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**MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC PRESIDENT**

Dear GFWC-SC Clubwomen,

March and April are busy months for GFWC-SC Clubs! We are always happy to have spring arrive. Flowers are blooming, birds are singing, and our Clubwomen are busy! March is National Women's History Month and National Nutrition Month. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, Autism Awareness Month, and Financial Literacy Month. I love seeing the pictures that so many clubs share on social media as they volunteer in their communities. I do appreciate all of the projects our clubs have done during the past 2 years to promote awareness of Elder Abuse & Neglect. I am also so proud of the amount of money clubs have raised for Project Lifesaver! Thank you! Thank you also for embracing my challenge to "live a pineapple life"!



We had a wonderful, busy Winter Board Session on Saturday, January 13. Clarisa Hyson, a children's author and motivational speaker brought us a meaningful message about diversity and the importance of children's literature. We welcomed another new club! We presented a charter to the Greater Greenville Junior Woman's Club. We received information on Reporting, Community Impact Program, Membership, and Communications & Public Relations. We heard updates from the Headquarters, Disaster Relief, and Scholarship Chairmen and from District Presidents. Many clubs received Progress Foundation Grants. We ended the day with a special surprise for Director of Junior Club, Shelli Pue. Shelli recently adopted a little boy. Her GFWC-SC sisters showered her with gift cards, a bookshelf, and books for Shelli and her son Kole.

We had a very successful LEADS seminar on February 17. 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.

Mark your Calendar for our annual Legislative Day.. The date is Thursday, March 21. We will meet at the SC State House at 9:00 a.m. There is more information about Legislation Day in this magazine and on the Website. Hope you will join us. If you have any questions about Legislative Day, please contact, GFWC-SC Legislation and Public Policy Chairman, Lil Hayes.

Spring is also a time when we celebrate club and member accomplishments at our GFWC-SC Convention. We present our awards and give recognition to special members. Please remember your nominations for Volunteer of the Year, 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. Check your December Clubwoman Magazine for information on these awards.

Midlands District Clubs are busy preparing for a GFWC-SC Convention that you will not soon forget! They have some great entertainment and surprises for us. Our 2024 CGFWC-SC Convention will be in Columbia at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1200 Pickens St, April 18-21. You will have some free time to shop and enjoy springtime in Columbia on Saturday afternoon. Our GFWC-SC Headquarter, The Sims-Stackhouse Mansion, will be also be open to members on Saturday afternoon for Mimosas at the Mansion. Friday our guest speaker will be from the York County Council on Aging. She will tell us about their Pet Buddies program to provide pet food for Senior Citizens' pets through Meals on Wheels. We are asking members to bring pet food, treats, etc. to donate to this program. Saturday our speaker will be from Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services. There is further information about our Convention in this issue of the Clubwoman and on our website. Friday night we will celebrate our Juniors. Katie Moydell, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, will be our special guest for the weekend and she will speak on Friday evening. We will also be honoring Katie and her service to GFWC and GFWC-SC during our Convention. We will hold elections on Saturday morning for GFWC-SC Officers for the 2024-2026 administration. We will honor members who died during the past year at our Memorial Service on Saturday morning during our Convention Saturday evening we will be honor many of our members and install our 2034-2026 GFWC-SC Officers.

Also, mark your calendars for the GFWC Convention in Chicago, June 29-July 1. Katie Moydell will be completing her term as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. Juliet Casper (GFWC-SC past president 2018-2020) will be seeking the office of GFWC Treasurer. I hope some of you join us in Chicago. GFWC will also be installing officers for the 2024-2026 administration during the Chicago Convention.

In Federation Spirit,

Norma

**Norma England
GFWC-SC President**



Hello, GFWC-SC!

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. As we navigate the various endeavors and programs within our club, I wanted to take a moment to extend a heartfelt „thank you“ to each and every one of you for your incredible participation in this administration’s Junior Director’s special program, Neighbors Who Care.



**MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC JUNIOR DIRECTOR**

This initiative has truly highlighted the impact of random acts of kindness in our communities. It is through these small yet powerful gestures that we can make a significant difference in the lives of others. From lending a helping hand to simply being present for someone in need, our collective efforts have ripple effects that extend far beyond what we may initially imagine.

One of the areas where your generosity has shone brightly is in our mission to support literacy among our children and youth. Through the provision of countless books to schools and programs throughout our state, we are helping to foster a love for reading and learning in young hearts and minds. Your dedication to this cause is truly commendable, and I am continually inspired by the impact we are making together.

Speaking of books, I must take a moment to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful books I received from GFWC-SC clubs and club women statewide during our January winter session meeting. Your thoughtful gifts have filled my heart with warmth and joy, and they have had an unexpected impact in my own home.

As many of you know, GFWC has a long-standing history of advocating for children. Little did I know that this advocacy would manifest itself so beautifully in my life. I am thrilled to share that I have recently been granted custody of a precious 18-month-old bundle of joy named Kole. He has truly been the best interruption in life, bringing boundless love and laughter into our home.

Kole is a bright, curious soul, and he is incredibly blessed and fortunate to have so many loving GFWC-SC „aunties“ in his life. One of his greatest delights is his collection of books. Each night, as part of his bedtime routine, he eagerly exclaims „books!“ before scampering to his bookshelf to select a story. It warms my heart to see his love for reading blossoming at such a young age, thanks in no small part to the books gifted by all of you.

So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you for your unwavering support, your kindness, and your dedication to the well-being of our children. As we continue on this journey to advocate for children and promote literacy, know that your contributions are making a world of difference.

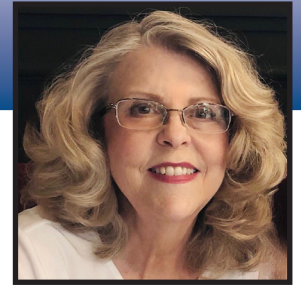
Here’s to many more stories shared, lessons learned, and lives touched. GFWC-SC is full of Neighbors Who Care and together we are truly making our communities brighter, one act of kindness at a time.

