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for
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GFWC-SC



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It has been an honor to serve as your State President. It is true, this administration was quite different from what was planned, you could say it was unexpected. Nevertheless, we all embraced our situation and moved forward with determination to make a difference in our communities.

The highlights from this administration are the innovation and creativity shown by each of you and your clubs.

Meetings were held in new venues like Zoom, porches and parks. We stayed connected through back porch teas, outdoor trivia and teddy bear teas.

It was also a time to bring back some of your favorite hobbies. Sewing machines got dusted off so you could sew mask and knitting needles were pulled out to make those March of Dimes blankets. Reading advocates packed little libraries for their communities, and read books through our ESO program. What a great way to spend your time at home. Fundraisers took on a new look with virtual walks, casserole sales, gift card sales, children's coloring contests, golfing, games, even the statewide fundraiser, Stocking Extravaganza, transitioned to an on-line event.

I was touched by the many clubs that supported my theme "Turning for Tomorrow". Pinwheels were turning across our state.

Report statistics show GFWC-SC determination. Clubs reported a total of 985 projects with 63,354 volunteer hours. Clubs gave \$194,613 to local programs and projects, and graciously donated \$85,618 in in-kind donations. Clubs raised \$434,485 through our fundraising efforts and spent \$11,382. I am proud of these accomplishments.

Congratulations again to all clubs for your dedication and service to others. A complete listing of club awards is on the website (GFWC-SC.org).

Lastly, it has been a true honor to serve GFWC-SC President under the excellent leadership of our very own Marian St. Clair.

In Federation Spirit,

Kristin

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Wow! I can hardly believe my time as Director of Junior Clubs has come and gone. Having the opportunity to be together and see so many of you at the Convention was truly like a much-needed family reunion. Thank you to everyone that donated and participated in the Junior Fun Night Purse Auction. I was just as surprised as most of you were with my auctioneering skills. Being a Clubwoman always seems to bring out skills and abilities that we didn't quite know we had or needed until it's time to fundraise.

Without being redundant, I cannot think of any parting words that will top what was said in my final remarks, so I will leave you with this:

These past few years have really challenged us all to strengthen our legs, correct our posture, and take our stand in the midst of confusion and uncertainty. The word stand means more than just being in an upright position. It evokes the ability to have inner grit, tenacity, and composure.

Fortunately for us, GFWC-SC knows how to stand. We are an organization full of women that refuse to sit back or lie down because we are equipped to stand. This simple five-letter word embodies so much power.

S.T.A.N.D.

- Selfless** - your desire to meet the needs of others is a reward all of its own
- Talented** - you possess a diverse wealth of potential, resourcefulness, and creativity
- Audaciously ambitious** - there is no such thing as a goal too lofty
- Necessary** - your communities rely on you
- Determined** - when a resolve is made you see it through to the end

As you identify with this meaning of STAND you should feel a little taller now. As we move into this new administration under the leadership of Dr. Norma England and Polly Gathings use this newfound height to continue to stretch toward loftier goals with great ambition and determination knowing that someone out there is relying on you and the great service you selflessly provide.

To the women GFWC-SC, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you for teaching me how to stand. It is through club work that I have been able to hone my skills and develop into what it truly means to STAND.

Thank you for everything.

In Junior Love,

Shelli



Shelli Pue
GFWC-SC
Director of Junior Clubs





Norma England
GFWC-SC
President-elect

I enjoyed celebrating our 124th GFWC South Carolina Convention with many of you April 29-May 1 in Rock Hill. It was wonderful to celebrate together at our first in person convention in 2 years.

I was very happy to recognize 17 clubs that had a net gain in membership. The Woman’s League of the Lowcountry received the Sylvia Ayers Membership award for having the largest net gain increase in membership. Six clubs were recognized for having anniversaries totally over 290 years. Eleven individual members were also honored with membership pins for being a club member for 25—45 years. (If you have members you wish to honor with membership pins, please let Suzanne Carswell know before our Summer Board Meeting on August 13) A big thank you to all the clubs that sent in Membership Recruiting Reports each quarter and to Clubs that submitted Membership Reports.

We also recognized 16 clubs as Honor Clubs. These Clubs reported at least 100 points on the Rating Sheet. A big thank you to all Clubs that submitted and reported a Rating Sheet. I also wanted to thank you for the generous donations to our Disaster Relief Fund. For a complete list of clubs and members honored with Rating Sheet Awards, Membership Awards, and other awards, please check our Website and this issue of Clubwoman Magazine.

I have enjoyed serving as your President elect/Membership Chairman. I am very proud of the fact that even in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic our clubs found ways to meet and perform volunteer service. I am also proud of the fact that so many clubs were able to gain members or retain their membership during the past 2 years.

In Federation Spirit,

Norma

Wow! What a time to serve in leadership, with two unprecedented years conducting Program Council, Program Fair and President’s Councils (oh my!) via Zoom. I am just so proud of all we accomplished as a state federation, in spite of the obstacles presented by a pandemic. Finally seeing so many of you again face-to-face, receiving long overdue hugs, the smiles, and all the laughter at our long-delayed in-person convention in Rock Hill made the coming together again even sweeter.

