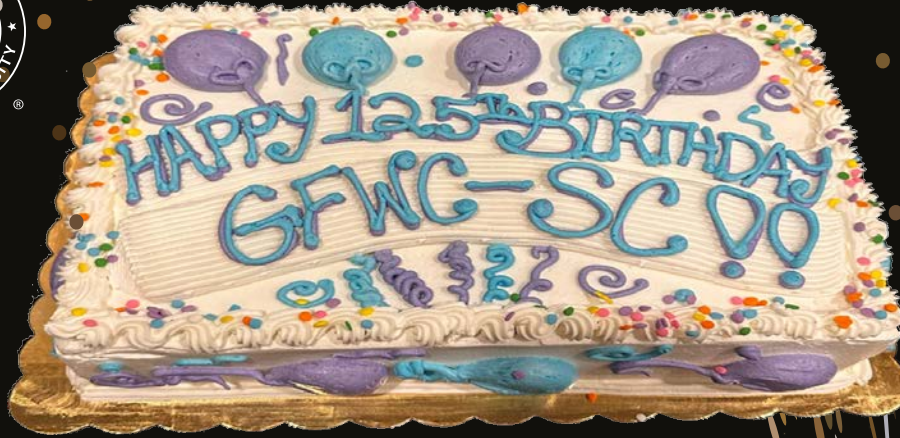


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MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC PRESIDENT

Our GFWC-South Carolina 125th Anniversary Convention was a wonderful event. The Coastal District Clubs were terrific hosts! The table decorations were lovely! The Coastal District provided great door prizes, gifts for speakers, decorations, treats for officers, and the great convention bags! Thanks again to Anne Redlus and the Coastal District! A big thank you also goes to Dolly McDermott, GFWC-SC Convention & Meetings Ch. for all of her work, planning and help! I appreciate all of her work!

We began our Convention with our Past Presidents Dinner on Thursday evening in the hotel. Jan Allen was instrumental in planning the Past Presidents Dinner and provided flowers for our table. On Friday morning, we began the day with an all-girl color guard from Lucy Beckham High School Jr. ROTC assisting with our flag ceremony. Mount Pleasant Mayor, Will Haynie, welcomed us. Becky Wright, GFWC Treasurer brought greetings from GFWC. After lunch, Monique Garvin, Deputy Director, Office of the South Carolina Attorney General Violence Against Women Act Programs, South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force Criminal Division spoke to us. On Friday evening, we enjoyed our Pineapple Princess luau themed dinner and Junior Fun Night. Unfortunately, rain and storms predicted for that evening moved our luau indoors. The rain and change in location did not dampen spirits. North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club did a wonderful job decorating the banquet room. Our speaker on Friday evening was South Carolina's own, Katie Moydell, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. Saturday morning was a time for reports from officers, standing committees, awards, and other business. GFWC Treasurer, Becky Wright, spoke about the GFWC National Day of Service, food insecurity and shared facts about food insecurity. We concluded our Saturday morning session with our annual Memorial Service led by inspiring GFWC-SC Chaplain, Linda Wagster. The memorial service honors members who passed away during the past year.

Saturday evening was our "Happy 125th Birthday, GFWC-South Carolina Celebration". Our banquet room was decorated with balloons, flowers, and a photo booth. Kendall Spillman and Jan Allen were the 125th Anniversary Celebration Chairman. We enjoyed musical entertainment by Mary Elaine Mahaffey. It was a special evening with video birthday wishes from GFWC-SC Past Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs. Katie Moydell and Becky Wright presented an Anniversary Certificate from GFWC. South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette via video presented GFWC-South Carolina with a congratulatory proclamation signed by Governor Henry McMaster recognizing our achievements during the past 125 years. We enjoyed cake, cupcakes, and a special toast with a celebration signature cocktail. The evening ended with singing Let There Be Peace On Earth.

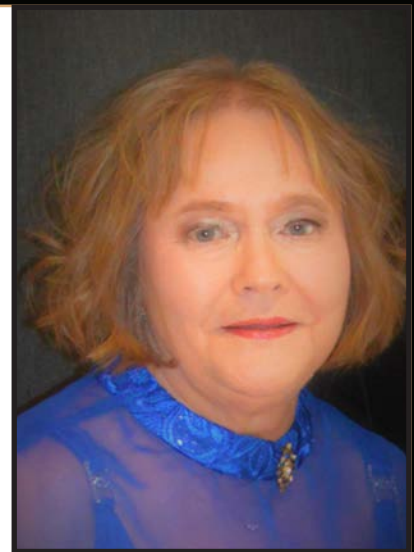
Congratulations to the clubs and individuals receiving awards and recognitions during our convention. All of you and your clubs worked hard during 2022. I enjoyed reading reports and learning about the wonderful club projects. You reported over 54,250 Volunteer Hours, over \$207,835 dollars donated and In-Kind Donations of \$119,129. That was with only about 17 Clubs reporting. Clubs have done some wonderful projects for my Special Project -Elder Abuse/ Neglect Awareness & Prevention. Several clubs are now working with Project Lifesaver. I also focused on improving the Technology Skills of our members and clubs. Tracy Morzuch, Communications & Public Relations Ch. increased our online/social media presence. I wanted to improve communication with members and keep members better informed. Suzanne Carswell, 1st VP, with help from Tracy and Tonja Ivey started Pineapple Post—a monthly Membership Newsletter.

This year I encouraged you to Stand Tall, Wear a Crown, Be Tough on the Outside and Sweet on the Inside. You have done that in so many ways! Most importantly, I am very proud to be President of GFWC-SC during for our 125th Convention Anniversary Celebration! That is a Great Achievement!!

In Federation Spirit,

Norma

Norma England
GFWC-SC President



**MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS**

It was a breath of fresh air to see so many of you at the 125th Annual State Convention in Mt. Pleasant. You ladies really know how to have a good time! Thank you to every club and clubwoman that donated a purse to the Junior Purse Auction. Your very competitive spirits helped us raise \$2,600 for the Junior travel fund! That's an all-time high for us!



It has been so exciting to see both General and Junior clubs participating in the Special Program, Neighbor Who Care. The clubwomen of South Carolina are so supportive of the Junior efforts and have displayed their love and support by funding literacy programs, STEM programs, the Book to Shelves Project, scholarships, leadership training, hunger relief, and so much more. They have truly been good neighbors who have selflessly served 235.50 hours working on 15 projects, donated \$12,395, and \$1,174.50 of in-kind donations.

I truly believe that the Junior Director's Special Program, Neighbors Who Care, has already begun to make a lasting impact in the lives of the children and youth that we advocate for.

"Definition of good neighbor: someone to be trusted; a courteous, friendly source of help when help is needed; someone you can count on; someone who cares."