In Junior love,

Shelli

**Shelli Pue
GFWC-SC Junior Director**





MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC PRESIDENT-ELECT

The hustle and bustle of the winter season is behind us. In spring, we begin to look forward: Forward to the greening and blossoming of the earth, to the warmth of the sun on our faces, to open windows and fresh air and the sound of birdsong. In our club work we are looking forward: Forward to finalizing reporting with our State and District Award Form submissions, Photography and Writing Contests, Volunteer of the Year, Woman of Distinction and Jennie Awards and to our clubs'end-of-year celebrations.

Still, I can't help but look back

- With nostalgia on the past two years that have gone by so quickly.
- With gratitude on the support and guidance, mentoring and friendships, old and new.
- With celebration on the formation or re-federation of 4 new clubs for our South Carolina federation.
- With anticipation for another two new clubs in the process of being formed and re-federated.
- With pride on our new membership newsletter, which has helped to connect our members from the Upstate to the Coast.
- With joy on club visits and anniversary celebrations, fundraisers and installations.
- With delight on zoom meetings, state and international meetings, a fabulous 125th Convention celebration, a surprise Winter Session baby shower, road trips and plane trips and even late night texts.

But now it's spring! And while we look back on our progress and accomplishments, it's time to begin looking forward again; to our 126th Convention in April. Our Midlands District is planning a wonderful celebration. I look forward to seeing you there.

In Federation Friendship,

Suzanne

Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC President-elect

MEMBER ANNIVERSARY PINS

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS!

We would love to be able to award 25, 50, 70 & 75 year milestone anniversaries at our convention in April. Please contact Suzanne Carswell, President-elect/Membership Chairman, with requests for your club members' anniversary pins. Pins are available in 5 year increments from 15 to 75 years. Pins are \$5 each. GFWC-SC will pay for the 25 year pin and GFWC will pay for the 50 and 75 year pins.

Email Suzanne at suzanne.gfwcsc@gmail.com with orders or questions by March 15.



GFWC SPARKLE & SHINE RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

Mentoring:

“Emerald – Harmonious Connections”



December, January
and February

Recruitment Report due March 1

Recruiting new members is vital to GFWC's success, so it is important that we invite and encourage women to join our clubs. Recruiting and welcoming new members is an ongoing process that requires the focus and commitment of everyone. The most important aspect of recruitment is the determination to succeed. Without the dedication and follow through, no recruitment campaign will be as successful as it could be.

Recruitment is a year-round process, and the campaigns and reporting of new members reflect this fact. For example, a club that recruits three new members during each season will end the year with 12 new members! In addition, clubs can plan creative membership campaigns and events around the many national awareness issues and commemorative days that are aligned with GFWC's Special and Community Service Programs and Advancement Plans.

PLEASE fill out the Recruitment Campaign Form and email to GFWC@GFWC.org and copy suzanne.gfwcsc@gmail.com.

GFWC SOUTH CAROLINA WINTER BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



Presenting the charter to Angela Walb, president of Greater Greenville Junior Woman's Club, our newest South Carolina Club.





**MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC SECOND PRESIDENT**

Congratulations and thank you to all who sent reports on your club's 2023 activities! Your reports have been sent on to our state chairs for judging. Thank you to all of you who wrote your club reports - well done ladies! A big thank you to the chairs for your hard work judging these reports - you are truly appreciated.

Don't forget, State/District Award reports are due March 15 and I encourage each club to submit for these also. Criteria and where to send this information on all possible awards is found in the December 2023 Clubwoman magazine. The magazine is also available online at GFWC-SC.org under news and publications.

The GFWC and GFWC-SC Writing and Photography contests are also coming up so make sure you submit your best!

Also, please remember to honor outstanding club members by nominating a special member for Volunteer of the Year and Woman of Distinction. Each club has at least one member who is worthy of this recognition and I encourage you to send in your nominations.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your 2nd Vice President and Dean of Departments. The best part was getting to know so many of you. The clubs in the South Carolina federation are active and impressive!

I hope to see many of you in April at our convention in Columbia to celebrate a great year and your club's well-deserved awards.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2nd Vice President. It has truly been a pleasure!

In Federatin Love,

Kaye

**Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC Second Vice President**

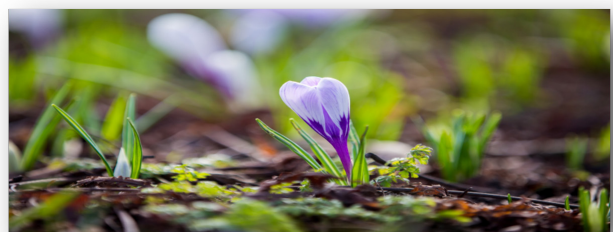
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Awakening brings green and birdsong,
Delivering the whisper of flowering breeze,
Lofting fragrances teasing delight.

Courage pushes promising stems from brown earth,
Drawing hopeful eyes.

Pay attention.

The gift can be forsaken, forgotten,
If lesser things of seeming greater care
Blind us to wonder.



Janet Smalley
GFWC-SC Poet Laureate



**MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC SECRETARY**

Dear GFWC SC Clubwomen,

I would like to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed being your State Secretary over these last two years. I have met many of you and made lots of friends along the way. My success would not be possible without the unwavering support from our president, Norma, who has always been available to answer, or find the answer, to any questions that I may have had. Suzanne, 1st VP, was there to offer advice and help as I needed it also. Kaye, 2nd VP, left me excellent instructions and examples to follow from her time as secretary and has been available as I have needed her. Carrie and Shelli have become good friends over these past 2 years, and I will cherish our time together.

