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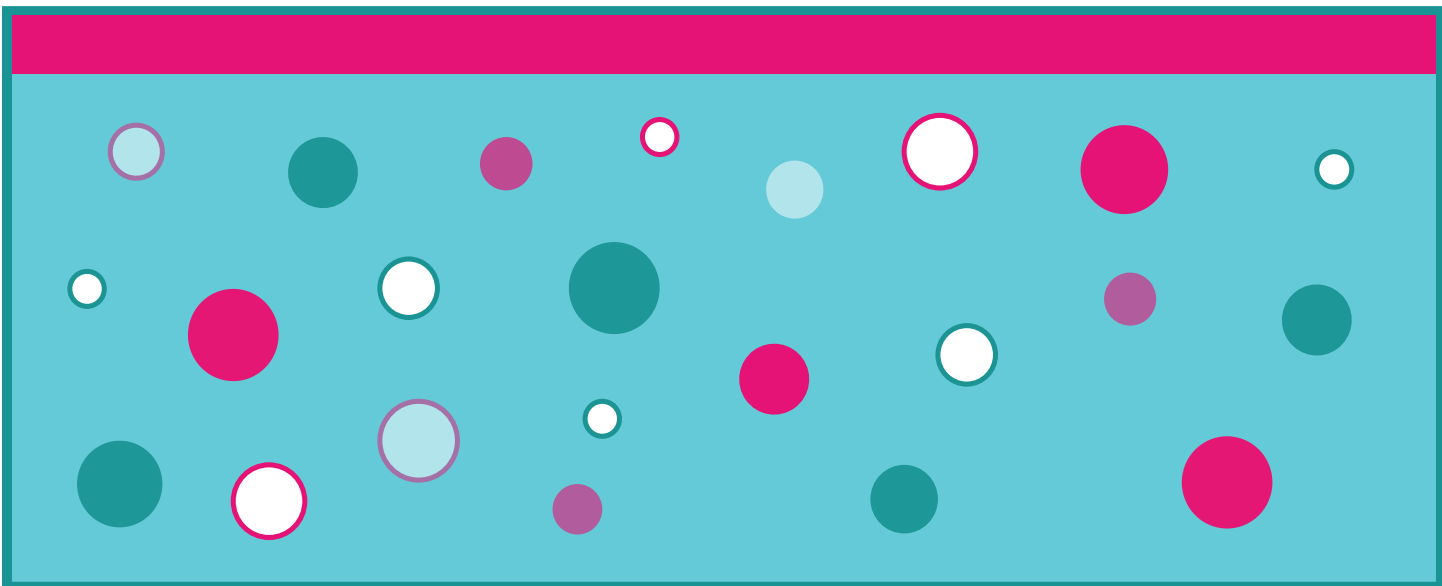


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*Honoring our Past
Celebrating our Present
Embracing our Future*

ANNUAL CONVENTION April 19-22, 2018
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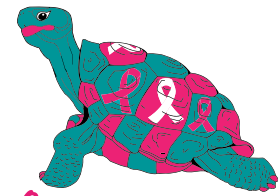
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Sharing Our Passion



One Step at a Time

Happy Spring to you all! Spring is probably my favorite season of all because the weather is still nice and everything is in full bloom! Spring is also the time we come together to celebrate all of the wonderful things we have accomplished in our communities and in our state. This spring is going to be exceptional because we will be gathering together to celebrate our 120th Annual Convention of the GFWC-SC, April 19-22, 2018, at The Holiday Inn & Suites Columbia-Airport in West Columbia, South Carolina. This very special occasion is being hosted by our Midlands and Northern Districts. Special plans are being made as we will be “Honoring our Past, Celebrating our Present and Embracing our Future”. The Official Call is included in this issue of Clubwoman. I hope you will go ahead now and make plans to attend with your girlfriends.

With Spring comes the passing of one administration to the next. If you are in a leadership position in your club, your district or in our state, please be sure to gather your records and pass those to your successor. You can do this in a book form or on a flash drive. Be sure to include a note of tips that you learned during your term of service as well as any helpful contact information. Let that person know you are there for her should she have any questions and that you are her biggest cheerleader!

GFWC-SC will be participating in the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention Conservation Challenge — GFWC Style Project Runway in St. Louis in June. The challenge is an outfit that is designed and made completely out of reusable tote bags. If you have a tote bag you would like to donate to the “outfit”, please bring it with you to convention. Kathie Walker, GFWC-SC Treasurer, has agreed to design and make the outfit and Genna Prince will be our model.

I want to thank you all for embracing my three special projects during the 2016-2018 Administration. You have been so very generous contributing beautiful handmade items to SCOA Cares, loads of school supplies for Sandhills School and donating items to women and children’s shelters across our state. You have indulged me in my quest to share my love of reading by allowing me to bring various authors to all of our state meetings. Along the way you have shared with me some of the most joyous occasions in your life as well as some of the hardest. We have stood strong as a sisterhood of caring and compassionate women across the state, and that is what I will always see as one of our greatest accomplishments for my administration. It has been one of my greatest joys serving as your state president and I will be forever thankful for this opportunity.

Forever “Living the Volunteer Spirit” through GFWC-SC,

Always,
Janet

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 recognized at convention in a special presentation and will be listed in the June Clubwoman Magazine as a member of the Order of the Jessamine, Class of 2018. Honorees may be elected to more than one Class. To bestow the distinction, clubs may submit one annually with a fifty dollar (\$50) contribution to the GFWC-SC Treasurer. All proceeds shall benefit the GFWC-SC General Fund. Application for the Order of the Jessamine can be found at gfwc-sc.org — Resources — Treasurer — “Order of the Jessamine Application”



Honor Roll

Honor someone in your life with a \$25 donation to the GFWC-SC Honor Roll. Honorees will be recognized at Convention. Honorees will be listed in the Convention Program and added to the Honor Roll book at Headquarters. Application for the “Honor Roll” can be found at gfwc-sc.org — Resources — Treasurer — Honor Roll.

