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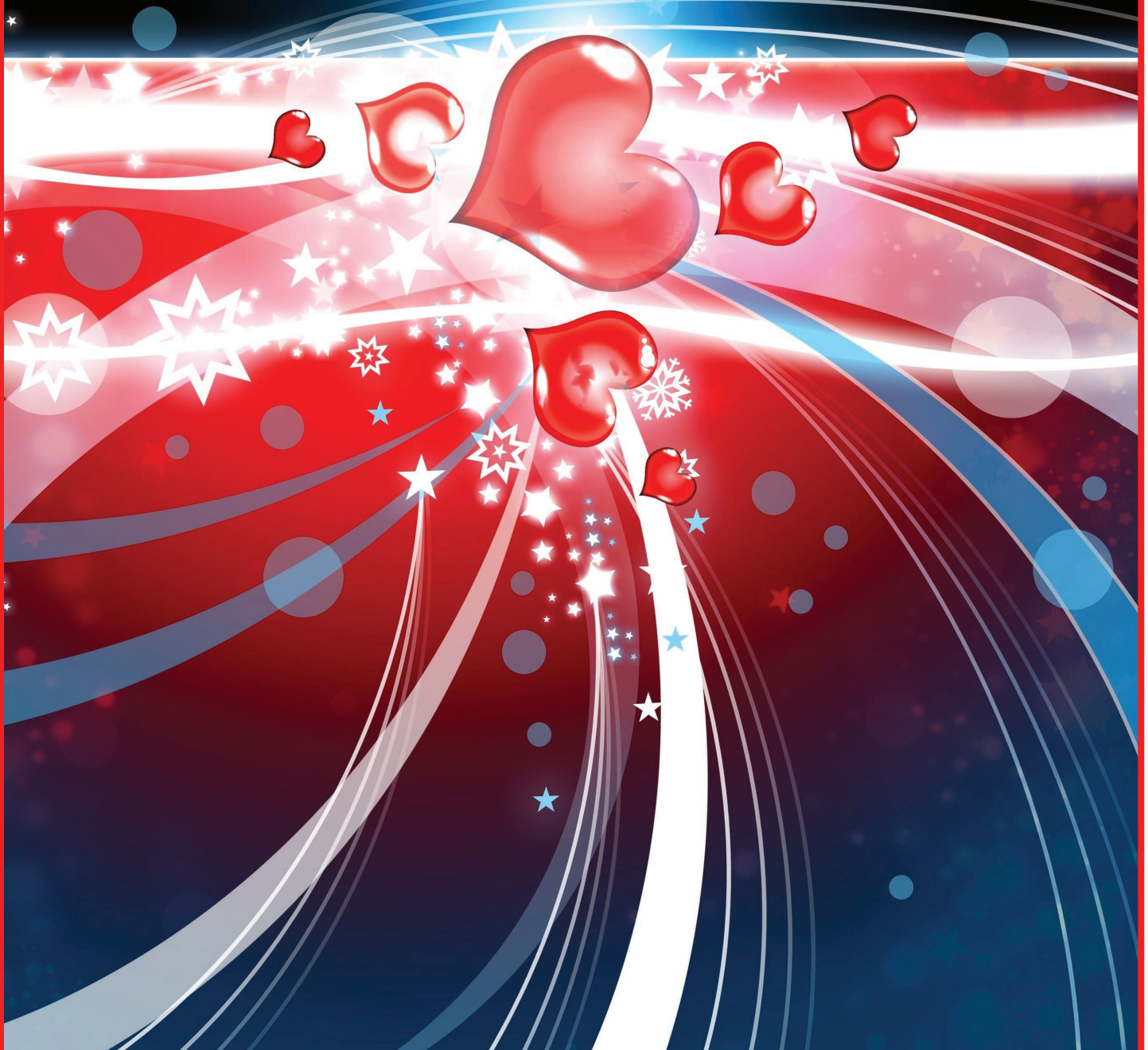
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Paws - Hands - Soles - In Action
Helping Our Wounded Warriors

Spring is such a special time of the year. After months of cold weather, sleet and snow to see the daffodils, yellow jessamine, the red robins building their nest and the egrets hawking with delight at warmer days is uplifting. It's now time to think of convention and honoring our clubs and members for outstanding projects, programs and volunteer service during 2013. It's also time for thoughts of all of you—each one filled with warmth and love for all the memories and lives we have touched in the Palmetto State and beyond over the past two years. I cannot begin to express my appreciation to each of you for your dedication and support of my special projects as well as all the contributions in support of your communities and citizenry.

All the information regarding convention is in this edition of Clubwoman. Don your favorite spring finery and join me for the Opening of Convention at the Columbia Museum of Art and be creative with either a patriotic or storybook character costume in recognition of the arts and the special projects of this administration at the Ball on Friday evening. Remember this is election year and elections will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday morning. Also, do not forget to honor your outstanding clubwomen through recognition in the Order of the Jessamine, Honor Roll or as a candidate for Volunteer of the Year, Woman of Distinction, Junior Clubwoman of Achievement, or Juniorette of the Year. These awards will be presented Saturday evening along with recognition of our Jennie Award Honoree, Community Improvement Contest winners, and Installation of Officers Ceremony and kick-off of the 2014-2016 Administration. Convention promises to be memorable so please round-up the patriots and join me in Columbia to celebrate. Let's continue touching hearts and changing lives. Thank you for allowing me to serve you, the membership, as your 59th GFWC-SC President.

Here is wishing each of you a Happy Easter. See you soon.

Jo Ann

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Ways to support the GFWC-SC General Fund

Order of the Jessamine

The Order of the Jessamine is a GFWC-SC honorary society comprised of members who have been elected by their club for special recognition at the annual state convention. Criteria for election is at the discretion of the club and may be revised annually. The honoree will be distinguished at convention in a special presentation and will be listed in the next Clubwoman Magazine as a member of the Order of the Jessamine, Class of 2014. Honorees may be elected to more than one Class. To bestow the distinction, clubs may submit one name annually with a fifty dollar (\$50) contribution to the GFWC-SC Treasurer. All proceeds shall benefit the GFWC-SC General Fund.