I would also like to thank each of you for your support these past two years! Having your reports ready has made my job much easier! If anyone is thinking of becoming a club secretary, here are a few Duties that I would like to share:

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.

I can't wait to see you all in Columbia in April at our Annual Convention. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any help to you or your club!

With Federation Love,

Shannon

Shannon Smith
GFWC-SC Secretary



**MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC TREASURER**

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, 2023 deadline to be eligible for the Progress Foundation grant in 2024. 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!

As your club holds fundraisers and supports community programs remember that a small percentage of you club funds can be used for leadership training. Leadership could include, supporting club members to come to State meetings, sending them to our LEADs conference and attending District meetings.

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 126th Annual Convention in Columbia, SC!

In Federation Friendship,

Carrie

**Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC Treasurer**

Michelle Blackmon
GFWC-SC Director elect of Junior Clubs & Junior Special Project : Advocates for Children Chairman

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. We all know what great work MOR is doing in SC. Hope many of you will be able to attend this event or support them.

The mission of Lowcountry Orphan Relief and Midlands Orphan Relief is to provide support services and aid to meet the needs of children in the lowcountry and midlands of South Carolina identified as at-risk or suffering from abandonment, abuse and/or neglect.



Community Service Programs, Advancement Plans and Special Projects

Education & Libraries, Phyllis M. Sippel, Ph.D.

While you were preparing your annual report, I sincerely hope you took a moment to reflect on all of your accomplishments. Often, when we are busy “doing” we do not calibrate all of the merits of our work. All of you can certainly “take a bow” for a very successful year.

So what is next for your club? Check out the RESOURCES available in the Club Manual. Our club Chairperson has initiated a program to celebrate committee members. We are reading a selected title together then participating in a social to discuss the book. Our last venture was to the Pat Conroy Center after enjoying lunch. LowCountry authors have been selected to help familiarize us with our locale. Perhaps this idea will appeal to your club.

Education Focus: include children and adults in your projects to enhance literacy at all levels. Library Focus: Support your local library. Each community is unique, thus projects can be tailor made to work in your neighborhood.

As always, I encourage you to review the Club manual at www.GFWC.ORG specific to our CSP. You will find many ideas and suggestions. Thank you for your dedication as you “Live the Volunteer Spirit.”

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

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Environment, Donna Anderson

PalmettoPride is working towards a litter-free South Carolina. Created as a legislative initiative to fight litter and help beautify South Carolina by engaging citizens to take action in their communities through education, enforcement, awareness, and pickup. PalmettoPride offers a spread of programs targeted towards building awareness and education to encourage litter prevention in South Carolina.

Prevention is better, but pickup is important. Litter pickups are critical in preventing litter. Routine pickups deter littering and keeps the amount of visible litter down. Whether you are looking for a one-time cleanup or to sign up for your club for Adopt-A-Highway or building your corporate engagement, PalmettoPride can help you find the right program to fit your needs. Since 2006, PalmettoPride has assisted 764,923 volunteers in removing over 90 million pounds of litter from South Carolina communities and roadways. That would never have been possible without such a solid network of volunteers. Whether a volunteer joins a cleanup event with 500 people or they pick up trash around their neighborhood alone, they have moved us further toward a litter-free SC.

GFWC-SC includes PalmettoPride as one of our environmental community service programs. The PalmettoPride “Litter Trashes Everyone Award” is given to the GFWC club that achieves the highest Achievement Point total based on specific activities in Litter Pickup and Litter Awareness. The PalmettoPride “Litter Busters Award” is given to the GFWC club that achieves the highest Achievement Point total in Litter Pickup activities. The PalmettoPride “Trash Talk Award” is given to the GFWC club that achieves the highest Achievement Point total in Litter Awareness activities. As with all GFWC activities, safety is paramount. Please watch the linked vide prior to attempting any litter pick-up activities

[PalmettoprideSafety Training Video](#)



Donna
GFWC-SC Chair, Environment CSP
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Community Service Programs, Advancement Plans and Special Projects

Leadership Advancement Area, Susan Lee Chairman.

Another successful LEADS for South Carolina is in the books. Thank you to our 16 registered participants and speakers for joining us. Huge thank you to the tremendous committee that put this year's seminar together: DeAna Sharpe, Tracy Morzuch, Pamme Eades, Shannon Smith and Allison McGee.

Looking forward to hearing all about the next LEADS National experience from our South Carolina delegate (not yet selected at the time of this submission).

We had some really great Leadership reports this year and I cannot wait to talk to you about those when we gather in April.

Finally, we are a busy group here in South Carolina. With our State Convention happening in the same week, we have decided to explore changing the format of the Federation Day Celebration at the Stackhouse Sims Mansion this year. We are changing our celebration to a virtual format. I hope you will all celebrate this important milestone with your individual clubs. More details to follow.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Leadership Chair and I look forward to seeing you in April.

In Federation Spirit,

Susan

GFWC-SC Leadership Chairman



Legislation and Public Policy Advancement Area, Lil Hayes, Chairman

Legislation Day 2024

We are very excited once again have a Legislation Day where we can visit the SC Capital, meet our legislators, and be recognized. GFWC-SC Legislation Day is **Thursday March 21, 2024, at 9 am.**

If you are attending, please fill out the form in the link below.

ADDRESS: 1100 Gervais St, Columbia SC 29208. There is no reserved parking, so plan on arriving early enough to find a space. **MEET** at the front/North/Gervais St steps.

We will go through security and be ready to go upstairs as soon as the doors to the Gallery open to make sure everyone gets a seat.

After we are introduced, we will try to make a group picture inside, and you may meet with your Senator and Representative if they are available. Also visit the gift shop.

DEADLINE to respond: Monday, March 18. Wear shoes you can walk and stand in comfortably.