GFWC-SC President’s Travel Fund Basket Fundraiser



The GFWC-SC President’s Travel Fund Basket Fundraiser is always a highlight of convention and lots of fun! Please consider donating a basket from your club. Baskets can be turned in at Registration and the baskets will be put on display Saturday morning. Drawings will be held Saturday evening after dinner.

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Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. It's a time of renewed energy, warmer weather and hopefully lower power bills! It's also one of my favorite times because we all get to gather and celebrate our hard work! Thank you for all that you and your fellow Clubwoman have done- now let's party!

I hope to see lots of Juniors at convention this year! We have some fun activities planned and lots of great information to share. Carrie will share more information on Junior Fun Night. We will have a short Junior meeting directly following the Saturday morning meeting.

I've enjoyed reading all of your reports and about the way you have carried out good deeds. The work you do for your community is truly awe inspiring! I'm looking forward to sharing what you have done with our federation sisters!

I recently travelled to Aruba with GFWC for the Junior Volunteer! Being the women we are, we couldn't stop ourselves from having a service project! 64 women and some family members from around the country joined and donated over \$6000 worth of clothes, eco-friendly wash clothes and dental supplies to the Woman's Club of Aruba for children on the island. It was an amazing trip and I'm so thankful for the opportunity.



Katie Moydell
GFWC-SC
Director of
Junior Clubs

The incoming Director of Junior Clubs for Florida looked at me in Aruba and asked "what did you think of serving in this position?" My answer was easy "let me put it this way, this is my second term and I'm not ready to give it up." Thank you for making this job so pleasurable. Your continued commitment to your community, South Carolina federation and GFWC is truly appreciated.

In Junior Love - Katie



Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC
Director-elect of
Junior Clubs

Time is a funny thing. It can feel slow and methodical or go by so fast that you blink and that "special day" you were waiting for has come and gone. I have to say, that in just a few weeks I believe "time" for me is going to go at lightning speed. But I am ready!!!

Our 2018 GFWC-SC Convention is upon us where a fabulous Administration will say "Adieu" and the new Administration will kick start 2018-2020. I am super excited about being a part of this Administration and getting to know and serve with all of you!

Shellie Pue was elected at Winter Board as our GFWC-SC Director-elect of Junior Clubs for 2018-2020. So excited to have Shellie serving with us!

The Junior Fun Night will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018. We will have our annual purse auction for the Junior travel fund and enjoy fellowship, make memories, and dance the night away. This can be a great time to get to know your GFWC-SC sisters and incoming State Leaders.

I do want to take this time to thank our current GFWC-SC leaders for all of their dedication and hard work. Each and every one of you have taught me something that I can use to help lead GFWC-SC Juniors over the next two years. A special thanks to Katie Jones Moydell for her support and guidance too!

The following quote is how I feel towards all of you. "I think a Hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people." Maya Angelo. Each and every one of you are my heroes for helping others one project at a time.

In Junior Love, Carrie



Juliet Casper
GFWC-SC
President-elect



Membership - The Real Deal

Nevertheless She Persisted

March is Women’s History Month, and the theme this year is “Nevertheless She Persisted”. Do these words sound familiar to you? They were uttered in February 2017 by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to describe the incident in which Senator Elizabeth Warren was silenced during Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ confirmation hearing. Warren was reading an opposition letter penned by Coretta Scott King. McConnell said, “Senator Warren was giving a lengthy speech. She had appeared to violate the rule. She was warned. She was given an explanation. Nevertheless she persisted.” Immediately this phrase began to show up in hashtags and memes to refer to any strong women who refuse to be silenced. Chelsea Clinton wrote a children’s book shortly thereafter titled *She Persisted*, profiling thirteen American women who changed the world.

I think this phrase “Nevertheless She Persisted” could describe many of our clubwomen. At Winter Board, Marian St. Clair, GFWC First Vice President, reported on her trip to the Capitol Hill to speak with legislators about the proposed tax reforms. She expressed her support for the Universal Charitable Deduction and urged that the current tax deductions for medical expenses remain in place. Marian persisted. In the GFWC News & Notes for December 14, 2017, she said, “It seems especially unjust when families are financially challenged through no fault of their own by medical expenses, to take away deductions that can provide relief.”

GFWC-SC has at least two clubwomen that I know of that hold an elected position in our state: North Myrtle Beach Mayor Marilyn Hatley and Fort Mill Town Councilwoman Trudie Heemsoth. I know these women persist, despite opposition, to protect their towns and safeguard public resources. Mayor Hatley was recently in D.C. to urge legislators to exempt South Carolina from off shore oil drilling, while Councilwoman Heemsoth this past fall voted against town-owned property being converted to a subdivision of 133 homes. Marilyn and Trudie and all of us have a voice today because the Suffragists used theirs to get the 19th Amendment passed almost one hundred years ago.

To celebrate Women’s History Month consider recognizing the women in your club who have persisted to keep the club going, or persisted to raise funds for the club and its projects, or persisted to bring about change in your town. Or, maybe your clubwomen could read Chelsea Clinton’s book to a class of elementary students or donate the book to a local school, library, Girl Scout troop or daycare or after school program. There are kits that can be purchased from the National Women’s History Project that include a seven minute DVD recognizing women who changed America from the colonial times to the present. Just go to www.nwhp.org for more information.

Juliet



Congratulations to all of our clubs that have completed their CSP and Advancement Area reporting! This is a tedious task, but well worth the effort as it articulates the club’s efforts in Sharing Our Passion One Step at a Time for your communities. When you see your club reporting chair tell them thank you for a job well done.