- Edward B. Rust, Jr.

Thank you for being a good neighbor.
In Junior Love,

Shellie

Shellie Pue
GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs



JUNIOR CLUBWOMEN
CELEBRATING AT OUR PINEAPPLE PRINCESS LUAU AND
JUNIOR FUN NIGHT

MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC PRESIDENT-ELECT



This past club year, I challenged us to increase our membership by 10% over the course of this administration. At convention, I was able to announce 13 clubs who had a net gain of membership. When we began this administration, our membership was 1,022 and today it stands at 1,079. We have federated two new clubs and have another we hope to present with their new club certificate at Summer Session in August. We have identified another community with a need and are beginning to explore taking steps for yet another new club. Because of the progress we have made, at Winter Session I challenged us to add another 5% to our goal. I realize this is a lofty goal but remember the saying, "Reach for the stars and if you miss you might just land on the moon!"

Our challenge really is more than just to add new members. Retaining the members we have is key to our growth. To retain members, some clubs have dropped their attendance requirement, realizing that some members travel or have family commitments but will arrange their schedules around major club fundraisers or events. Some clubs have added a Zoom meeting offering for members who can't attend an in-person meeting and some have even adjusted meeting times to alternate morning and evening meetings so as to make it more convenient for all to attend. Consider adjusting to accommodate the needs of today's membership.

And a reminder, please fill out and send in your Sparkle & Shine Recruitment Campaign Report due June 1 to GFWC@gfwc.org and copy me. You will want to see your club recognized in GFWC's Clubwoman magazine!

Finally, I am truly humbled to be your President Elect. As I look to fill my administration, I would ask each of you to consider what part you might like to play to make our 2024-2026 administration a success. At Summer Session, I will have an interest form available. Your participation may be large or small. Please give some thought to serving and think about your passion ... is it the Environment? Children? Wellness? Education? etc. I would sincerely like to find a place for each who has an interest. In the meantime, if you have questions or just want to talk through the idea of serving, or membership concerns, please reach out. I am always happy to hear from you.

In Federation Friendship,

Suzanne

Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC President-elect

NOTE: New email address for President-elect, Suzanne Carswell
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MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC SECOND PRESIDENT



I had so much fun at convention! It was so great seeing so many of your smiling faces and I truly missed those of you who could not attend. Thank you so very much to all of you who submitted reporting for your club. The work of the SC club women has been sent to GFWC for them to judge but also document what we care about in SC. This information will shape the direction of GFWC and therefore GFWC-SC going forward.

The convention committee did a wonderful job making sure our 125th birthday celebration was one to remember. Many thanks to them for all their hard work and dedication to this endeavor – it was perfect!

Reporting was a pretty smooth process this year – email is definitely the way to go at this point! There may be better ways to electronically deliver reporting and I encourage this to be examined in the future however I was pleased with the response I got and the ease is getting the reports distributed where they needed to go. Next year, it will be the only method we will do reporting.

One of my favorite awards presented at convention was a new one... the Early Bird Award was given to Mel Smith with St. George Women's Guild! Their first report was sent to me on January 16, 2023, which was well before the February 1st deadline. Remember, there is another Early Bird Award waiting to go home with someone next year!

Other highlights were the TWO winners of the Woman of Distinction Award – Bobbie Sox and Jackie Boland were both honored Saturday night with this prestigious award. For our 125th birthday, we decided one winner was just not enough! We also honored Tonja Ivey with the Volunteer of the Year Award. Congratulations to Bobbie, Jackie, and Tonja – very well deserved!

A complete listing of all of the awards presented are in this edition of Clubwoman.

I am looking forward to attending and representing you at the GFWC Convention in Louisville, KY. It is my honor to serve the great ladies of the SC Federation!

In Federation Love,

Kaye

Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC Second Vice President

ST. ANDREWS WOMAN'S CLUB
CELEBRATING SATURDAY NIGHT



GFWC-SC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

TONJA IVEY

It is a sincere privilege to nominate this member as GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year. "Volunteer" should be her middle or even first name! Giving back to her community comes naturally for this outstanding club member. She has been giving back through membership in GFWC South Carolina for 30 years.

She began serving as Vice President of the Lexington Woman's Club in May 2022. As Vice President, she prepared and distributed notebooks containing past activities, new activity ideas, reporting information, and printouts of information from GFWC and GFWC-SC for all Community Service Programs and Committee co-chairs. Serving as Dean of Community Service Programs, she coordinated with the Co-Chairs of the CSPs on all the Club Community Service Programs and activities and attended the Community Service Program meetings for planning programs and activities. To help members keep better records, she created a new project report form to be utilized during the club year, which made it easier for the Community Service Program Co-Chairs to write reports. She assisted the CSP Committee Co-Chairs and the Co-Presidents in writing club reports and successfully emailing them during reporting time.

She served as the publicity chair for the club's annual golf tournament fundraiser. Tonja designed and helped distribute the tournament flyer. She also designed the sponsors' banners and signs, set up registration and online payment on the club website. Tonja donated and printed the LWC logo on golf balls, tees, and goodie bags. She created and donated and a 50/50 board. She raised sponsorship money and volunteered the entire day of the event.

Tonja updates and maintains the Lexington Woman's Club website with pictures of club projects. She assisted with creating and printing the LWC Yearbook. She is also a member of the Arts and Culture CSP.

Along with her Club activities, she donates quite a bit of time and talents at the state level for GFWC. She designs, printed, and mails/emails Clubwoman Magazine for the GFWC-SC President. She designed, updates and maintains the GFWC-SC website. This busy lady assisted the Headquarters Committee with the online setup for the Stocking Extravaganza and the 1511 Laurel Society Campaign Fundraisers. She designed and printed tickets and the programs for the Stocking Extravaganza. Tonja assisted with designing the cover and certificates, as well as printing and collating notebooks for the South Carolina LEADS. She designed and printed the Convention Certificates and printed all convention materials. All the time was donated and printing was done at her cost.

Outside of her club-work, she is a board member for Cancer Has Many Colors, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping local cancer survivors with their daily needs. She designed and updated their website. She set the organization up with Charity Pride to help track their donations and events. She participated and helped make items for the Christmas and ST. Patrick's Day Parades. This organization sponsors the Jay Criscione Golf Tournament. Tonja designed and printed flyers promoting the event, set up the website for sponsors and golfer's registration; printed and filled items for the golfer goody bags; designed and printed banners and sponsor signs, created a 50/50 to raise additional money, raised sponsorship monies, purchased beverages and volunteered all day during the event. She assisted with marketing their „Midlands Gives Event“ and volunteering the day of the tournament.