ATTIRE: Professional. Don't forget to wear your name tag! Lunch: TBD—will make group reservation and let you know

If you WILL be attending, please fill out the form at this link by noon, Monday, March 18: <https://forms.gle/Fo5NTMCKH9dhYsBe9/> Information and link is also on our website

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GFWC-SC Legislation and Public Policy Chairman
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Community Service Programs, Advancement Plans and Special Projects

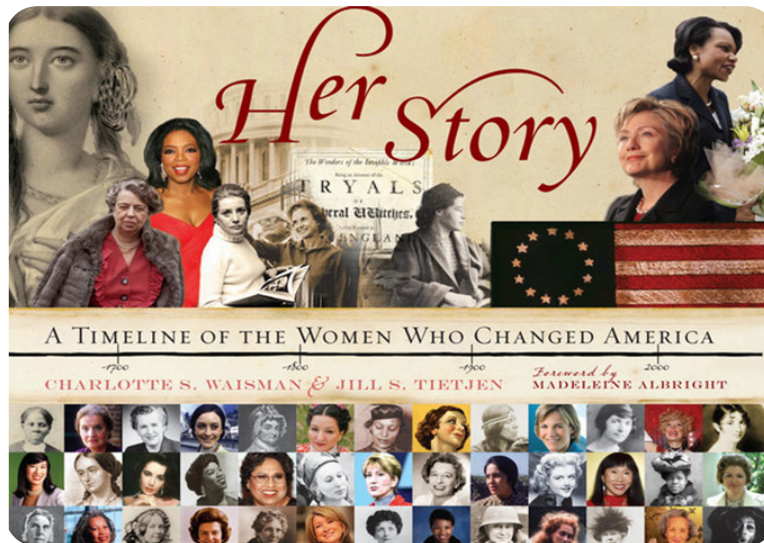
HELP GFWC CELEBRATE THE WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER

What began as a vision to create a location to preserve GFWC and women's history, and led to the ribbon-cutting on May 1, 1984, the Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC) collects, preserves, interprets and promotes the history of GFWC and women volunteers. The WHRC documents the social and political contributions of GFWC clubwomen from 1980 to the present through the GFWC archives, related special collections, and publications. There is also a reference library collection focused on women's history, the woman's club movement, and the history of volunteerism.

There will be a special reception to celebrate the Ruby Anniversary of the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 3:30-6:30 PM. This event will feature tours of our historic Headquarters, including the WHRC Archives and Library.

GFWC clubwomen are looking forward to celebrating forty years of women's history preservation and access, and to honoring the clubwomen who made it possible, especially International Past President Juanita M. Bryant (1982-1984), who made the WHRC a priority and shepherded the idea into reality.

Today it is used not only by individual researchers, but universities, and historians from all over the country. The establishment of the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center has preserved the GFWC Archives and strengthened the General Federation of Women's Clubs commitment to promoting the volunteerism that provides individual community service throughout the nation, and indeed the world.



Club Events

The Woman's Club of Cayce is gearing up for our big fundraiser, Hot Flash 5K on Saturday morning May 4, 2024. We would love for GFWC-SC Clubs to participate in our event and they can do so by visiting StrictlyRunning.com.

Saturday, May 4, 2024, 8:30–10:00 a.m.

Timmerman Trail, Cayce Fitness Center

Contact **Paula Melton** pfm72@yahoo.com for more information.



The Country Club of Lexington, 1066 Barr Road, Lexington, SC | Monday, March 25, 2024 | 10:00 am Registration/Breakfast | 12:00 Noon Shot Gun Start

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2024-2026

SOUTH CAROLINA

I am proud to say I am a 35-year member of a GFWC club, first with Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia and then St. Andrews Woman's Club. The friendships, camaraderie, and support I have received over the years are a tribute to the wonderful women in this organization.



KAYE JONES
CANDIDATE FOR
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

For those of you who do not know me well, I have been married to Tom Jones for 45 years in September and we have one daughter...many of you know her, she's Katie Moydell! She is our current Director of Junior Clubs for GFWC International! She and Matt have given us Collin, a grandson whom we love dearly! We have two fur babies...Yeti and Daisy who are both spoiled rotten cats we adopted from a shelter. I ended my career at Colonial Life when I retired in 2015 after 35 years there. I am a big Clemson fan – I graduated from there in 1978 and do love my Tigers!



SHANNON SMITH
CANDIDATE FOR
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Shannon Smith has been a member of GFWC SC and the Woman's Club of Rock Hill since 2012. She has served on the state level as Fundraising Chair (2018-2020), Finance Chair (2020-2022), Secretary/Treasurer for the Upstate District (2018-2020), and currently serves as your GFWC SC Secretary (2022-2024). She has served the WCRH as President during the pandemic years (2020-2022), Recording Secretary (2016-2018), Publicity Chair (2018-2020), Co-Chair of the annual Victorian Teas for several years, Wedding Fair Chair, Decorating Committee Co-Chair, along with many other committee positions.

Shannon was named GFWC SC Volunteer of the Year in 2019, and in 2020, she was chosen as GFWC SC LEADs representative and attended the 2021 GFWC International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Shannon has been a licensed Physical Therapy Assistant since 1989 and specializes in Pulmonary Rehab. She is also an experienced yoga instructor and owns Southern Yoga Studio in Rock Hill, SC.

Shannon has been married to Wayne for 33 years, and counting, has twin sons, Chase and Cody (30), and a grandson, Theodore (4) who hung the moon- just ask her!

