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Hello GFWC-SC! I hope this magazine finds you enjoying the spring weather. It's the time of year we start new outdoor projects, plant new gardens and as GFWC-SC members we attend our Annual Convention.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. It is time for clubs to show support to this issue. As Sue Williams said at a recent St. Andrews Woman's Club meeting, "the pinwheel starts the conversation" for many of our children and families that need help. A few simple projects your club can do that will bring awareness to child abuse prevention: plant a pinwheel garden in the community, or create a bouquet to display in high traffic business; then share pictures of your garden or bouquet on social media. Clubs can also work with local town councils to secure a proclamation for child abuse awareness. I look forward to seeing pinwheels turning across our state.

The annual convention will be brought to you in the safety of your home through a Zoom meeting. The Executive Committee has worked diligently to make this a special event. The Call to Convention page includes the important details. The Board of Directors will meet Friday, April 23, 2021 at 10am via Zoom. The Annual Convention will be April 24, 2021, 10am - 2pm.

New plans are being made for the 2021 GFWC International Convention. Look for those details in the GFWC Spring Clubwoman Magazine.

Happy Spring!

In Federation Spirit,

Kristin

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Ladies, It was so good to see each of your faces in the Zoom tiles of our Virtual Winter Board meeting. I was so glad to receive such a positive response toward our guest speaker, Kia Gainous, founder of InspireMe Outreach Program. She shared her personal story and their organization's mission and aspirations to host a summer program in an effort to help young girls suffering from low self-esteem.

If you and your clubs would like to support this cause, here's how you can help, here is a list of items needed. monetary donations, gift cards for prizes, ink pens (grey or silver), journals or notebooks, mini bottles of hand sanitizer, mini packs of tissue, lanyards (grey, white or yellow), name tags, bottles of water, paper products - (plates, cups, napkins, forks, spoons, knives, to-go boxes, plastic grocery bags). To coordinate donation/sponsorship drop-off email Kia Gainous inspiremekia@gmail.com

As much as we're all ready to get back to our in-person meetings and conventions, we have all found ourselves strengthening and flexing our tech-savvy muscles.

The Executive Committee is excited to be able to offer an additional method of registration that can be done solely online via Eventbrite. Don't get overwhelmed, the process is optional and user-friendly. A registration link will be made available to you and will also be on our GFWC-SC website. All you have to do is:

1. CLICK THE LINK - the registration page for state convention 2021 will open
2. CLICK GREEN BUTTON "TICKETS" - A list of registration options will open, select what you would like, after your selection
3. CLICK ORANGE BUTTON "CHECKOUT" - enter your contact and payment information
4. CLICK PLACE ORDER BUTTON
5. A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WILL SENT TO YOU
6. SEE YOU IN APRIL AT CONVENTION!

She has fire in her soul. Grace flows abundantly from her heart. She's brave and kind. Her heart is true. She lives her purpose every day. She inspires hope and leads with her brilliant light. Keep letting your light shine bright!

In Junior Love,

Shelli



Shelli Pue
GFWC-SC

Director of Junior Clubs



Norma England

GFWC-SC

First Vice President

The GFWC Recruitment theme for this administration is HATS OFF TO MEMBERSHIP.

I want to take my hat off to all the clubs who have submitted recruitment campaign reports for the fall and winter reporting periods. Many clubs have recruited new members this year. Membership is the responsibility of all GFWC-SC members and one that our clubs are taking very seriously and for that I say THANK YOU ! The spring recruitment report is due on June 1st. This report will be for new members recruited during March, April, and May. Please continue to send me a copy of your report.

The focus for the spring recruiting campaign is HATS OFF TO RECOGNITION! Spring brings the end of our club year and this is the perfect time to focus on recognizing our members for their years of service. New members are important to a club, but we should never forget about retaining and recognizing our existing members. GFWC has Membership Anniversary pins for years of service in 5 year increments from 5 to 70 years. Contact me if you would like to order pins for your members.

Spring is also a great time to recognize an outstanding club member for her service to the club. March is Women's History Month. This is a good time to recognize Club members responsible for establishing your club, or who have raised money to keep the club going, or worked on projects to make a difference in your community. Remember we have the GFWC- SC Honor

Roll and Order of the Jessamine as a special way to honor outstanding club members during our GFWC-SC Convention. The GFWC website has lots of great ideas on ways to recognize and retain members.

I am sorry we will not have our GFWC-SC Convention in person again this year. But, I look forward to seeing all of you on Zoom for our Convention. We are planning some fun ways to honor and recognize our SC members on Zoom this year!