It was wonderful to finally be able to actually present awards again personally this year. Thank you to the Clubs who took the time to report and to write informative narratives. Thank you to all the CSP, Advancement Area, Special Program, Special Project and Contest Chairs for your time, your thoughtfulness and diligence in judging and writing your reports. Congratulations to all of the clubs who received awards for their projects and fundraising efforts. As I have said before, whether or not you won an award, all of our clubs and members have much for which to be proud.

It has been an honor and a privilege and my great pleasure to get to know so many of you through this office, and I look forward to getting to know MANY more of you and working with you in the years to come. I want to thank each of you for the trust you put in me and for the opportunity to serve as your Second Vice President and Dean of Departments. I am forever grateful.

In Federation Love,

Suzanne



Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President

Congratulations for the GFWC-SC Scholarship recipients:

Corey Reed
attending University of South Carolina

Hunter Eargle
attending Clemson University



Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as Secretary of GFWC-SC – it has been a successful administration despite the bumps experienced. Working thru the ‘new world’ we were in, I was impressed with the hard work, dedication, and willingness of everyone to make sure we didn’t miss a beat. The members of the 2020-2022 administration were a joy to work with – I enjoyed working with Kristin, Norma and all the rest and I look forward to our next two years. A special thank you to Suzanne for answering my many questions! It has been an honor to serve you.

In Federation Love,

Kaye

Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC
 Secretary

“Life is like a box of chocolates you never know what your gonna get.” Forrest Gump.

One of my favorite quotes and pretty much sums up the theme of this 2020-2022 administration.

As Treasurer for this administration I have paid bills, collected money, frequented the post office and became good friends with our State Charities Division of SC. I participated in our finance committee meetings and assisted in developing our budget document. I have attended Summer & Winter Board meetings for GFWC-SC, attended the GFWC Southern Region meeting online and in Florida, the GFWC Annual Convention in online and in Atlanta, GA and here now at our annual GFWC SC Convention at “The Rock”.

One thing that I have learned from being Treasurer is that our ladies here in SC our busy, passionate and continue to make our State proud. I thank each and every one of you for trusting me with the “keeper of the funds” job.

In Federation Love,

Carrie



Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC
 Treasurer

**Order of the Jessamine
 Class of 2022**

- Peggy Bodner - York County Woman’s Club
- Sandra Iams - GFWC Woman’s League of the Lowcountry
- Cindy Kilgore - GFWC Woman’s League of the Lowcountry
- Deidre Harmon - Lexington Woman’s Club
- Melinda Haver - Upstate Woman’s Club

**GFWC-SC Honor Roll
 Class of 2022
 Honorees**

- Christy Weber - North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
- Bonnie O’Brien - North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
- Beth McLean - North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
- Cheryl Watson - North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
- Victoria Padgett - Upstate Woman’s Club
- Kim Reed - Upstate Woman’s Club
- Mary Dozier Ellsworth - Lexington Woman’s Club
- Melanie Matthews - Woman’s Club of the Midlands
- DeAna Reed-Sharpe - Woman’s Club of the Midlands
- Susan Sanchez - Woman’s Club of the Midlands
- Allison McGee - Junior Woman’s Club of Columbia

**General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina
124th Annual State Convention Minutes - April 29-30, 2022**

The General Federation of Women's Clubs South Carolina 124th Annual State Convention was held Friday, April 29, 2022 thru Saturday, April 30, 2022. President Kristin Fields called the meeting to order at 11:09 am Friday morning. A quorum was declared.

Voting delegates at the GFWC-SC Convention approved adoption of the Rules and Procedures the Convention as stated. Voting delegates at the GFWC-SC Convention approved the adoption of the Convention Program as printed with changes noted.

Convention convened for the day at 9:37 pm and business was resumed at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Elections for the Officers for 2022-2024 were held at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 30, 2022 as directed by the by-laws of GFWC-SC.

The following positions were presented by the Nominating Committee and confirmed by the GFWC-SC Convention:

Coastal District

Juliet Casper to serve on the Scholarship Committee
Dianne McCarty to serve as Secretary-Treasurer
Jeri McCumbee to serve as Vice President
Anne Redlus to serve as President as approved by the district.

Midlands District

Allison McGee to serve on the Progress Foundation
Amy Warren to serve on the Scholarship Committee
Courtney Evans to serve on the Scholarship Committee
DeAna Reed-Sharpe to serve on the Board of Trustees
Bobbie Sox to serve as Secretary-Treasurer
Shelli Pue to serve as Vice President
Melanie Matthews to serve as President as approved by the district.

Upstate District

Paula Howard-Casby to serve on the Progress Foundation
Laura Palmer to serve on the Board of Trustees
Mendy Haver to serve as Secretary-Treasurer
Kristin Decker to serve as Vice President
Rhonda Garris to serve as President as approved by the district.

