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#### MESSAGE FROM GFWC-SC PRESIDENT

We had a terrific GFWC-South Carolina Winter Board Session, Saturday, January 14, 2023 in Columbia with 86 members attending. It was a busy, informative day. Sergeant Elizabeth Renneker of the Spartanburg County Sherriff's Department spoke about Elder Abuse/Neglect and Project Lifesaver, Lynne Hauptner, SC President's Special Project Chairman, provided handouts. We welcomed another new club into GFWC-SC! We presented a charter to the Women of the Burg Society. We also heard presentations on Reporting, ESO, Legislation & Public Policy, Community Impact Program, Membership, Communications & Public Relations, Women's History & Resources, and Headquarters. Clubs received Progress Foundation Grants. We also received exciting information on our 2023 GFWC-SC 125 Anniversary Convention from Meeting & Convention CH, Dolly McDermott, Anne Redlus, Coastal District President, and Kendall Spillman, 125th Anniversary Chairman.



We also had a very successful LEADS seminar on February 18. A big thank you to Susan Lee, GFWC-SC Leadership Chairman and all the great presenters! We appreciate the Woman's Club of Cayce letting us use their clubhouse.

Thank you to all the clubs who completed reports and/or stats for our February 1 reporting deadline. We received great reports on wonderful projects from many clubs. Remember, our next round of State and District reports is due March 15. (See the December Clubwoman Magazine for criteria and information). Contribution Sheets and Rating Sheets are also due on March 15.

As we all know a new season---SPRING---begins in March! We are lucky here in South Carolina because springtime weather and flowers come early for us. Spring is also a time when we celebrate club and member accomplishments at our GFWC-SC Convention when we present our awards and give recognition to special members. Please remember your nominations for Volunteer of the Year and Woman of Distinction, Order of the Jessamine, and Honor Roll Award. All of these are great ways to recognize outstanding, hardworking members for their service. Please check your December Clubwoman Magazine for criteria and information on these important awards. Our 2023 CGFWC-SC Convention will be in Mount Pleasant, SC at the Hotel Indigo, April 28 and 29. You will have some free time to shop and see the springtime in Charleston on Saturday afternoon. There is further information about our Convention in this issue of the Clubwoman and on our website. We will be celebrating the 125th GFWC-SC Convention on Saturday evening. I hope many of you can attend!!! We will honor members who died during the past year at our Memorial Service on Saturday morning during our Convention.

I also wanted to remind you that March is Women's History month. I have included an article in this magazine from GFWC Women's History and Resource Center about Women's History month.

The March 2023 edition of our GFWC-South Carolina Clubwoman is special because, this is the first time our magazine is online only. Please bear with us if we have any glitches with this first total online magazine. Please designate someone in your club to print a copy for a member who may not have access to Wi-Fi or a computer/smartphone. Going to an online version helps us conserve natural resources, and save money.

In Federation Spirit,

Norma

Norma England GFWC-SC President

#### MESSAGE FROM GFWC-SC PRESIDENT-ELECT

We recently moved. We sold a three-story lake house with a full basement of accumulated treasures and just too much miscellaneous stuff. We are



two weeks into a substantially smaller home with a two car garage and two storage units that need to be sorted, purged, consigned and pitched, and with kitchen and bathroom remodels in our future. Downsizing isn't for sissies. Change is HARD. But I know that when we are finished, I will be organized and feel a weight lifted because I am no longer holding on to things that have ceased to work for me (or us) and the way we live our lives today and going forward.

Perhaps your club needs to do a bit of sorting and purging as well? Think about WHY you are doing things, what fundraisers and service projects you do and if they are benefitting your club and more importantly, your membership. Perhaps streamlining would encourage your members to be more involved, or a new community service emphasis or fundraiser would encourage new member growth. Much as our homes require a refresh with a good spring cleaning, a coat of paint, new upholstery or a minor or major remodel, so our clubs periodically need to evaluate if a cleaning out, freshening up or a revamped approach to membership recruitment and club structure would best serve our membership and help us to step into the future with enthusiasm and renewed energy. Change IS hard but, sometimes the end result is so very worthwhile.

If you need help with membership, recruitment or simply need a sounding board, I'm always available to help or simply to listen.