Honor Roll



Honor someone in your life with a \$25 donation to the GFWC-SC Honor Roll. Honorees will be listed in the convention program and added to the Honor Roll book at HQ. Make checks payable to GFWC-SC and send to Kristin Fields, 230 Muirfield Court, Columbia, SC 29212.

Business Opportunity

Do you own a business? Would you or someone you know like to advertise their business in the Columbia Convention Program? Ads in the convention program are available at the following rates:

\$200 - Full page ~ \$125 - Half page ~ \$75 - Quarter page ~ \$40 - Eighth page

Ads must be camera-ready or our printer will charge \$50 per hour to prepare it.

Deadline for Ads is April 15th.

Email or Mail Ads to:

Tonja Ivey
115-C Library Hill Lane
Lexington, SC 29072
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803-785-4242

All proceeds benefit the GFWC-SC General Fund.

Mail Checks to:

Kristin Fields, GFWC-SC Treasurer
230 Muirfield Court
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GFWC-SC President's Travel Fund Basket Fund Raiser



Please donate a basket from your club. Baskets will be on display Saturday morning. Drawings will be held Saturday after dinner.

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2012-2014

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It is difficult to believe that my year as President-elect is coming to an end. The time has flown. With the year's end comes all sorts of opportunities to celebrate, and I hope you will all help in the festivities Jo Ann has been planning for us.

You can help us celebrate by taking care of a little business.

Please make certain that you bring all of the state (NOT DISTRICT) silver you have under the bed, in the closet, or on the dining room table with you to convention. We need it by Convention opening Friday morning, so if you're going to be running late, please get it to someone who will be coming Friday morning.

If your club has not yet nominated a candidate for Volunteer of the Year or for Woman of Distinction, please submit one to the appropriate person, as listed in the December Clubwoman.

If your club has some star recruiters, or women celebrating their 25th or 50th anniversary, please let me know no later than April 1. These will be recognized at convention. Clubs pay for their members' 25 year pin, and GFWC- SC pays for the 50 year pin.

Please send the names of any deceased members to Pat Ezell, Chaplain by April 15.

Please check the December Clubwoman or www.gfwc-sc.org for other deadlines.

Thank you for all your help, and hard work! See you in Columbia.

Caroline



**GFWC-SC
President-elect
Caroline Mahaffey**



**GFWC-SC
Director of Junior Clubs
Rachael Fulmer**

Happy Spring Ladies! I am ready for the beautiful flowers and warm weather! I have to say that reading your reports over the last few weeks has certainly been inspiring. It is truly amazing all of the hard work your club women put into raising money and volunteering in your communities. I know that each of you make a difference!

I am very excited to announce that we will have a speaker at this year's Junior Luncheon. Beverly Waters is with the SC HOBY Youth Leadership Organization. HOBY is a new partner organization with GFWC and you can learn more about HOBY at www.hoby.org.

In addition, we are planning a Junior Fun Night on Thursday, April 24th. Anyone who wishes to join us is welcome! Fun is the name of the game!

I look forward to seeing all of you at convention in Columbia!!!

Rachael

Dear Friends,

Congratulations! Round 1 of the reporting season is over and Round 2 is quickly approaching. Be sure to thank the person in your club responsible for compiling data and submitting the reports to be judged. This is a huge undertaking and I appreciate so much all of the work that has been done thus far. Remember, Round 2 of reporting is due on March 15, 2014.

I would also like to thank all of our CSP and Advancement Area Chairmen for their service. Judging can be difficult because we have so many wonderful entries... for your dedication to this process I thank you.

It has been an honor to serve as your second-vice president and I look forward to seeing you all at convention in April!

Love, *Janet*



**GFWC-SC
Second Vice President
Janet Prince**

Reports and Contest Entries due by March 15, 2014

All entries for the GFWC Writing Contests should be submitted to the GFWC-SC Writing Contest Chairman, Linda Grant, 622 Hanover Court, Rock Hill, SC 29732. Each entry must be accompanied by a Creative Arts Waiver found in the GFWC Manual at www.gfwc.org/clubmanual. A copy is also included in this Clubwoman.

All District Award Entries are due, along with the Rating and Contribution Sheets, as well as the entries for the GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year and GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction.

Please see your December 2013, Clubwoman for all reporting guidelines.

2014 Southern Region Fundraising

South Carolina is the host for the 2014 Southern Region Conference at Litchfield Beach and Golf Club, October 24-26. We need your support to make this event successful. Funds will be used to cover the expenses of the conference, such as decorations, door prizes, entertainment, and hospitality. No club will be asked to provide additional funds to support the hosting of Southern Region Conference.

Become a "Sandcastle" with a \$30 donation and receive a "one-of-a-kind" bracelet. Only 25 bracelets remain! Bracelets will be available for pick up at convention in April.

Clubs can donate to the conference at the following levels:

\$500 – Pearl

\$250 – Sand Dollar

\$200 – Sea Gull

\$150 – Sea Turtle

\$100 – Flip Flop

All donors will be listed in the conference program and the September Clubwoman magazine.

Please mail checks to Laurie O'Kelly, SRC Chairman, 1608 Willow Creek Lane, Columbia, SC 29212.