Shannon has shown her dedication to this organization in many ways, not just positions held. She enjoys the work, meeting new clubwomen, and hearing about the great things going on in our organization and state.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

2024-2026

CANDIDATES FOR

My name is Carrie Zimmerman and I have been a GFWC-SC member for 17 years. I am a current member of the Seneca Junior Woman's Club. I am married to my husband Jason of 24 years and have two children, Zoe and Gavin. We live in the Upstate of SC in Tamassee, SC. I have lived in SC and have worked for the State of SC in the social work field for over 20 years. I currently work for the School District of Oconee County as the School and Community Liaison.



CARRIE ZIMMERMAN
CANDIDATE FOR
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Volunteering is something I have done most of my life.

When I moved to SC volunteerism was a way for me to meet new people and make new friends. I volunteered in my community and located a local club within a few years in Walhalla, SC.

My history with GFWC-SC started when friend, Sandra Mattox, a founding member of WJWC, brought me to a meeting of WJWC in 2007 and I was hooked. I chaired programs and served in all executive positions in WJWC. WJWC de-federated in 2018, but I joined Seneca Junior Woman's Club and currently serve as Secretary.

On the GFWC-SC State level, I have served as a District President from 2013-2016 and represented GFWC-SC as the LEAD's candidate in 2015. I was elected as Junior Director-Elect and served from 2015-2018 and then became Director of Junior Clubs of GFWC-SC from 2018-2020, serving with past President, Juliet Casper. I served as GFWC-SC Treasurer from 2020-2022 and now am the current Treasurer for the 2022-2024 of the GFWC-SC Executive Committee.

Serving as GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs started my journey with GFWC leadership. In 2020-2022 I was appointed as GFWC Junior Special Program Chairman. Currently for the 2022-2024 administration I am the committee of the Signature Program and am on the Junior Executive Committee as the Signature Program representative. During the 2024-2026 administration I will be Chairman of the Signature Program and continue as the Junior Executive Committee representative.

GFWC-SC and GFWC has opened so many doors including; new friendships, leadership skills, better communication skills, technology skills and the ability to travel all over the world. #IamGFWC #GFWCSCJuniorsRock



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2024-2026

SOUTH CAROLINA

I am so honored to be serving GFWC-SC as your secretary for the 2024-2026 administration!

I have been a proud member of St. Andrews Woman's Club for twenty years. I have served as Club President, 1st Vice President, and Central District President, back in the day, just to name a few of the many positions I have held. I have made many friends during these twenty years. The memories of working side by side on our signature projects and attending conventions are truly treasured memories.



KAYE HUNKE
CANDIDATE FOR
SECRETARY

For those of you who do not know me well, I have been married to my husband Ken for 40 years and we have two adult sons John and Jacob. We have three grandchildren, Miller (9), Chandler (6), and Parker (3).

I retired from the Town of Irmo in 2023. My interests are reading, gardening, hiking/walking, traveling, and crocheting. I am also an active volunteer for PAALS and Turning Pages Adult Literacy.

I look forward to serving this great organization in the next 2 years!



MENDY HAVER
CANDIDATE FOR
TREASURER

Hello to my Federation sisters. My name is Mendy Haver, and I have been nominated for the position of GFWC-SC Treasurer.

I have lived in Simpsonville with my husband Doug, for 30 years, after relocating here from Rock Hill. We have 3 children, Mackenzie, 25, Noah, 22, and Emma, 17.

I've been a member of the Upstate Woman's Club for 21 years. I have held various positions within my club, including Treasurer and President. I am also the current Secretary/Treasurer of the Upstate District. I love the friendships I have made within GFWC over the years, as well as the service to my community, and I very much hope to continue to make new

friends and serve.

I am a member of First Baptist Church Simpsonville, where I sing in the worship choir and my husband and I lead a small group.

I graduated from West Virginia University with a BS in Business, and I've worked for over 30 years as an accountant. I believe I have the background and experience to serve GFWC-SC very effectively as Treasurer.

Thank you all for taking the time to read my story, and I will see you soon at state convention!

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Susan Lee has been an active member of the GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands since 2020. She has served as Club President for the last 2 years. In addition to other responsibilities and as Club President, Susan is responsible for the design and content of the Club Newsletter. Previous to holding that role, she was the CSP chair for Civic Engagement and Outreach and a member of the club nominating committee. For the 2020-2021 club year, Susan was selected as Woman's Club of the Midlands Clubwoman of the Year.



SUSAN LEE
CANDIDATE FOR
TREASURER

Susan is currently serving GFWC-SC as Leadership Chairman and is responsible for the LEADS program and content; in previous administrations she served on the committee for LEADS planning. She also served as the 2023 South Carolina LEADS candidate in Louisville. At the district level, she serves as the alternate for the nominating committee. Susan attended GFWC Annual Convention in New Orleans and Louisville; attended Southern Region Annual Convention in Jekyll Island and Biloxi; and has attended state meetings and conventions since joining.

Originally from the Chicago area, Susan and her husband Tim (SC native) have made South Carolina home since 2008 after 3 years in The Netherlands.

Susan has worked in the financial services industry for 27 years and is currently serving as the Executive AVP for Quality Control in Anti-Money Laundering for a large Financial Institution. She has a passion for serving persons with disabilities and is currently sponsor for the disability pillar of the company's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program.

Susan and Tim enjoy supporting our veterans through their volunteer activities both through and outside of GFWC. Additionally, she enjoys travelling, reading and advocating for disability awareness.

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Meet Courtney, a dynamic force in the community and an accomplished leader with a charismatic touch. As an esteemed member of the Junior Woman's Club of Columbia, Courtney has showcased her versatility by taking on various roles, including Fellowship Chair, Youth Resources Fundraising Co-chair, Special Assistant to the President, Treasurer, and Activities VP. Currently at the helm as Club President, she's also in her third term as the GFWC-SC Credentials Chair, where her impact resonates across the state.