In Federation Spirit,

Norma



Thank you and congratulations to all of you who sent reports by the February 1st deadline. Reporting seems always to bring it's share of challenges and this reporting year especially so. Working around Covid, understanding new CSP names and criteria, navigating new websites, grasping the technology that accompanies revamped reporting forms and remote reporting, conducting and attending workshops and state meetings via Zoom rather than in person – all have contributed to the challenge. Still, I am amazed and awed at the amount of good work done in a year when most meetings were accomplished remotely, if at all. Despite all this, it's evident the Volunteer Spirit is alive and well within our GFWC South Carolina clubwomen as your reports reflected your genuine hearts for service and your creativity serving others, all in the midst of a pandemic. Kristin's theme of 'Turning for Tomorrow' couldn't be more appropriate.



Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President

Please make a special effort to thank those in your clubs who prepared reports. It is not always an easy job. Still, I hope you feel as I do that it's a rewarding one. To look at the body of work done over the course of the year and remind yourselves just what a difference you make in your community through your clubwork is energizing and motivating. Consider sharing your reports with your membership so that they, too, can feel the pride of achievement told through the number of volunteer hours, dollars donated, dollars raised and in-kind donations. Not all clubs will win awards for their work, but you are ALL worthy of recognition for the wonderful work you do.

The State/District Award Forms are due March 15, as are many other award and contest submissions. Please refer to the December 2020 Clubwoman for criteria for those awards and how to submit.

Please don't forget to nominate someone deserving for GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year, GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction and Junior Clubwoman of the Year individual awards. The forms for those nominations are on the GFWC-SC.org website under More/President Packet.

Again, thank you for all the reports and congratulations on all your good works. I sincerely hope to see you all in April at convention.

In Federation Love,

Suzanne



Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC
Secretary

Minutes of a meeting...why in the world are they so darn important? Well...there are a lot of good reasons to keep accurate minutes of your meetings such as they save time and prevent confusion about decisions made, they provide documentation for future actions, and they protect your 501(c)(3) designation. Today though, we are going to look into on why the IRS cares about your minutes.

For your club to get its 501(c)(3) designation, the IRS required a copy of your Bylaws along with its application for tax exemption. Your Bylaws are the legally binding rules by which your club is governed. Nonprofits are required to keep records of their Bylaws however once your 501(c)(3) is approved; your Bylaws can be changed without officially filing the changes made.

So, what do your minutes have to do with your Bylaws and the IRS? Your minutes are the records which your club is run. They are in essence "proof" you are following your Bylaws and continue to be a 501(c)(3) in good standing. When the IRS refers to records, it usually means your finances as well as your club's accounting procedures. And while the IRS encourages nonprofits to keep minutes, they do not specify a format for the recording or storing of your minutes. (Note: If the IRS is asking about something that means they care about it and if you are not meeting what they consider good governance practices, you just may be on their radar!). The one place the IRS does explicitly reference meeting minutes is that the meeting minutes MUST be kept permanently. If you do not keep complete records of your club, you run the risk of losing your tax-exempt status.

So...what should you include in your minutes? At a minimum, the following information is needed:

- Date and time (start and end) of your meeting
- Type and purpose of meeting
- If a quorum was established based on your Bylaws
- Actions taken (approved or not)
- Action items on commitments made

Make sure though that beyond these, your meeting minutes are structured to help your club and not just to satisfy the IRS...they are ultimately there to aid in the success of your club and the work you do.

In Federation Love,

Kaye



Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC
Treasurer

Did you know that the Chinese New Year, 2021, is the Year of the Ox? The Oxen are the hard workers in the background, reliable and honest. I feel this is a true description of the Treasurer. The Treasurer in any club does much more than what most members think. We don't just "write checks", we have to be able to help support club decisions by balancing and keeping ahold of one of the most valuable resources of a club, the money. Make sure you let your Treasurer know how important they are to you and your club!

In speaking with past Treasurers, one thing that has resonated is that it takes about a year to understand the duties. I believe this to be true! These past couple of months I have been busy with collecting dues, filing raffle documents, tax documents and paying our dues to GFWC. Thank you to all clubs that have turned in their dues! GFWC-SC is amazing! Many clubs met the November 1, 2020 deadline to be eligible for the Progress Foundation grant in 2021. Great job!

A simple but important reminder is to not forget your taxes, Secretary of State Raffle and Secretary of State Registration are due 3 and 1/2 months after your club year end. For those on a calendar year that means they are due April 15th. Get those important documents submitted!