GFWC-SC Director-elect of Junior Clubs - Michelle Blackmon of Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray was confirmed for GFWC-SC Director-elect of Junior Clubs as submitted by the Junior Clubs.

The following slate of officers were elected:

First Vice President – Suzanne Carswell
Second Vice President – Kaye Jones
Secretary – Shannon Smith
Treasurer – Carrie Zimmerman

The 2022-2024 Executive Committee also include:

President – Norma England
Director of Junior Clubs – Polly Gathings
Director Elect of Junior Clubs – Michelle Blackmon
Advisor/Past President – Kristin Fields
Past Junior Director – Shelli Pue

- A motion was made and approved to destroy the voting ballots.

Upon the completion of the elections, regular business continued at 11:37 am. Voting delegates at the GFWC-SC Convention approved the GFWC-SC Headquarters Budget as presented. Voting delegates at the GFWC-SC Convention approved the Finance Committee Budget as presented.

There being no further business, the 124th Convention was adjourned at 9:54 pm Saturday evening.

**GFWC-SC GENERAL FUND BUDGET
2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR**

Revenues:

GFWC-SC Dues:

General & Juniors (\$27) 863 (G) 180 (Jr) 2(Mem@large)	25,839.00
Heritage (\$16)88	1,408.00
Juniorettes (\$11)	220.00
Jr. Travel Fund: \$4/Jr.	720.00

GFWC-SC Additional Income:

Contributions-General Fund	150.00
Contributions - SC Clubwoman	250.00
Honor Roll Fundraiser	300.00
Order of the Jessamine	250.00
Women in Business Directory	200.00
Interest - General Fund	800.00
Interest - Endowment	900.00
Interest - Augusta Wolfe (Jr. Travel)	200.00

Meetings:

Registration - GFWC-SC Convention	1,500.00
Registration - LEADS Conference	600.00
Registration Summer Boards	1,500.00
Registration Winter Boards	1,200.00
Carry Over Funds	-

Total Revenues:

36,037.00

EXPENSES:

GFWC Dues Paid:

General, Juniors & Heritage (\$15)	15,645.00
Juniorettes (\$10)	200.00
Southern Region Dues	30.00

Travel, Meetings, Conferences, Conventions & Orientation:

Travel - President *	2,600.00
Travel - Director of Jrs. **	1,022.00
Travel - First Vice Pres	700.00
Travel - Second Vice Pres	700.00
Travel - Secretary	350.00
Travel-Treasurer	350.00
Travel -Outgoing President every other year	700.00
Travel - Outgoing Dir. of Jrs. Every other year	700.00
Leadership Orientation - Incoming Pres.	-
Leadership Orientation - Incoming Jr. Dir.	-
GFWC LEADS Program Participant	500.00

GFWC-SC Expenses:

Meetings:

Convention Expenses	1,500.00
Summer Board Expenses	1,200.00
Winter Board Expenses	1,200.00
LEADS Conference Expenses	600.00
Program Council Awards	200.00

Expenses - Office of:

President	200.00
Junior Director	200.00
First Vice President	50.00
Second Vice President	100.00
Secretary	50.00
Treasurer (QuickBooks renewal & check products)	100.00

Operating Expenses:

Liability Insurance (HQ's)	700.00
Review of Financial Statements	750.00
SC Sec of State Charitable Funds Reg	50.00
SC Sec State Raffle Registration	50.00
South Carolina Clubwoman	5,000.00
Surety/ Bonding Insurance	240.00
Website	350.00

Special Expenses:

Past President's Pin	-
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Total Disbursements:

36,037.00

(Over)/Under Budget	-
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*includes President Endowment | ** includes Jr Travel fund (\$4/Jr)

**GFWC-SC HEADQUARTERS BUDGET
2022-2023**

INCOME

Apartment Rentals	\$27,600.00
Outside Rentals	\$800.00
Contributions	\$500.00
GFWC-SC General Fund Share of Liability Insurance	\$700.00
Fund Raisers (Extravaganza & 1511 Laurel Society)	\$12,000.00
Grants	\$3,000.00
Tablecloth and portable bar rental	\$200.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$44,800.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Russell Massey Insurance Agency	\$7,000.00
Dominion Electric & Gas	\$9,000.00
City of Columbia water/Sewer	\$3,000.00
Lawn Service	\$2,000.00
Home Pest Control	\$500.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$16,000.00
Give Smart Online Auction	\$2,295.00
Spectrum Telephone	\$479.88
Postage/Stationary	\$300.00
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$40,574.88</u>
Income over Disbursements (Unexpected Expense)	\$4,326.12

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

COASTAL

MARY E. THOMPSON – North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
ALMA BROUGH – North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
REBECCA JONES - Woman’s Club of Charleston