Candidates for 2014-2016 GFWC-SC Offices

First Vice President – Janet Prince
Recording Secretary – Kristin Fields

Second Vice President – Juliet Casper
Treasurer – Kathie Walker

Confirmations State & District Elections

2014-2016 President – Caroline Richardson Mahaffey
2014-2016 Director of Junior Clubs – Katie Jones Moydell
Director-elect of Junior Clubs – Pending Vote Junior Membership

District Presidents

Central District – Rachael Fulmer
Midlands District – Jill Jackson Holt
Northern District – Laura Palmer
Southern District – Carol Ross

Eastern District – Brenda Tarkenton
North Central District – Norma England
Northwestern District – Carrie Zimmerman
Western District – Billie Chartier

GFWC-SC Board of Trustees

Eastern – Charlotte Wiltshire, 2017
North Central – Shannon Smith, 2017
Northern – Karen Pack, 2015 (to serve remainder of term of Laura Palmer elected as District President for 2014-2016)

Midlands – Jackie Ward, 2017
Western – Mary Lou Wallace, 2017

GFWC-SC Trustees of Progress Foundation

Eastern – Bridget Jones, 2017
Southern - Martha Knight, 2016 (to replace Jennifer Brown who was elected to serve on Elections Committee for 2014-2016)

Northern – Janet Agnew, 2017

GFWC-SC Trustees of Scholarship Fund

Midlands – Lois Black, 2017

North Central – Karen Kaylor, 2017

GFWC-SC 2014-2016 Elections Committee

Nominee

Central – Laurie O’Kelly
Eastern – Dolly McDermott
Midlands – Debbie Alexander
North Central – Misty Konow
Northern – Jolene Bryant
Northwestern – Ann Miller
Southern – Jennifer Brown
Western – Eula Leaber

Alternate

Beth Taylor
Sarah Thomas
Vickie Lovett
Regina Henry
Mary Vann
Tammy Garland
Brenda Taylor
Denise Boatwright

Elections/Confirmations shall be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 26, 2014. GFWC-SC Bylaws Article XI –Nominations, Elections and Vacancies provides that additional nominations for GFWC-SC Executive Offices may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured and nominee meets the eligibility criteria set forth in said Article XI.

VOTE 2014



Janet Prince has now celebrated 13 years of being a GFWC-SC Clubwoman. She started her years of service in September 2001 when she was invited to join the Woman's Club of Cayce. While at the Woman's Club of Cayce, Janet served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and Club President. In April 2008 she was elected GFWC-SC Midlands District President.

After moving from Cayce to West Columbia, Janet joined the Woman's Club of the Midlands in September 2008. She has served as the GFWC-SC Focus on Literacy Department Program Chairman for 2008-2010, and was co-chair of the 2010 GFWC-SC 112th Convention. She has served her club as Education Chair for 2012-2014, as well as Advisor to the Three Rivers Juniorette Club.

Janet has served as the GFWC-SC Recording Secretary for 2010-2012. In 2011, she was selected as the LEADS Candidate for South Carolina and attended the 2011 GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is currently serving as GFWC-SC Second Vice President.

Janet is on the Board of Directors of the SC Ovarian Cancer Coalition, The Lexington Relay for Life Committee, and co-leader of her daughter's American Heritage Girl Troop.

Janet is married to Gary Prince and they have two girls, Ashlan, age 16 and Genna, age 11. Both are students of SC Connections Academy, an on-line virtual school.



Janet Prince
Candidate for
First Vice President

VOTE 2014



Kristin has been a member of the St. Andrews Woman's Club for 23 years where she has served as President, Treasurer and several various department chairs. She has also served GFWC-SC as Public Policy Chair, Central District President for two administrations, Finance Committee Chair, and is currently serving as GFWC-SC Treasurer.

Kristin has worked at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SC for 25 years. During her tenure there she worked in the Membership Department for 5 years and in the Private Finance/InterPlan Accounting Department 20 years. Work experiences include benefit booklets, benefit contract, subscriber identification card preparation, as well as, balancing premium accounts. Experiences in the finance department include cash account, receivable and liability account reconciliations. Additionally, Kristin has been a member of management for over 10 years.

Kristin has been married to Bert Fields for 23 years. She has two children Hunter (20) and Sarah (14). She is a member of St. Andrew's Baptist Church. As a church member she has served as Secretary for the Child Enrichment Committee and Nominating Committee, and helped with the Girl's in Action program.

On a personal note, Kristin has shown her dedication to the organization through the positions held. She has good eye for details and she enjoys the work she does.

www.gfwc-sc.org



Kristin Fields
Candidate for
Recording Secretary

VOTE 2014



Juliet M. Casper is a partner in the law firm of Newby, Sartip, Masel & Casper, LLC, located in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. She received her BA from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana in 1989; her JD from Indiana University School of Law; and her Masters in Library Science from Indiana University. A former legal research instructor and law librarian at Indiana University School of Law, her practice consists of residential and commercial real estate, estate planning and probate, and corporate transactions. She is licensed in both North and South Carolina.

Ms. Casper was invited by club member Linda Jones to be a speaker at the September 2002 meeting of the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club. She enjoyed the meeting so much that she quickly sought membership in the group. In the Spring of 2003 she was inducted as a new member and then asked to serve on the Club's Board as the First Vice President. She served in this capacity from 2004-2006 while Pat Estep was the Club's President. Ms. Casper spearheaded the Club's participation in the first Women Build project for Habitat for Humanity of Horry County. The Club was recognized by then GFWC-SC President Kathy Monahan for the President's Award.

In the Spring of 2006, Ms. Casper became the Vice President of Membership under Club President Leslie Kuznik. Increasing membership became a very important goal, and Ms. Casper worked with the publicity committee to insure that club events and activities were publicized in the local paper. In February of 2007 President Leslie Kuznik resigned from her position in order to care for a newly adopted baby. Ms. Casper then served as Club President from 2007 until the Spring of 2010. The membership of the club grew to its maximum capacity of seventy five under her leadership. The club also received numerous state and district awards for its work.