In Federation Love,

Suzanne

Suzanne Carswell GFWC-SC President-elect

## MESSAGE FROM GFWC-SC SECOND PRESIDENT

A big thank you to all the clubs who submitted February 1st reports on your club's activities!!! I look forward to reading all your reports. I want



to also thank the chairs of the CSP's, Advancement Areas, Special Projects, and Contests for their willingness to serve and to judge the reports for GFWC-SC – your work is greatly appreciated!

Upcoming MARCH 15 deadlines – please see the December Clubwoman magazine regarding the details and where to send these:

State and District Award Submissions
President's Special Projects
Director of Junior Clubs Special Projects
Contribution Sheets
Rating Sheets
Volunteer of the Year
Woman of Distinction
Writing Contests
Photography Contest entries due at noon on

I encourage each club to submit reports for any/all of the above even if you chose not to submit CSP reports. Your club's work is important and this is your chance to tell the world what great things you've done.

Friday, April 28 at convention

I've enjoyed my first year serving as your Second Vice President and I look forward to seeing many of you at convention in April!

In Federation Love,

Raye

Kaye Jones GFWC-SC Second President

#### MESSAGE FROM GFWC-SC SECRETARY

Please remember that if you gave a report at the GFWC SC Winter Sessions Board Meeting, I need a copy of your report for the minutes.



You can send the report to me in an email.

Reminder for our April GFWC-SC Convention—I need a copy of any reports or presentations. You can send them to me in advance or give me a copy at Convention.

Happy Spring!

I look forward to seeing you in April!!



Thannon

Shannon Smith GFWC-SC Secretary

#### Spring FAQ's

When spring comes in, does it really "spring forth"?
What does that even mean?

When spring comes in, does it blast its way through?

If so, what can we do?

When March turns the calendar page, does it march?
Or does it skip along?

Does eager March push brief February out of the way? What can we say?

Springing? Blasting? Marching? Skipping? Pushing?
No matter how spring comes -

We answer: Welcome. We are here, with Spring, once again.



Janet R. Smalley GFWC-SC Poet Laureate



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, 2022 deadline to be eligible for the Progress Foundation grant in 2023. 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!

March 15 is the due date for GFWC SC State awards. It is also the due date for Club Contributions. These donations to GFWC SC programs continue to support funding for our scholarship, clubhouse, progress foundation, disaster relief fund, junior and president travel and many more. Please find this form in our member portal and send those donations in!

We look forward to seeing you smiling face at our

GFWC-SC convention for 2023 in Mt. Pleasant!

Happy Spring!

Carrie

Carrie Zimmerman GFWC-SC Treasurer



#### **GFWC-SC Leadership**

We are excited for the 20 registered participants in the 2023 version of LEADS. The agenda was amazing, speakers were incredible. Thank you to all who contributed in anyway to the success of this program - organizers, speakers, participants and leaders. I am already looking forward to LEADS 2024. It isn't too early to start thinking about attending. The date for that session is February 17, 2024.

GFWC-SC Leadership would also like to introduce LeadHERship products including: GFWC T-shirts, cups, and tote. Purchases support Leadership programming in GFWC-SC.

Take pride in our amazing organization and purchase today! To purchase, go to: <a href="https://www.sweettearefill.com/collections/sc-womens-club">https://www.sweettearefill.com/collections/sc-womens-club</a>. Orders are shipped directly to you.

Feel free to share this merchandise with your GFWC sisters everywhere!

In Federation Love,

Susan

Susan Lee

President, GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands



#### **GFWC-SC Leads 2023**









The Headquarters Committee will continue the "1511 Society" Emphasis during the month of April. This is a fundraiser to help with the maintenance expenses of the Mansion at 1511 Laurel Street. All members and/or clubs are encouraged to participate by sending a check in any amount to Headquarters. An amount of \$15.11, \$151.10 or any increment of 1511 is encouraged but any amount is welcomed. All participants will be entered into a drawing on May 1 for a \$100 VISA Card. Information will be sent out by the Give Smart Technology to all members who have email addresses. We appreciate your support!



Ann Malpass GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee Chairman

# The 125th Appreparing to have been signature birthday mementos accomplish on display.

The 125th Anniversary Committee has been diligently preparingfortheupcomingstateconvention. Decorations have been purchased, gifts have been ordered, and signature cocktails will be poured. Recordings of

birthday wishes and mementos of past club accomplishments will be on display. There might

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also be a trivia game offered and a special announcement made. While we are celebrating past memories on the night of April 29th, opportunities for capturing new ones will be waiting for you. Turns out, you can have your cake and eat it too!



