer, the following is stated: A good treasurer will: be capable of handling figures and cash; ... good communication and interpersonal skills; ability to ensure decisions are taken and followed-up.

I will continue to serve the GFWC-SC membership with pride and be the keeper of the monies for the rest of this administration!

A note to GFWC-SC Club Treasurers,

The following will need to be filed 4.5 months after the end of your club's Fiscal/Club Year:



Carrie Zimmerman GFWC-SC Treasurer

- 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; re, club due dates would be September 15th or October 15, 2021.

In Federation Love,

Carrie

Congratulations to the GFWC-SC 2021 LEADS Graduates



## The 123rd GFWC-SC Annual Convention Minutes April 24, 2021

The 123rd Annual Convention for the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina was held April 24, 2021, in Columbia, South Carolina via Zoom and with the Executive Committee at the Hilton Garden Inn. President Kristin Fields called the meeting to order at 10:09 am. The Inspiration and Memorial Service were presented by Linda Wagster, GFWC-SC Chaplain. The National Anthem was presented via a video presentation. Elizabeth Herring, Palmetto Woman's Club, conducted the Pledge of Allegiance via video. The Pledge to South Carolina was given by Kaye Gerrald, Chapin Woman's Club, by video. The Collect for Clubwomen and the National Pledge to Junior Clubwomen was presented in a video presentation by Midlands District Clubs. Recognition of Past Presidents and Introductions were given by Sylvia Ayers, Past President GFWC-SC. Courtney Evans, GFWC-SC presented the Preliminary Credentials Report (69 Voting, 15 Non-Voting, Total Attending 83). Bobbie Sox, Parliamentary Advisor, went over the Presentation of the Convention Rules and Procedures and they were adopted as presented. Kathie Walker Special Assistant to the President, Presented the Convention Program with corrections noted and the program was adopted as corrected. Juliet Casper Past President and Advisor of GFWC-SC conducted the Installation of 2020-2022 Officers. Kathie Walker and Carrie Zimmerman held the Wheel of Spins and award cash prizes to several lucky club members registered for convention. Pamme Eades, Midlands District President, presented door prizes.

At 10:52 am, the Credentials Report was given by Courtney Evans, Credentials Chair, which (71 Voting, 15 Non-Voting, Total Attending 86). At 10:55 am, admittance to the convention via Zoom was closed and in accordance with GFWC-SC By-Laws, elections were held at 11:00 a.m. GFWC-SC Board Members to be Confirmed were GFWC-SC Board of Trustees: Coastal District: Brenda Tarkenton, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club (2021-2024) and Connie Holston, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club (2021-2024). Midlands District: Katie Moydell, Junior Woman's Club of Columbia (2020-2023). Upstate District: Caroline Mahaffey Golden Strip, Upstate Woman's Club (2021-2124) Adriana Marlow, Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill, (2021-2024). Trustees of Progress Foundation: Coastal District: Karen Adams, Women's League of the Lowcountry (2021-2024) Midlands District: Elizabeth Herring Palmetto Woman's Club (2020-2023) Upstate District: Jane Agnew, Jubilee Woman's Club (2021-2024). Trustees for the Scholarship Fund Coastal District: Sandra Miller Woman's League of the Lowcountry (2021-2024) Trustees for the Scholarship Fund Coastal District: No confirmations Upstate District: Rhonda Garris, York County, Woman's Club (2021-2024) Trustees for the Scholarship Fund Coastal District: No confirmations Upstate District: Rhonda Garris, York County, Woman's Club (Rock Hill (2021-2024) Tammy Garland, Golden Corner Woman's Club (2021-2024), Donna Anderson, Upstate Woman's Club (2021-2024), GFWC-SC Elections Committee Members Coastal District: Karen Lassiter, Woman's Club of Charleston, alternate Martha Brown Midlands District: Jackie Boland, Woman's Club of the Midlands, alternate Janet Prince Upstate District: Laura Palmer, Renaissance Woman's Club; alternate Karen Pack. Kaye Jones, GFWC-SC Secretary, read the letter of endorsement from the St. Andrews Woman's Club to nominate Laurie O'Kelly as a candidate for GFWC Southern Region Vice-President. This endorsement was unanimously approved. Upon completion of the elections, the Zoom portal was opened again to l

