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At the GFWC Convention in Austin, I heard author Joe Starita speak, and by the time you receive this magazine, I will have finished reading his book, *A Warrior of the People: How Susan La Flesche Overcame Racial and Gender Inequality to Become America's First Indian Doctor*. The book is a fascinating biography of Dr. Susan La Flesche, an Omaha Indian born in a buffalo hide tipi in 1865, who graduated as the valedictorian of her medical school class in 1889 at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Susan was aided along the way by many prominent women who were also involved in the suffrage movement. Her story is one of determination and perseverance, not alike the story of each of the suffragists. There is a description in the book of the Seneca Falls Convention which contains a quote from Elizabeth Cady Stanton that I find still relevant today: "But I persisted, for I saw clearly that the power to make the laws was the right through which all other rights could be secured."

At our summer board meeting, we took a step towards making the laws by filling out and mailing 61 postcards to the local offices of our U.S. Congressman advocating for the passage of Miranda's Law, H.R. 2793. The next step is listed below as a Grand Brand Initiative. I hope you will take the time to make the calls on the listed dates. At the district meetings we will have postcards to be filled out and mailed to the Senators advocating for the passage of the 3D Gun Safety Act, S. 1831.

In order to accomplish the last brand initiative, I will be forming an ad hoc committee for the 2020 Celebration of the 19th Amendment. Please email me if you are interested in serving on this committee. The committee will do most of its work via email or telephone, and the goal would be to present some celebration ideas at the Winter Session on January 4, 2020. Let's Make a Splash in South Carolina by sharing information about our state suffragists and exercising our right to vote at the polls in November.

With Federation Love,

*Juliet*

### **GFWC Grand Initiatives Updated**

Three new grand initiatives have been added which are part of legislation/public policy. Please mark your club calendars with the dates.

- 1. Support Miranda's Law.** Members are asked to make 1,000 contacts through phone calls or emails to their United States Legislators to support passing Miranda's Law on September 23, 2019.
- 2. 3D Printed Gun Safety Act.** Members are encouraged to make 1,000 contacts to Senators or Congressmen themselves or to urge their friends to participate on October 23, 2019.
- 3. Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women Winning the Right to Vote.** Clubs throughout the Federation are asked to plan 1,000 community service projects to celebrate August 26, 2020.

We have returned from a very successful GFWC convention in Austin, TX representing you! At the beginning of the trip some of us visited the Bats, some of us went to Waco and some of us toured the beautiful City of Austin. I honorably carried the SC State flag with the white gloves, walking with GFWC-SC President Casper and GFWC President Elect, Marian St. Clair. We attended board meetings, updated resolutions, workshops and heard some awesome updates from GFWC 7 grand initiatives. GFWC-SC did not disappoint in winning awards.

We are currently searching for a Junior Director Elect. I will be appointing a nominating committee so that we can present at Winter Board. If you are interested or know of a member that may be interested, please let me know so that I can reach out to them. The interested candidates must have been a President of their Club or are currently a President of their Club.

We will be having a guest at Winter Board, Junior Director Elect of GFWC, Kristina Higbee from Wisconsin. We are so excited she will be able to join us. If any clubs are interested in sponsoring her attendance, please let me know.

For the next 5 months I have set my goal to visit every Junior Club in either a meeting or event. Please invite me to club events and meetings as soon as possible. I will also be presenting at the District Conferences for our second part of SC LEADS and participating in the St. Jude 5k walk/run. Finally I will be attending GFWC Southern Region in North Charleston, SC October 17-20, 2019. The GFWC Juniors will be hosting a game night, fundraising event, of Bingo and Tenzis on Friday, October 18, 2019 after the dinner. And the fun night will benefit ST. JUDE's! GFWC-SC Juniors need to show their support! If you can make it, even for that night, it would be great to see you. Please come and support and show how #gfwcscjuniorsrock.

Advocates for Children's Week is October 20-26, 2019. Take this time to coordinate activities that provide support for children. Contact your city government and declare this week Advocates for Children's Week in your town. Host a game night to benefit St. Jude's, March of Dimes or Special Olympics? Be creative but let's try to develop some sort of activity this month focused on children!!!

As GFWC-SC Juniors we need to remember that developing leaders in our clubs is one of the ways to keep our clubs thriving. As you start the new club year, remember to budget for leadership development so that club members can attend GFWC-SC and GFWC events. We have a unique opportunity to show support this year with GFWC Southern Region being in North Charleston, SC and GFWC International convention next year in Atlanta, GA! This can all be reported under leadership.