We are very excited that we will be using EventBrite for convention payment this year! It is a great tool and allows our members to choose to use a credit card instead of paper check. Now, if you still feel more comfortable paying by check, that is fine, no judgement! The EC just wanted to give more options for payment We look forward to seeing you smiling face on our GFWC-SC virtual convention for 2021! Keep the faith that we will be together again very soon!

Happy Spring!

In Federation Love,

Carrie

The Reveal

Kiss of sunshine
Soul weary lift of the Breath of Spring Energetic bulbs
poke their nodding heads Up and through
Mowers Hum and Toss green pungency into the wind
Robins foot race After the rains in a
breakfast marathon
We sweep Away the remains of winter Revealing a
promise; the Vow of resilience More Godly and
Powerful than our words Proof.

Janet R. Smalley
GFWC-SC Poet Laureate

HeadQuarters News

COMING SOON..... "1511 Society" Campaign
April 1 - 30

Details to clubs and club members by email.

Progress Foundation Reminder

Remember your final letter on the completion of
your project is **due on April 15, 2021** to:
Jan W. Hadwin , 4009 Rockbridge Road, Columbia,
S.C. 29206.

Failure respond may result in not being considered
for a grant next year.

Honor Roll and Order of the Jessamine

With a \$25 donation to GFWC-SC, you can honor a special clubwoman in your club in 2020. Honorees will be listed in the convention program and added to the Honor Roll book at headquarters.

With a \$50 donation to GFWC-SC, you can honor one member of your club with election to the Order of the Jessamine. The honoree will be recognized at convention and featured in the June Clubwoman magazine.

Make checks payable to GFWC-SC and send to Carrie Zimmerman,
605 White Oaks Farms Road, Tamassee, SC 29686.

Due April 1, 2021. All proceeds benefit the GFWC-SC General Fund

Legislative and Public Policy Advancement Area
Janet Watkins, Chairperson

National Legislation to follow can be accessed from the GFWC website <https://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/public-policy/> scroll down and click on the Legislative Action button. Be sure to sign up for the Legislative Action Center and click on the remember me buttons to continue getting updates. The current action request is to end Campus Sexual Assaults

There are two resolutions in the current Congress that GFWC is supporting. Both resolutions are calling for removal of the deadline to the Equal Rights Amendment. SJ Resolution1 is a joint resolution in the Senate sponsored by Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D-MD) and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK). HJ Resolution 17 is sponsored by Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) and 200 co-sponsors.

State Legislation: Because of Covid restrictions, visitors are not being allowed at the State House; but live streaming of the committee meeting can be followed. Information on each bill and updates on the hearings for each can be found at <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/index.php> Below are some Pre-filed Senate Bills that correspond to topics of GFWC and GFWC-SC interests.

Legislative:

S 262 Joint resolution to ratify a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the USA providing rights will not be denied because of sex. (Reboot of the process for the ERA)

S 254 requires post-election audit of all precincts before state certification.

Education:

S 60 Establish wireless sites in underserved areas for more equitable education

S 86 Establish and fund an Early Reading and Development Program in low economic areas and expand to all areas of the state by 2023-2024.

S 322 Establish a teacher bill of rights establishing protection from frivolous lawsuits, guaranteed planning time, pay at the Southeastern Average

Child Advocacy:

S 221 Extends foster care for eligible children until age 21 to aid in transition to adulthood and continue in higher ed.

S 222 Allows fictive kin (not blood kin but someone who has emotional bond with child) to serve as foster parent before licensing has taken place

S 441 Regulates placement children into qualified treatment facilities when necessary and regulates the facilities

S 229 Establishes a Child Advocacy Accreditation requirement for advocacy centers, sets up a network for state agencies for coordination of information and education.

S 243 Authorizes physicians to release information about patients who are victims of fatal or near fatal abuse.

Domestic Violence and Trafficking:

S 223 sets up a confidential address system for victims of domestic violence

S 224 increases the penalty for solicitation and establishes trafficking as a defense from prostitution for minors

S 230 establishes trafficking as a defense from prostitution for minors

Hate Crimes* (proposed legislation says “because of his race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or sexual orientation”; I have used “hate crime” as a substitute to condense the verbiage)

S 88 establishes hate crimes as aggravating circumstances for crimes

S 171 adds hate crime penalty to malicious injury of person or property

S 198 adds hate crime to conspiracy to violently interfere with a person’s civil right

ENVIRONMENT CSP – Darlene Rittel, GFWC-SC State Chair

As spring approaches with recognition activities for Earth Day (April 22) and The Great American Clean-up campaign (Mar 23-June 20) we can certainly continue to address all four areas listed in the GFWC Environment CSP – 1) preserve resources; 2) protect animals, 3)live sustainably; and 4) beautify communities and nature.