Proposed Amendments to the GFWC-SC Constitution and By-Laws were presented and voted on by the delegation. The results are as follows: Article I – Membership Section 10 was not adopted. Article V – Dues and Finance Section 3 was adopted. Article VI Section 9 – Funds was adopted. Article VII – Officers, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Program Council, and Board of Trustees Section 4 was adopted. Article IX – Duties of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Program Council, and Board of Trustees Section 5 was adopted. Article XI – Nominations, Elections, and Vacancies Section 1, Paragraph 1 was adopted. Section 5 was adopted. Section 6 was adopted. Section 7 was adopted. Section 1, Paragraph 3 was adopted. Section 3 was adopted. Section 4 was adopted. Convention continued with Secretary, Kaye Jones, reported the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting. Suzanne Carswell, Second Vice President, presided over the Presentation of Special Programs and Community Service Program Awards by the following via a video presentation. Signature Program – Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention: Karen Adams, Chairman Iunior Special Program – Advocates for Children: Polly Aun, Chairman Arts and Cultural: Pamme Eades, Chairman Environment: Darlene Rittle, Chairman Education and Libraries: Chris Woodworth, Chairman Health and Wellness: Anne Redlus, Chairman Civic Engagement and Outreach: Ellen Mayes, Chairman Palmetto Pride Environment Achievement Awards irector of Junior Special Project Awards: Shelli Pue, Director of Junior Club Yasss Queen!, Beauty Queen, and Miss Congeniality President's Special Project Awards: Katie Moydell, President's Special Project Chair Pink Prevention Pinwheel Award Project Awards: Shelli Pue, Director of Junior Club Yasss Queen!, Beauty Queen, and Miss Congeniality President's Special Project Awards: Shelli Pue, Director of Junior Club Yasss Queen!, Beauty Queen, and Miss Congeniality President's Special Project Awards: Shelli Pue, Director of Junior Club Yasss Queen!, Beau

Constitution & Bylaws: Bobbie Sox, Parliamentary Advisor Disaster Relief, Norma England, Chairman. Presentation of Advancement Area & Creative Arts Awards: Suzanne Carswell, 2nd VP — Video Presentation Communication & Identity: Polly Aun and Tabitha Safdi, Chair Newsletter Award: Polly Aun and Tabitha Safdi, Chair Fundraising: Beth Taylor, Chairman Leadership: Janet Prince, Chairman Legislation & Public Policy: Janet Watkins, Chairman Membership: Norma England, Chairman Woman's History & Resource: Suzanne Carswell, on behalf of Kathy Hogan, Chairman Writing Contest: Peggy Grillot Photography Contest: Tina Winkler Membership Awards: Norma England, Chairman Presentation of Club Anniversary Certificates announced the following will be deferred and announced in the next Club Woman Magazine Net Gain Clubs, Sylvia Ayers Membership Award, and Honor Clubs. She presented Club Rating Sheet Awards: Category I: Myrtis Flanagan Award Category II: Jean T Kight Award Category III: Lavonia V. Hendrix Award All Categories: Mrs. John R Wolff Award District Rating Sheet Awards: Lavonia Hendrix Award: 2nd Place District Past President's Cup: 1st Place District. Reports from Board of Trustees of GFWC-SC: Caroline Mahaffey, Chair Trustees of Progress Foundation: Sylvia Ayers, Chair Trustees of Scholarship: Karen Pack, Chair Board of Trustees Contribution Awards: The following were deferred and will be announced in the Club Woman Magazine. Carrie Zimmerman, Treasurer Endowment Fund Award: To the club with the most donations to the Endowment Fund. Janet B. Agnew Award: To the club with most donations to the Headquarters Fund. Stackhouse Headquarters Award: To the club with the most donations to the Headquarters Fund. Stackhouse Headquarters Award: To the club with the most donations to the Headquarters Fund. Stackhouse Headquarters Award: To the club with the most donations to the Headquarters Fund. Stackhouse Headquarters Fund. Anne Maphass, Chairman of the Headquarters Committee and this was approved also. The scheduled District Mee

Courtney Evans, GFWC-SC presented the Final Credentials Report which indicated a total attendance of 87. An Invitation to the 2022 GFWC-SC Annual Convention in Rock Hill, SC was issued by Kristin Fields, President GFWC-SC and she indicated more details will be shared as they are finalized. Kathie Walker and Carrie Zimmerman held the final Wheel of Spins and award cash prizes to several lucky club members. Pamme Eades, Midlands District President, presented door prizes. Kathie Walker, Special Assistant to the President made the final announcements. Having no further business, President Kristin Fields adjourned the 123rd SC convention at 3:42 pm.

## **Ordinal**

The Bees know where to go What's the buzz.