**Kendall Spillman** 

**GFWC-SC 125th Convention Anniversary Chairman** 

#### GFWC-SC Winter Session January 14, 2023







Newest GFWC-SC Club, Women of the Burg Society, received their charter.



#### **GFWC-SC President's Special Project**

#### **Kevin and Avonte Program Grant Funding Application now OPEN**

## FY 2023 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities

#### **Description**

Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to reduce the number of deaths and injuries of individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments. This program provides funding to law enforcement and other public safety agencies to implement locative technologies that track missing individuals, and it provides funding to such agencies and partnering nonprofit organizations to develop or operate programs to prevent wandering, increase vulnerable individuals' safety, and facilitate rescues.

#### **Solicitation Categories:**

Category 1: Proactive Programming Category 2: Locative Technology

#### **Eligible Applicants:**

For Category 1:

Health care agencies

State or local law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, or other public safety agencies

Nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofit organizations)

For Category 2:

Health care agencies

State or local law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, or other public safety agencies

Federally recognized American Indian tribal governments that perform public safety activities

Project Lifesaver is a proven and effective method of "bringing loved ones home"

Lynne
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Lynne Hauptner

GFWC-SC President's Special Project Chairman for Elder Abuse/Awareness/Prevention

This information is being shared with Clubs by

Lynne Hauptner, GFWC-SC President's Special Project Chairman for Elder Abuse/Awareness/Prevention

Lynne thought some of our GFWC-SC Club might want to apply for this grant or work with local agencies to let them know about the grant or help them apply for this grant.

#### GFWC-SC Evironment Community Service Program

Keep the Environment in Mind While Travelling to Convention or Vacation



Spring is here and many of us are planning our vacations and our trip to the state convention. While it's important to relax and enjoy some time away from our daily routine, it's also important to remember the impact our vacations can have on the environment. Here are a few tips to keep in mind while you're away:

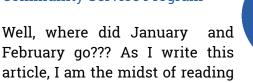
- Beach clean-up: One of the most impactful ways to make a difference is to participate in a beach clean-up. Many beaches have organized cleanup events, or you can organize your own. Be sure to bring gloves and a trash bag to collect trash and debris that can harm marine life and damage the ecosystem.
- 2. Explore the local area by foot, bike, or public transportation. Not only will you get to experience the local culture and scenery, but you'll also reduce your carbon footprint.
- 3. Pack responsibly. Bring reusable water bottles, bags, and utensils with you to reduce waste.
- 4. 4 Support local businesses. Buying local products and eating at local restaurants can help support the local economy and reduce the environmental impact of transporting goods.
- 5. Respect the natural environment. Follow Leave No Trace principles and avoid activities that can harm the environment, such as littering or disturbing wildlife.

By following these simple tips, you can help reduce your impact on the environment while still having a great vacation. Remember, every little action counts! Happy travels!



Donna Anderson GFWC-SC Chairman, Environment CSP 2022-2024 donnapanderson@charter.net

#### GFWC-SC Education & Libraries Community Service Program





your reports and I am looking forward to learning about all of your successful, creative projects.

I am certain by now you are "best friends" with your local Librarian. Use these next five months to sustain that relationship and continue to embrace your community.

You can begin by supporting READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK, celebrated March 2-6.

Read Across America 2023 will be held on March 2 in honor of Dr. Seuss's Birthday. The intent is to inspire children to read for joy and to enhance memory skills

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss.

Other projects to consider:

March National Reading Month Support STEM projects in your local schools. (stemforher.org) Establish a FREE Library Support Affiliate UNICEF USA and "Shop for A Cause", providing educational materials for teachers.

The sky is the limit. Please visit <u>WWW.GFWC.ORG</u> and read the club manual specific to this CSP. Also check out <u>WWW.GFWC-SC.ORG</u>. You will find many ways to "SPARKLE".

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.



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Friday night, January 20th there was an awards pre party at The Bowery in Myrtle beach, starting at 8 pm.





Saturday, January 21,2023 a black tie event, with a pre party, start-HOUSE BLUES ing at 6:00 pm was held at The House of Blues. The NMB Woman's Club was honored by the CCMA, Carolina Country Music Awards Association as their winner of the 'Making a Difference Award'.