GFWC-SC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR CONTINUED

TONJA IVEY

She and her husband are also actively involved in the LEXINGTON WILDLIFE Chapter a non-profit organization focusing on community outreach, fishing clinics, natural resource advocacy and wildlife conservation. She has served as Secretary/Treasurer. Tonja has served as President since October of 2022, the first female president of this 71-year organization! She also oversaw the coordination of all charity fundraisers and events, designed, and updated their website. She helped coordinate the Kid's Fish Fest, an activity for several children's homes to enable the children to have a fun day of fishing and raised money to assist with the cost of the meals, t-shirts, backpacks and snacks. She was involved in organizing all aspects of the event. She volunteered with both the spring and the fall yard sales fundraisers and volunteered at the South Carolina DNR Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic.

Outside of her volunteer work, she enjoys camping in her travel trailer with her husband of 35 years and her two miniature schnauzers. She is an avid Gamecock fan. Her proudest accomplishment is becoming owner of her own business, Computer Design Consulting Services, in 2006, a one-stop shop for computer, printing, graphic design, and website services. Owning her own business has given her the flexibility to give back to her community repeatedly.

This exceptional lady embodies Living the Volunteer Spirit. GFWC-South Carolina is proud to have Tonja Ivey as our Volunteer of the Year!!!

MESSAGE FROM GFWC-SC SECRETARY

Our GFWC SC Annual Convention was fabulous and it was great to see so many of you there. Please remember that if you presented a report, I need a copy for the minutes, Please email me at sewsmith2003@yahoo.com.



Thanks so much and I look forward to seeing y'all soon!

I look forward to seeing you in April!!

Shannon

Shannon Smith
GFWC-SC Secretary

RECEIVED HONOR CLUB RIBBON FOR THE 2022 CLUB YEAR.

MIDLANDS

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LEXINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB
PALMETTO WOMAN'S CLUB
WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS
WOMAN'S CLUB OF CAYCE
ST. ANDREWS WOMAN'S CLUB

UPSTATE

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ROCK HILL
JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF ROCK HILL
YORK COUNTY WOMAN'S CLUB
GREENVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB
UPSTATE WOMAN'S CLUB

COASTAL

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB
WOMAN'S LEAGUE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY
ST. GEORGE WOMAN'S GUILD
WOMAN'S CLUB OF CHARLESTON

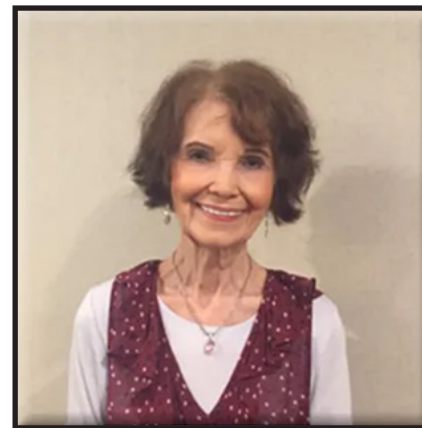
HONOR CLUBS



GFWC-SC WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

BOBBIE SOX

The Lexington Woman's Club is privileged to nominate Bobbie Sox as GFWC-SC's Woman of Distinction. Bobbie's personality radiates pure joy through her genuine smile, her eagerness to lend a helping hand, her strong faith, and her servant's heart that knows no limits.



A life-long resident of South Carolina, Bobbie joined Lexington Woman's Club in 1964, and for 59 years she has been an active member and leader in the club's activities and projects. Just three years after joining the club, she bravely took on the duties of President in 1967-1968. Her talents have not gone unrecognized as she was honored as Clubwoman of the Year in 1973 and again in 2019. It is safe to say that she has served in practically all, if not all, positions in the club--many of which she has served in numerous times over the years. She is no stranger to the Executive Board where she has most recently been serving as Parliamentary Advisor and GFWC-SC Liaison. Bobbie's passion for Lexington Woman's Club is contagious and boundless!

Bobby's commitment to service extends from the local club activities to the district and state levels. This busy lady is the Midlands District Secretary/Treasurer at the present time. She also currently serves as GFWC-SC Parliamentary Advisor (2018-2023) and as a member of the state Bylaws Committee where she has been serving for 16 years. In the past she served as GFWC-SC's Credentials Chair. Throughout her woman's club years, she has been a familiar face at numerous GFWC-SC Executive Committee meetings, GFWC-SC Winter and Summer Board meetings, GFWC-SC Annual Conventions, GFWC Southern Region Conventions, and Midlands District meetings.

In addition to Lexington Woman's Club, Midlands District, and GFWC-SC commitments, Bobbie has many projects and activities that are near and dear to her heart. She is involved with raising awareness and funds for Operation Smile, and for a number of years, she matched the donations given by our club to this worthwhile global project.

Bobbie is an active member of the Friends of the Lexington County Museum, serving as Treasurer and as the Bylaw Committee Co-Chair. She continues to help plan the annual Gala.

Bobbie served for many years as Treasurer of the Friends of the Lexington County Library. She attends monthly meetings and helps with the book donation and sales project. Bobbie also works with the organizing committee of the annual Father-Daughter Dance, their major fundraiser.

Mission Lexington, a charity organization in the community, benefits from Bobbie's time and talents as well. She volunteers to distribute food in the outlying areas of Lexington. Her cheerful disposition offers comfort to her befriended recipients of these donations along with the food she delivers. Everybody loves Bobbie!

Bobbie is led by and shares her strong Christian faith in every walk of her life. Growing up as the daughter of a small-town minister with 11 siblings, she has been involved in church from a very early age. She attends Lexington Baptist where she sings in the choir. She has taught children and adult Sunday School classes. Bobbie's personal ministry involves reaching out to children who have needs in her church. She takes these children Christmas shopping for themselves, as well as, providing them the means to shop for their loved ones.

GFWC-SC WOMAN OF DISTINCTION CONTINUED

BOBBIE SOX

On May 9, 1959, Bobbie married the love of her life, Frank Sox. For 64 years, Mr. Frank has always been by her side to share in many of her activities and projects. They are the proud parents of a daughter, Kim, and a son, John. They have one granddaughter and three great-grandchildren. In addition to her loving family, she was also adored by her work family. For 25 years she was the office manager at the Eye Center of Columbia. Even with her family duties, work, church, and community activities, Bobbie found the time to attend Columbia College, and in 1998 she graduated Suma Cum Laude with a degree in Business.

One would never know that Bobbie has been dealing with a serious form of cancer for the last two years. This remarkable woman has faced this difficult journey with such strong faith, unbelievable poise, and amazing grace. She has not allowed this to stop her from continuing to serve in her loving ways. Even though Bobbie should be tired, she appears tireless; even though Bobbie could be afraid, she remains courageous and positive; and even though Bobbie could question “why me,” this woman praises and glorifies God in every situation she is placed.