COURTNEY EVANS
CANDIDATE FOR
DIRECTOR ELECT OF JUNIOR CLUBS

Not just content with her club duties, Courtney extends her influence as a Trustee of the Scholarship Fund, showcasing her commitment to educational opportunities. On the broader scale, she sits on the Board of Directors for Palmetto Place Children & Youth Services, an institution rooted in her club's legacy since 1977.

A proud GFWC-SC legacy member, Courtney is joined by her 17-year-old daughter, Kinsley, a charter member of the GFWC-SC Jessamines, and her sister, Shelli Pue, the GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs. This family commitment reflects Courtney's deep roots and dedication to the organization.

Beyond her community involvement, Courtney is a licensed Property Manager boasting over two decades of experience in the field. As a self-proclaimed Chaos Coordinator, she brings passion to planning and organization. Courtney generously shares her expertise by crafting planners and coaching others on effective planning techniques. With a track record of accomplishments and a vibrant charisma, Courtney continues to make a significant impact in both her professional and community roles.

CANDIDATES FOR



Report of the GFWC South Carolina Nominating Committee

Candidates for 2024-2026 GFWC-SC Executive Officers

First Vice President – Kaye Jones

Second Vice President – Shannon Smith

Second Vice President—Carrie Zimmerman

Secretary---Kaye Hunke

Treasurer – Mendy Haver

Treasurer---Susan Lee

Confirmations of State and District Elections 2024-2026

GFWC-SC Officers and Executive Committee Members

President – Suzanne Carswell

Director of Junior Clubs – Michelle Blackmon

Director Elect of Junior Clubs – Courtney Evans

GFWC-SC District Presidents

Coastal District – Jeri McCumbee

Midlands District – Shelli Pue

Upstate District – Donna Anderson

GFWC-SC Board of Trustees

Coastal District: Chris Chase, Martha Brown , Anne Redlus (all serve 2024-2026)

Midlands District: Melanie Matthews, Pamme Eades, Janet Prince (all serve 2024-2026)

Upstate District: Nancy Moydell, Tracy Morzuch, Elizabeth Renneker (all serve 2024-2026)

Trustees of Progress Foundation

Coastal District: Karen Adams, Lynn Macan, (both serve 2024-2026)

Midlands District: Elizabeth Herring, Katie Moydell, Kaye Gerrald (all serve 2024-2026)

Upstate District: Sylvia Ayers, Paula Howard Casby, (both serve 2024-2026)

Trustees for the Scholarship Fund

Coastal District: Connie Lawson, Maryann Lovelidge, Sharon Quinter (all serve 2024-2026)

Midlands District: Linda Wagster, Elizabeth Saulter, Sarah Matthews (all serve 2024-2026)

Upstate District: Angela Walb, Kim Reed, Eileen Naglieri (all serve 2024-2026)

Elections/Confirmations shall be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

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.

GFWC South Carolina Headquarters Update

1511 Headquarters Emphasis

The Headquarters Committee needs your help involving every member of your club in "The 1511 Society". This is a way for GFWC-SC clubwomen to support the needs of their state headquarters through small donations. Traditionally, members have given increments of 1511 (our address). Most give \$15.11 but any amount - lesser or greater - is welcomed.

Funds generated by "The 1511 Society" are particularly important in 2024 as we hope to be able to paint the exterior of the mansion in late spring or early summer.

On April 1, the Headquarters Committee will launch a 30-day campaign to enroll as many South Carolina clubwomen as possible in(to) "The 1511 Society". Donations may be made online using a credit card or by mailing a personal check to Headquarters.

On May 1, as in years past, we will conduct a drawing of individual participants' names with the winner receiving a \$100 VISA card.

Everyone should watch for the campaign web address and other details closer to the April 1 campaign launch date. Information will be available on GFWC-SC's website, as well.

Thank you in advance for your tremendous support.

GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee
Ann Malpass, Chairman

Update on Extravaganza 2023

Thank you for your support of the 2023 Extravaganza! All the bills have been paid and the final net amount totals \$16,072.87. We are very grateful for the support of all who participated and particularly the St. Andrews Woman's Club members who worked very hard in the kitchen and bar. In addition, several others donated food and items, sold tickets, as well as donating much time and made this a success! It is appreciated!

GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee



Proposed Amendments to the GFWC South Carolina Constitution and Bylaws 2024

ARTICLE XIII – STANDING COMMITTEES

CURRENT WORDING

Section 6. Convention/Meetings Planning Committee. The Convention/Meetings Planning Committee shall consist of three members, with rotating terms of service of three years each. One member shall be appointed by the President each year to take office immediately following the annual meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to work in coordination with the President and the District Presidents to select sites and arrange other details for the Annual Conventions, as well as Summer and Winter Board of Directors meetings, GFWC Southern Regional Conference and any other meetings which may from time to time be held. The Committee should be responsible for reviewing contracts and securing facilities for meetings and Conventions. When securing hotel and conference centers, this committee should set contracts several years in advance, if possible.

PROPOSED WORDING

Section 6. Convention/Meetings Planning Committee. The Convention/Meetings Planning Committee shall consist of three members, **who shall be appointed by the President of each administration in the even-numbered years, to take office immediately following the annual meeting in the even-numbered years.** It shall be the duty of this committee to work in coordination with the President and the District Presidents to select sites and arrange other details for the Annual Conventions, as well as Summer and Winter Board of Directors meetings, GFWC Southern Regional Conference and any other meetings which may from time to time be held. The Committee shall be responsible for reviewing contracts for meetings and Conventions.

Rationale: To provide for appointment and term of committee members.

ARTICLE XI - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VACANCIES

CURRENT WORDING

Section 2. Elections. Elections by Convention shall be held on the morning of the second day beginning at 11:00 a.m.