The next step to reporting is submitting the GFWC-SC District/State Award reports which are due March 15, 2018. Use the GFWC-SC District/State Report Form to submit your reports. Reference the December 2017 Clubwoman magazine for report specifics.

Contribution Sheet and Rating Sheet is due March 15, 2018.

Remember to consider outstanding club members by nominating that special member for one of the following awards: Volunteer of the Year, Woman of Distinction or Juniette of the Year. The December 2017 magazine outlines the requirements for each award.

If your club would like to participate in one of the GFWC contest, please refer to the GFWC website or our State Chairman for the details.

- Scrap Book Contest – Frances Dantzler
- Photography Contest – Linda Grant
- Writing Contest – Stephanie Williams

I want to end with a thank you to our CSP and Advancement Area Chairman for their time and energy put forth judging the club reports and preparing our state GFWC reports. This is a huge task which is valued by us all.

It has been an honor to serve as your Second Vice President. I look forward to Convention where we will celebrate our good work!

Kristin



Kristin Fields
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President



Kathie Walker
GFWC-SC
Treasurer

COMING SOON TO A CLUB NEAR YOU - THE END OF YOUR PROGRAM YEAR!!!

Club Treasurers: It is not too soon to begin planning for the end of your Program Year. Here are some very important activities for which the Club Treasurer is normally responsible!

IRS Filing: The 990-N or E-Postcard filing is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year (5 ½ months after the close of your club’s fiscal year). For example, if your tax year ended on May 31, the e-Postcard is due Oct 15th.. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the next business day. Every club **MUST** file some type of tax return with the Federal Government - the 990-N or E-Postcard; IRS Form 990; 990-EZ; or 990-PF. Please read the information at this website for a complete explanation of requirements.

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits>

SC Secretary of State Filing: Every club **MUST** file either the Registration Statement for a Charitable Organization or The Application For Registration Exemption with their Annual Financial Report for a Charitable Organization. A charitable organization may either submit the Secretary of State’s Annual Financial Report Form or the IRS Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-PF. There is no fee associated with this filing. All are all due on an annual basis 4 1/2 months after the close your club’s fiscal year. Please read the information at this website

for a complete explanation of requirements:

http://www.sos.sc.gov/Public_Charities/Public_Charities_Info

Financial Reporting: In order to file an annual Financial Report with the SC Secretary of State, your club must submit their IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF or the Secretary of State’s Annual Financial Report Form. If your club files the **990-N or E-Postcard** – you must complete and file the Secretary of State’s Annual Financial Report Form with either your Registration Statement for a Charitable Organization or Application for Registration Exemption. If you fail to do so, the Secretary of State may assess an administrative fine of up to \$2,000 for each separate violation.

Fund Raisers: If your club must file the S.C. Secretary of State’s Annual Financial Report Form, you will need to keep detailed financial records of ALL fundraisers; such as: Gross Receipts, Charitable Contributions, Cash Prizes, Noncash Prizes, Rent/Facility Expenses, Food and Beverage Costs, and other Direct Expenses. It would be wise for club treasurers to familiarize themselves with this form as soon as possible so that you will know what type of information you should be gathering. (<http://www.sos.sc.gov/forms/Charities/AnnualFinancialReportForm>).

Raffle Registration: The Annual Raffle Registration form is available on the Secretary of State’s website at www.sos.sc.gov, under Forms and Fees. The raffle registration includes a \$50.00 filing fee. Registered organizations are required to file an Annual Raffle Financial Report with the Division of Public Charities 4 ½ months after the end of their fiscal year (includes itemized receipts/expenditures for each “**non-exempt**” raffle). Throughout the year, remember to keep track of all raffle receipts, expenses, and prize values. You will need this information to complete the **Annual Raffle Financial Report**. This form is available on the S.C. Secretary of State’s website, along with all of the information needed to successfully complete this process.

<http://www.sos.sc.gov/Raffles>

As always, if you have any questions or need help on any of the submissions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kathie

Constitution & Bylaws

On behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, I want to report that GFWC-SC Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules were updated pursuant to action taken at GFWC-SC Annual Meeting in April 2017, and copies of the updated documents were delivered to the GFWC-SC Executive Committee and to Tonja Ivey for publication on the GFWC-SC website.

Lynn Cleckler
Chairman



I would like to share this information on the **Duties of the Secretary** with all of you. I thought it might be helpful to any of you who are being asked to serve as your club's secretary or for those of you who have agreed to serve as our new District secretaries. The 4th bullet about things the secretary needs to bring to each meeting is GREAT advice. The 5th bullet in the list and the last 3 bullets might be helpful for anyone needing information on the wording of minutes and on what should be included in the minutes.

Hope this will be helpful!!!!

Norma

Norma England
GFWC-SC
Secretary

Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes

Duties of the Secretary

The secretary is the recording officer of the club and the custodian of its records, except those specifically assigned to others, such as the treasurer's books.

The duties of the secretary are:

- To keep a record of all the proceedings of the organization - usually called the minutes.
- To keep on file all committee reports.
- To keep the club's official membership roll (unless the bylaws assigned another this duty) and to call the roll where it is required.
- To bring to each meeting a list of existing committees and their members, club bylaws, special rules of order, and standing rules.
- To record in the first paragraph of the minutes the kind of meeting: regular, special, adjourned regular, or adjourned special. Also, the name of the club, the date and time of the meeting, and the place, if it is not always the same must be noted.
- To make any corrections approved by members in the text of the minutes being approved. (The minutes of the meeting must state that the minutes were either approved or approved "as corrected".)
- To record motions made and to take down the exact wording of motions especially main motions and amendments. The maker of the motion should be recorded in the minutes, but not the name of the member who seconds the motion. The minutes should reflect whether a motion was adopted or defeated.
- The last paragraph on the minutes should list the time of adjournment. For example, it could read, "The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m."
- Write in the left hand margin the following: "Approved", adding the date and your initials.
- The minutes should be signed by the secretary.