As clearly stated above, Bobbie’s heart and hands are always willing to serve joyfully as she helps others and her community! It does not matter what the request is or whom it is from, Bobbie’s hand is raised, and she is quickly volunteering to assist. Lexington Woman’s Club proudly submits this outstanding lady, Bobbie Sox who is distinctive by nature, as the GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction.

MESSAGE FROM GFWC-SC TREASURER



“When women support women, amazing things can happen”, Viola Davis.

This quote describes the collaboration that was witnessed during our spectacular convention this past April. What a great convention and to be a part of celebrating our 125 years of GFWC SC service! Wow! Great job to all!

This treasurer has been working diligently on the checks and balances to keep our funds safe. This treasurer would like to thank all of the clubs that sent in funds for the contribution sheet, order of the Jessamine and honor roll. We would like to welcome continued donations for our disaster relief fund to be able to continue to support our GFWC women who may face disaster.

This treasurer is looking forward to the GFWC convention in Louisville, KY and will continue to provide and represent GFWC SC spirit and sparkle!

Carrie

Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC Treasurer

GFWC-SC WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

JACKIE BOLAND

Jackie Boland is a native South Carolinian and has a passion and love for this great state. She is dedicated to her faith, her family, her community and to our beloved GFWC-SC having served 43 years.

Jackie has been a member of The Woman's Club of the Midlands since 1992. Before that she was a member of the Springdale Junior Woman's Club and the Junior Woman's Club of West Columbia serving in leadership positions in both clubs.



Jackie has served as our Club President three times: 1992-1993, 2002-2003, 2006-2008 and as Co-President for 2016-2018. She has also served as Vice President of Membership, Home Life Committee Chairman, and Education Committee Chairman, as well as Club Advisor. Jackie was awarded the GFWC-SC "Order of the Jessamine" in 2011.

On the state level, she served as Director of Junior Clubs 1990-1992, Recording Secretary 1992-1994, Second Vice President 1994-1996, First Vice President 1996-1998 and as GFWC-SC State President 1998-2000. Jackie's special project was Libraries 2000. Through this effort, clubs raised over \$35,000 for libraries in our state. Following her presidency, she has continued to serve on the state level as Parliamentarian 2002-2004, Special Assistant to the President for 2008-2010 and as Parliamentary Advisor for 2012-2014 and 2016-2018, and is currently Protocol Chair.

Jackie has not only served in our club and in our state, but also on the region and national levels. Jackie served as Treasurer 2008-2010, Secretary 2010-2012, Vice President 2012-2014 and Southern Region President 2014-2016. As Southern Region President, she visited all of the region states and Aruba during her term.

On the national level, Jackie served as GFWC Beautification Chairman, Constitution and By-laws Committee Member, Membership Committee Member, Legislation and Public Policy Committee Member, Credentials Committee Member, Jennie Award Chairman, Special Assistant to Past President, Marian St. Clair, and Protocol Chairman. In addition to the Woman's Club of the Midlands, she is a member of the GFWC-SC Past President's Club and the national club, Maxine's Millennium Belles.

Jackie's dedication and service to GFWC-SC is never ending. Jackie always says "yes" when asked to serve, advise or assist. She believes in GFWC, GFWC-SC, GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands and all that these stand for in the communities in which we serve.

In addition to GFWC-SC, Jackie serves on the board of the Friends of the Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library. Jackie worked part-time for Columbia Green, a non-profit organization that promotes beautification of the metropolitan Columbia area. She served on their Board of Directors until her retirement in February 2018.

Awards that Jackie has received include Certificate of Achievement from Leadership Lexington County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation in support of the Adopt a Highway Program. She is a recipient of the South Carolina Silver Crescent. The Order of the Silver Crescent is the state's highest civilian award for significant contribution, leadership, volunteerism and lifelong influence within a region or community.

GFWC-SC WOMAN OF DISTINCTION CONTINUED

JACKIE BOLAND

Jackie lead the WMU Ministry and Women's Bible Study at her church and in her home. She is also has also planned weekend Women's Retreats each year for the Bible Study group.

Jackie is most proud of her family. Her husband of 42 years, Donnie, is the perfect volunteer's husband... supporting and encouraging her every step of the way. She has two grown children – Travis, her son, and Tracy, her daughter. Tracy gave Jackie the greatest gifts of all: two granddaughters, Parker and Clara Kate.

Jackie and Donnie are members of Holland Avenue Baptist Church in Cayce, South Carolina. Jackie lead the WMU Ministry and Women's Bible Study at her church and in her home. She is also has also planned weekend Women's Retreats each year for the Bible Study group. Jackie had two sisters, who both lost their battles with cancer ten years apart. Jackie lost her father in 2010 and her mother in November 2016. In January 2017, Jackie was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent surgery and radiation. During this time, Jackie continued to serve in all capacities of GFWC-SC. Jackie and Donnie have raised their children in a wonderful Christian home. She is a faithful wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and has touched so many lives.

Jackie is highly respected in every aspect of her life. She is always willing to help, is devoted to our club, GFWC-SC and GFWC and is always happy to share her knowledge in all things GFWC. In summary, Jackie is most deserving of the GFWC-SC "Woman of Distinction" Award for each of these things and so much more. She is a clubwoman who lives the words of our "Collect for Clubwomen", a mentor to many across our state and, most of all, a friend who cares deeply. She truly is "Living the Volunteer Spirit" in every aspect of her life.



2022 GFWC-SC ORDER OF THE JESSAMINE INDUCTEES

Dorothy Boyd
Rebecca "Becky" Robbins
Susan Herndon
Jean Schwalbert
Dolly McDermot

General Federation of Women's Club South Carolina

2022 Awards

Communications and Public Relations

Category 1 – Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Category 2 – Upstate Woman's Club
Category 3 – North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior - Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Club Creativity – Upstate Woman's Club

Newsletter Contest

Category 2 – Woman's Club of the Midlands
Category 3 – North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Website Contest

Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Fundraising and Development

Category 1 – Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Category 2 – York County Woman's Club
Category 3 – Chapin Woman's Club's
Junior – Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity – North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Rebecca Robbins Silver Award – Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club &
Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

Leadership

Category 1 – Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Category 2 – Woman's Club of the Midlands
Category 3 – St. Andrews Woman's Club
Junior – Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity – Woman's Club of Cayce
Saxe-Goth Silver Leadership Award – Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Janet Prince GFWC-SC LEADS Grows New Leaders Award –
Woman's League of the Lowcountry, St. Andrews Woman's Club,
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club, Woman's Club of Rock Hill,
Lexington Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray,
Woman's Club of the Midlands.
GFWC-SC LEADS Representative – Susan Lee

Membership

Category 1 – Golden Strip Woman's Club
Category 2 – Woman's club of the Midlands
Category 3 – St. Andrews Woman's Club
Junior – Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Club Creativity – Woman's Club of the Midlands
Sylvia Ayers Membership Award – Chapin Junior Woman's Club