During our virtual Winter Board Session, I encouraged all members to become more aware about FOOD WASTE and ways to reduce the amount of foods that are often needlessly thrown out. In our state, DHEC has a program called “Don’t Waste Food SC.” Some information about this program was sent to all club presidents last fall to share with club members. But for more details readers may go to www.scdhec.gov/dontwastefoodsc. Or call Adah Gorton at 1-803-898-1328; or Amanda Edwards at 1-803-898-0998. They are VERY helpful – might I say “A plus”? - and can provide much useful information (or perhaps even be a speaker [virtual?] at a club meeting)! The free “ambassador” program is an easy way to participate and can really make a difference in our state.

Meanwhile, here are some suggestions they give to help us all reduce food waste at home:

1. Plan ahead. Create meals based on what you already have at home. Then shop smart and buy ONLY what you need and STICK to it.
2. Prep and portion food as soon as you can when you get home from the store.
3. Cook ONLY what you will actually eat. Unless you love leftovers. Be creative with leftovers for new dishes or meals.
4. Store food correctly in fridges at 40 and freezers at 0 degrees F. Pull older foods towards front to use first.
5. Check and understand labels. “Sell by” and “Best by” are NOT EXPIRATION dates. Do a smell test to see if the item is still good to eat.

For Earth Day and Great American Cleanup, please check with your local waste control/recycling agencies for possible events and activities. Or join a volunteer group such as Adopt-a-Highway. Some clubs may be able to create or sponsor their own community clean up day or submit request to the mayor for a proclamation. Other ideas might be planting trees or butterfly gardens. Please do publicize your activities and keep track of your hours and dollars and number of volunteers for various reporting.

Of course, the GFWC manual as well as the Internet provide a wealth of information about our environment. Google a few sites to learn more about the impressive history and scope of Earth Day, Keep America Beautiful, Great American Cleanup, Project Learning Tree, or Palmetto Pride SC. In addition to increasing member awareness of the issues, these entities also provide suggestions that can be implemented in small or large ways. For example, club members could call the Palmetto Pride Litter Hotline at 877-754-8837 to report litterbugs. Keep the number handy in car or phone or use the app and follow easy guidelines, all very private and anonymous. Then members could tell at each club meeting the number of calls made during the month. What a difference if all GFWC-SC members reported even one litterbug per month! This would send a message to the litterbugs as well as provide additional data that might show a need for better legislation or enforcement resources. And it is free; can be done from the car (when safe to do so); and takes just a few minutes of time.

Lexington Woman's Club 37th Annual Charity Golf Tournament



Lexington Woman's Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Fed. Tax ID: 576033918

Monday, March 29, 2021
Country Club Of Lexington
1066 Barr Road
Lexington, SC

Jan Wismer Hadwin Honored by GFWC-SC

At the September meeting of the Palmetto Woman's Club, GFWC-SC President, Kristin Fields, presented Jan Wismer Hadwin her GFWC 65 year membership pin.

Jan started her journey with GFWC in Charlotte in 1955 as a member of the Charlotte Junior Woman's Club. She transferred her membership to the Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia in 1959. She served the Columbia Juniors as president 1968-69. She is a charter member of the Palmetto Woman's club serving as President 1990-91 and 2009-2011. She is a member of The Woman's Club of Columbia serving as president 1998-2000.

Jan has served GFWC-SC as chair of several departments, GFW-SC Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary. SCFWC Progress Foundation Treasurer 1974-to present. Serving on GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee 1996-present. In 1998 she received the Woman of Distinction award representing GFWC-SC at the GFWC International Convention in New Orleans. In 2010 was the recipient of the Jennie June award representing GFWC-SC at Southern Region in Tampa Florida.

In 2010 was presented The Order of The Palmetto by Governor Mark Sanford.

Jan continues to live the GFWC volunteer spirit with her commitment to many community charities.



**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GFWC- SC CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
April 24, 2021**

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 10

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 10. All applications for membership shall be acted upon by the Membership Committee. This committee shall consist of the GFWC-SC First Vice President, the GFWC-SC Treasurer, the District Presidents, the District Vice Presidents, and the District Secretary-Treasurers. A club applying for membership shall be notified of its acceptance by the Chairman of the Membership Committee (who is also the GFWC-SC First Vice President).