Ms. Casper served as the GFWC-SC Eastern District President 2010-2012. She currently serves as the GFWC-SC Recording Secretary. In addition, Ms. Casper serves her community as a President of the Board of Visitors for the Edwards College of Fine Arts and Humanities at Coastal Carolina University, a member of the Board of Directors for Sea Haven, a member of the School Advisory Board for the North Myrtle Beach Area Schools, a member of the North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board, and a member of the Grand Strand Masters Swim Team. She was recently elected by her colleagues to the Real Estate Council for the South Carolina Bar Association. She is married to Chris Mezenski, and they have one child, Tristan, who is a sophomore at North Myrtle Beach High School.



Juliet Casper
Candidate for
Second Vice President

VOTE 2014



Kathie E. Walker was born on November 25, 1950 in the middle of the “storm of the century” or the Appalachian Storm where 30 inches of snow fell on the city of Pittsburgh in 12 hours. Her mother went to the hospital on a sled and Kathie’s arrival made the first page of the Pittsburgh Press as the 1st “Snow Baby” born during the storm.

Kathie grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa and upon graduation from St. Francis Academy High School; she attended the Franciscan University of Steubenville, majoring in Social Work. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972.

On August 3, 1972 Kathie was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army and reported for active duty at Ft. McClellan, Alabama where she completed the Women’s Officer Basic Course. In January, 1973, Kathie reported to Ft. Jackson, South Carolina where she served in various positions until 1975. On February 9, 1973 Kathie met her husband Captain Frank Walker of Rock Hill, SC during the “Blizzard of 1973” - the day that South Carolinians witnessed the biggest winter weather event to happen in the state. They were married in September, 1976 (no snow!).

In 1975, Kathie left Active Duty Service and joined the 108th Infantry Training Division in Charlotte, NC where she served in various positions culminating as the Commander of the 3398th Reception Battalion. She retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Active Reserve in 1996.

In 1981, Kathie received her Bachelor of Science degree from Winthrop University in Computer Science. She joined Duke Energy Corporation in 1981 and held various positions in the Information Management area of the corporation until her retirement in May, 2011.

In her retirement, Kathie has been very active in the General Federation of Woman’s Clubs (GFWC). She is an active member of the Woman’s Club of Rock Hill where she has served as Treasurer, Second Vice-President (Membership), and Publicity Co-Chair. She is also a founding member of the Woman’s Club of York County. She is currently the District President of the GFWC-South Carolina North Central District. Additionally, Kathie is an honorary member of the Ann White Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Kathie also volunteers as a sewing instructor for the York County 4H organization. She has enjoyed meeting the wonderful ladies who donate so unselfishly of their time and energy to make our communities a better place to live and work. In her spare time, Kathie enjoys snow skiing (of course!), sewing, upholstery, stained glass, glass fusion, and the beach!



Kathie Walker
Candidate for
Treasurer

VOTE 2014

GFWC South Carolina proudly endorses Marian St.Clair for the office of GFWC Second Vice-President. A valued member since 1989, Marian's unique talents and skills, coupled with integrity, compassion, and boundless energy, make her a dedicated and dynamic leader.

Born in Virginia to a military family, Marian lived in various locations before studying Liberal Arts at Virginia Tech and moving to South Carolina.

Since her term as South Carolina State President (2002-2004), Marian has served on the Bylaws Committee (2004-2006); as Beautification Chairman (2006-2008); on the Leadership Committee (2008-2010); as Treasurer

(2010-2012); and as Secretary (2012-2014). On occasion, she also assisted with LEADS, presenting the workshop "How to Write a Great Speech."

Marian is a Master Gardener and Master Naturalist. She works as a garden tour coordinator, organizing trips to Europe and other areas of interest, as well as a freelance garden writer who contributes regular columns to The Greenville News and feature articles to Carolina Gardener Magazine. As a gardening expert, she has been a guest of Martha Stewart Radio and local media, and a frequent presenter at symposia. In 2008, she earned a Gold Award from the Garden Writers Association.

A dedicated community volunteer who relishes hands-on opportunities, Marian has been honored by the Rape Crisis Network, the South Carolina Wildlife Federation, and many others. In 1997, she was distinguished as a GFWC Woman of Achievement.

Married to Tim St.Clair, an attorney and elected member of the JDRF International Board of Directors, the couple has two adult sons and two grandchildren.

Personable, professional, and a proven leader, GFWC South Carolina wholeheartedly recommends Marian St.Clair for your consideration.



MARIAN ST. CLAIR
Candidate for
GFWC Second Vice-President



Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa Chandler, Arizona

Pre-Convention | June 18-20

Tours, LEADS, 2012-2014 Board of Directors Meeting, GFWC Arizona State Night Banquet

Convention | June 21-24

Convention Program, 2014-2016 Installation Events

Post-Convention | June 25-26

2014-2016 Board of Directors Meeting

Hotel Reservations

- \$119/night plus applicable taxes
- 20% discount on golf and spa services
- Complimentary entrance to the Fitness Center at Aji Spa
- Complimentary self-parking
- Complimentary in-room Wi-Fi
- Complimentary shuttle service to Wild Horse Casino, Aji Spa, Koli Equestrian Center, Whirlwind Golf Club, and Phoenix Premium Outlets shopping center

Call the hotel directly at 602-225-0100 or [click here](#) for online reservations. When calling, mention GFWC to receive the group rate. All reservations must be made by May 26, 2014. The GFWC room block is not available through outside agents; you must call the hotel directly, or utilize the GFWC online reservation link. Reservation cancellations are accepted without penalty up to 24 hours before check-in. All reservations require a one night's stay deposit.

GFWC-SC Bylaws

CURRENT WORDING:

ARTICLE II - DISTRICTS

Section 1. The State shall be geographically divided into eight districts, to be known as Central, Eastern, Midlands, North Central, Northern, Northwestern, Southern and Western.

Central District shall consist of the counties of Calhoun, Richland, and Sumter.

Eastern District shall consist of the counties of Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg.

Midlands District shall consist of the counties of Bamberg, Lexington, and Orangeburg.

North Central District shall consist of the counties of Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, and York.

Northern District shall consist of the counties of Cherokee, Greenville, Laurens, Newberry, Spartanburg, and Union.