Legislation and Public Policy

Category 3 – St. Andrew's Woman's Club
Club Creativity – St. Andrews Woman's Club
Hughes Silver Legislation Award – St. Andrews Woman's Club

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

Category 1 – Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
Category 2 – Upstate Woman's Club
Category 3 – North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Club Creativity – North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Juniors Special Program: Advocates for Children

Category 1 – Golden Strip Woman's Club
Category 2 – Upstate Woman's Club
Category 3 – North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior - Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity – Woman's club of Rock Hill

Arts & Culture

Category 1 – Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Category 2 – Aiken Woman's Club
Category 3 – St. Andrew's Woman's Club
Junior – Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity – Woman's League of the Lowcountry

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Category 1 – Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Category 2 – Woman's Club of the Midlands
Category 3 – Woman's Club of Cayce
Junior – Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity – Golden Strip Woman's Club
Lexington Woman's Club Civic Engagement/Outreach Silver Award –
Lexington Woman's Club

Education & Libraries

Category 1 – Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Category 2 – Woman's Club of the Midlands
Category 3 – St. Andrews Woman's Club
Junior – Charleston Junior Woman's Club
Marie J. Hammond Literacy Silver Award – Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Debbie Alexander Adult Education Silver Award –
Lexington Woman's Club
Club Creativity – Woman's club of Rock Hill

Environment

Category 1 – Golden Strip Woman's Club
Category 2 – Aiken Woman's Club
Category 3 – Chapin Woman's Club
Junior – Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Creativity Award – Aiken Woman's Club
Palmetto Pride – North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Health & Wellness

Category 2 – Lake Murray-Irma Woman's Club
Category 3 – Lexington Woman's Club
Junior – Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Creativity Award – Chapin Woman's Club

Women's History & Resource Center

Category 1 – Golden Strip Woman's Club
Category 2 – Woman's Club of the Midlands
Category 3 – Woman's Club of Cayce
Club Creativity Award – Lexington Woman's Club

Silver Awards based on the Rating Sheet

Myrtis Flanagan Award – Upstate Woman's Club
Jean T. Kight Award – Woman's Club of the Midlands
Lavonia Hendrix Award – St. Andrews Woman's Club
Mrs. John R. Wolff Award – St. Andrews Woman's Club
Past Presidents' Cup – Midlands District

Contribution Sheet Silver Awards

Keith Unger Memorial Award – Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
Stackhouse Headquarters Award – Palmetto Woman's Club
Janet B. Agnew Award – Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
Clubwoman Magazine Award – St. Andrews Woman's Club
Caroline Mahaffey Hope Award – Woman's League of the Lowcountry
Virginia Sissy Welch Award – Midlands District
Howie Stackhouse/Nancy Boozer Award – Upstate District and
Midlands District

General Federation of Women's Club South Carolina 2022 Awards



GFWC-SC Environment CSP

Contribution Sheet Silver Awards Continued

Progress Foundation Award – North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Endowment Fund Award – Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club,
Woman's Club of Charleston, & Aiken Woman's Club
Kate T. Davis Memorial Award – Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club &
Woman's Club of Charleston

Creative Writing Contest Awards

Short Story – Linda George Sweatt
Poetry – Carolina Mahaffey
Essay – June Brown Troyan
Devotion – Connie S. Lawson
Club Installation Ceremony – Kaye Jones
New Member Induction Ceremony – Linda Wagster
Emma R. Lipscomb Memorial Creative Writing Award – Linda Wagster
Frances B. Haire Award – Linda George Sweatt

Photography Contest Awards

Our World Up Close – "Sea Paws" – Pamme Eades
Natural Wonders – "Blue Moon Over the Farm" – Lynne Hauptner
Reflections – "Self Portrait" – Susan Lee
Living the Volunteer Spirit – "Women Who" – Dianne M. McCarty

ESO Awards

ESO Pins – Deborah Gleaton, Mary Jean Burroughs, Carol Berenbrok,
Melanie Matthews, Karen Adams, Linda Wagster, Linda Brock, Susan Lee
Torch Pin – Carol Berenbrok
Century Pin – Melanie Matthews

GFWC-South Carolina Director Junior Clubs Special Project Awards

Polly's Good Neighbor Award – Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Gabrielle's Neighborhood Literacy Award – Lexington Woman's Club
Neighborly Love Award – Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray &
Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

GFWC-South Carolina President's Special Project

Stand Tall Award – Woman's club of Greenville
Tech Tidbits – Woman's Club of the Midlands

Junior Silver Certificate Awards

Bobbie L. Lowe Junior Award – Junior Woman's club of Columbia
Mary Plyler Memorial Junior Award – Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Jan W. Hadwin/Beth Broom Junior Award – Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Susan Abelkop Junior Membership Award – Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Junior Spirit Award – Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Silver Cup Awards

Junior Cup Award – Chapin Junior Woman's Club
General Cup, Award, Category 2 – Aiken Woman's Club
General Cup Award Category 3 – Chapin Woman's Club
President's Award of Excellence – Chapin's Woman's Club
Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award – Woman's Club of Cayce

Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award – Midlands District

There are many things your women's club can do to beautify your community. Here are some ideas:

- Plant flowers and trees: Work with your local government or community organizations to plant flowers and trees in public areas like parks, medians, and sidewalks.
- Adopt a public space: Adopt a public space like a park, playground, or community garden and maintain it by picking up litter, weeding, and planting new plants.
- Paint murals or create art installations: Work with local artists to create murals or art installations that beautify public spaces and inspire community pride.
- Organize a community cleanup: Organize a community cleanup event to pick up litter and debris from public areas like parks, beaches, and sidewalks.
- Create a community garden: Work with your local government or community organizations to create a community garden where residents can grow their own produce.
- Install public art: Work with local artists to install sculptures, statues, or other public art pieces that beautify public spaces and promote community pride.
- Work with local schools: Partner with local schools to create art projects or organize a school garden that beautifies the school grounds and provides a learning opportunity for students.
- Host a beautification event: Host a beautification event where volunteers can paint, plant, and clean public areas to improve their appearance.
- Create a mural program: Create a mural program where local artists can submit proposals for murals in public areas, and the community can vote on their favorites.
- Support local businesses: Support local businesses that contribute to the beautification of the community, such as flower shops, nurseries, and home improvement stores.

These are just a few ideas to get you started. Remember to work with your local government, community organizations, and businesses to create a beautification plan that meets the needs of your community.