Not Quite

I find a magic space between sleep and wake
where dreams of night ease into the real.

My heart reaches to pull my liquid mind back into itself

to weave both

into something eternal.

But as I stretch to fill the void

my grasp is weak

and infinity

slips away.

Janet R. Smalley, GFWC-SC Poet Laureate

GFWC Leadership, Education and Development Seminar

If you are interested in representing GFWC-SC as our 2018 LEADS Candidate, please submit your application to GFWC-SC Leadership Chairman Connie McFarland no later than March 15, 2018.

**GFWC Leadership, Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)
APPLICATION FORM
2018 LEADS—JUNE 22, 2018
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Please conceal applicants identity during selection deliberation

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible:

(Attach a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed)

List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held: _____

List all district offices and/or chairmanships held: _____

List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved: _____

List positions at the district, state, and/or national level in which you are interested: _____

Are you willing to:

Cover costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state? Yes ___ No ___

Share what you have learned at LEADS with your state's members? Yes ___ No ___

Return this form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members, to Connie McFarland, GFWC-SC Leadership Chairman by March 15, 2018, at cjmcfarland@windstream.net



Official Call to the
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COLUMBIA-AIRPORT

HOST DISTRICTS: MIDLANDS AND NORTHERN

CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS
PEGGY AUN AND LAURA PALMER



The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its' One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Convention at The Holiday Inn & Suites Columbia-Airport, 110 McSwain Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169, April 19-22, 2018. Our special guests will be our GFWC-SC Past President's and GFWC-SC Past Directors of Junior Clubs; our "Welcome Speaker" Lexington County Sherriff Jay Koon, Friday luncheon speaker author Geanna Culbertson, and a representative from Lighthouse for Life will speak at our Saturday brunch. All club-women are invited and encouraged to attend to celebrate a successful year of community service and to recognize our outstanding club-women.

Room Reservation Deadline is April 5, 2018

April 5th is the deadline for room reservations and can be made by calling 1-803-391-4000. Please be sure to state our group name when calling - GFWC-SC. Room rates are Standard 2 Queens or 1 King: \$123.32. Rate is per night and include taxes and fees. All rooms require a guaranteed ONE (1) night's deposit, including tax.

Advance Registration and Meal Reservations Required

April 6 is the deadline for Registration and Meal Reservations. The advance registration fee is \$15 per person. Late registration or on-site registration is \$20 per person. We ask if you have retained a name badge holder from a prior convention to please bring it with you and receive a ticket for a special prize drawing. The Registration Form will be in your March Clubwoman.

Convention Attire & Other Information

Friday opening ceremonies and luncheon will be a Hat & Glove event. So find your best spring dress and wear your hat and gloves for a true "Ladies Luncheon"! Friday evening we will be celebrating **GFWC-SC through the Decades**, so wear your favorite decade dress from 1898-2018. The Junior Fun Night will include the "It's In The Bag" Junior Travel Fund Auction and some fun dancing through ages and line dancing...so bring your dancing shoes! Junior's be sure and remember to bring your entries for the auction. Saturday is Business Casual or GFWC-SC/GFWC/Club attire day. Our Saturday morning business meeting will include the election of the 2018-2020 Executive Committee and District Officer's. Elections will be held at 11:00 a.m. so be sure you are in the room before the doors are closed!! We will enjoy a breakfast buffet and a celebration of our Juniors and the great contributions they make to GFWC-SC. Then you will be free for an afternoon of shopping and networking with your club friends from across the state. Saturday evening we will end our convention in our formal attire as we celebrate our new officer's. The evening will include our 50/50 and of course Drawings for the Basket Auction to benefit the GFWC-SC President's Travel Fund.

Preliminary GFWC-SC Convention Agenda

Thursday, April 19, 2018

4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	GFWC-SC Headquarters
6:30 p.m.	Past President's Dinner	GFWC-SC Headquarters

Friday, April 20, 2018

10:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	
11:00 a.m.	Opening of Convention and "Hat & Glove Ladies Luncheon"	
	Welcome Lexington County Sherriff Jay Koon	
	Luncheon Speaker: Author Geanna Culbertson	
	Awards & Recognition:	
	Honor & Net Gain Clubs	Club & District Rating Sheet Awards
	Contribution Sheet Awards	
	GFWC Advancement Area Reports:	
	Communication & Identity	Fundraising
	Leadership	Membership
	Legislation & Public Policy	Women's History & Resource Center
	GFWC Community Service Programs Reports:	
	Education	Home Life
		Conservation
	GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence & Prevention Reports	
	GFWC Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children Reports	
	FREE TIME	
6:00 p.m.	Reception - Cash Bar	
7:00 p.m.	Dinner - "Honoring Our Past ~ Celebrating Our Present"	
	GFWC Community Service Programs Reports and Contests Reports:	
	Arts	Writing Contest
	Photography Contest	Scrapbook/Yearbook
	GFWC-SC President's Special Project Awards	
	Director of Junior Clubs Special Project Awards	
9:30 p.m.	Junior Fun Night - "It's In the Bag" Auction	