PROPOSED WORDING:

Section 10. All applications for membership shall be acted upon by the Membership Committee. This committee shall consist of the GFWC-SC First Vice President, the GFWC-SC Treasurer, the District Presidents, the District Vice Presidents, and the District Secretary-Treasurers. **The GFWC Advancement Area Membership Chairman, if not the First Vice President, may also be a member of the GFWC-SC Membership Committee.** A club applying for membership shall be notified of its acceptance by the Chairman of the Membership Committee (who is also the GFWC-SC First Vice President).

Rationale: To add the GFWC Advancement Area Membership Chairman, if different from the First Vice President, to the Membership Committee

ARTICLE V - DUES AND FINANCE

Section 3

CURRENT WORDING:

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.

PROPOSED WORDING:

Section 3. Convention Registration Fee. There shall be an advance registration fee of **twenty dollars (\$20) and a non-advance registration fee of twenty five dollars (\$25)** 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.

Rationale: Due to rising costs of Convention.

ARTICLE VI – FUNDS

Section 9

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 4. The funds of the Progress Foundation shall be kept in a separate account called the GFWC-SC Progress Foundation, and all investments of Progress Foundation funds shall be made in its name. The securities and interest shall be held by the Treasurer of Progress Foundation. Except for willful misconduct or negligence the trustees shall not be responsible for losses of trust funds.

PROPOSED WORDING

Section 9. The funds of the Progress Foundation shall be kept in a separate account called the ~~GFWC-SC Progress Foundation~~, **S.C.F.W.C. Progress Foundation** and all investments of Progress Foundation funds shall be made in its name. The securities and interest shall be held by the Treasurer of Progress Foundation. Except for willful misconduct or negligence the trustees shall not be held responsible for losses of trust funds.

Rationale: To reflect in the Bylaws the proper name of this fund. This section becomes 9 and the other sections move up.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PROGRAM COUNCIL, AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

Section 4

CURRENT WORDING:

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

PROPOSED WORDING:

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

Rationale: This article is referring to the Program Council and the appropriate time to present recommendations to the Board of Directors, which must take place before the Summer Board Meeting. Any responsibility of the Board of Directors would usually fall under the article relating to the Board of Directors' duties. Although the Program Council usually meets the evening prior to the Board of Directors, due to timing, it allows some flexibility in scheduling the meeting time, particularly if via a virtual meeting.

ARTICLE IX - DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

Section 5.

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 5. The members of the Board of Trustees of the ~~GFWC-SC~~ S.C.F.W.C. Progress Foundation shall be governed by the terms of the Trust Agreement. They shall handle all funds and property of the Foundation only in accordance with the provisions as set forth in Section Seven of the Trust Agreement.

PROPOSED WORDING:

Section 5. The members of the Board of Trustees **for** the ~~GFWC-SC~~ S.C.F.W.C. Progress Foundation shall be governed by the terms of the Trust Agreement. They shall handle all funds and property of the Foundation only in accordance with the provisions as set forth in Section Seven of the Trust Agreement.

Rationale: To list the proper name of this fund.

ARTICLE XI - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VACANCIES

Section 1. Paragraph 1. Nominations (Paragraph 1)

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 1. Nominations. All officers, with the exception of District Presidents, shall be elected biennially in even numbered years. To be eligible for office, a candidate (1) must be an active member in good standing of a club in direct membership; (2) has been a GFWC-SC member for three or more years; (3) has served as either a club president, District President, or GFWC-SC Chairman; (4) is a legal resident of South Carolina. The Elections Committee shall meet in January and shall have ready a complete list of nominees for the office of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Junior Clubs, Director-elect of Junior Clubs, three District Presidents, and other various offices to be filled, to be made a part of the Call to Convention. The nominees for District Presidents shall have been selected and approved by their respective Districts at the previous District Conference. The Committee shall have a list to present to Convention for election. The Special Assistant to the President shall be appointed by the President with whom she shall serve, and shall be installed at the same time as other officers.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured. If there is only one candidate for each office the election may be made by acclamation. A majority of the votes cast shall constitute an election.

The Elections Committee shall consist of one representative from each District and they

shall elect a Chairman from among the members. This representative and one alternate from each district shall be elected in the odd number of calendar years at their respective District Conferences prior to Convention and shall serve for one term. No state officer shall be eligible.