Donna Anderson, GFWC-SC Chair, Environment CSP 2022-2024,
donnaanderson@charter.net



General Federation of Women's Club South Carolina Convention Highlights



Thursday night, Past Presidents' Dinner



Friday Speaker, Monique Garvin



Welcome to Mount Pleasant
from Mayor Haynie



All girl JR ROTC
Color Guard



Entertainer on Saturday night,
Mary Elaine Mahaffey



General Federation Women's Clubs of South Carolina History

General Federation of Women's Club South Carolina Convention Highlights



Junior's Saturday Night



GFWC-SC Past Presidents



Becky Wright, GFWC Treasurer and Katie Moydell, GFWC Junior Director



GFWC-SC Executive Committee Saturday Night



Saturday Morning Memorial Service



Friday Night Junior Purse Auction



GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Annual Convention
April 28-30, 2023
Hotel Indigo, Mt. Pleasant, SC

The 125th Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of SC was called to order at 11:04 am Friday, April 28, by President Dr. Norma England

Bobbie Sox, GFWC SC Parliamentary Advisor, presented the rules and procedures for convention, and then made the motion they be adopted. The rules and procedures were adopted.

Kathie Walker, Special Assistant to the President, presented the official convention program and made the motion it be adopted as printed as the order of business for the convention with the necessary changes noted. The official convention program was adopted.

Courtney Evans, Credentials Chairman gave a Preliminary Credentials report, and a quorum was declared. Shannon Smith, GFWC SC Secretary presented the Board of Directors report.

The session recessed at 2:30 pm.

The convention reconvened at 7:00 pm that evening for a tropical/luau themed dinner.

Meeting recessed at 9:15 pm.

The Junior Purse Auction was a huge success having raised over \$2000 for the GFWC SC Director of Junior Club's travel fund.

The GFWC SC Annual Convention resumed on Saturday April 29, 2023, at 9:33 am with President Dr. Norma England calling it to order.

Lynn Cleckler, Constitution and By Laws Chairman, proposed changes to the bylaws as printed in the official convention program. The motion was approved.

The GFWC SC Officers presented their reports.

At 11:00 am, Shannon Smith, GFWC SC Secretary, read the Rules of Election as outlined in the By Laws.

The Coastal District presented Sue Burgess, 2023-2026 Progress Foundation; Lynn Macan, 2022-2024 Progress Foundation; and Dianne McCarty State Elections Committee with Sharon Quinter as Alternate for election. The Nominees were confirmed.

The Midlands District presented Kristin Fields State Elections Committee with Susan Lee as Alternate for election. The Nominees were confirmed.

The Upstate District presented Elise Ramono Progress Foundation; June Troyan Board of Trustees for the Scholarship Fund; and Kim Reed State Elections Committee with Myrna Loy as Alternate for election. The Nominees were confirmed.

Kathie Walker, Special Assistant to the President, read a letter from the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club nominating Juliet Casper as candidate for GFWC Treasurer 2024-2026. The GFWC SC BOD recommended this nomination. The nomination was approved by more than the required 2/3 majority vote.

Carrie Zimmerman, GWC SC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report and presented the Contribution Sheet Silver Awards.

The Standing Committees presented their reports.

Ann Malpass, GFWC SC Headquarters Chairman, presented the 2022-2023 Headquarters Budget for adoption. The Headquarters Budget was approved.

Katie Whitten, GFWC SC Finance Chairman, presented the 2022-2023 GFWC SC Budget. The Budget was approved. The Boards of Trustees presented their reports.

The Memorial Service was held at 12:15 led by Chaplain Linda Wagster.

The session was recessed at 12: 50 p.m.

The 125th Celebration of GFWC SC reconvened at 7:00 pm Saturday April 29, 2023. Video anniversary congratulations were received from Past Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs of GFWC-SC. South Carolina LT. Governor Pamela Evette pretend a video Anniversary proclamation from South Carolina Governor, Henry McMaster.

Shannon Smith, Secretary, presented the 2023 Honor Roll Recipients and the 2023 Order of the Jessamine Awards. Credentials Chairman, Courtney Evans, gave the final Credentials Report.

Melanie Matthews, GFWC SC Midlands District President, presented the invitation to the 2024 Annual Convention to be held in Columbia, SC.

The meeting concluded with members singing Let There Be Peace on Earth led by Lynn Macan.

The 125th GFWC SC Annual Convention was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Shannon Smith
GFWC South Carolina Secretary



**GFWC-SC GENERAL FUND BUDGET
2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR**

	Proposed Budget 2023-2024	Projected Income/Expenses 2022-2023	Actual Budget 2022-2023
Revenues:			
GFWC-SC Dues:			
General & Juniors (\$27)(G)(Jr) 0(Mem@large) 994 members	26838.00	28729.00	25839.00
Heritage (\$16)85	1360.00	1424.00	1408.00
Juniorettes (\$11)	0.00	0.00	220.00
Jr. Travel Fund: \$4/Jr.	672.00	636.00	720.00
GFWC-SC Additional Income:			
Contributions-General Fund	150.00	150.00	150.00
Contributions - SC Clubwoman	250.00	250.00	250.00
Honor Roll Fundraiser	200.00	325.00	300.00
Order of the Jessamine	300.00	250.00	250.00
Women in Business Directory	0.00	25.00	200.00
Interest - General Fund	800.00	720.00	800.00
Interest - Endowment	800.00	650.00	900.00
Travel)	300.00	300.00	200.00
Meetings:			
Convention	2500.00	1700.00	1500.00
Registration - LEADS Conference	875.00	500.00	600.00
Registration Summer Boards	2050.00	1950.00	1500.00
Registration Winter Boards	2400.00	1905.00	1200.00
Carry Over Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues:	39495.00	39514.00	36037.00

EXPENSES:			
GFWC Dues Paid:			
(\$15)	16185.00	15330.00	15645.00
Juniorettes (\$10)	0.00	0.00	200.00
Southern Region Dues	30.00	30.00	30.00
Travel, Meetings, Conferences, Conventions & Orientation:			
Travel - President *	2600.00	2600.00	2600.00
Travel - Director of Jrs. **	1200.00	1066.00	1066.00
Travel - First Vice Pres	800.00	700.00	700.00
Travel - Second Vice Pres	800.00	700.00	700.00
Travel - Secretary	500.00	350.00	350.00
Travel-Treasurer	500.00	350.00	350.00
Travel -Outgoing President every other year	0.00	0.00	700.00
Travel - Outgoing Dir. of Jrs. Every other year	0.00	0.00	700.00
Leadership Orientation - Incoming Pres.	700.00	0.00	0.00
Leadership Orientation - Incoming Jr. Dir.	700.00	0.00	0.00
Participant	500.00	500.00	500.00