PROPOSED WORDING

Section 2. Elections. Elections by Convention shall be held on the morning of the second day beginning at 11:00 a.m. **The state Elections Committee shall conduct the election and be responsible for coordinating the voting process. Paper ballots shall be used for all elections (contested or not). The Elections Committee shall gather the ballots and along with the Parliamentary Advisor, count the votes. Results of votes shall be given to the state President and reported to the convention body.**

Rationale: To reflect fair election process.

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President's Travel Fund Basket

Please remember the GFWC-SC President's Travel Fund Basket Fundraiser will be held on Saturday Evening, April 20 during the GFWC-SC Convention. We ask club to donate a basket to be raffled to benefit the President's Travel Fund. Please consider donating a basket from your Club. Baskets may be turned in at Registration on Friday, April 19 or Saturday morning, April 20.

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.



Junior Director Purse Auction

We will have our annual Purse/Tote Auction during our GFWC-SC Convention on Friday Evening, April 19, 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 may be turned in during registration on Friday and before dinner on Friday. This is always a fun and popular event at our convention. We always 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.



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Mimosas at the Mansion

GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee will host "Mimosas at the Mansion" on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00p.m. (Serving champagne, pineapple juice, and other juices & cheese straws) Everyone who drops by will have their name entered for a drawing to be held Saturday evening at our banquet. (It will be for basket of goodies furnished by the Headquarters Committee.) Hope you will take this opportunity to visit our beautiful "home" while you are here for convention! The address is 1511 Laurel St. You can park in the lot directly across from the mansion or on the street.



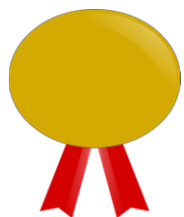
Memorial Service during Convention

Reminder:

Each year during our GFWC-South Carolina Convention, we set aside time to honor and remember GFWC-SC "Sister" who died during the previous year. Our Memorial Service will be on Saturday Morning, April 20 at the conclusion of our Business Session.

Please send our GFWC-SC Chaplain, Linda Wagster, the names of any Club members who died since our last convention by April 1, 2024. Please list the deceased members name, and brief information about the deceased member (number of years she was a member of the club, honors she received, offices held, committees or projects that were special to her, etc.) email lindago4@yahoo.com 2315 Park St. Columbia, SC 29201.

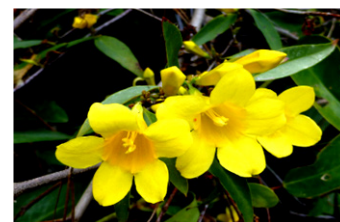
Honor Roll and Order of the Jessamine



With a \$25 donation to GFWC-South Carolina, you can honor a special clubwoman. Honorees will be listed in the convention program. They will also be recognized and receive a certificate during our GFWC-South Carolina Convention.

With a \$50 donation to GFWC-SC, your club can honor one member of your club with election to the Order of the Jessamine. The honoree will be recognized at convention with a certificate 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, 2024. All proceeds benefit the GFWC-SC General Fund. See the December Clubwoman for more information about these 2 awards.



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Hilton Garden Inn Downtown, 1200 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC

HOST DISTRICT: Midlands District

CONVENTION CHAIRMEN: Melanie Matthews, Jackie Boland, and Janet Prince

Welcome to Columbia! The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold the 126th Annual Convention at Hilton Garden Inn Downtown, 1200 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC April 18-21. Our special guests will be our GFWC International Director of Junior Clubs, Katie Moydell. 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 for the Convention Block at the Downtown Hilton Garden Inn with our special group rate is March 28.

March 28 the deadline for sleeping room reservations and may be made by using this link

Reservation Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/gfwc-sc-2024-convention-april/>

Please note this link is for sleeping rooms only! Room rates are Queen Suite (2 Queen Beds) \$129 plus tax and fees or King Suite--\$229 + tax and fees. Features: complimentary wireless Internet access, an indoor pool, 24-hour fitness center. Hotel also features complimentary wireless internet access, and a restaurant which features a bar/lounge, and room service (during limited hours). Cooked-to-order breakfasts are served on weekdays from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM and on weekends from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM for a fee. Other amenities include: a 24-hour business center, dry cleaning/laundry services, and a 24-hour front desk. Self-parking (subject to charges) is available onsite. Guestrooms feature microwaves, flat-screen televisions, complimentary wired and wireless internet access, and cable programming. Bathrooms have bathtubs or showers and hair dryers. Conveniences include laptop-compatible safes & desks, and housekeeping provided daily. Hotel is a 2-minute drive from University of South Carolina and 10 minutes from Fort Jackson. This hotel is 4.6 mi from Riverbanks Zoo and Garden. Visa, Diners Club, Debit cards, Discover, Cash, American Express, JCB International, Mastercard are accepted. Contactless check-in and contactless check-out are available.

Advance Registration and Meal Reservations Required:

April 11 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."**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/126th-gfwc-sc-convention-tickets-862370311817?aff=oddtcreator>. The link can also be found of 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 walk-ins for meals. Please register early and by April 11.

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Convention Attire & Other Information

The Midlands District welcomes you to Columbia at our Friday opening ceremonies and luncheon. Dress for Friday daytime will **Business attire** (dress or slacks) suggested. Friday evening we'll have fun with our Juniors. Theme for Friday evening will be **"Nothing Could Be Finer than an Evening in South Carolina"** It will be South Carolina theme (social hour will be outside –weather permitting.) **Dress for Friday evening will be South Carolina themed—based on our State Flag and other SC symbols (Carolina wren, yellow jessamine, etc.) We are asking members to wear indigo and white and Palmetto themed jewelry and accessories. Dress will be business casual with our South Carolina theme.** After dinner and awards we will have the ever-popular Junior Purse Auction. We will also be honoring Katie Moydell, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs.