The Birds sing without the notes It's a bird thing.

The Butterflies flutter and never wonder Which flower.

The Rivers flow never ceasing Teeming, streaming.

The Earth gives without an ask Spinning life, creating a path.

Follow the Bees, the Birds, the Butterflies, the Rivers Back to you.

Janet R. Smalley
GFWC-SC Poet Laureate

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## 2019 GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction

Throughout her twenty-three years of club membership, Ellen Mayes has been active and involved. Sheis not just a member on paper – she is committed to the spirit, goals, and values of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

She is an outstanding clubwoman, churchwoman, community member, mother and grandmother. She is dedicated to a life of service, as evidenced by her years of professional and personal accomplishments. In her community involvement, Ellen has served as a Girl Scout troop leader, on the founding Board of the Rock Hill Concert Ballet Company, on the Board of the Rock Hill Co-operative School, the Board of Trustees of The Catawba School, Rock Hill and as State Chair for Mission Haven of Atlanta, Georgia. She's represented the South Carolina Dept. of Education in Washington, D.C. with the U.S. Department of Education. She has been President of The Learning Disabled Association of SC and President of the Tri-County Learning Disability Association. Ellen



is active in her church and served as there as moderator of the Presbyterian Women and has been Liaison for Providence Presbytery for Rock Hill & Fort Mill. She is a trained Stephen minister, and received an Honorary Life Membership in the Presbyterian Women's Society. She even authored a play, "The Real Meaning of Christmas," published & distributed by the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. & presented around the country. Ellen is the owner of the Lyman Center for Academic Success and still actively works as a teacher and tutor on a daily basis. She is the proud Mother of four children, Tracie, JJ, J. Lamont III, and E. Ellen and the very proud grandmother of four, Brian, William, Grace Ellen, and Davis.

Performing sweet, everyday acts of kindness and charity; that's just who Ellen is. The ladies of the Woman's Club of Rock Hill are proud to know and to love their own 2019 Woman of Distinction, Ellen Mayes.



## 2020 GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction

Debbie Alexander, 2020's Woman of Distinction, has a reputation for being a friend to everyone and not knowing astranger. In any experience she takes on she makes a point to leave a situation or place better than she found it. Sheputs her heart into everything she does. Her friendly and warm personality makes her a magnetic force that draws people in. She loves her community and loves even more to help everyone feel welcome in it. She has made a remarkable impact in our community over the years, both in her club work and in her professional life.

She involved her family in her volunteer efforts with Meals on Wheels and the Red Stocking Review because she believed giving back should be a family affair. She was a Girl Scout leader for many years, working to ensure Lexington had a strong program for its Girl Scouts. She was also deeply involved in Palmetto Place, especially in the administrative and fundraising side of things, but this did not stop her from getting her hands dirty with the everyday tasks like cleaning the house. When she discovered GFWC and Columbia Junior Woman's Club, she truly found her special circle of friends and a further way to give back to the community. Debbie served as President of Columbia Junior Woman's Club in 1983-84 and also served as GFWC-SC Director

of Junior Clubs. In 1977, she joined Lexington Woman's Club where she served as president in 1988. In 1994 she was awarded Lexington Woman's Club's Woman of the Year. She went on to serve as GFWC-SC President from 1996-98 and again served her own club as president in 2000-2002. In the early 2000's, deeply affected by the cancer related death of a dear friend, Debbie and a group of dedicated volunteers began Relay for Life. She not only met but also exceeded her \$100,000 fundraising goal and the American Cancer Society was so impressed with her talents, dedication and passion that they eventually hired her as a full-time staff member, where she stayed until her retirement. Debbie feels giving back to others is a privilege. Her generous giving spirit draws in everyone she meets. Lexington Woman's Club's Debbie Alexander truly exemplifies a Woman of Distinction.

## Congratulations to GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year 2019 Shannon Smith of the Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Shannon has been a member of the Woman's Club of Rock Hill since 2012. In that short time, Shannon has made a major impact on our club and our community. Henry David Thoreau once said, "Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it." That phrase succinctly describes Shannon Smith.

Shannon has served on the state level in many capacities. She is currently serving as the GFWC-SC Finance Committee Chair. She previously served as GFWC-SC Fundraising Committee Chairman, GFWC-SC Upstate District Secretary Treasurer.