Saturday, April 21, 2018

8:30 a.m.	Memorial Service	
9:00 a.m.	Convention in Session/Breakfast Buffet	
	Reports from GFWC-SC Standing Committees:	
	Credentials	Constitution & Bylaws
	Headquarters	Resolutions
	Disaster Relief	Executive Committee
		Finance
	Reports from GFWC-SC Officers:	District Presidents and Executive Officers
	Reports from Board of Trustees:	
	Trustees of GFWC-SC	Trustees of GFWC-SC Progress Foundation
	Trustees of GFWC-SC Scholarship	
11:00 a.m.	GFWC-SC Elections Committee Report/Confirmations of State & District Elections	
	GFWC Community Service Programs Reports	
	International Outreach	Public Issues
	Recognition of GFWC-SC Juniors	
	Guest Speaker from Lighthouse for Life	
	Photo Opportunity with State President and Director of Junior Clubs	
	for 1 st and 2 nd place CSP/Advancement Area Winners	
	FREE TIME	
	"Lemonade on Laurel" - 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, SC	
5:45 p.m.	Reception - Cash Bar	
6:30 p.m.	Dinner "Embracing Our Future" Gala and Awards	
	District Awards	Outstanding Club Awards
	Individual Awards	Recognition of 2018 Order of the Jessamine
	Installation of 2018-2020 Officers	
	Invitation to 2019 Annual Convention	
	Adjournment of 120 th GFWC-SC Convention	
	Reception in Honor of the 2018-2020 Officers	

Memorial Service

A memorial service honoring our GFWC-SC club members who have passed away dating from May 2017—April 2018, will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Each District President will participate in the service lighting a candle in memory of members from her district.

Club members are encouraged to attend this special service led by our GFWC-SC Chaplain Linda Wagster.

News from Headquarters

1511 Society

It is time to join or renew your annual membership in the 1511 Society and checks are accepted in dimensions of 1511. Individuals, as well as clubs, are encouraged to participate. Funds are used to help with the maintenance and upkeep of our Headquarters Building at 1511 Laurel Street. All who contribute will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card. The drawing will be held on May 1st.

“Lemonade on Laurel”

GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee will host “Lemonade on Laurel” on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. I hope you will take this opportunity to visit our beautiful “home” while you are here for convention! Directions from the Holiday Inn to Headquarters are below:

At the stoplight, turn right onto Sunset Blvd. and bear right on I-26. Take the first exit to I-126. I-126 will turn into Elmwood Avenue after you cross the river. Go to the end where Elmwood Avenue intersects with Bull Street. Take a right onto Bull Street and go three blocks to Laurel Street. Turn left onto Laurel and the mansion will be on your left. You can park in the grassy lot on the corner of Laurel and Bull directly across from the mansion.



Candidates for 2018-2020 GFWC-SC Officers

First Vice President—Kristin Fields

Second Vice President—Norma England

Secretary—Suzanne Carswell

Treasurer—Beth Taylor

Confirmations State and District Elections

2018-2020 President—Juliet Casper

2018-2020 Director of Junior Clubs—Carrie Zimmerman

Director-elect of Junior Clubs—Shellie Pue

District Presidents

Coastal District—Anne Redlus

Midlands District—Katie Moydell

Upstate District—Tina Winkler

GFWC-SC Board of Trustees

Eastern District—2017-2020	Debbie Ritter	Coastal District
Northern District—2018-2021	Janet Agnew	Upstate District
Southern District—2018-2021		Coastal District
Western District—2017-2020	Mary Tipton	Midlands District

GFWC-SC Trustees of Progress Foundation

Central District—2018-2021	Susan Swails	Midlands District
Midlands District—2018-2021	Deidra Harmon	Midlands District
North Central District—2018-2021	Adriana Marlow	Upstate District
Northern District—2017-2020	Deb Peabody	Upstate District

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Northern District—2018-2021	Tammy Sessa	Upstate District
Northwestern District- 2018-2021	Karen Pack	Upstate District
Southern District—2018-2021	Emily Timte	Coastal District

Elections/Confirmations shall be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2018. 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.

Meet your 2018-2020 Candidates for the
GFWC-SC Executive Committee



Kristin Fields
Candidate for GFWC-SC First Vice President

Kristin has been a member of the SAWC for 27 years where she has served as President, Treasurer and several various department chairs. Kristin currently serves GFWC-SC as the Second Vice President. She has also served GFWC-SC as Public Policy Chair, Central District President for two administrations, Finance Committee Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Kristin has been employed at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SC for 29 years. During her tenure there she worked in the Membership Department and Private Finance Departments and is currently the Director of InterPlan Accounting Department.

Kristin resides in Columbia with her husband Bert Fields. She has two children Hunter (24) and Sarah (18). She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in Finance and Entrepreneurial Management. She is a member of St. Andrew's Baptist Church. As a church member she has served on the Child Enrichment Committee, Nominating Committee, By-Laws Committee and helped with the Girl's in Action program.



Norma England
Candidate for GFWC-SC Second Vice President

Norma Cantrell England has been an active member of the Woman's Club of Rock Hill since 2001. She has served as president, recording secretary, publicity chairman, conservation chairman, and has co-chaired several fundraising projects. She was named Woman's Club of Rock Hill Volunteer of the Year for 2013. She is currently serving as chairman of the House Renovation Committee. Norma served as GFWC-SC North Central District president 2014-2016. Norma has enjoyed serving as GFWC-SC Secretary for the past two years.

Norma grew up in the Boiling Springs community in Spartanburg, SC. She received a BA and Master of Education Degree from Winthrop University, Reading Certification from Clemson University, and a Doctorate of Education from Nova Southeastern University. She is a retired Kindergarten and Reading Recovery Teacher. Norma and her husband Matt have been married for 43 years. They enjoy traveling together. They have an 11 year old, dog, Rocky. They enjoy spending time with their family (mother, sisters, brother, nieces and nephews). She especially enjoys being with her 93 year old mother in Spartanburg whenever she can. She is an avid reader. Norma is also a member of the Musicality Ringers (hand bell choir sponsored by WCRH), the SSG Book Club, and the International Reading Association.

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Suzanne Carswell
Candidate for GFWC-SC Secretary

Suzanne Carswell is a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma and lived in Colorado, Tennessee and Ohio before finally settling in South Carolina. Suzanne has been an active member of Chapin Woman's Club since joining in 2009. Prior to moving to Chapin, she was a member of the Junior League of Columbus and served as fundraising co-chair at her children's school.