GFWC-SC Expenses:			
Meetings:			
Convention Expenses	2000.00	2000.00	1200.00
Summer Board Expenses	2000.00	2181.48	600.00
Winter Board Expenses	2000.00	1600.00	1200.00
LEADS Conference Expenses	1300.00	1210.86	600.00
Program Council	200.00	329.25	200.00
Convention Awards	550.00		
Expenses - Office of:			
President	240.00	200.00	200.00
Junior Director	240.00	200.00	200.00
First Vice President	190.00	50.00	50.00
Second Vice President	190.00	100.00	100.00
Secretary	140.00	50.00	50.00
Treasurer (QuickBooks renewal & check products)	240.00	100.00	100.00
Operating Expenses:			
Liability Insurance (HQ's)	700.00	700.00	700.00
Review of Financial Statements	750.00	750.00	750.00
Reg	50.00	50.00	50.00
SC Sec State Raffle Registration	50.00	50.00	50.00
South Carolina Clubwoman	3000.00	5333.76	5000.00
Surety/ Bonding Insurance	240.00	240.00	240.00
Website	350.00	350.00	350.00
Special Expenses:			
Past President's Pin	550.00		0.00

Total Disbursements:	39495.00	37121.35	36037.00
(Over)/Under Budget	0.00	2392.65	0.00

*includes President Endowment

** includes Jr Travel fund (\$4/Jr)



HAPPY 125TH BIRTHDAY GFWC-SC CELEBRATION

**GFWC-SC HEADQUARTERS
Budget 2023-2024**

INCOME

Apartment Rentals	\$ 28,800.00
Outside Rentals	\$ 900.00
GFWC-SC General Fund share of liability insurance	\$ 700.00
Fund Raisers	\$ 15,000.00
Tablecloth and portable bar rental	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 45,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Russell Massey Insurance Agency- Headquarters Insurance/Liability	\$ 7,000.00
Dominion Electric/Gas	\$ 9,000.00
City of Columbia Water/Sewer	\$ 3,000.00
Lawn Service	\$ 1,500.00
Home Pest Control	\$ 500.00
Airport Heating/AC contract	\$ 800.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 20,000.00
Give Smart Online Auction	\$ 2,295.00
Spectrum Phone	\$ 480.00
Postage ad Stationary	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 44,875.00

Income over Disbursements	\$ 625.00
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Hello Fellow GFWC-SC Girlfriend's Book Club,

Carol and Melanie are very pleased to share with you our GFWC South Carolina 2022 ESO Report on all our readers accomplishments. The GFWC-SC Girlfriends Book Club continued to grow during 2022. We have 31 Pledges, 11 members, 4 Star levels, and 4 Torch levels. In 2022, we added 19 new pledges! Several of these will be moving up a level or they are very close! And, we have already added a few new members for 2023.

Our club members enjoy a wide variety of authors and genres. Southern fiction continues to be a favorite. Members have joined the ESO private Facebook group, as well as the public GFWC-SC Girlfriends Book Club FaceBook page. The chairs have made posts on the Girlfriends page to encourage reading and solicit new ESO members.

15 ESO members reported the number of books read for 2022. GFWC-SC ESO members read 427 books over approximately 147,910 pages and 294,878 minutes during the year. We read our first online book club book, *The Gown* by Jen Roberson. We will continue to encourage reading among our members and membership in ESO. We hope to host an in person book club at this year's State Convention and have a goal of ½ of all levels reporting next year.

We are enjoying our time as ESO Chairpersons. We feel like it has been a successful year with increased interest and new pledges. It is rewarding to see women reading and sharing their reading!

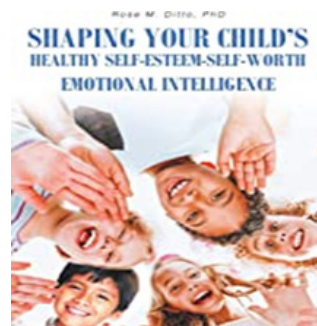
Please join our Facebook pages: GFWC_SC Girlfriends Book Club for SC and GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook – Welcome to all. This group of more than 1,500 members belong to this online book club and features Education and Libraries project ideas and ESO. It is a private group, and you must ask to join. See GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook.

Happy Summer Reading!

Carol Berenbrok and Melanie Matthews
GFWC-SC ESO Co-Chairs

We were not able to share pins at the time of Convention due to reshaping of GFWC marketplace. We now have the pins and will be contacting you to have pin delivered to you in the near future. Great job everyone!!!!

Following is excerpt from the GFWC 2022-2024 Education & Libraries May Newsletter from Sandy Hauenstein (sandygfwc@outlook.com 717-943-3531)



“MY NAME IN PRINT” GFWC will host a “My Name in Print” Fundraiser throughout the Convention program dates. All proceeds to the GFWC Access to Education Fund Scholarship for low-income and at-risk students who have demonstrated a determination to succeed in their educational goals. One lucky member will get her name in a book written by Robin Yocum, the Edgar-nominated author known for his fiction set in the Ohio River Valley. If you are unable to attend convention, you can still support the Service Project and the Education Endowment Fund by buying the My Name in Print Raffle or donate towards the service project from the new Marketplace at www.gfwc.org/marketplace.

Member Author Featured: Past International President Dr Rose Ditto Rose wrote this book during the COVID shutdown that was published that same year. The greatest gift that can be given to a child during the early, formative years, is the encouragement and guidance to develop a healthy self-esteem/self-worth. Its development provides the child the probability of having self-respect, having respect for others, believing that they are a child of God, that they have a purpose in life, and that they are worthy. It is a small book published by Christian Faith Publishing and available on Amazon.





GFWC-SC Education and Libraries CSP

Well, as we close out a successful, productive year give yourselves “a pat on the back!”. Clubs across our State created wonderful programs to support literacy and enhance the joy of reading and learning. Many students will continue their learning thanks to the generous scholarships you developed. Congratulations one and all.

Summer hiatus....not for all clubs. Those of you with extra energy many want to consider partnering with summer programs such as local day care camps and summer reading programs.

Summer is also a time for planning our **Fall programs**. May I suggest:

Education Focus: Include children and adults in your projects to enhance literacy at all levels. Partner with PTA's and ESL programs to find target audiences in your community. Learn about established programs such as Dolly Parton's Imagination Library or Reading Rockets. Perhaps there are opportunities to be involved to support them.

Library Focus: Support your local library. Each community is unique, thus projects can be tailor made to work in your neighborhood.

As always, I encourage you to review the Club manual at www.gfwc.org specific to our CSP. YOU will find many ideas and suggestions.

Enjoy your summer as you continue to “**Live the Volunteer Spirit.**”

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Phyllis M. Sippel, Ph.D., GFWC-SC Chair, Education and Libraries CSP 2022-2024

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JUNE 15 WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Elder abuse is **preventable** – and everyone has a role to play.