MIDLANDS

LINDA CHAMPION FLOYD - St. Andrews Woman’s Club
JOYCE JENKINS - Aiken Woman’s Club
ALMA HOGAN HOLSTON – Woman’s Club of Ridge Spring
JAN ROOF - Woman’s Club of Columbia
JO CREASON - Woman’s Club of Columbia

UPSTATE

LOVONIA HENDRIX – GFWC Jubilee Club - Past State President & Past Director of Junior Clubs
JUDI TESLA - Woman’s Club of Fort Mill
JULIANA BELCSAK - Woman’s Club of Fort Mill
CAROL STILLWELL - Woman’s Club of Greenville
SARA STRINGFELLOW - Woman’s Club of Rock Hill



Community Service Programs

Environment CSP, Darlene Rittel

This will be my final “Environment” article for our magazine. Thanks again to all the clubs who submitted reports for judging; winners are listed elsewhere in this issue. But also thank you to all members who continue to ‘Invest in our Planet’ through daily actions and habits of recycling, reusing, composting, energy conservation, smart shopping and more. Each day we have the opportunity to make a positive impact on our environment in numerous ways – many are easy and free and have been detailed in previous articles. Readers are encouraged to continue to review the GFWC manual for the comprehensive guidelines and resources of this CSP when considering program/project ideas or for self-education.

And the results of the Pull Tab service project are in! The “Queen of Pull Tabs” is Becky Robbins of Sand River Woman’s Club with a whopping 18 lbs. 2 oz collected. Other top contributions were appointed to the “Royal Court” and are: Peggy Grillot of Lake Murray-Irmo WC with 5+ lbs.; Lexington WC with 12lbs; St Andrew’s WC with 2lbs. 12 oz. and Upstate WC with 2 lbs. In addition, there were several other un-labeled containers donated which came to 25 lbs. Therefore, the grand total of pull tabs to be donated to a Ronald McDonald House is 65 pounds. That’s a whole lot of pull tabs considering it takes about 100 tabs to equal 1 ounce!

I shall close with a quote from former US President, Lyndon B. Johnson. “Conservation is ethically sound. It is rooted in our love of the land, our respect for the right of others, our devotion to the rule of the law.” Following the tenants

noted in this statement, we would all be great stewards of our Earth.

Civic Engagement and Outreach, Ellen Mayes Chair

Clubs Who Have Clubhouses in South Carolina

Did you know that Historic Preservation is a part of GFWC and is a goal of Civic Engagement and Outreach? It is and Kristin Fields and I, at the encouragement of Nancy Greenberg, GFWC Chairman of Civic Engagement and Outreach, decided to make a list of all the clubs in our state that preserve and have a meeting place of their own which is their clubhouse.

First there is our State Headquarters, the Sims-Stackhouse Mansion, at 1511 Laurel Street in Columbia, South Carolina. “This stately classic style home was constructed by James Sims before 1853” and survived Sherman’s burning of Columbia. T.B. Stackhouse purchased it in 1909 and GFWC-SC has used it as its headquarters since 1953. Plan to come to the annual Christmas Stocking Extravaganza, join the 1511 Society, or even rent it for an event at a special member’s price.

The Woman’s Club of Cayce was organized in the spring of 1937, and in 1939 the Guignard family donated the land on which the clubhouse now stands. “The log cabin building was erected in 1940 with 34 members authorizing the execution of the \$1,000.00 for note for materials.” Labor was provided by the WPA (Works Progress Administration), a Government Program to provide work for millions following the Great Depression. This building has been in continuous use since that time. You may have attended a state event there.

The GFWC Winnsboro Woman’s Club was federated in 1925. This club is located at 35 Vanderhorst Street in Winnsboro. The City of Winnsboro provided a building for the clubhouse. Like all our clubs, this Club has done many wonderful things to improve life and a sense of community in their town.

The Belvedere Woman’s Club was federated in 1955. They began looking for a piece of property. In 1977 the Club paid \$3,000 for a lot at 104 Elizabeth Avenue and on April 26, 1978 the Belvedere Woman’s Club Community Building opened. Beth Broome, whose mother-in-law was very active in founding the Club and the clubhouse, is a member and helps take care of the building with her husband. The Club meets monthly.

The Woman’s Club of Rock Hill purchased their clubhouse in 1971. It was built by W.R. Armstrong in 1921 when he was Mayor of Rock Hill. Armstrong sold it to the Mauldin family who owned the Coca Cola Company in Rock Hill. The clubhouse is of Spanish and American Colonial style with restored gardens. Ann Bruce Faircloth, the Mauldin’s daughter, sold the house to the Club. In 2011, the Club purchased an adjoining house and lot which had been built in 1939 to complete the original historic property of that time period.

Clubhouses make it easy for the Club to have celebrations, events, and meetings but require extra work to maintain. These houses provide a good source of income and community recognition for the Club when the clubhouses can be rented for events.

If there is a clubhouse in your history that was missed, please let Ellen Mayes know.



SARA STRINGFELLOW WOMAN OF DISTINCTION Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Not many clubs in South Carolina, or anywhere else for that matter, have a 99 year-old member. Woman's Club of Rock Hill was blessed to have had a very active 99 year-old member, Sara James Carter Stringfellow.