As a club member she is the club President. Shannon has held the position of Publicity Chair in which she arranged for TV interviews and submitted club events to numerous news outlets. She created and implemented a "Wellness Minute" presented at each general meeting. Presentations included preparation for emergency health situations, keeping up to date health information, medical areas of concern i.e. Alzheimer's, blood pressure and more. Shannon was also a co-chair of many events held in 2019. She Co-Chaired Woman's Club of Rock Hill's Past President's dinner, Cokes & Conversation event held at the 2019 Convention, Victorian Tea Fundraiser and Super Bowl-Super Dip Fundraiser. Shannon is a very active member of the WCRH Decorating Committee and served as Acting Recording Secretary for the club.



Outside of her club, Shannon volunteers in her community as a York County 4H Sew Camp Instructor at the Beginning and Advanced Sew Camps.

Shannon is a wife to Wayne Smith, mother to twins Cody and Chase Smith, and grandmother to Theo. One of her boys, Cody, has Cerebral Palsy. Shannon is described as her son's biggest supporter and a loving caregiver.

Shannon has worked full time for over 30 years as a licensed Physical Therapist and is the co-owner of Pulmonary MedServe Clinic in Rock Hill, SC. She is a Registered Yoga Instructor and Certified Personal Trainer.

Shannon is described by her club as someone everyone likes to be around. She works very hard but she plays hard too. She makes everything fun! She does it all with a big smile and a kind word for everyone. Shannon Smith truly exemplifies a General Federation of Women's Clubs Volunteer of the Year!



## Congratulations to GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year 2020 Sharon Quinter of GFWC Woman's League of the LowCountry

Sharon is a Charter member of the GFWC Woman's League of the Low-Country Club. She has been very active during her 10-year membership in the club. Prior to relocating to South Carolina, she was a member of a club in Westminster, MD.

Like many of her fellow club Presidents, COVID restrictions meant projects and fundraisers had to be cancelled. When this happed Sharon, felt so deeply about Memory Matters, the cause the luncheon was to support, that she encouraged members to donate their luncheon fee. This created a sizable donation for the non- profit the fundraiser was to help.

To keep her members safe, all the while keeping the club meetings and fundraisers on track, she hosted meetings and games on her porch. She also used her time during the summer to create a President's Reference Manual to assist the new President.

As a cancer survivor, Sharon heads up the club's annual "Pink Bags for Hope" Project. With Sharon's help the club collected 51 bags that were given to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients.

Sharon serves her club as Past President and as Board of Directors member. Her wise counsel and energy are an inspiration to all members. She is counted on to make sound decisions and lend a helping hand. She is also serving the SC State Board of Trustees representing the Coastal District. Sharon is also the chairperson of the Signature Program Domestic Violence and the Health and Wellness Community Service Projects. As chairperson she planned a walk for St. Jude's and planted pinwheel gardens.

Sharon is retired after a prestigious career with T. Rowe Price Investment Company. She held the position of Vice President from 2000-2006. She is married to Gary.Between them they have 4 children and dote on 5 Grandchildren.

Sharon's is described by her club as one of the most productive, dedicated and loyalmember of our club. She is a true GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year.

## **Celebrating GFWC-SC**

## GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children

General I GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands

General II GFWC Upstate Woman's Club

General III GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club Junior GFWC Seneca Junior Woman's Club

Club Creativity GFWC Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray

### **Arts and Culture**

General I GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill

General II GFWC Aiken Woman's Club
General III GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Junior GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity GFWC Woman's Club of Cayce

### **Communications & Public Relations**

General I GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill

General II GFWC Upstate Woman's Club General III GFWC Lexington Woman's Club

Junior GFWC Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray
Club Creativity GFWC Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray

## Civic Engagement & Outreach

General I GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands
General II GFWC Sand River Woman's Club
General III GFWC Woman's Club of Cayce
Junior GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity GFWC Lexington Woman's Club

#### **Education & Libraries**

General I GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands

General II GFWC Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

General III GFWC Chapin Woman's Club
Junior GFWC Aiken Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity GFWC Chapin Woman's Club

#### **Environment**

General I GFWC Golden Strip Woman's Club
General II GFWC Sand River Woman's Club

General III GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior GFWC Charleston Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity GFWC Golden Strip Woman's Club

## **Fundraising**

General I GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands
General II GFWC York County Woman's Club

General III GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry

Junior GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club

Club Creativity GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry

## **Celebrating GFWC-SC Continued**

#### **Health & Wellness**

General I GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands General II GFWC Sand River Woman's Club General III GFWC Chapin Woman's Club