Enjoy some pictures from the event. There are more pictures available on our Facebook page-North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club or visit our website at http://.northmyrtlebeachwomansclub.org.









## Proposed Amendments to the GFWC-SC Constitution & Bylaws February 15, 2023

## ARTICLE XI – NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VACANCIES CURRENT WORDING:

Section 6. The nine elected members of the Board of Trustees of the 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 S.C.F.W.C. 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.

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**Rationale**: To make terms of service consistent with other Boards, and to clarify the position of the Treasurer.

Lynn

Lynn Cleckler

**GFWC-SC Constitution & Bylaws Committee** 

#### **GFWC-SC President's Travel Fund Basket Fundraiser**

Please remember the GFWC-SC President's Travel Fund Basket Fundraiser will be held on Saturday Evening, April 29 during the GFWC-SC Convention. Please consider donating a basket from your club. Baskets can be turned in at Registration on Friday, April 28, 2023.

The baskets will be on display Saturday beginning Saturday, Morning. Winners will be announced Saturday evening after dinner. Please remember to include a list of items in the basket and the approximate value. Thanks!



## The Jennie Award – Honoring Personal Excellence! By Theresa Rudder, GFWC Jennie Award Chairman

The Jennie Award is the only national honor recognizing individual club members for personal excellence. Club members are nominated by their clubs to compete at state, regional, and national levels for the Federation's highest honor.



NOW is the time for our clubs to nominate that extraordinary club woman who exemplifies the spirit of our founding mother, Jane Cunningham Croly, better known as Jennie June.

Every club has a potential Jennie Award winner, and every Jennie Award winner has impacted her club and her community. We look forward to receiving your nomination for this prestigious award. All the information and nomination form, including the judging criteria, is found in the "GFWC Club Manual" under Awards, Contests, and Grants. Follow the award rules carefully while completing the nomination form and gather all the supportive information recognizing the excellence of this remarkable club woman.

Once the information is complete, send the packet to your state's Jennie Award Chairman, who will review

the nominations and present it to your State President, postmarked by June 1, 2023. The State President and/or State Chairman appoint a panel of judges who select the state winner. Note: Ann Malpass is our GFWC-South Carolina Jennie Chairman. Please send your nomination packet to Ann by June 1 2023. (901 Kilkarney Ave., Cayce, SC 29033, malpassat@aol.com 803 622-8566) The Jennie Award Nomination form is on our SC website in the Members Only section under GFWC and on the GFWC Website in the Member Portal in the Club Manual.

The State President will submit ONE State Jennie Award winner's information to the Region Jennie Award Chairman/President, postmarked by August 1, 2023. The Region President and/or Region Chairman will appoint a panel of

judges to select two candidates, the final stage of the relay!

In the final award process, the Region Chairman passes the material of those two candidates to GFWC Headquarters, postmarked by December 1, 2023. One winner from each region will be chosen. The Jennie Award

winners will be announced and "sparkle and shine" during the Gala at the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago.

Ann

Ann Malpass GFWC-SC Jennie Chairman

#### General Federation of Women's Cubs of South Carolina 125th Annual Convention April 27 - 29, 2023

HOTEL INDIGO, 250 Johnnie Dodds BLVD., Mount Pleasant, SC phone; 843 884-6000 HOST DISTRICT: Coastal District CONVENTION CHAIRMEN: Anne Redlus and Kendall Spillman

#### Welcome to Mount Pleasant

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its' One Hundred and Twenty Fifth Annual Convention at The HOTEL INDIGO, 250 Johnnie Dodds BLVD, Mount Pleasant, SC 29483 April 27 –29, 2023. Our special guests will be our GFWC International Treasurer, Becky Wright. All clubwomen are invited and encouraged to attend to celebrate a successful year of community service and to recognize our outstanding clubwomen.



#### Room Reservation Deadline is April 6, 2023

April 6 is the deadline for room reservations and may be made by calling 1-843 884-6000. Please be sure to state our group name when calling – GFWC-SC. Room rates are Standard 2 Queens or 1 King: \$185 plus tax and fees. Hotel features complimentary wireless Internet access and cable programming. Bathrooms have showers and hair dryers. Amenities include an outdoor pool & 24-hour fitness center, concierge services, and gift shops/newsstands. Eliza's Kitchen + Bar is a restaurant which features a bar/lounge, and also poolside bar. 15-minute drive to Charleston City Market. This hotel is 4.7 mi from College of Charleston and 1.7 mi from Patriots Point. Free self parking is available onsite.