Sara was born April 8, 1922 in Chester, South Carolina. She graduated from Winthrop College with a degree in Education and later completed a Master's Degree in Library Science. There are many in Rock Hill who will still today tell you their favorite teacher, and the one they credit for their success in life, is Sara Stringfellow.

While earning her first degree, in 1944 Sara completed a special curriculum and was selected to be a Code Girl, a secret group of American women who served as code breakers in Washington, D.C. during WWII. Because they kept their secrets so well, they were unknown until the book *Code Girls* by Liza Munday came out in 2017. Sara's story was told in our state *Clubwoman Magazine* in September 2021. Sara's oral history of her experience is documented in the Louise Pettis Archives. She once even met General Eisenhower, who told her she was "doing a great job". She and her fellow Code Girls helped make the Allies' victory in WWII possible.

Sara was very active in her community. She was a charter member of Junta Literary Society. She was a longtime member and volunteer of her church, Oakland Avenue Presbyterian. Sara was a member of the Daughter's of the American Revolution and the Fleur-De-Lis Garden Club of Rock Hill. She was an avid bridge player and member of four different bridge clubs. Sara was the mother of four children and grandmother to six children, who adored her.

Sara encouraged and inspired her club from her first year in 1988 when she created one of the club's largest and long-lasting fundraisers, The Bridal Fair. As chairman of the Education Department, Sara developed programs to help underprivileged students in the poorest schools in the District. She was active in the STAR Program, which tutored students from a low-income school for over 28 years. Sara encouraged her club to provide books for the tutors. She also ensured students were given opportunities like going to camp and to concerts. Sara encouraged student writers by advocating with her Club to solicit entries from local students to submit to the GFWC-SC Youth Writing Contest. When her Education and Libraries CSP had worked 4 years and finally obtained a Little Free Library, at age 98 Sara offered to paint it and provided her granddaughter to decorate it. They spent hours in the hot sun painting and decorating the library. Sara was unaware that her club's Education and Libraries had already voted to name the little library Sara Stringfellow's Book Nook. With Covid closing the local libraries, this Little Free Library gave many hundreds of books away in just its first few months.

Sara faced adversity. She had severe heart problems when she was in her late 40's. Her grandson was killed several years ago in a traffic accident and, creating something positive from the tragedy, The John Corey Stringfellow Scholarship Memorial was established in his memory. Sara was extremely proud that through it, many are able to further their education.

Sara's friends knew an article about her was planned to appear in GFWC-SC's *Clubwoman* in September 2021, and had hoped to keep it a surprise to her until she opened the magazine. Learning, however, that Sara was not expected to live through the night, a copy of the article was sent to her family and was read to her on the night she died. Sara passed away peacefully on September 3, 2021 at her home, surrounded by her family.

Woman's Club of Rock Hill may no longer have their 99 year-old Sara cruising Rock Hill in her convertible, but they do have 34 years of memories to treasure of an exemplary legacy of service, and of a great lady and fellow Clubwoman. There are few such as Sara, who lived such a long and giving and caring life.

JOY MOORE
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Lexington Woman's Club

Joy Linda Moore is the 2021 Volunteer of the Year for GFWC-South Carolina. She joined the Lexington Woman's Club and GFWC in 1997. She remains an active member of Lexington Woman's Club.

Joy is an active member of the Lexington Woman's Club Communications and Public Relations Committee. She developed her Club's website and Facebook page. She sends email communiques to the membership; so all members may stay active, informed and connected. This has been especially important during the past 2 years when members often could not meet in person because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her email efforts are very important to the Club. Email topics include Care Team information regarding illnesses, family crisis, deaths, and prayer requests. She also sends reminders about vital club information and deadlines. Joy coordinates the advertising for their annual fundraisers. Joy is a one woman show and does her part with a radiant smile, and without complaint, even when this year family matters needed more of her focus.



Joy served in the Education and Libraries CSP. She is a retired teacher and continues to make an impact in the lives of students in Lexington County. She promotes library programs, advertises scholarships in the local high schools, helps with student leadership events, and teacher support projects. She also assists with the Adult Graduation Reception for the Lexington District GED program.

During 2021 Joy participated in 31 projects with her club. She volunteered over 430 hours and helped her club raised more than \$10,455.

Joy Linda Moore is a standout member of the Lexington Woman's Club. After she retired as a math teacher at Lexington Middle School, she also taught at Midlands Teach. While teaching at Lexington Middle school she was also head of the Math Department. She was admired by her colleagues and loved by her students. She was selected Lexington Middle School Teacher of the Year. Joy is a faithful, active, member of St. Albans Episcopal Church, where she has served on the Vestry, worked with the choir, and volunteered in the church office. Her husband Greg, is a supply priest to nearby churches. Joy often accompanies him and often plays the organ. She is a mother of 4 and grandmother.