I would like to ask everyone to continue to develop projects that support the Special Olympics in your area. I have seen on social media some activities completed by the Junior Women's Club of Rock Hill and Chapin Juniors. Continue to support and be those Superwomen I know you are!!! Tag yourself on social media. Remember we have an instagram page, @gfwcsc1820 and on facebook, Gfwc-sc juniors. Please follow and like our pages and tell your members to do the same. Fundraising opportunities will be appearing soon!



**Carrie Zimmerman**  
**GFWC-SC**  
**Director of**  
**Junior Clubs**



*In Junior Love,  
 Carrie*

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**Kristin Fields**  
GFWC-SC  
President-elect

It was great to see you at Summer Board. One highlight of the meeting was our guest speaker Andrea Bobotis, the author of *The Last List of Miss Judith Kratt*. She read an excerpt of the book about the artifacts in the home that hold the family secrets. As your new club year kicks off, bring out some of the club artifacts, scrapbooks and yearbooks as a means of sharing the club's history and secrets with potential members.

The recruitment campaign, *United by Our Diversity*, starts the Focus on Recruitment in September. Be sure to share club members recruited September, October and November with GFWC and myself by submitting the recruitment report. The recruitment report form is available on the GFWC and GFWC-SC websites. Complete the form and submit by December 1.

District Presidents are busily preparing for the upcoming district meetings. The meeting dates are listed below. Invitations will be sent with all the details.

- Coastal District: September 14, 2019
- Upstate District: September 22, 2019
- Midlands District: October 5, 2019

I hope to see many of you at your respective District Meeting!

In Federation Love,

*Kristin*

**Club Anniversaries Celebrated at the 2019 GFWC-SC State Convention**

The Woman's Club of Columbia – 75 Years

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club—45 Years

Palmetto Woman's Club – 35 Years

Golden Strip Woman's Club - 5 Years

**GFWC-SC Club Members Anniversaries**

10 Years

Katie Moydell – Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

20 Years

Lynda Hardee - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Jeannie Turner - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

25 Years

Joyce Thomas - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

**Update on District Awards:**

Virginia (Sissy) Welch Award: Midlands

Rudy H. McManua Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: Midlands

Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award: Midlands

Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award: North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

I enjoyed working with everyone during the first year of the 2018-2020 GFWC-SC administration. As your club plans projects, speakers and events for the club year, please consider incorporating our State President and Director of Junior Clubs special programs. Also remember the GFWC Signature Project, Junior Signature Project, and Partners.

**President Special Programs:**

*The Lifesaver Awards:* To the General, Junior, and Juniorette Club in each Category with the best overall program or project in support of “Swimming Saves Lives” - Contact: Janine Lawson.

*The State Partner Award:* For the best project in support of “Your State, Your Partner” - 2019 St Jude’s Children’ Research Hospital - Contact: Dr. Misty Konow.

*Change For Charities:* For the District contributing the most money to the “change jars” at State and District Meetings.

*The Splash Award:* To the club whose overall work best supports the State Theme - “*Make A Splash in your Community*” This Award encourages clubs to Honor the Past, Raise your Voice in the Present, and Show Gratitude and Kindness - Contact Juliet Casper, Brenda Tarkenton, or Peggy Opitz.

**GFWC Signature Program - Domestic Violence Awareness** - Contact: Ellen Mayes.

**Director of Clubs Special Programs:**

*Super Girls-Bam!* - Awarded to the Junior Club and/or Juniorette Club best incorporating the Junior Director’s Special Program focusing on Special Olympics - Contact: Carrie Zimmerman.

*Wonder Woman-Pow!* - Awarded to the General Club best incorporating the Junior Director’s Special Program focusing on Special Olympics - Contact: Carrie Zimmerman.

*Super Heroes-Zap!* - Awarded to the General Clubs, Junior Clubs or Juniorette Clubs reporting the best joint project undertaken by 2 or more Clubs working together to focus on the Junior Director’s Special Program focusing on Special Olympics. This project is a joint venture and clubs must submit one report, written together, and signed by the participating Club presidents. Contact: Carrie Zimmerman.

**GFWC Juniors Special Project: Advocates for Children** - Contact: Shelli Pue or Carrie Zimmerman .

**2018-2020 GFWC Community Improvement Award** - is given this year - Contact : Karen Adams

Visit the GFWC and GFWC SC websites to find a wealth of information to aid your club in planning club projects. Website addresses are: <http://www.gfwc.org/membership/club-manual> and <http://gfwc-sc.org>. Check the list of projects in the [GFWC-SC Clubwoman](#), to find the correct CSP or Advancement Area for reporting and planning projects. Forms for the 2019 GFWC-SC administration reporting year are updated and are on the GFWC-SC Website. If a Club needs printed forms or information, let me know. Also let me know if you have any questions regarding any forms, programs, awards, or reporting. I will also be happy to answer questions regarding programs, forms, and reporting at the District Meetings. We will once again be doing as much of our reporting by email as possible.