Saturday Morning is Business Casual or GFWC-SC/GFWC/Club Attire. Our Saturday morning business meeting will include awards, election of officers for the 2024-2026 administration, confirmations of members of GFWC-SC Boards and District elections and a proposed change to the Bylaws. Plan to spend the afternoon in Columbia & go by our GFWC-SC Headquarters at 1511 Laurel St and join us for **"Mimosas at the Mansion"** 2:00--4:00 p.m.

Saturday evening we will end our convention in Formal Attire as we celebrate our outgoing GFWC-SC officers and welcome and install our new GFWC-SC Administration. We will also have some special awards and recognitions on Saturday evening. This is when we recognize our Woman of Distinctions and Volunteer of the Year, and raffle for the Basket Auction to benefit the GFWC-SC President's Travel Fund. The evening will end with a reception to honor the newly installed GFWC-SC officers.

Memorial Service will be held at the conclusion of our business meeting on Saturday morning. This Memorial Service honors GFWC-SC club members who have passed away from May 2023–April 2024, will be held on Saturday, April 20 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.

Convention Service Project: Friday morning Business Session – our guest speaker will be Lauren Giles, Executive Director of the York County Council on Aging. She will be speaking to us about their Pet Buddies Program. Members are asked to bring pet food, treats, leashes, etc. to donate to this program. It was suggested that smaller size bags, pouches, can are easier for them to handle and deliver to clients and their pets.



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2024 Preliminary Agenda (slight changes to this agenda may be made to accommodate time restrictions or other changes)

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Early Registration 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Past President's Dinner with Officers and Special Guests –Rebel Dog Restaurant, 504 Gervais St., Columbia, SC
Time and more information to be shared later.

Executive Committee Meeting—location and time TBA Friday, April 18, 2024

Friday, April 19, 2024

9:15a.m. – **Registration Opens**

9:45 a.m. **Board of Directors Meeting**

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

Katie Moydell GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, and Lauren Giles, Executive Director of YorkCounty Council on Aging, guests.

Community Service, Advancement Area & other Awards

6:00 p.m. Reception / Social time—Cash Bar social time, outside, (weather permitting)

7:00 p.m. Dinner – **“Nothing Could be Finer Than an Evening in South Carolina”** Buffet Dinner (dress is South Carolina theme –Indigo and white, palmetto themed jewelry and accessories, business casual)

Entertainment: Hank Martin Singer and Songwriter

Junior Celebration: Speaker: Katie Moydell, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs,

Director of Junior Special Project Awards, Junior Awards

Creative Arts Awards, President's Special Project Awards,

Junior Purse Auction

Saturday, April 20, 2024 9:30 a.m. --Convention in Session

(Muffins, pastries, bagel, coffee/tea available)

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

Bylaws Committee Report and Vote

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

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

Speaker form PAALS

District Presidents and GFWC-SC Officer Reports, District Meetings & Awards*Memorial Service*--Linda Wagster, GFWC-SC Chaplain

2:00-4:00 p.m.—**“Mimosas at the Mansion”** GFWC-SC Headquarters, 1511 Laurel St. open for tours and refreshments.

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Preliminary Convention Agenda (continued)

Saturday, April 20, 2024 Evening

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

7:00 p.m. Dinner – “Wear a Crown” Celebration Dinner (Formal attire)

Special Music – Bob Michalski (Bob the Sax player)

Outstanding Club Awards| CIP Award

Recognition of 2024 Honor Roll | Recognition of 2024 Order of the Jessamine

GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year | GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction | Jennie Award

GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Final Remarks

GFWC-SC President's Final Remarks

GFWC International Director of Junior Clubs Remark

Installation of 2024-2026 Officers

Invitation to 2025 Annual Convention–Upstate District

Winners of the Basket Raffle

Adjournment of 126th GFWC-SC Convention

Reception in Honor of the 2024-2026 Officers

Sunday Morning, April 21

2024-2026 Executive Committee Meeting–Time and place TBA

2024-2026 --Board of Directors Meeting–Time and place --TBA

Convention Menu Information

Friday Opening Session Welcome Lunch: Soup, Salad & Potato Bar–Soup du Jour (Tomato Basil) Garden Salad, Spinach Salad, Cherry Tomatoes, Diced Eggs, Black Olives, Croutons, Sliced Chicken, & Salad Dressings. Baked Potatoes with butter, sour cream, chives, chopped bacon, grated cheese, Desserts, Coffee, Tea–**Cost \$36.50**

Friday Evening Dinner: \$65 per person – Southern Feast Buffet –water, coffee & tea, Fresh Greens, Grape tomatoes, Shredded Carrots, English Cucumbers, Cheddar Cheese, Crispy Bacon, Croutons, Salad Dressings, Old Fashioned Slaw, Potato Salad. Southern Fried Chicken, and Slow Roasted hand pulled Pork, 2 vegetables, starch, Cornbread Muffins and Buttermilk Biscuits. Desserts.--\$65 person

Saturday Evening Celebration Dinner--Plated Dinner: Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Starch, rolls, water, ice tea, coffee You will have a choice of Flatiron Steak, Herb Encrusted Chicken Breast, or Grilled Salmon. **-\$70.00 per person**

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. Please note if you need a vegetarian meal for dinner on Friday or Saturday night, so that the kitchen will be prepared.

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Important GFWC - South Carolina Dates

GFWC-SC Legislative Day—March 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
South Carolina State House, Gervais St entrance

Deadline to send names of deceased club members to
GFWC-SC Chaplin, Linda Wagster, April 1, 2024

Deadline for sending President's Directory form to
GFWC-SC Special Assistant, Kathie Walker April 15, 2024

GFWC-SC 126th Annual Convention, Columbia, South Carolina
April 18– April 21, 2024

May 1, 2024 GFWC Ruby Anniversary Reception for WHRC,
Washington, DC

GFWC Annual Convention, Hilton, downtown Chicago , Illinois
June 28-July 1 , 2024