Northwestern District shall consist of the counties of Abbeville, Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens.

Southern District shall consist of the counties of Allendale, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, and Jasper.

Western District shall consist of the counties of Aiken, Barnwell, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, and Saluda.

PROPOSED WORDING:

ARTICLE II - DISTRICTS

Section 1. The State shall be geographically divided into eight districts, to be known as Central, Eastern, Midlands, North Central, Northern, Northwestern, Southern and Western.

Central District shall consist of the counties of Richland, Sumter, Fairfield, Lee and Darlington.

Eastern District shall consist of the counties of Horry, Dillon, Marian, Florence, Williamsburg, and Georgetown.

Midlands District shall consist of the counties of Lexington, Calhoun, Orangeburg, Saluda, and Clarendon..

North Central District shall consist of the counties of York, Chester, Lancaster, Chesterfield, Kershaw, and Marlboro.

Northern District shall consist of the counties of Greenville, Spartanburg, Laurens, Union, Cherokee, and Newberry.

Northwestern District shall consist of the counties of Oconee, Pickens, Anderson, Abbeville, McCormick, and Greenwood.

Southern District shall consist of the counties of Jasper, Beaufort, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, and Berkeley.

Western District shall consist of the counties of Aiken, Barnwell, Edgefield, Allendale, Bamberg, and Hampton..

This amendment to become effective with the 2016 administration

Rationale: Currently districts range in size from 3 counties to 10, from 1846 square miles of land to 6745 square miles of land. The districts that are larger geographically are declining in the number of clubs, and the clubs the farthest from the district president struggle more to maintain their membership and historically have less participation past the club level.

CURRENT WORDING:

ARTICLE V - DUES AND FINANCE

Section 2. Annual Dues.

- A. Direct Membership. Clubs paying per capita dues of ten dollars (\$10) in addition to the GFWC per capita dues on the basis of enrolled membership at the time of payment.
- B. Member-at-Large. Each member-at-large shall pay annual dues of ten dollars (\$10) in addition to the GFWC per capita dues no later than February 1.

Section 3. Convention Registration Fee. There shall be an advance registration fee of ten dollars (\$10) and a non-advance registration fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) for each clubwoman and visitor attending the annual Convention, said fee to go into the General Fund, designated as the Annual Convention Restricted Fund. Registration fees shall be non-refundable. The Executive Committee shall annually set the deadline for receipt of advance registrations which will be specified in the Call to Convention.

PROPOSED WORDING:

ARTICLE V - DUES AND FINANCE

Section 2. Annual Dues.

- A. Direct Membership. Clubs paying per capita dues of twelve dollars (\$12) in addition to GFWC per capita dues on the basis of enrolled membership at the time of payment.

Rationale: To bring revenue more in line with current expenditures.

B. Member-at-Large. Each member-at-large shall pay annual dues of twelve dollars (\$12) in addition to the GFWC per capita dues no later than February 1.

Rationale: To bring revenue more in line with current expenditures.

Section 3. Convention Registration Fee. There shall be an advance registration fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) and a non-advance registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20) for each clubwoman and visitor attending the annual Convention, said fee to go into the General Fund, designated as the Annual Convention Restricted Fund. Registration fees shall be non-refundable. The Executive Committee shall annually set the deadline for receipt of advance registrations which will be specified in the Call to Convention.

These amendments to become effective at the beginning of year 2015.

Rationale: Current registration fees are not adequate to cover the expenses associated with holding a convention.

GFWC Awards and Contests Deadline: March 15, 2014

Please be sure to submit your club entries for the following GFWC Awards and Contests directly to GFWC by the March 15, 2014 deadline. Details for each entry may be found in the GFWC Manual or at www.gfwc.org/clubmanual. GFWC annually awards \$50 to a club in each category at the GFWC Annual Convention. GFWC-SC also has recognition at our state convention regarding these contests.

- GFWC Media Campaign Contest
- GFWC Newsletter Contest
- GFWC Website Contest

You should also send a copy of your entry to:

Lois Black, GFWC-SC Communications & Public Relations Chair
225 Bobcat Road, Leesville, SC 29070 or email:loisblack@sc.rr.com

GFWC Writing Contest Deadline: March 15, 2014

AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

Calling writers to compete in the GFWC-SC Creative Writing competitions!

1. **GFWC Clubwoman Short Story and Poetry Contest:**
Short stories limited to 2000 words;
Plays/skits limited to one-act (30-60 minutes in length);
Poems ranging in length from eight lines to fifty lines.
2. **GFWC-SC Creative Writing Awards:**
Essays, Prayers, Club Installations, Song Lyrics, Children's Short Stories
3. **GFWC Youth Writing Competition:**
Categories for grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12

Author must be of amateur status; writing earnings must not exceed \$500 annually. Entries must be written during contest year and may not have been published prior to competition and must be original works by author. Entries must be typewritten, double-spaced, with minimum margins of 1", one side only, on 8 1/2" x 11" papers. Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page: author's name, e-mail address, mailing address and telephone number; name of sponsoring club/state; category and title of manuscript. Authors should keep a copy; manuscripts will not be returned.

Send to Writing Contest Chairman, Linda Grant, 622 Hanover Court, Rock Hill, SC 29732, postmarked on or before March 15, 2014. State winners will be announced at GFWC-SC Convention. First place state winners will be sent for national judging.

GFWC-SC Photography Contest Amateurs Only

The GFWC Photography Contests encourage artistic expression, while recognizing achievement in photography. GFWC offers three opportunities to participate in the Photography Contests:

The World in Pictures captures the beauty of the world and people around us in three categories:

- Living Things—adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife
- Scenes—city, landscapes, rural, skies, sunrise, sunset, waterscapes, weather
- Still Life—abstract (any assemblage of objects either in an arranged or natural setting), buildings, monuments

GFWC Volunteers in Action provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities through photography.