If an elected member or her alternate is unable to attend a meeting, the District President shall appoint someone to represent the District on the Committee.

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Rationale: Better clarity of the duties of the Elections Committee.

Article XI – Nominations, Elections, and Vacancies.

Section 1. Paragraph 3. The Elections Committee

CURRENT WORDING:

The Elections Committee shall consist of one representative from each District and they shall elect a Chairman from among the members. This representative and one alternate from each district shall be elected in the odd number of calendar years at their respective District Conferences prior to Convention and shall serve for one term. No state officer shall be eligible. If an elected member or her alternate is unable to attend a meeting, the District President shall appoint someone to represent the District on the Committee.

PROPOSED WORDING:

The Elections Committee shall consist of **one representative and one alternate from each District and they shall elect a Chairman from among the representative members.** This representative and one alternate from each district shall be elected in the odd number of calendar years at their respective District Conferences prior to Convention and shall serve for one **two-year term**. No state officer shall be eligible. If

an elected member or her alternate is unable to attend a meeting, the District President shall appoint someone to represent the District on the Committee.

Rationale: Better clarity.

ARTICLE XI - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VACANCIES

Section 5. The Nine elected members...

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 5. The nine elected members of the Board of Trustees of GFWC-SC shall be nominated and elected at their District Conference and their names submitted to the Convention for affirmation. The Trustees so elected shall serve for a term of three years each. Each year the Trustees shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary from the elected members. No Trustee may stand for re-election until two full years have elapsed since the close of her last term of service. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual District Conference at which time there is an election of a member for the unexpired term. If the unexpired term is less than one-half of the full term, the Trustee so elected may succeed herself.

PROPOSED WORDING:

Section 5. The nine elected members of the Board of Trustees of GFWC-SC shall be nominated and elected at their District Conference and their names submitted to the Convention for affirmation. The Trustees so elected shall serve for a term of **two** years. ~~each. Each year~~ **At the beginning of each administration**, the Trustees shall elect a Chairman ~~and a Secretary~~ from the elected members. No Trustee may stand for re-election until two full years have elapsed since the close of her last term of service. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual District Conference at which time there is an election of a member for the unexpired term. If the unexpired term is less than one-half of the full term, the Trustee so elected may succeed herself.

Rationale: Three year terms with rotation may have lost their usefulness, since there are now a number of qualified members who could serve on this board, so the need for rotation may no longer be necessary. Also, two year terms (lined up with each administration) would be smoother to organize and fill the positions.

ARTICLE XI - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VACANCIES

Section 6. The Nine elected members...

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 6. The nine elected members of the Board of Trustees of the ~~GFWC-SC~~ **S.C.F.W.C.** Progress Foundation shall be nominated and elected at their District Conference and their names submitted to the Convention for affirmation. The Trustees so elected shall serve for a term of three years each. A Trustee shall not be eligible for re-election until two full years have elapsed since the close of her last term. Any service exceeding one and one-half years shall be considered a term. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of the GFWC-SC Progress Foundation between Conventions, the Trustees shall elect a Trustee to serve until the next District Conference. The Trustees shall elect from themselves each two years for a two-year term a Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

PROPOSED WORDING:

Section 6. The nine elected members of the Board of Trustees of the ~~GFWC-SC~~ **S.C.F.W.C.** Progress Foundation shall be nominated and elected at their District Conference and their names submitted to the Convention for affirmation. The Trustees so elected shall serve for a term of three years each. A Trustee shall not be eligible for re-election until two full years have elapsed since the close of her last term. Any service exceeding one and one-half years shall be considered a term. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Board

of Trustees of the GFWC-SC Progress Foundation between Conventions, the Trustees shall elect a Trustee to serve until the next District Conference. The Trustees shall elect from themselves each two years for a two-year term a Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Rationale: To reflect in the Bylaws the proper name of this fund.

Article XI – Nominations, Elections, and Vacancies

Section 7. The Nine elected members...

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 7. The nine elected members of the Board of Trustees of the GFWC-SC Scholarship Fund shall be nominated and elected at their District Conference and their names submitted to the Convention for affirmation. Trustees shall be elected for a three-year term. The trustees shall elect every two years a chairman to serve for two years. No trustee may stand for re-election until two full years have elapsed since the close of her last term of service. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next District Conference at which time there is election of a member for the unexpired term. If the term is less than one half of the full term, the Trustee so elected may succeed herself.