I look forward to seeing you all at your District Meetings in September or October and Winter Board to be held January 4, 2020.



**Norma England**  
**GFWC-SC**  
Second Vice President

*Norma*

Is your club having increasingly difficulty in finding members to step up to leadership positions? Perhaps we should rethink how we support those who volunteer to serve our clubs. Taking on a membership recruitment event, chairing a CSP, chairing a major fundraiser, making the commitment to serve as an officer or club president are all efforts worthy of our gratitude. The time, commitment and sacrifice required to take on a leadership roll should be appreciated and acknowledged. Long-time members add knowledge and valuable historical perspective to a club; newer members add fresh ideas, skills and enthusiasm (not to mention a new circle of potential new members)! Encourage your club leadership to bring their own ideas and creativity to their positions. Embolden them to let go of long-time projects or fundraisers that have had their time, to try new things, to do old things in new ways and perhaps even make their own mistakes. Be done with fault-finding and support them with notes, texts and calls of encouragement. Offer your appreciation, guidance, support and hugs. Remember our motto: 'Unity in Diversity', which includes diversity of ideas, approach and perspective. And above all, please, "Oh Lord God, let us forget NOT to be kind."



**Suzanne Carswell**  
**GFWC-SC**  
 Secretary

In Federation Love,

*Suzanne*



**Beth Taylor**  
**GFWC-SC**  
 Treasurer

I can't believe it is time to start talking about money, taxes, and filing forms, oh my! I'm sorry if I sound redundant with my reports, but being a treasurer is a little redundant and it seems like I repeat myself a lot, but this is so important to keep all of our clubs on the up and up. I don't mess with the government!

I would like to give some important reminders:

Annual Dues are due to the GFWC-SC Treasurer on or before November 1st! Clubs must pay their dues by this deadline in order to earn points on the rating sheet and to be eligible to apply for a grant from GFWC-SC Progress Foundation. We are asking you to please type any changes on the member list instead of writing the changes. It is not much space and hard to read some handwritings. Please make sure you note a change. Thanks!!

Dues are as followed per member:

- General Clubs: \$27
- Junior Clubs: \$31
- Members at Large: \$27
- Heritage Clubs: \$16
- Juniorette Clubs: \$11

IRS Tax or Informational Filing. You are required to file an annual return of your income and expenses with the IRS. Small tax-exempt organizations with gross receipts ≤ \$50,000 can file an electronic notice. The form you will use is either the 990-N or the E-Postcard depending on your gross receipts.

This filing is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after close of your tax year. For example if your club's fiscal year ends on Dec 31st your filing deadline is May 15th. Another example, if your club's fiscal year ends on May 31st your filing deadline is Oct 15th. The complete list is located in last year's clubwoman under my report.

Secretary of State (SOS) Registration or Exemption and Raffle: The Registration Statement for a Charitable Organization or the Application for Registration Exemption, and the Annual Financial Report are all due on an annual basis 4 ½ months after your Club's fiscal year. That is the same time frame as above on filing taxes, (15th day of the 5th month after fiscal year end.) At the same time you must file for your raffle registration renewal or exemption.

Important Website information: [sos.gov/PublicCharities](http://sos.gov/PublicCharities), the website has useful information under the info tab for registration and a tab for raffle registration. I highly recommend you utilize this site. As always, call or email me with any questions.

In Federation Love,

*Beth*

In order to assist clubs with their reporting, we have created a guide listing common topics and projects under the recommended category.

### **Advocates for Children**

Alex's Lemonade Stand  
Anti-Bullying  
Back-Pack feeding program  
Celebrate GFWC Advocates for Children Week in Oct.  
Child Safety  
Children's Education  
Children's Health Programs  
Children's Hospitals  
DARE  
Disabled Children Help/Support  
Educate members & others on importance of foster care  
Emergency Medical Services for Children  
Child Safety  
Foster Care  
Heifer International Milk Program  
Health and Fitness/Obesity Prevention in children  
Help teens in transition due to aging out of foster care  
Learn about childhood diseases, prevention and treatment  
Learn about Internet safety/how social media affects youth  
March of Dimes  
Party in a Box for Shelters/Hospitals  
Positive Parenting  
Professional Foster Parents  
Promote responsible driving habits for teens  
Safety on the Internet/Driving  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Self-esteem building in children  
Special Olympics  
Support drug abuse prevention programs  
Teen Violence  
Volunteer to read to children at schools/day care centers  
World Polio Day