Her club members wrote, "Joy may be short in stature, but she seems to soar above most with her attention to detail and her exceptional organizational skills." Her club members agree that Joy Moore is the glue that holds their club together.

GFWC-SC Celebrates



124th Annual Convention Memories



*Jennie June Award
Anne Redlus
GFWC Woman's Club of the Low Country*

*GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction
Awarded to the family of
Sara Stringfellow*



*Carol Vann Rowland &
Susan Vann Haynes
Junior Clubwoman of Achievement Award
Michelle Blackmon
Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray*



***Marian St.Clair
GFWC International President***



***Friday Night Speaker, Katie Moydell with
Norma England, GFWC-SC President 2022 – 2024***



Class of 2022 Order of the Jessamine



Class of 2022 Honor Roll

2022-2024 GFWC-SC

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**Stand Tall, Wear a Crown
Be Tough on the Outside
&
Sweet on the Inside**



I am excited, honored, and thrilled to be serving as your GFWC-SC president for the next 2 years. It was wonderful to meet with you in person at our 2022 Convention. A big thank you to the Upstate District for hosting the 2022 Convention. I want to thank my club, Woman's Club of Rock Hill, for the wonderful reception to honor the Executive Committee after our installation ceremony.

The symbol for this administration is the pineapple. I want to encourage you to live a "Pineapple Life", "Stand Tall, Wear a Crown, Be Tough Outside, & Sweet Inside" My Special project is Elder Abuse/Neglect Awareness. Promoting Project Lifesaver is part of my project. Project Lifesaver works with public safety personnel in almost all counties in SC. They provide high tech tracking bracelets for vulnerable adults with the tendency to wander and training on how to serve vulnerable adults they encounter. I have included a handout on project Lifesaver on page 11. You will hear more about Project Lifesaver at Summer Board.

Our Summer Board meeting is Saturday, August 13. Program Council is Friday evening, August 12. Summer Board will include a Program Fair with information on CSP, Special Projects, & Advancement Areas, guest speaker, and President's Institute. The call for our Summer Board Meeting and registration information is on pages 22 and 23 of this magazine.

I am look forward to working with you as we "Stand Tall " and "Forever Live the Volunteer Spirit in South Carolina.

In Federation Spirit,

Norma

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Project Lifesaver is a 501 (C)(3) community based, public safety, non-profit organization that provides law enforcement, fire/rescue, and caregivers with a program designed to protect, and when necessary, quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The organization was founded in 1999 in Chesapeake, Virginia. The necessity of this program was determined through the correlation between cognitive conditions and the act of wandering. With the dramatic increase of cognitive conditions since the inception of the organization, the program has grown from a localized program to a program recognized internationally as a proven and effective method of **“bringing loved ones home.”**

Project Lifesaver was the first to apply such locating techniques to aid in the search and rescue of individuals, and is the most widely used and proven most effective program in the nation that is specifically designed to protect the **“At Risk”** populations in our communities. The program was structured in a way that strategically combined state of the art locating technologies, innovative search and rescue methods, and community policing courses that educated first responders about cognitive conditions. The search times for certified Project Lifesaver agencies have been reduced from hours, potentially days, down to minutes. Recovery times for Project Lifesaver agencies average 30 minutes, which is 95% less time than standard operations without Project Lifesaver.

HOW DOES THE PROJECT LIFESAVER PROGRAM WORK?



The Project Lifesaver Program is run at a municipality level by public safety agencies. When an agency decides to implement the program, Project Lifesaver International will equip them with the necessary technologies and provide training to those involved. The training includes the use of the equipment, the implementation of the strategic methods specifically designed for the program, and also community policing courses that provide a basic understanding of cognitive conditions to better comprehend the behaviors of an individual with said condition. Also included during training is the use of the PLS Database, which is a useful resource provided to member agencies at no cost. The method relies on proven radio technology and specially trained search and rescue teams. Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small transmitter on the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized frequency signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer’s area. The first responders will then use the client’s individualized frequency to locate the position of the individual.



Every Wednesday in June, organizations from across the great state of South Carolina will rally together to support older adults aging gracefully and respectfully for “WEAAD Wednesdays”.

Put on your purple and join us at the following events:

June 1st at 11:00 am: “WEAAD Wednesdays” kick off event “Responding to Elder Mistreatment from All Angles: Legal and Healthcare Perspectives”

- A multidisciplinary training co-hosted by the MUSC SC Safe Seniors Program, MUSC Clinical Forensics Program, and SC Legal Services on how you can identify, assess, and refer cases of confirmed or suspected elder abuse and mistreatment in South Carolina.
- Register to join: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2894739661164947214>

June 8th at 12:00 pm: Statewide Virtual Resource Fair

- [Register here to join us virtually!](#)
- Hosted by SC Safe Seniors

June 15th at 9:00 am: SC WEAAD Walk and Proclamation

- [Register here to attend in person!](#)
- Starts at SC Department of Social Services State Office, 1535 Confederate Ave, Columbia, SC
- Hosted by SC Dept. of Social Services Adult Advocacy Division