Junior GFWC Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray

Club Creativity GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Leadership

General I GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands General II GFWC Sand River Woman's Club General III GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club

Junior GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Club Creativity GFWC Lexington Woman's Club

## **Legislation & Public Policy**

General II GFWC Sand River Woman's Club
General III GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
Junior GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Club Creativity GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

## Membership

General I GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands

General II GFWC Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

General III GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Junior GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club

Club Creativity GFWC Chapin Woman's Club

## **GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness**

General I GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill

General II GFWC St. George Woman's Guild

General III GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry
Junior GFWC Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray

Club Creativity GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Hill

## Women's History & Resource Center

General I GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands
General II GFWC Sand River Woman's Club
General III GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Junior GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Club Creativity GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Hill

### GFWC Newsletter Contest Award - GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

GFWC Youth Writing Contest Award Category 4 Carter Monroe - 'Our Homemade Bomb'

Upstate/Rock Hill Woman's Club

**GFWC Creative Writing Award - Poetry**Caroline Mahaffey - 'Tears to Smiles'

Upstate/Upstate Woman's Club

GFWC Photography Contest Award - Our World Up Close Anne Keisler - "Life in a Brookgreen Reservoir"

Lexington Woman's Club

GFWC Photography Contest Award - Reflections Sherry Baldwin - "Reflections Naturally Smooth"

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

## **Celebrating GFWC-SC Continued**

Caroline Mahaffey Hope Award Clubwoman Magazine Award Debbie Alexander Adult Education Award **Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award Emma R Lipscomb Memorial Writing Award** 

**Endowment Fund Award** General Cup Award I General Cup Award II General Cup Award III **GFWC-SC Creative Writing Award - Club Installations** 

**GFWC-SC Creative Writing Award - Prayers** 

Jackie Boland Attendance Award Jan W Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award Jan W Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award Janet B Agnew Award Kate T Davis Memorial Award Keith Unger Memorial Award Lexington Woman's Club Civic Engagement & Outreach Award Marian St.Clair Club Attendance Award

Marie J Hammond Literacy Award Princa M Wright Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award

**Progress Foundation Award** Rebecca Robbins Fundraising Award Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award

Ruby H McManus Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award GFWC Midlands District

Saxe Gotha Leadership Award Stackhouse Headquarters Award Virginia 'Sissy' Welch Award

GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club GFWC Sand River Woman's Club

Midlands District

Caroline Mahaffey - 'Tears to Smiles' Upstate/Upstate Woman's Club GFWC Woman's Club of Charleston GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill GFWC Sand River Woman's Club GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club Gail Elfert - 'Let Us Not Forget to be Kind'

Midlands/St. Andrews Woman's Club Connie Sue Lawson - 'My One Word'

Coastal/North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club GFWC Lexington Woman's Club GFWC Palmetto Woman's Club GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club GFWC St. George Woman's Guild GFWC Palmetto Woman's Club GFWC Lexington Woman's Club GFWC Woman's Club of Cayce GFWC Upstate Woman's Club GFWC Palmetto Woman's Club

GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry

GFWC Lexington Woman's Club

GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club GFWC Palmetto Woman's Club

Midlands District

## **District Awards**

## Coastal

Sissy Welch Award **Coastal District Award** Sue Burgess Education Award Pat Estep Community Service Award **Myrt Riggs Award** JoAnn Thornhill Bolchoz Spirit Award Woman's League of the Lowcountry North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club Woman's League of the Lowcountry North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club and Woman's League of the Lowcountry

## **Midlands**

## (Awards to be announced at the District Meeting.)

## **Upstate**

**Davis Cup Croker-Spartanburg Award** Davenport-Morgan Project Award Castles-Dye Arts & Culture Award Jolene W. Bryant Education & Libraries Award **JMaking Time for Others Award** Mary Renfro Membership Award

Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill Woman's Club of Rock Hill Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill Woman's Club of Rock Hill Woman's Club of Rock Hill Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill Women's Club of Greenville

## **Clubs News**

Chief Terrence Green and Sheriff Jay Koon of the Lexington County Sheriff's Department met with the Lexington Woman's Club to thank them for providing the Blue Line banners which have been hung in downtown Town of Lexington for the month of May.