Within her club, Suzanne served as Men's Committee Chair, as Flamingo Fling event chair twice, and as Club President for two years. At the state level, she has served as International Outreach Chair for three years and was selected as the GFWC-SC LEADS representative in 2016.

Suzanne resides in Chapin with her husband Jim and has two children, Graham who lives in Atlanta and Lauren, who lives in Charleston. She studied at Oklahoma State University and also holds a South Carolina residential real estate license.



Beth Taylor
Candidate for GFWC-SC Treasurer

Beth has been an active member of the St. Andrews Woman's Club since 2007. Several years prior to that she was an active member in the Junior Woman's Club of Columbia.

In St. Andrews Woman's Club, Beth has served two terms as Club President, First Vice President, and is currently serving as Second Vice President. She has also served as CSP Chair for Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues, as well as newsletter chairman, and the club photographer. In 2014, Beth was voted as St. Andrews Woman's Club Outstanding Clubwoman of the Year. While in the Junior Woman's Club of Columbia, she served as Treasurer and First Vice President and several CSP Chairs. Beth is currently serving GFWC-SC as Public Issues Chairman, and in previous administrations has served as International Outreach Chairman.

Beth has been married to Rex for 37 years and they have two children, Karen and Michael, and three grandchildren with one more on the way.

Beth was a Dental Hygienist for 35 years before retiring. She currently works with her husband in his business. Beth enjoys traveling and reading, but most of all spending time with her grandchildren.



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MARIAN ST. CLAIR

**CANDIDATE FOR
GFWC PRESIDENT-ELECT**

GFWC South Carolina proudly endorses Marian St. Clair for the office of GFWC President-elect.

A passionate and energetic clubwoman since 1989, Marian currently serves as First Vice President. She has been a member of the GFWC Board of Directors in succeeding administrations since her 2002-2004 term as South Carolina State President, serving as Bylaws Committee Member, Conservation Beautification Chairman, Leadership Committee Member, Treasurer, Secretary, and Second Vice President. She has also assisted with LEADS, presenting, "How to Write a Great Speech."

Marian is a Master Gardener and Master Naturalist who works as a freelance garden writer and photographer for *The Greenville News* and *Carolina Gardener Magazine*. She leads garden tours to Europe and other areas of interest, and produces a gardening blog, *Hortitopia*. As a horticulture expert, Marian has been a guest on Martha Stewart Radio and other media, and a presenter at symposia.

A devoted volunteer who relishes hands-on opportunities, Marian is an active member of many community service and philanthropic organizations, including Greenville Women Giving. She has been honored by the Rape Crisis Network, SC Wildlife Federation, and SC County Agriculture Agents, and was named a GFWC Woman of Achievement.

Born in Virginia to a military family, Marian lived in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and various other locations before studying Liberal Arts at Virginia Tech and moving to South Carolina. Married to Tim St. Clair, the couple has two sons and daughters-in-law, and two adorable grandchildren.

Because of her proven leadership and steadfast commitment to GFWC ideals and goals, and her exceptional talent, compassion, and integrity, GFWC SC wholeheartedly recommends Marian St. Clair for your consideration.

2018 GFWC International Convention

St. Louis Union Station Hotel

St. Louis, Missouri

June 22—26, 2018

Block Room Reservations available

March 1, 2018



GFWC-SC Scrapbook

Photographs tell a story and each club's story is unique. Put your story together in a scrapbook — either traditional or digital — and bring that scrapbook to convention on Friday, April 20 and enter it in the Scrapbook Contest! Judging criteria is listed on the rating sheet and release form. Have the scrapbook to the “Hostess Table” by Noon on Friday, April 20th!

If you have any questions, please contact Frances Dantzler at fedantzler@aol.com or 803-331-5185.

GFWC Awards and Contests with a Deadline of March 15, 2018

Please be sure to submit your clubs entries for the following GFWC Awards and Contests directly to GFWC by the March 15, 2018 deadline. Details for each entry can be found in the GFWC Manual at [www.gfwc.org/club manual](http://www.gfwc.org/club%20manual).

- GFWC Newsletter Contest
- GFWC Website Contest

You should also send a copy of your entry for the Newsletter Contest to Melanie Branham, GFWC-SC Communications and Identity Chair, 119 Richland Drive, Easley, SC 29642 or email: melaniebranham@yahoo.com. For the Website Contest, please send a copy of your entry to Kaye Gerrald, GFWC-SC Website Design Contest Chairman, 128 Summitt Pt. Court, Chapin, SC 29036 or k.gerrald@gmail.com. GFWC annually awards \$50 to the a club in each of the categories at the GFWC Annual Convention.

GFWC Writing Contests with a Deadline of March 15, 2018

Calling all 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 grade 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 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 phone number; name of sponsor club/state; category and title of manuscript. Authors should keep a copy; manuscripts will not be returned. Send to Writing Contest Chairman, Stephanie Williams, 704 Lorenzo Drive, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582, postmarked on or before March 15, 2018. State winners will be announced at the GFWC-SC Convention. First place state winners will be sent for national judging.

GFWC-SC 2018 Convention Speakers

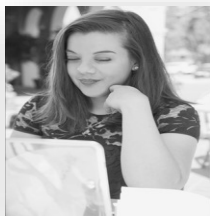


Jay Koon Lexington County Sherriff

Sheriff Bryan "Jay" Koon was sworn in as the 39th sheriff of Lexington County April 24, 2015. Sheriff Koon began his law enforcement career as a reserve police officer for the University of South Carolina's Division of Law Enforcement and Safety in August 1993. In 1994, Koon began a 20-year career with the Town of Lexington Police Department where he served stints as a detective, patrol sergeant, watch commander, special operations lieutenant and, most recently, assistant chief of police. Koon is also a 2008 graduate of the FBI National Academy (Session 235). He also graduated from the 40th session of the FBI's National Executive Institute.