June 22nd from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm: “WEAAD: Be the Light in a Dark World”

- [Register here to join virtually!](#)
- Hosted by SC Respite Coalition and SC Dept. on Aging

June 29th from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm: “SC Elder Abuse: Responses and Resources A Conference for Victim Advocates, Law Enforcement and First Responder Chaplains”

- [Register here to attend in-person](#)
- VSP hours applied for
- Hosted by the SC Victim Assistance Network

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was launched by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations. The purpose of WEAAD is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect.*

Ladies,

Wow! The 124th GFWC-SC Annual Convention in Rock Hill, SC was so much fun and inspiring! Your hard work and commitment amazes and inspires me! I love seeing the energy, smiles, laughter and the amazing generosity of all of our clubwomen! It is an honor to serve beside each and every one of you!

I am excited to announce my project for this year which is entitled, "Neighbors Who Care." I hope to help promote random acts of kindness to young women and children who are underserved in our state. I look forward to sharing more about this project in the near future!

I am also looking forward to seeing everyone at Summer Board! We are planning to have a Junior Board meeting directly after. Please plan to attend, if you are able. I would love to see all of your smiling faces!

Lastly, I'd like to welcome Michelle Blackmon as our new Director-Elect of Junior Clubs. Michelle and I are both members of the Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray! She is an outstanding clubwoman who has a very generous heart and she is one of the kindest people you will ever meet! Welcome Michelle! I am honored to serve alongside you!

And, to Shelli Pue, my mentor and friend! Thank you again for your guidance and for being a wonderful mentor! The whole 2020-2022 Executive Committee was such a pleasure to work with. And, I am now honored and excited to now be serving under our President, Norma England and the rest of the 2022-2024 Executive Committee. Cheers to all of our clubwomen!

Thanks for all you do and I hope to see you soon!

In Junior Love,

Polly



Polly Gathings
GFWC-SC
Director of Junior Clubs



Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC
First Vice President

I am excited and humbled to serve as your First Vice President. As First Vice President, I also serve as Membership Chair. Already in May I have had the opportunity to install the new executive boards of three clubs. Although I live in the Midlands, please don't hesitate to invite me to come to your meeting, fundraiser or event. I will make every effort to do so, no matter what part of the state. My goal as Membership Chair is three-fold: (1) to Increase Membership. We have a FABULOUS FEDERATION! Let's invite our friends and acquaintances to a meeting! Offer to pick them up and drive them there. Have your club host a Membership Social. (2) Federate or Re-Federate Clubs (including more Junior Clubs, Juniorettes and even cyber clubs). It only takes three clubwomen to federate a new club!, and (3) to bring our statewide membership together via social media and other ways in order to Reenergize our Membership and help us all to feel more connected. To accomplish this, I look forward to working with the three District Presidents: Rhonda Garis-Upstate, Melanie Matthews-Midlands, and Anne Redlus-Coastal. In addition, I want YOUR ideas as to how to retain, increase and energize our membership. Please email, call or text: suzannegcarswell@gmail.com

District Presidents haven't yet had a chance to finalize dates for their District Meetings in 2022, but you may tentatively plan for what is usually a half-day weekend meeting in September or early October. I will make sure you are aware well in advance of the date so please plan to attend your District Meeting! It's such a great way to meet more clubwomen in your area, hear about what other clubs in your district are doing and even have a bit of fun. I plan to attend to support our District Presidents and to learn as well.

I look forward to working for you and with Norma, Polly and the entire 2022-2024 Administration.

In Federation Love,

Suzanne



Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC

Second Vice President

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Suzanne and the Program Council did an outstanding job last year with the new CSP information that rolled out. I hope ALL Program Council members will attend so that we can determine any additional changes that are needed.

Club Community Service Program Chairmen, Club Presidents, and members can learn more about our Community Service Programs, Program Partners, receive information about the Community Service Programs, Advancement Areas, and the President's Special Projects. We will share information from GFWC.

With this in mind, I hope all club presidents and CSP chairs will plan to attend the summer session for our President's Institute and Program Fair, planned for Summer Session, Saturday, August 13, 2022, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia and that you will ALL plan to attend your district conferences.

Again, I look forward to working with all of you as your Second Vice President.

In Federation Love,

Kaye

Thank you for electing me as your new 2022-2024 GFWC SC Secretary. I am excited to serve on our State Board and look forward to what the upcoming term holds. I promise to keep accurate minutes and deliver them in a timely manner.

I joined the Woman's club of Rock Hill in 2012 and have served as Club President (2020-2022), Secretary (2016-2018 and fill-in 2019-2020), Publicity Chair (2018-2020), Wedding Fair Chair, Decorating Committee Co-Chair, Victorian Tea Co-Chair, along with many other committee positions. I was WCRH Volunteer of the Year for 2019.