#### Advance Registration and Meal Reservations Required

April 19 is the deadline for Registration and Meal Reservations. The advance registration fee is \$20 per person. Late registration is \$25 per person. Registration and Meal Reservations will be made online through Eventbrite, as approved by the Board of Directors and membership at Summer Board Meeting, August 2022—- All Registration will be done via Eventbrite. The link is on the GFWC-SC website. Follow the steps below: 1. CLICK THE LINK - the registration page for Convention 2023 will open 2. CLICK GREEN BUTTON "TICKETS" - A list of registration options will open, select what you would like, after your selection 3. CLICK ORANGE BUTTON "CHECKOUT" - enter your contact and payment information 4. CLICK PLACE ORDER BUTTON 5. A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO YOU Due to limited capacity and current food limitations we are unable to accept late registrations to walk-ins. Please register early and by April 19.

#### **Convention Attire & Other Information**

The Coastal District welcomes you to Mount Pleasant Friday's opening ceremonies and luncheon. Business attire (dress or slacks) suggested. Friday evening we'll have fun with our Juniors. Our theme for Friday evening will be Pineapple Princess and it will be tropical luau themed dinner (social hour and dinner will be outside —weather permitting.) Dress for Friday evening will be tropical/luau casual. After dinner we will move inside for awards and the ever-popular Junior Purse Auction. Juniors be sure and remember to bring your entries for the auction. Saturday is Business Casual or GFWC-SC/GFWC/Club attire. Our Saturday morning business meeting will include awards, election to confirm GFWC-SC Board Members and proposed changes to the Bylaws. We will have our Memorial Service at the conclusion of our business meeting on Saturday morning. Plan to spend the afternoon in Mount Pleasant and Charleston.. Saturday evening we will end our convention in cocktail/semi-formal attire as we celebrate our GFWC-SC 125th Convention Anniversary. Kendall Spillman and her Committee have some special surprises planned for us that evening. You will not want to miss this special Anniversary Celebration!! The evening will include announcing the winners of the Basket Auction to benefit the GFWCSC President's Travel Fund. There will also be a 50/50 opportunity.

#### **Memorial Service**

A memorial service honoring our GFWC-SC club members who have passed away dating from May 2021—April 2022, will be held on Saturday, April 29 at the end of our Business Session. Each District President will participate in the service by 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.

# Preliminary Agenda General Federation of Women's Cubs of South Carolina 125th Annual Convention

April 27-29, 2023

#### Thursday, April 27, 2023

Past President's Dinner with Officers and Special Guests -location and time TBA

Executive Committee Meeting—location and time TBA

#### Friday, April 28, 2023

9:30 a.m. -Registration open

9:45 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting -Palmetto Ball Room

11:00 a.m. Opening of Convention and "Welcome" Luncheon( dress is Business Casual)

Becky Wright, GFWC Treasurer, guest

Community Service, Advancement Area & other Awards

6:00 p.m. Reception / Social time-Cash Bar -outside bar

7:00 p.m. Dinner – ~Pineapple Princess~ tropical luau theme Buffet Dinner (dress is topical/luau )— outside

(weather permitting) Junior Celebration

After Dinner we move Inside to Palmetto Ballroom

Creative Arts Awards,

President's Special Project Awards Director of Junior Special Project Awards,

Junior Purse Auction

#### Saturday, April 29, 2023

9:30 a.m. — Convention in Session (Muffins, pastries, bagel, coffee/tea available)

(business casual or GFWC/GFWC-SC/Club Attire)

Awards | Reports from GFWC-SC Board of Trustees, Standing Committee Reports

Business Meeting 11:00 a.m. --Confirmations of State & District Elections Bylaws

Reports from District Presidents and GFWC-SC Officers

District Meetings & Awards

\*Memorial Service\*

6:00 p.m. Reception/Social Hour-Cash Bar —Pre-function area

7:00 p.m. Dinner - Palmetto Ballroom-GFWC-South Carolina 125th Anniversary Celebration (cocktail, semi-

formal dress)

Special Music – Mary Elaine Mahaffey

**Special Anniversary Celebration** 

Guest Speaker-Becky Wright, GFWC Treasurer

Outstanding Club

2023 Honor Roll, Recognition of 2023 Order of the Jessamine

GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year

**GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction** 

Invitation to 2024 Annual Convention | 50/50 Raffle drawing , Announce Winners of the Basket Auction