## **Celebrating GFWC-SC Clubs**

## **Honor Clubs 2020**

General Category 1

Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill GFWC Jubilee Club Woman's Club of the Midlands Myrtis Flanagan Award:
Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill—309 points Most points on the Rating Sheet for Category 1 Club

**General Category 2** 

Aiken Woman's Club Woman's Society of Batesburg Leesville Sand River Woman's Club Upstate Woman's Club St. George Woman's Guild GFWC York County Woman's Club

Jean T. Kight Award:

Upstate Woman's Club—248 points
Most points on Rating Sheet for Category II Club

**General Category 3** 

GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry Lexington Woman's Club North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club St. Andrews Woman's Club The Woman's Club of Cayce Woman's Club of Charleston Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Lavonia V. Hendrix Award:

St. Andrews Woman's Club—576 points
Most points on the Rating Sheet for Category III Club

Mrs. John R. Wolff Award:

St. Andrews Woman's Club—576 points Most Points All Categories for General Clubs:

**Past Presidents Cup:** 

Midlands District—1873 points
District with the highest total of points on the Rating
Sheet-

**Lavonia Hendrix Award:** 

Upstate District—1336 points
District with the 2nd highest total of points on the Rating Sheet

## **Club Anniversaries Celebrated in 2021**

Woman's Club of West Columbia – 115 Years
Women's Club of Fort Mill – 70 Years
Charleston Junior Woman's Club – 55 Years
Chapin Woman's Club – 50 Years
GFWC-SC Past Presidents Club – 30 Years
Dream Makers of GFWC-SC – 5 Years

## **Net Gain Clubs 2020**

**Coastal District** 

GFWC Woman's Club of Charleston GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry

**Midlands District** 

GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray GFWC Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club GFWC Lexington Woman's Club GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club GFWC Woman's Club of Cayce GFWC West Columbia Woman's Club GFWC Woman's Society of Batesburg—Leesville

**Upstate District** 

GFWC Greenville Woman's Club GFWC York County Woman's Club GFWC Golden Strip Woman's Club GFWC Jubilee Club GFWC Walhalla Woman's Club GFWC Woman's Club of Fort Mill

## **Sylvia Ayers Award**

GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club To the club with the largest Net Gain for 2020. Judged by the Treasurer and President -elect

## **Janet Prince Membership Award**

To each club both General and Junior that retains its membership during the calendar year. Clubs must submit Active Membership numbers for the beginning of the year January 1 and the end of the year—Dec. 31.

Woman's Club of the Midlands Lexington Woman's Club St Andrews Woman's Club Lake Murray-Junior Woman' Club GFWC York County Woman's Club



## Congratulations to our 2020 **Honor Roll Members**

The following members were nominated by their clubs to be listed on the 2020 GFWC-SC Honor Roll and recognized for their outstanding service to their clubs.

## Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray Megan Yongue

## North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club **Stephanie Hankins** Connie Lawson Linda George Sweatt Sandy Young

## GFWC Woman's League of the Low Country Anne Redlus

## Lexinaton Woman's Club Debbie Alexander

## **Upstate Woman's Club** Dorothy Boyd Elise Rómano Donna Anderson Caroline Mahaffey

**INCOME** 

## **Congratulations to our 2020** Order of the Jessamine

The Order of the Jessamine is a GFWC-SC honorary society comprised of members who have been selected by their clubs.

## GFWC Woman's League of the Low Country Diane Brayden

## **GFWC York County Woman's Club** Joan Musselwhite

## Lexington Woman's Club Sally Taylor

## **GFWC-SC HEADQUARTERS BUDGET** 2021-2022

Apartment Rentals	\$ 27,420.00
Outside Rentals	\$ 800.00
Contributions	\$ 500.00
GFWC-SC General Fund Share of Liability Insurance	\$ 700.00
Fund Raisers	\$ 13,000.00
Grants	\$ 2,000.00
Tablecloth and portable bar rental	\$ 100.00
Total Income	\$ 44,520.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Russell Massey Insurance Agency	\$ 7,000.00
Dominion Electric/Gas	\$ 9,000.00
City of Columbia Watr/Sewer	\$ 3,000.00
Lawn Service	\$ 2,000.00
Home Pest Control	\$ 500.00
Airport Heating and AC contract	\$ 725.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 15,000.00
Give Smart On Line Auction	\$ 2,295.00
Spectrum Telephone	\$ 479.88
Postage/Stationary	\$ 300.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 40,299.88
Income over disbursements	\$ 4,220.12