Koon was asked to join the transitional leadership team for the Lexington County Sheriff's Department by then Sheriff A. Lewis McCarty in June 2014.

Sheriff Koon is a 1990 graduate of Lexington High School, and a 1994 graduate of the University of South Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Koon is also a Leadership Lexington County graduate as well as an Eagle Scout.



Geanna Culbertson is the award-winning author of *The Crisanta Knight Series*.

Since Book One's release in May 2016, it has won a Mom's Choice Award for best family-friendly media, an IPPY award for accomplishment in e-books, and a Living Now Choice Award for "best lifestyle and world-changing books" in adventure fiction.

The Crisanta Knight Series is a proud sponsor of Girls on the Run, Los Angeles (GOTRLA). Driven by a heroine who is strong, smart, and bold, The Crisanta Knight Series is happy to be a continuous presence in the GOTRLA community, as both envision "a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential."

The series has been featured in Girls' Life Magazine as recommended reading for preteen and teen girls. Culbertson is also a regular speaker at schools for an array of age groups (from elementary schools to major universities).

Culbertson is a proud alumna of the University of Southern California where she earned her B.A. in Public Relations and triple minor degrees in Marketing, Cinematic Arts, and Critical Approaches to Leadership. She is a part of only 1.3% of her graduating class to earn the double distinction of Renaissance Scholar and Discovery Scholar. Her Discovery Scholar thesis "Beauty & the Badass: Origins of the Hero-Princess Archetype" earned her acclaim in the School of Cinematic Arts, and helped fuel her female protagonist focused writing passions.

In addition to authoring The Crisanta Knight Series (set to be eight books with the final release in spring 2021), Culbertson is a full-time manager at a leading industry digital marketing firm, representing over 30 clients across the nation. When Culbertson is not working or writing, she can likely be found performing volunteer work at her local karate studio where she teaches martial arts (she is a black belt), going on adventures with her mother and best friend, and indulging her love of delicious food across the land.

Please bring gift cards to convention that will be presented to our speaker on Saturday. Cards such as Wal-Mart, Target, or grocery stores, can be dropped off at the "Hostess Table" when you arrive at convention.



Lighthouse for Life is a 501c3 non-profit organization seeking to take steps against sex trafficking. We desire to see everyone joined together to put a stop to the trafficking of our loved ones around us. We also desire to provide grace and restoration to victims being rescued from trafficking.

GFWC-SC 2018 Convention Menu

Friday Opening Session Lunch

**Salad Sampler, Chicken & Tuna Salad, Assorted Wraps/Rolls, Tossed Salad with Dressings,
Marinated Cucumber Tomato Salad
Bagged Chips, Cookies & Brownies, Coffee, Tea and Water**

Friday Evening Dinner

**Shrimp & Grits or Bruschetta Chicken with side and vegetable
Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea and Water**

Saturday Morning Brunch

Quiche Lorraine, Fresh Fruit, Home Fries, Bacon, Coffee, Tea and Water

Saturday Evening Dinner

**Prime Rib or Bourbon Pork Loin with side and vegetable
Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Season Spring Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Water**

Note: Vegetarian Option available for all meals

Directions to the Holiday Inn & Suites Columbia/Airport

110 McSwain Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169

From Rock Hill

Take I-77 South toward Columbia

Take Exit 18 and merge onto SC-277 S toward Columbia

Merge onto I-20W toward Augusta

Take Exit 64A onto I-26E toward Charleston

Take Exit 110 onto to US-378 bear left

At first traffic light turn left onto McSwain Drive and the hotel is on your right

From Aiken

Take I-20 to Exit 61 and bear right onto US-378 toward West Columbia

Go approximately 2.3 miles and turn left onto McSwain Drive and the hotel is on your right

From Charleston

Take I-26 to Exit 110 and bear right onto US-378 toward West Columbia

At first traffic light turn left onto McSwain Drive and the hotel is on your right

GFWC-SC 120th Convention Registration Form

April 19—22, 2018

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

Elizabeth Herring, 327 Annapolis Road, Lexington, SC 29072, liz.herring@windstream.net

Registration Fee: Registration for Convention is \$15 per person. (Late Registration Fee is \$20)

Basic Information

Name: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Credentials Information (check the first one that applies):

- * Past President (of GFWC-SC)
- * State Officer (including District Presidents)
- * State Program Chairman (CSP/Adv./Spec. Proj.) Name of Program: _____
- * Standing Committee Chairman (Finance, Consti. & 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 the nearest ten)
- * Member-At-Large (not affiliated with any club)
- * Club Member/Non-Voting
- * Guest

Medical Information—In Case of an Emergency

Notify (primary): _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Notify (alternate): _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Medicine allergies: _____

Medications/location/instructions in case of emergency: _____

(You are encouraged to keep emergency medications handy.)

Meal Reservations

DEADLINE APRIL 6, 2018

Past President’s Dinner (Thursday—6:30 p.m.) \$20.00 _____

Opening Session Luncheon (Friday—11:00 a.m.) \$28.00 _____

Friday Evening (7:00 p.m.) \$34.00 _____

Stuffed Pork _____

Lemon Parmesan Chicken _____

Saturday Morning Brunch (9:00 a.m.) \$22.00 _____

Saturday Evening Dinner (6:30 p.m.) \$40.00 _____

Blackened Prime Rib _____

Mahi & Shrimp _____

*****LATE MEAL FEE: \$5 PER MEAL AFTER APRIL 6TH *****

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

Vegetarian Option available for all meals upon request

Registration Fee: \$15.00

Meal Total: \$ _____

Total Due GFWC-SC \$ _____

TOTE'ally Amazing Moms

"Celebrating TOTE'ally Amazing Moms" is a GFWC-SC event to honor mothers and mother figures, the first leaders in the lives of children, who foster knowledge, confidence, and independence in the next generation. This fun-filled, not-to-be missed, social will be held from 10 am to 12 pm on Saturday, May 12, at the GFWC-SC Headquarters Sims-Stackhouse Mansion, 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia.