A Year in Pictures—also known as the GFWC Calendar Contest—features photographs depicting the twelve months fundraising calendar.

There are two classes per category: • Black and White • Color

There are divisions for each class and category: • GFWC Member • High School Student

All entries along with the release form should be delivered to the Registration Area in the Lobby of the Marriott by 11:00 AM on Friday, April 25, 2014. The timing is critical so entries may be stored for independent judging prior to movement to the Museum of Art, across the street from the Marriott, for the Opening Session of Convention at 11:30 AM.

See Updated Arts Release Form next page

GFWC-SC Scrapbook Contest

Photographs tell a story and each club's story is unique. Put your story together in a scrapbook. The scrapbook is a history of your club's activities. Bring that scrapbook to convention in Columbia, SC and enter in the Scrapbook Contest. Judging criteria is listed on the Rating Sheet & Release Form. **All entries should be delivered to the Registration Area in the Lobby of the Marriott by 11:00 AM on Friday, April 25, 2014.** The timing is critical so entries may be stored for independent judging prior to movement to the Museum of Art, across the street from the Marriott, for the Opening Session of Convention at 11:30 AM.

GFWC-SC CLUBWOMAN ARTS CONTEST INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORM

RELEASE FORM – INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES – AMATEURS ONLY

The following statement must accompany each work submitted in ANY Category. Please copy as needed.

I will not, in any way hold the Arts Department of GFWC-SC or GFWC for damage, fire, loss, or theft of the item I have submitted.

Name of Entrant (Print) _____ Signature _____

Club _____ District _____

GFWC THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST:

Categories _____ Living Things – adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife
 _____ Scenes - city, landscapes, rural, skies, sunrise, sunset, waterscapes, weather
 _____ Still Life – abstract (any assemblage of objects either in an arranged or natural setting), buildings, monuments

GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: _____

A YEAR IN PICTURES (ALSO KNOWN AS GFWC CALENDAR CONTEST): _____

This Release Form must be attached securely to every entry.
 Entries must be delivered to the Registration Area by 11:00 AM Friday, April 25, 2014

General Federation of Women’s Clubs South Carolina 2012 – 2014 Scrapbook Rating Sheet and Release Form

Club Name: _____

President’s Name: _____

President’s Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Members: _____ Category: _____ District: _____

General Club: _____ Junior Club: _____ Juniors Club: _____

Release:

I will not, in any way, hold the GFWC-SC Community Service Arts Department responsible for damage, fire, loss or theft of the item(s) I have submitted:

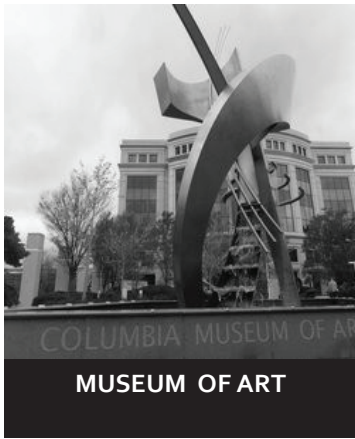
Remitter’s Signature: _____

Remitter’s Name: _____

Please complete the information above; DO NOT write in the space below

Judging Criteria:

Category	Available Points	Points Received
1. Rating/Release Form signed, completed and attached to inside cover?	5	
2. Scrapbook Cover, Club Name and Current Club Year?	5	
3. Size is limited to a maximum consisting of 50 pages, front and back with measurements 14 inches wide by 16 inches in height?	5	
4. Title page includes the club name, district, and number of members?	5	
5. The Scrapbook follows a distinct theme in accordance with the cover and title pages?	10	
6. Each Scrapbook page is numbered accordingly in the right hand corner for right hand pages and in the left hand corner for left hand pages?	5	
7. Scrapbook includes current Executive Officers list, special appointments, club roster of membership and club projects?	5	
8. New club members are featured within the scrapbook?	10	
9. Newspaper and magazine articles must include the date and name of the publication.	5	
10. Club, civic activities and projects must be described on the pages(s) in which they appear?	10	
11. Judges overall impression including neatness, originality, effort, etc.	35	
<u>TOTAL SUM:</u>	<u>100</u>	



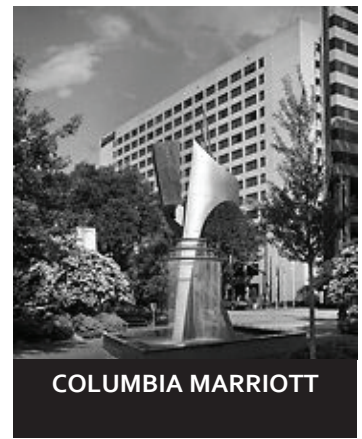
OFFICIAL CALL
116TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

APRIL 25-27, 2014

MUSEUM OF ART AND COLUMBIA MARRIOTT
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

HOSTESS DISTRICTS: NORTHERN & MIDLANDS

CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS MEG HAWES AND JOY LIND



General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convention at the Columbia Marriott, 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, April 25-27, 2014. The Board of Directors meeting on Friday morning will be held in the Lorick Auditorium followed by the opening of convention, luncheon and award presentations in the Garden Terrace of the Columbia Museum of Art. The Museum is directly across the street from the Marriott. The Marriott will provide shuttle service to and from the Museum for any of our membership with special needs. Registration will be open Friday morning in the lobby of the Marriott from 8:30 until 11:00 AM and then close for the move to the Museum for Opening of Convention. Following the close of business on Friday we will be guest of the Museum for viewing the exhibition of Meiji Magic: Imperial Porcelain from Japan. ***The theme for convention is Touching Hearts—Changing Lives.*** Special guests will be Rick Hairston, President of Canines For Service with his wife Pat and service dog Titus. Also in attendance, at the Saturday Gala will be Marian St. Clair, GFWC Secretary, who so effectively represents us and our great state. All clubwomen are invited and encouraged to attend and celebrate a successful year of community service, recognize outstanding clubwomen and clubs and visit with friends.