PROPOSED WORDING:

Section 7. The nine elected members of the Board of Trustees of the GFWC-SC Scholarship Fund shall be nominated and elected at their District Conference and their names submitted to the Convention for affirmation. Trustees shall be elected for a **two**-year term. **At the beginning of each administration**, the trustees shall elect a chairman from the elected members. No trustee may stand for re-election until two full years have elapsed since the close of her last term of service. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next District Conference at which time there is election of a member for the unexpired term. If the term is less than one half of the full term, the Trustee so elected may succeed herself.

Rationale: Three year terms with rotation may have lost their usefulness, since there are now a number of qualified members who could serve on this board, so the need for rotation may no longer be necessary. Also, two year terms (lined up with each administration) would be smoother to organize and fill the positions.

ARTICLE XII- COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 1. Community Service Programs, and Special Committees shall be established by the Executive Committee of GFWC-SC in conformity with those of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Additional Community Service Programs and Committees may be established if deemed necessary to implement the program of GFWC-SC.

Section 3. Special Committee Chairmen shall be appointed by the President.

Section 4. A vacancy in any Community Service Program or Special Committee shall be filled by an appointee of the President.

PROPOSED WORDING:

Section 1. Community Service Programs, **Advancement Area Committees**, and Special Committees shall be established by the Executive Committee of GFWC-SC in conformity with those of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Additional Community Service Programs and Committees may be established if deemed necessary to implement the program of GFWC-SC.

Section 3. **Advancement Area Committee Chairmen** and Special Committee Chairmen shall be appointed by the President.

Section 4. A vacancy in any Community Service Program, **Advancement Area Committee**, or Special Committee shall be filled by an appointee of the President.

Rationale: To list the Advancement Area Committees category in the Bylaws.

GFWC-SC Board Members to be Confirmed at Convention, 2021

GFWC-SC Board of Trustees

Coastal District: Brenda Tarkenton, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club (2021-2024)

Connie Holston, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club (2021-2024}

Midlands District: Katie Moydell, Junior Woman's Club of Columbia (2020-2023)

Upstate District: Caroline Mahaffey Golden Strip, Upstate Woman's Club(2021-24)

Adriana Marlow, Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill, (2021-2024)

Trustees of Progress Foundation

Coastal District: Karen Lassiter Woman's Club of Charleston (2021-2024),

Anne Redlus, Women's League of the Lowcountry (2021-2024)

Midlands District: Elizabeth Herring , Palmetto Woman's Club (2019-2022)

Upstate District: Jane Agnew, Jubilee Woman's Club (2021-2024)

Trustees for the Scholarship Fund

Coastal District: Sandra Miller Woman's League of the Lowcountry (2021-2022),

Jeri McCumbee, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club (2021-2024)

Midlands District: NONE to be confirmed at this time.

Upstate District: Rhonda Garris, York County, Woman's Club of Rock Hill (2021-24),

Tammy Garland, Golden Corner Woman's Club (2021-24),

Donna Anderson, Upstate Woman's Club (2021-24)

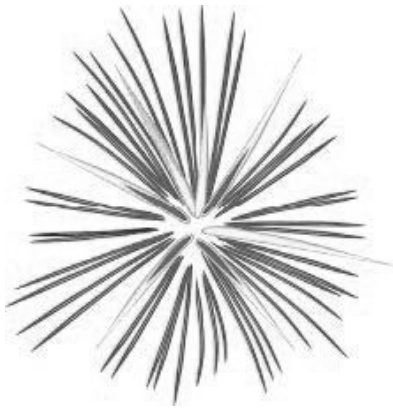
GFWC-SC Elections Committee

Coastal District: Karen Lassiter, Woman's Club of Charleston, alternate Martha Brown

Midlands District: Jackie Boland, Woman's Club of the Midlands, alternate Janet Prince

Upstate District: Laura Palmer, Renaissance Woman's Club; alternate Karen Pack

Elections and Confirmations shall be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 24, 2021.



**OFFICIAL CALL
123rd ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**APRIL 21 – 24, 2021
VIRTUAL FROM COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

It Only Takes a Spark!

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its One Hundred and Twenty Third Annual Convention via Zoom from Columbia, SC, April 21-24, 2021. Our special guest will be Sharon Rikard from Doors to Freedom. It will be a unique event for us all. The Executive Committee will present our Convention via Zoom in a special way, so you will not want to miss this event. This will be our time to celebrate outstanding clubs and clubwomen. Please plan to attend.

As the saying goes, "It Only Takes a Spark" to get the fire going. The pandemic did not put club fires out, instead it was the spark that started something new. Join the Zoom Convention to see how your club's work sparked in GFWC-SC.