There will be flowers and fruit for sale, a silent auction, a flower arranging demonstration and much more. Clubs and/or individuals are asked to donate a "TOTE" filled with goodies to be auctioned.

Sponsorships are available, and all sponsors receive the following:

- Name printed in GFWC-SC Clubwoman June Magazine and displayed at the event
- Tickets to the event

Sponsorship Levels:

\$50 Gerbera Daisy – One (1) TOTE'ally Amazing Moms ticket

\$100 Geranium – Two (2) TOTE'ally Amazing Moms tickets

\$250 Rose – Three (3) TOTE'ally Amazing Moms tickets

Tickets are \$10.00. All proceeds benefit leadership programs of GFWC-SC, enhancing the Federation's ability to strengthen the clubs that so ably serve the citizens and communities of South Carolina.

For questions or additional information contact Jackie Boland (jackieboland@hotmail.com) or Laurie O'Kelly (llok385@aol.com). The deadline to donate is Monday, April 30.



SPONSORSHIP FORM FOR TOTE'ALLY AMAZING MOMS EVENT

Please consider us a sponsor for the 2018 TOTE'ally Amazing Moms Event as follows:

All Sponsors receive the following:

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- Tickets to Event

Check Sponsorship Level:

- \$50 Gerbera Daisy - One (1) TOTE'ally Amazing Moms Ticket
- \$100 Geranium - Two (2) TOTE'ally Amazing Moms Tickets
- \$250 Rose - Four (4) TOTE'ally Amazing Moms Tickets

Club/Individual Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Return form by Monday, April 30 to: Katie Moydell, katiemoydell1020@gmail.com

Donna Rae Grove
Woman's Club of Rock Hill
803-325-1914

WHITNEY'S STORY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT – WOMAN'S CLUB OF ROCK HILL

“When we left for school in the morning, we had two parents. When we came home from school, we didn't have any.” Those were the heart wrenching words heard by members of the Woman's Club of Rock Hill on Monday, January 10, as we listened to a young woman's story of domestic violence. There are many victims of an act of domestic violence. It affects not just the person who is physically hurt or killed, but their family and loved ones.

Ellen Mayes, Club Parliamentarian and By Laws Chair, and former Chairman of Legislative/Policy for GFWC-SC, introduced Whitney, our speaker for the January Club meeting. Whitney is 20 years old and a student at a SC University (last name and identity withheld for privacy reasons.) She is a bright, articulate, stylish and strong-willed young woman who told us this was the first time she had told her story, and hoped we would understand if she became emotional in the telling. We were honored and blessed to hear her story.

Whitney, her brother, and her sister were 12, 11, and 5 years old in December 2009. Both parents attended a Parent-Teacher conference one day that December. Whitney said her parents seemed angry with each other at the meeting. She hugged her mother goodbye. It was the last time she saw her alive. At the end of the day, when the school bus carrying the three siblings drove down the road to their house, flashing lights from police cars and an ambulance could be seen. As the children approached the house, their aunt and grandmother kept them from going inside, because as Whitney later learned, “there was blood everywhere.” Their father had picked up a portable heater and smashed their mother's skull. Their mother was dead and their father was sentenced to life in prison. The children were now virtually orphans. The Club members were stunned by the horrific act and by Whitney's bravery in describing what happened. Whitney told us that she forgave her dad, but she is angry. She needs her mother, and realizes more and more how much she misses having a mother (and father) in her life. She doesn't know why her father did such a terrible thing, and he has never apologized.

The Education CSP and the Woman's Club of Rock Hill have opened their hearts to Whitney, and unofficially “adopted” her as she attends University to become a financial management consultant. Club members donated \$1200 for a college scholarship for Whitney last year. At the January 2018 meeting, Ellen presented her with another check, this time for \$500 resulting from Club donations and a matching grant from the S.C.F.W.C. Progress Foundation. The Club is grateful to the Progress Foundation for its part in this project.

A basket of goodies was sent to her last year - the first package Whitney has ever received in the mail. Plans are being made to send a Valentine package. Many of the Club members will act as “honorary grandmothers” and send cards and gifts to her; the way many college students receive cards and “care packages” from home.

Domestic Violence is widespread and much too common in our society. It is a crime that shatters lives. Getting to know Whitney has made it personal for the members of the Woman's Club of Rock Hill.

**2018 GFWC-SC Winter Session
January 6, 2018**



**Sue Burgess, GFWC-SC
Your State, Your Project Chairman**



**Guest Speaker:
Deputy Elizabeth "Liz" Dickman
Richland County Sherriff's Department
Victims Service Unit**



**Guest Author
Brigadier General (Ret.) Anthony J. TaTa**



**Kathie Walker
GFWC-SC Treasurer
and
Retired Lt. Colonel U.S. Army**



**Katie Moydell
GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs
Sharing her thoughts on "Leadership"**

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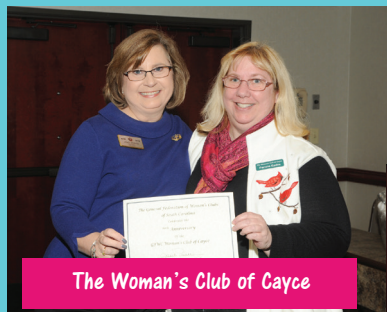
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April 19-22, 2018

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June 22-26, 2018 ~ St. Louis Missouri

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July 21, 2018



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