Room Reservation Deadline - Book Your Rooms Now

April 1 is the deadline for room reservations. The link for our special group rate is General Federation of Women Clubs >> and the Group Reservation telephone numbers are 1-800-228-9290 or 803-771-7000. Room rate for Standard Room is \$119 plus state & local taxes of 12%. The newly remodeled Marriott offers concierge level lounge, complimentary high speed internet access, indoor swimming pool, whirlpool and fitness center with cardiovascular equipment and free weights. On-site parking is \$2 per hour or \$12 daily. Valet parking is \$22 daily.

Advance Registration and Meal Reservations Required

April 15 is the deadline for Registration and Meal Reservations. The advance registration fee is \$10 per person. Please complete the Registration/Meal Reservation Form included herein for each person attending and send along with check for the total amount due made payable to GFWC-SC. We ask if you have retained a name badge holder from a prior convention please bring with you.

Convention Attire & Other Information

Friday attire during the day is business. Friday evening is the "Touching Hearts—Changing Lives" Ball when we will celebrate the arts and the President's Special Project and Junior Special Project Awards will be presented. You are requested to wear a patriotic costume or patriotic colors or come as a storybook character in support of the Junior Special Project—Read to a Child. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in each category. We also will have the ever popular "It's In The Bag" Junior Travel Fund Auction throughout the evening. So Junior Clubs remember your entries for the auction. Let's all be creative with our costumes and have a grand time together. Saturday is GFWC-SC/GFWC/Club emblematic attire day. We will conduct business, hold elections, have a retirement of silver ceremony, present some awards, and honor the wonderful contributions of the Junior Clubs and members at the Junior Luncheon. Saturday evening we will say farewell to the 2012-2014 Administration and kick-off the 2014-2016 Administration at the "Starry Nights...Brighter Tomorrows" Gala and Installation Ceremony. Attire for this event is formal. Drawings for the Basket Auction to benefit the GFWC-SC President Travel Fund will be conducted at this event.

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Preliminary GFWC-SC Convention Agenda



Thursday, April 24, 2014

4:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Meet for Dinner Suite 1209

Registration Open 4:00 PM
Presidential Suite 1209—Marriott
Executive Committee & Past Presidents

Friday, April 25, 2014

10:00 AM Board of Directors Meeting—Lorick Auditorium, Columbia Museum of Art
11:30 AM – 4:00 PM Opening of Convention & Luncheon—Garden Terrace, Columbia Museum of Art
Awards & Recognitions:

Honor & Net Gain Clubs
Club & District Rating Sheet Awards
Contribution Sheet Awards

GFWC Advancement Awards and Reports:

Communication & Public Relations Fundraising
Leadership Membership
Legislation & Public Policy Women's History & Resource Center

GFWC Community Service Programs Awards and Reports

Education Home Life Conservation

3:30 PM Overview of Imperial Porcelain From Japan Exhibition: Museum Staff
Viewing of Exhibit

6:00 PM Social - Cash Bar - Pre-Function Area by Carolina Ballroom

7:00 PM Touching Hearts—Changing Lives Ball & "Its in the Bag" Junior Auction

Patriotic or Storybook Costume Attire

GFWC Community Service Awards and Reports

Arts Writing Contest
Photography Contest Scrapbook/Yearbook

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Awards

GFWC Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children Awards

GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Special Project Awards

GFWC-SC President's Special Project Awards

Presentation of Creativity Awards For Best Costumes

Saturday, April 26, 2014

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Convention in Session

GFWC Community Service Program Awards and Reports

International Outreach Public Issues

Guest Speaker: Public Issues

Reports from Standing Committees

Credentials Constitution & Bylaws Executive Committee
Headquarters Budget & Finance

Reports from GFWC-SC Officers

Reports from Boards of Trustees

Trustees of GFWC-SC Trustees of GFWC-SC Progress Foundation
Trustees of GFWC-SC Scholarship

11:00 AM

Elections/Confirmations

Silver Retirement Ceremony

Memorial Service of Remembrance & Honor

1:00 PM

Luncheon Honoring Juniors

6:30 PM

Social - Cash Bar - Pre-Function Area By Carolina Ballroom

7:30 PM

Gala: "Starry Nights... Brighter Tomorrows" & President's Travel Fund Basket Drawings

Greetings From GFWC: Marian St. Clair, GFWC Secretary

District Awards

Outstanding Club Awards

Community Improvement Contest Awards

Recognition of Honor Roll Recipients

Individual Awards and Recognitions

Recognition of 2014 Order of the Jessamine

Installation of Officers Ceremony

Invitation to 2015 Convention

Adjournment of 116th Convention

Dessert Reception Hosted By Northern District

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service honoring GFWC-SC members who have passed away dating from May 2013 – April, 2014 will be held on Saturday, April 26 at the conclusion of the morning business session. Each District President will participate in the service by lighting a candle in memory of members from her district. Clubs are encouraged to send the following information by April 1st.