Advance Registration

April 11 is the deadline for Registration to the meeting. The registration fee is \$15 per member. After April 11, the registration fees is \$20. Please complete the Registration Form included herein for each member attending. New this year, there are two methods for making payment. You may send registration fee via check made payable to GFWC-SC or you can visit the GFWC-SC website to register via EventBrite.

Convention Attire

Even though we will not be meeting in person to show off our GFWC-SC spirit, we can still show off our GFWC-SC brand by wearing your favorite club, GFWC-SC or GFWC attire. Grab your t-shirt, top or pin for all to see through Zoom. Bottom half attire is totally up to you, PJs welcome!

Special Events

The Midlands District clubs are so excited to be the first District to host a virtual Convention. Plans include a signature cocktail, recipe to follow on FaceBook, video presentations and door prizes. Throughout the meeting we will play Wheel of Names game. Chances can be purchased when registering for Convention. Proceeds will support President's Travel and Director of Junior's Travel funds.

Convention Guest Speaker and Project

The guest speaker, Sharon Rikard, is sponsored by the Signature Program – Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Chair, Karen Adams. She has chosen to spotlight Charleston's Doors to Freedom. In lieu of a project, we are requesting donations to Doors of Freedom. This can be done several ways. You may submit a donation along with your registration, or if you are unable to attend convention and would still like to donate, please send check to Carrie Zimmerman with Doors to Freedom on the memo line. GFWC-SC will send on bulk donation.

Our Mission

Doors to Freedom provides a safe place for survivors of sex trafficking to experience a transformed life.

Our Vision

Doors to Freedom lovingly supports each girl as she overcomes her traumatic past and receives total restoration: body, soul and spirit. Through guided personal growth, life skills training, vocational training and academic education, she will find a new life, restored hope and a beautiful future.

Our Belief

Knowing truth and understanding truth gives meaning to the value of life. Understanding your value restores dignity and offers a new perspective on life. The right perspective restores hope and allows one to dream again for their future.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- 24/7 Residential Home
- Advocacy and Case Management
- Personal Growth
- Music Therapy
- Education
- Life Skills
- Vocational Training
- Transitional Care

COMMUNITY COLLABORATORS

- Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center
- Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center
- Charleston Southern University, Music Therapy
- MUSC National Crime Victims Center



DOORS TO FREEDOM

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Photography and Scrapbook Contests

Since we will not be meeting in person, please plan to mail your photograph entries with the release form to Tina Winkler, 116 Daniel Avenue, Seneca, SC 29678. If you need to touch base with Tina her contact is twinkle@oconee.k12.sc.us or (803) 237-2797. Photos need to be mailed by April 15 to allow for delivery to Tina by April 21.

The Scrapbook contest will be held at Summer Board, August 7, 2021

Preliminary Agenda for GFWC-SC Convention April 21-24, 2021

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom

Friday, April 23, 2021

10:00 AM Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

Saturday, April 24, 2021

10:00 AM Opening of Convention
Installation of 2020-2022 Officers
Business Meeting: Officer Reports

11:00 AM Elections
Special Programs & Community Service Program Awards

11:30 AM Guest Speaker, Sharon Rikard, Doors of Freedom

12:00 PM Lunch Break & Sight Seeing in Columbia - Video
Presentation
Advancement Area & Creative Arts Awards
Junior Silver Certificate Awards
Director of Junior Special Project Awards
President's Special Project Awards
Rating Sheet, Honor Clubs & Membership Awards
Contribution Sheet Silver Awards
Rosemary Rivers Award 2019 & 2020

1:00 PM District Meetings – Zoom Breakout Rooms

1:15 PM Class of 2021 Honor Roll
Class of 2021 Order of the Jessamine
GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction - 2019 & 2020
GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year - 2019 & 2020
Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award
Announcements

2:00 PM Adjourn

***GFWC-SC Board of Directors**

GFWC-SC By-Laws Article VII - Section 3. The Board of Directors of GFWC-SC shall consist of the Executive Committee, the District Presidents, the District Vice Presidents, the District Secretary-Treasurers, the Special Assistant to the President, the Director-elect of Junior Clubs, the Past State Presidents who are residents of South Carolina, Community Service Programs Chairmen, Special Appointments Chairmen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the GFWC-SC Scholarship Fund, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Progress Foundation, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Headquarters Committee, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, and the Presidents of Clubs, either direct or affiliated, or their appointees.

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August 2021