Adjournment of 125th GFWC-SC Convention

#### General Federation of Women's Cubs of South Carolina 125th Annual Convention

#### **Convention Menu Information**

**Friday Opening Session Lunch**: Executive Deli Display with Roasted Sliced Turkey for Sandwiches, and Tuna Salad, Sliced cheeses, condiments, lettuce, tomato, assorted sliced rolls for sandwiches, freshly baked cookies, sweet and unsweet ice tea and water \$26.00 per person

**Friday Evening Dinner**: \$51 per person — Buffet —water & tea, Southern Sweet Cornbread, Vegetable Fried Rice, Grilled Vegetable Kabbobs, Slow Cooked Pulled Roasted Chicken with BBQ and Pineapple Chutney on the side, Cole Slaw —Chef's Selection of Dessert & coffee will be served in the meeting room after dinner.

Saturday Morning: (\$8) muffins/pastries, Danishes, coffee and hot tea

Saturday Evening Dinner: (\$58.00 per person) Plated Dinner: Salad, bread, water, ice tea, Choice of Seafood Pasta —Shrimp & Scallops Pasta with Cream Cajun Sauce Braised Beef with Hearty Vegetables—Braised Beef Carrots, Onions, Celery braised in White Wine. Roasted Lemon Chicken—Vanilla Butter with sage infused mashed potatoes and chef's choice of vegetables Dessert will be a surprise for our 125 Anniversary Celebration

You will be able to note your choice for Saturday Night Dinner on the EventBrite page when you register for Convention. You will also be able to list any allergies or food restrictions.

#### Registration must be done thru EventBrite

The link is on the GFWC-SC website. Follow the steps below:

- 1. CLICK THE LINK the registration page for state convention 2023 will open
- 2. CLICK GREEN BUTTON "TICKETS" A list of registration options will open, select what you would like, after your selection
- 3. CLICK ORANGE BUTTON "CHECKOUT" enter your contact and payment information
- 4. CLICK PLACE ORDER BUTTON
- 5. A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WILL SENT TO YOU

Once you have a confirmation email, please forward completed registration form to Courtney Evans, GFWC-SC Credentials Chairman cepevans@hotmail.com via email

#### **Confirmations of District Elections 2023**

#### **GFWC-SC Board of Trustees** - none

#### **Trustees of Progress Foundation**

Upstate District - Elise Ramono (2023-2026)

Coastal District - Sue Burgess (2023-2026)

Coastal District - Lynn Macan (2022-2024)—(Lynn is finishing a expired term for someone who resigned)

#### **Trustees for the Scholarship Fund**

Upstate District - June Troyan 2022-2024 (June is filling a term for someone who resigned)

#### **State Elections Committee**

Upstate District - Delegate: Kim Reed Alternate: Myrna Loy

Midlands District - Delegate: Kristin Fields Alternate: Susan Sanchez Coastal District - Delegate: Dianne McCarty Alternate: Sharon Quinter

Elections/Confirmations shall be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2023

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.

#### **Reminder: GFWC Junior Director Purse Auction**

We will have our annual Purse/Tote Auction on Friday Evening after dinner. This will be a live auction. Junior Clubs and members donate purses for the auction. The proceeds from this auction benefit the Director of Junior Clubs Travel Fund. Purses can be turned in during registration on Friday and before dinner on Friday. This is always a fun event at our convention. We usually have some great designer bags at our auction. Remember to bring some extra money for bidding. The Juniors always welcome purse donations for the auction from any member.





#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

GFWC Annual Convention, Marriott Downtown Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, June 10-12, 2023

Deadline GFWC-SC 2nd Vice President to Submit Reports to GFWC, March 15, 2023

Deadline State and District Award Entries Due March 15, 2023

Deadline to send names of deceased club members to GFWC-SC Chaplin, Linda Wagster, April 1, 2023.

Deadline for sending President's Directory form to GFWC-SC Special Assistant, Kathie Walker April 15, 2023

**GFWC-SC Executive Committee Meeting | Board of Directors** 

125th Annual Convention, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina April 27 – April 29, 2023

Deadline to submit articles for GFWC-South Carolina Clubwoman Magazine

Sumer Board Session August 19, 2023, Columbia, SC