## GFWC-SC GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR	
De la companya CENTRO CO De la companya CENTRO CONTRO CO De la companya CENTRO CONTRO CON	Budget 2021-2022
Revenues: GFWC-SC Dues: General & Juniors (\$27) 774 (G)   189(Jr) 2(Mem@large) Heritage (\$16)92 Juniorettes (\$11) Jr. Travel Fund: \$4/Jr. GFWC-SC Additional Income:	26,055.00 1,472.00 220.00 756.00
Contributions-General Fund Contributions - SC Clubwoman Honor Roll Fundraiser Order of the Jessamine Women in Business Directory Interest - General Fund Interest - Endowment Interest - Augusta Wolfe (Jr. Travel) Meetings:	100.00 250.00 300.00 200.00 100.00 800.00 900.00 200.00
Registration - GFWC-SC Convention Registration - LEADS Conference Registration Summer Boards Registration Winter Boards CarryOver Funds Total Revenues:	1,500.00 500.00 1,200.00 1,200.00 2,211.00 37,964.00
EXPENSES:	
GFWC Dues Paid: General, Juniors & Heritage (\$15) Juniorettes (\$10) Southern Region Dues Travel, Meetings, Conferences, Conventions & Orientation:	15,855.00 200.00 30.00
Travel - President * Travel - Director of Jrs. ** Travel - First Vice President Travel - Second Vice President Travel - Secretary Travel - Travel - Secretary	2,600.00 1,244.00 700.00 700.00 350.00 350.00
Travel -Outgoing President every other year Travel - Outgoing Dir. of Jrs. Every other year Leadership Orientation - Incoming President Leadership Orientation - Incoming Jr. Director GFWC LEADS Program Participant GFWC-SC Expenses:	400.00 400.00 500.00
Meetings: Convention Expenses Summer Board Expenses Winter Board Expenses LEADS Conference Expenses Program Council Awards	1,500.00 1,200.00 1,200.00 500.00 300.00
Expenses - Office of: President Junior Director First Vice President Second Vice President Secretary Treasurer (QuickBooks renewal & check products)	200.00 100.00 250.00 395.00 50.00 100.00
Operating Expenses: Liability Insurance (HQ's) Review of Financial Statements SC Sec of State Charitable Funds Reg SC Sec State Raffle Registration South Carolina Clubwoman Surety/ Bonding Insurance Website	700.00 750.00 50.00 50.00 6,200.00 240.00 350.00
Special Expenses: Past President's Pin	500.00
Total Disbursements: (Over)/Under Budget *includes President Endowment   ** includes Jr Travel fund (\$4/Jr)	37,964.00

## by Janet Smalley

## Remarkable Paul Hayne Circle Ledger Survives for 125 Years

For members of the Paul Hayne Circle, the 19th Century and the 21st have connected in a beautiful and meaningful way. Former president Sandra Mattox was contacted by the owner of an antiques shop. As he unpacked a box of donated magazines, he discovered an old ledger. Intrigued, he dove into the contents to discern that it was the founding and early history of the Paul Hamilton Hayne Circle in Walhalla, organized on January 19, 1895. The ledger described, in lovely penmanship, the meetings of the club from that date through November 1900.

His web search located the Hayne Circle and its president and the treasured ledger was returned. Astonished, Sandra brought it to the last meeting of her administration and turned it over to incoming president Janet Smalley, who proposed that the Circle hear its stories during the next two years. And that is exactly what happened.

Though all members knew that Miss Ida McCullough was the first president, the ledger revealed that the founding meeting was held at Reverend J.D. McCullough's home, her father's house. Circle members laughed when learning that meetings were set on the same day and time as now: Wednesdays at 4:00 PM, though the Circle met weekly during its early years. The founding mission remains as today: a literary society seeking the self-improvement of its members. The constitution and bylaws were clear, with dues 5 cents for each meeting. Early fundraisers included readings, dramatic presentations, and strawberry cake sales. These funds and dues were then used to purchase books to establish a lending library for members. Eventually, this library morphed into one available to all residents. Imagine that. The women of the Paul Hayne Circle created the first lending library in Walhalla. That focus continues today, as the Circle has perennially supported The Oconee Friends of the Library and the Literary Legacy at Walhalla High School.

Attendance and punctuality were expected, and ladies failing expectations were admonished in the minutes. Notes also revealed that the organization was suspected by some "gentlemen" as being a "political group." With educational programs presented by members on great books, art, civilizations, and philosophers, perhaps there was a bit that reflected and influenced political thought.

Importantly, the ledger tells of the Circle's keen interest in joining the GFWC-SC by attending a meeting of the state group. Two members were elected to attend, but a sudden storm and washed out road prevented their attendance. Happily, the club was later federated in June 1898.