On the state level, I have served as Fundraising Chair (2018-2020) and as Finance Chair (2020-2022). I was 2020 GFWC SC LEADS representative and 2019 GFWC SC Volunteer of the Year.

I was born and raised in Rock Hill, SC. My husband Wayne, of almost 32 years, and I have twin 28 year old sons, Chase and Cody, and a FABULOUS 2 ½ year old grandson, Theodore. I absolutely LOVE being a MiMi! My husband is a police officer (26 years and counting) and I am a licensed Physical Therapy Assistant and registered Yoga Instructor. I am the proud owner of an outpatient physical therapy clinic that specializes in Pulmonary Rehab and a yoga studio.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all in the near future.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve GFWC WC members and our state!

In Federation Love,

Shannon



Shannon Smith
GFWC-SC
Secretary

To all my fellow Clubwomen, I would like to thank all of the GFWC-SC Clubwomen for your trust for another two years. I am looking forward to standing tall with this new 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:

- 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 15 or October 15, 2022.

I will continue to serve the GFWC-SC membership with pride and be sweet on the inside and strong on the outside.

In Federation Love,

Carrie



Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC
Treasurer

Someday Soon

I will after,

When I finish this,

I will do that tomorrow,

Let's plan that for next week,

I'm sure I will see you again, soon,

Let's just wait until this "thing" is over,

I just can't right now – just don't have the time,

I'm pretty sure that I can do that later,

I just can't do it at this moment,

I promise I'll do it when,

Let's really go soon,

I will after,

Today is our after, our this, our tomorrow, our next week, our soon, our over, our time, our later, our moment, our when, our after.

Someday is today

Janet R. Smalley

GFWC-SC Poet Laureate

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State Elections Committee The members of this committee and their alternates will be elected by their districts in 2023 to serve a one year term.

Official Call GFWC-SC Program Council

**Friday, August 12, 2022 6:00 p.m. GFWC-SC Headquarters, Sims-Stackhouse Mansion,
1511 Laurel Street, Columbia SC 2920**

GFWC-SC Program Council Meeting

6:00 P.M.—Call to Order

Dinner

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

Official Call GFWC-SC Summer Board of Directors Meeting and Summer General Session

**Saturday, August 13, 2022, Hilton Garden Inn,
434 Columbiana Dr., Columbia, South Carolina 29212**

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 Officers, the Special Assistant to the President, the Director-elect of Junior Clubs, the Past State Presidents who are residents of South Carolina, Community Service Programs Chairmen, Special Appointments Chairmen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the GFWC-SC Scholarship Fund, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Progress Foundation, Chairman of the Constitution and 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 —2022 Summer Session

Report from Board of Directors Meeting, Program Fair featuring our state chairmen, Club President Institute, Guest Speakers, and more.

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Junior Board Meeting

GFWC-SC Room Block Hilton Garden Inn , 434 Columbiana Dr, Columbia, SC 29212.

Courtesy Rate of \$139 per night plus tax for room with 2 queen size beds. **Reservation must be made by July 13, 2022.** to guarantee group rate and availability.

CALL: 1803 407-6640 or in writing or call 1 877-STAY-HGI Request "GFWC-SC" Block. Check in time 3:00 p.m., check out Noon.

GFWC-SC Summer Session Registration — Due August 1, 2022

Name: _____

Email: _____

District: _____ Phone Number: _____

Club: _____

Credentials Information (check the first one that applies):

_____ Past President (of GFWC)

_____ State Officer (including District Presidents)

_____ State Program Chairman (CSP, Advan Area, 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

Medicine allergies: _____

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

Event and Meal Reservations:

Registration fee: \$20 _____

Late fee (after 8/1/22):\$5 _____ (Late registration accepted if space is available)

Program Council Meal: \$22 _____ (Friday evening, Aug. 12@GFWC-SC HQ)

Meal choice: Entrée Salad with _____ **fried chicken** _____ **baked chicken**

or _____ **vegetarian**

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Special dietary needs: Gluten Free: _____ Food Allergies _____

Payment can be made in one of two ways:

Make check **payable to GFWC-SC** and mail with registration form to **COURTNEY EVANS, 107 SWEET GRASS LANE, COLUMBIA, SC 29203 OR Registration can be done via EventBrite**. The link is on the GFWC-SC website. Follow the steps below: 1. CLICK THE LINK - the registration page for Summer Session 2022 will open. 2. CLICK GREEN BUTTON "TICKETS" - A list of registration options will open, make your selections, after your selection 3. CLICK ORANGE BUTTON "CHECKOUT" - enter your contact and payment information 4. CLICK PLACE ORDER BUTTON 5. A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

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Dates to Remember

GFWC-SC Program Council - August 12, 2022

GFWC-SC Executive Committee Meeting - August 12, 2022

GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting - August 13, 2022

9:00 am Hilton Garden Inn, Harbison/Columbia, SC

GFWC-SC Summer Board - Program Fair - Junior Board Meeting - August 13, 2022

10:00 am Hilton Garden Inn, Harbison/Columbia SC

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