- ❖ Member(s) name and several items regarding club work
- ❖ Name of club
- ❖ Name of District

Mail or Email to: Patricia Ezell, GFWC-SC Chaplain
5 Nuffield Road, Charleston, SC 29407-3318
Email: PatnHack@comcast.net
843-571-3549

GFWC-SC 2014 Convention Menu

Friday Opening Session: “Hearts & Soles In Action” Luncheon

Quiche Lorraine (Bacon & Cheese Egg Custard)
Served in Flaky Pastry Shell
Baked Apple Compote Fresh Baked Muffins Iced Tea & Coffee

Friday Evening Buffet: “Touching Hearts – Changing Lives” Ball

Chopped Salad, Tomato, Onion, Cucumber, Cheesy Croutons
Assorted Dressings
Fried Chicken Midlands BBQ Pulled Pork
Macaroni & Cheese Collard Greens Fried Okra
Freshly Baked Biscuits Peach Cobbler Pecan Pie Iced Tea & Coffee

Saturday: “Read to a Child” Junior Luncheon

Roasted Tomato Bisque Assorted Rolls & Butter
Mixed Field Greens, Heirloom Spinach, Romaine Lettuce, Chopped Turkey, Bacon Bits, Grape Tomatoes,
Cucumber, Carrot, Mushroom, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Garlic Croutons
Ranch and Italian Dressing Key Lime Tartlet & Chocolate Cake Iced Tea & Coffee

Saturday Evening: “Starry Nights...Brighter Tomorrows” Gala

Garden Salad Assorted Rolls & Butter
Bacon Wrapped Pork Loin, Caramelized Vidalia Onions and Apples
or Grilled Atlantic Salmon, Lemon Chive Burr Blanc
Wild Rice Pilaf Oven Roasted Vegetables Iced Tea & Coffee

Dessert Reception In Honor of Caroline Richardson Mahaffey Hosted by Northern District

GFWC-SC 2014 Convention Registration Form April 25-27, 2014

Send completed form for **Each Attendee** along with check(s) payable to **GFWC-SC** to:

Elizabeth Herring, 327 Annapolis Road, Lexington, SC 29072

lizherring@windstream.net 803-957-6235

Registration Fee: Registration for Convention is \$10 per person. (Late Registration Fee is \$15)

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** () _____

ADDRESS: _____

CLUB: _____ **DISTRICT :** _____

EMAIL: _____

(Check First Category Which Applies)

___ GFWC-SC State Officer including District Presidents

___ GFWC-SC Past President

___ Member-At-Large

___ GFWC-SC Community Service Program Chairman,
Special Project or Special Committee Chairman

___ Club President (or appointee)

___ Club Member

___ GFWC-SC Standing Committee Chairman

___ Guest

(Finance, Constitution & Bylaws, Credentials, Headquarters)

MEDICAL INFORMATION RELEASE

Allergies to food or medication. If yes, please list: _____

Any medication to be taken in case of emergency and where may be found: _____

Notify in case of emergency: Name _____ Phone Day _____ Evening _____

Authorization for emergency treatment: (Signature) _____

Medical Insurance (Indicate number) _____

Coverage Verification phone number _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS

DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2014

Opening Session Luncheon (Friday - 11:30) \$22 _____

Touching Hearts Ball (Friday Evening -7:00) \$35 _____

Junior Luncheon (Saturday - 1:00) \$22 _____

Gala (Saturday Evening-7:30) \$35 _____

Bacon Wrapped Pork Loin _____

Grilled Atlantic Salmon _____

*** Late Meal Fee: \$5 per meal after April 15.**

Meal Prices are inclusive of SC Tax, Service Charges
& SC Tax on Service Charges

Vegetarian Meal Substitutions Available By Request

Registration Fee:	\$ 10.00
Meal Total:	\$ _____
Total Due GFWC-SC	\$ _____

Leadership Seminar & Winter Board



Club News

Walhalla Woman's Club Kicks-off 2014

Members of the Walhalla Woman's Club welcomed the New Year by culling a few possessions for a "White Elephant Auction" and enjoying a healthy dinner at the home of President Janet Smalley. Social time started with healthy popcorn and red wine, followed by two low calorie and low fat soups from the USDA website: Broccoli Swiss Cheese and Italian White Bean.

Soon after, auctioneers Ann Miller and Vanessa Penton corralled everyone to the living room to begin an auction whose proceeds had been designated to benefit residents at the Lila Doyle Nursing Home by providing comfort items such as creams and lotions. When the jealous glares and shouting ended, \$165 dollars had been raised, and many members took home new treasures to replace the ones they had donated.

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Dates To Remember

- March 1 Community Improvement Contest entries due to Ginny Gregg Mills
- March 15 Rating Sheet due to GFWC-SC President-elect Caroline Mahaffey and District President
Writing Contest Entries due to Linda Grant
Reports Due for State and District Silver Awards
- April 1 Scholarship Applications Due to Linda Grant
Deadline for sending names of deceased club members to GFWC-SC Chaplain, Pat Ezell
- April 15 President's Directory Form for 2013-14 due to Caroline Brown
- April 25-27 GFWC-SC Annual Convention, Downtown Marriott, Columbia, SC
- May 1 Articles for June Clubwoman Magazine due to Tonja Ivey
- June 20 GFWC Board of Directors Meeting, Leadership and Education Development
Training Seminar, Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort, Chandler, Arizona
- June 21-24 GFWC Annual Convention, Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort, Chandler, Arizona

GFWC-SC Headquarters

Oh, what a night! The second Christmas Stocking Extravaganza held on December 3, 2013, surpassed all expectations! More than 150 guests enjoyed an evening of Christmas cheer as the Mansion glowed and sparkled with holiday lights and decorations. Lively bidding on the 26 amazing stockings donated by clubs and individual club members brought in almost \$2,000! "Must Have" raffle items went to lucky ticket holders and raised more than \$800. Through the auction and raffle as well as sponsorships, donations, and ticket sales, Headquarters Committee is delighted to announce a profit of \$8,409.83.

Our success is due in large part to the support of the GFWC membership throughout South Carolina. Last spring we asked for your presence and presents and you delivered with grand holiday spirit. From everyone on the Headquarters Committee, THANK YOU! The funds raised will be used for improvement projects such as window replacements and for emergencies as they arise - and they always do! Again, thank you! Look for details of 2013 donors and sponsors in this summer's Clubwoman. And, it's not too early to begin planning for 2014's Extravaganza on December 2!

Unbidden

Silent Green Shoots Peek.
Yellow-White, Flower-Cocoons Promise.
They Slide UP.
They UnBend.
They Bound Outward.
Song of Spring.
Promise of God.
Daffodils.

Janet R. Smalley, GFWC-SC Poet Laureate