"That the ledger survived is amazing," remarked Janet Smalley. "That it found its way back to the Circle is beyond that. We are blessed." Under the leadership of current president Martha Murtiashaw, who serves on the SC Library Board, the ledger has been digitized and can be accessed through the state library system website.

# Official Call GFWC-SC GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting I Summer Board Saturday, August 7, 2021 DoubleTree by Hilton, 2100 Bush River Rd., Columbia, SC 29210

9:15 a.m. Registration

9:30 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 District Vice Presidents, the District Secretary-Treasurers, 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.

9:30 a.m. Call to Order 2021 GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting

Report from Executive Committee Standing Committee & Board Reports

10:15 a.m. Registration

10:30 a.m. Call to Order 2021 Summer Board

Report from the Board of Directors Meeting

Guest Speaker: Adah Gorton with the Office of Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling I DHEC

Membership Recognition Scrapbook Contest Presidents Institute

Junior Board

#### Reminders for Summer Board:

- Preregistration or registration through EventBrite is highly recommended for the safety of our Credentials Chair.
- This meeting, as all, will be come at your own risk. Temperatures will not be taken.
- Bring club Scrapbook with Scrapbook Rating Sheet and Release Form.
- Attire: GFWC gear. Shirts, scarfs, pins, club shirts, etc. any and all are welcome.
- There will be a room block at the hotel, please contact Dolly Mc Dermott at <a href="mailto:dollymcdermott@aol.com">dollymcdermott@aol.com</a> or 301-466-9632, before July 23, if a room is needed.

**Guest Speaker:** Adah Gorton I Office of Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling I S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control

Adah Gorton spent a decade working in the food and grocery industries (and wrote copy for greeting cards) before combining those passions with her love of the environment at the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling. At the Office, Adah works to help colleges/universities with all of their recycling needs, tells the story of solid waste in S.C. through data analysis and assists with Don't Waste Food SC, a collaborative outreach campaign designed to encourage South Carolinians to prevent, donate and compost wasted food.





## GFWC-SC Registration Form for Summer Board Due by Sunday, July 25, 2021

Send completed form for each attendee along with registration fee to: Credentials Chair: Courtney Evans, 107 Sweet Grass Lane, Columbia, SC 29203 cepevans@hotmail.com (803) 556-7042

Name:	Email:
Name: District:	Club:
Standing Committee Chairman (FinClub President or Appointee (if Pres	sidents) cial Project   Special Committee) Name of Program: ance Const. & Bylaws Credentials Headquarters Resolutions Disaster Relief) cident absent or credentialed in any of above categories) only -one per ten members, rounded to nearest ten)
<b>Summer Board Registration</b> Registration Fee: \$20 Late fee (after 7/25): \$5	\$ \$
TOTAL PAYMENT:	\$
Payment can be made in one of two ways	s:
Make check payable to GFWC-SC and m	ail with registration form to Courtney Evans at the address above.
	OR
Registration can be done via EventBrite.	The link is on the GFWC-SC website. Follow the steps below:
2. CLICK GREEN BUTTON "TICKE your selection	page for state convention 2021 will open  TS" - A list of registration options will open, select what you would like, after  CKOUT" - enter your contact and payment information  L SENT TO YOU

www.gfwc-sc.org

Once you have confirmation email, please forward completed registration form to Courtney Evans via email.

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## Dates to Remember

GFWC International Convention August 2021

GFWC-SC Executive Committee Meeting August 6, 2021

GFWC-SC Board of Directors | Summer Board | Junior Board Meeting Columbia, SC August 7, 2021

GFWC-SC District Conferences | Reporting Workshop (Details forthcoming from District Presidents) September, 2021

Always in our GFWC-SC Hearts
The following members were remembered:

## **COASTAL DISTRICT**

JOANN BOLCHOZ - Woman's Club of Charleston, GFWC-SC Past President 2012-2014

NANCY WILSON – Woman's Club of North Myrtle Beach

JANE FLYNN – Woman's Club of North Myrtle Beach

MARILEE TOOMEY – Woman's Club of North Myrtle Beach

MARY KAY NANCE – Woman's Club of North Myrtle Beach

### MIDLANDS DISTRICT

LOUISE MEYERS – Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club TERRY TUCKER – Saxe Gotha Woman's Club VIRGINIA STROTHER – Woman's Study Club of Ridge Spring MARTHA KINSEY – Woman's Club of Columbia JUDY NELL CHAMBERS – Lexington Woman's Club

\*\* The memorial service has been posted to the GFWC-SC website.