We can help ensure that older people live in safety – **without fear of being hurt, exploited, or neglected.**



The public can:

- ✓ Watch for signs of elder abuse
- ✓ Learn how to get help and report abuse



Older people can:

- ✓ Stay connected to family and friends
- ✓ Learn more about their rights
- ✓ Use professional services for support where available
- ✓ Make sure their financial and legal affairs are in order



Family and informal caregivers can lower their risk of committing abuse by learning ways to cope:

- ✓ Get help from family or friends
- ✓ Take breaks
- ✓ Get support from local health and social services

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE INAUGURAL



National Day of Service

• SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Living the Volunteer Spirit

www.GFWC.org

#GFWC23NDS

Help Us to End Hunger in the United States By
Volunteering, Donating, or Organizing a Community Service Project



SAVE THE DATE for the Inaugural

GFWC National Day of Service

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Help Us to End Hunger in the United States By
Volunteering or Organizing a Community Service Project

GFWC Clubs can plan to:

- Volunteer at a local food bank
- Organize a food drive
- Raise awareness about hunger issues in the United States
- Advocate to end food insecurity in America

Look in *GFWC News & Notes*, GFWC's Facebook page and website for information and updates. To participate please email Melanie Gisler, Membership Director, at mgisler@gfwc.org and copy Deb Strahanoski, International President, at dstrahanoski@gfwc.org

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Humility in Leadership by Linda Wagster
Submission for Writing Contest Emma R Lipscomb Memorial Creative Writing
Award Winner

By Linda Wagster, Woman's club of the Midlands

I saw a sign recently that said:

“Everybody wants to change the world. . .

but nobody wants to change the toilet paper roll.”

This is so true, isn't it? We all want to do the BIG things, the important things, the life changing things.

However, if you've ever been stuck in a restroom where the toilet tissue roll

was empty, that IS a life changing event, or at least it feels like one at that moment.

As GFWC clubs, we should plan big projects. We are right to look for ways to improve lives. And we can expect to be a part of significant changes to our world. But sometimes we have to start by changing the toilet paper roll. And that takes some humility.

Contrary to popular belief, humility is a great characteristic of a good leader. Humility is not weakness but having the strength to put aside your own position, no matter how valid, to do what's best for others.

In Philippians 2:3-5 (ESV), Paul writes:

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.”

We are instructed to put others above ourselves and sometimes that means doing things that seem “beneath” us, when in reality, there is no task beneath us. If Jesus was willing to wash the stinky, dirty feet of men who walked around in sandals, then we can pick up litter in an Environment CSP Project. If Jesus walked at least 3,000 miles in His 3-year ministry, we can spend a Saturday morning doing a 5K to help kids at St. Jude's. If Jesus was beaten and hanged on a cross, all to show His love for us, we can embrace a victim of domestic violence and work to give her hope. If we have Jesus as our example, we are without excuse.

As we begin our new term under our new President, my prayer is that we all will truly practice humility. That we will be willing to do whatever is asked, no matter how menial it seems. That we will never say “that's not my job”, but “thank you for the opportunity.” And that if the toilet paper roll needs to be changed, we are the women for the job. Because I believe that's just what Jesus would have done.

Let us pray:

Father God,

We praise you for this beautiful day and this wonderful weekend. Thank you for the amazing leadership that is represented here today. We ask you to make our hearts humble. Not weak or ineffective, but humble in an active way that furthers Your purpose for GFWC-SC in our state and in our clubs. We ask for wisdom, guidance, and strength for Norma as she leads us for the next two years, and for all those who are working alongside her. We are thankful for GFWC and we ask your blessings as we go forward in our work. Please be with each woman as she travels home today. We love you and praise you,

In Jesus' Name, Amen

Official Call to GFWC-SC Sumer Board of Directors Meeting &

Summer General Session

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn, 434 Columbiana Drive , SC 29212

8:50 a.m. Registration Opens

9:15 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, 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.

10:00 a.m. Summer General Session light refreshments and beverages available.

Order Summer Board Session 2023

Report from Board of Directors Meeting Report, Plans for Southern Region 2024, Recognize New GFWC-SC Clubs, Report form GFWC Convention, Program Fair featuring our SC CSP and Advancement Plan Chairmen, Club President's Institute, speakers, Junior Board Meeting, and much more.

1:30 Adjourn

1:30 Junior Board Meeting

NOTE: For those who wish to arrive on Friday evening a block of rooms is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 434 Columbiana Drive at a special group rate of \$139 + tax (room with 2 queen beds) until July 28. Contact Dolly McDermott (GFWC-SC Meetings & Convention Ch.) if you wish to reserve a room for Friday night. Email: dollymcdermott@aol.com. Give her your name, contact information and with whom you will share a room and she will reserve a room for you. *Contact Dolly by July 28.*

GFWC 2023 Summer Board SC Registration Information:

Summer Board Registration Fee: \$20

Late fee (after August 10, /2023: \$25 (late registration is accepted only if space is available) As approved by the Board of Directors and membership at Summer Board Meeting, August **2022**— All Registration will be done via EventBrite. The EventBrite Registration link is on the GFWC-SC website.

Follow the steps below: 1. CLICK THE LINK - the registration page for Summer Board 2023 will open 2. CLICK GREEN BUTTON "TICKETS" - A list of registration options will open, select what you would like, 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.

GFWC-SC Summer Session Registration — Due August 10, 2023

Name: _____

Email: _____

District: _____ Phone Number: _____

Club: _____

Credentials Information (check the first one that applies):

_____ Past President (of GFWC –SC)

_____ State Officer (including District Presidents)

_____ State Program Chairman (CSP, Advance Area, Spec. Project/ Comm/Appt)

Name of Program: _____

_____ Standing Committee Chairman (Finance, Const. & Bylaws, Credentials, Headquarters, Resolutions, Disaster Relief)

_____ Club President or Appointee (if President absent or credentialed in any of above categories)

_____ Club Delegate/Voting (convention only -one per ten members, rounded to nearest ten)

_____ Member-at-Large (Not affiliated with any club)

_____ Club Member/Non-voting

_____ Guest

Medical issues or allergies: _____

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

Registration fee: \$20 _____ Late fee (after 8/10/22):\$5 _____ (Late registration accepted if space is available)

EventBrite: 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.

GFWC-SC Summer Session Registration — Due August 10, 2023 www.gfwc-sc.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

~ **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**
June 15, 2023

~ **GFWC-SC Summer Board of Directors Meeting &
Summer General Board Session**
August 19, 2023
Hilton Garden Inn
434 Columbiana Dr., Columbia, SC 29212

~ **GFWC National Day of Service**
September 30, 2023

~ **GFWC Advocates for Children Week**
October 22-28, 2023

~ **Southern Region Conference**
Biloxi, Mississippi
October 26-29, 2023

GFWC-SC CELEBRATE 125TH YEARS