### **Arts**

Art Shows/Exhibits  
Art/Art Projects  
Donate Stocking to Headquarters Fundraiser

Community Painting Projects  
Crafts  
Decorate a hospital ward for holidays  
Donate books about art, photography, etc.  
Flower Arranging  
Mini-grants—Arts  
Murals  
Paints in the Park  
Parade Floats  
Photography  
Progressive Luncheons/Dinners  
Scenery for Theatre Group  
Support local artists  
Trips to Art Exhibits  
Youth Art Exhibit  
Youth Art Month  
Arts Performing Festival  
Attend Performing Arts programs and events  
Concert/Play Sponsorship  
Entertain members/students/seniors with music/dance/etc.  
GFWC Writing Contests  
Lending Video Library  
Murder Mystery Night  
Music in the Schools Month  
Musical Instrument Collection/Donation  
National Music Week  
Opera- research, attend  
Poetry Night  
Poetry/Short Story Contest  
Sing-a-longs  
Youth Poetry Contest Youth  
Short Story Contest Banners  
(club-create/purchase)

### **Communications**

Clothing with club logo, sell and wear  
Club Business Cards  
Club Profiles  
Convention Program, purchase ad  
Displays (in public locations)  
Editorials  
Federation Day (April 24th) promotions  
Flyers (club projects/activities)  
GFWC Membership Day, publicize  
GFWC Road Sign  
Information Booth/Display  
Logos (use of GFWC/GFWC-SC)  
Newsletters, club/district  
PR Promotions  
Press Releases  
Pressbook

Scrapbook  
Websites, webpage or blog  
YouTube video of club event  
Facebook Account (or other social media) for club  
GFWC CLUBWOMAN Magazine, subscribe/submit info

### Conservation

Adopt-a-Highway, litter clean-up  
Animal, Rescue and Management, SPCA  
Arbor Day  
Backyard/schoolyard/wildlife habitat program  
Beautifying Town Areas or Beaches  
Bird, Butterfly and Bee Friendly Gardens  
Community Clean-ups  
Community Gardens  
Earth Day  
Energy Awareness  
Environmental Issues  
Forest/Park Ranger Programs  
Friends of the Park Program  
Garden/Pond Tour  
Great American-Clean-up  
Humane Society  
Keep America Beautiful Projects  
Mascara Wands for Appalachian Wildlife Refuge  
National Park Week  
National Registry of Historic Trees  
National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Nature Generation Programs  
Plant Trees (Honor/Memorial)  
Recycling  
Remembrance Garden  
Tree City USA  
Tree Plantings  
Water and Soil Conservation  
Wildlife Refuge or Land Preservation

### Domestic Violence Awareness

Battered Women/Children Shelters  
Birthday Bags for Shelters  
Domestic Violence Shelter Support  
Dress for Success and similar organizations  
Elder Abuse  
GFWC Survivors Scholarship  
Hygiene kits/anger kits  
Bra collection for DV shelters  
Observe Prevent Domestic Violence Month-October  
Partner Abuse Prevention  
Sweat Suits for Rape Victims

Teen Dating Violence  
Used Cellular Phones Donations  
Book Donations/Memorials

### Education

After School Alliance / Program  
Author as Speaker  
Book Clubs/Review Sections  
Book Drive  
Books for Babies Program  
Box Tops for Education  
Children's Books on tape  
Class Assistance/Volunteers  
ESO (GFWC Reading Program)  
Family Reading  
Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY)  
Library Programs (summer reading, book clubs, etc)  
Library Services for Children and Youth  
National Children's Book Week  
National Education Week  
National Library Week  
Presidential Freedom Scholarships  
Promote/ Sponsor Little Libraries  
Read-a-Thon  
Read Across America  
Reading is Fundamental (RIF)  
Scholarships  
Spelling Bee  
Sponsor swim lessons  
Support local swim team  
Summer Reading Programs  
Teen Read Week  
World Book Day  
After School Action Kit  
Illiteracy (prevention and tutoring)  
Literacy Day  
Literacy Volunteers of America

### Home Life

Adopt a Family  
Adult Day Care  
AIDS/HIV  
Aluminum Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House  
Alzheimer's  
Anti-Smoking Campaigns  
Arthritis  
Autism  
Blood/Bone Marrow Drives  
Boy and Girl Scouts/Clubs  
Braille



Cancer  
 Canine Companions for Independence  
 Clothing Drives  
 Comfort Pillows  
 Diabetes  
 Disabled Persons Help/Support  
 Disaster Relief  
 Displaced Persons (Homeless)  
 Easter Seals  
 Educate community about Heart Disease  
 Food Baskets  
 Food Donations to local food pantries  
 Gowns for proms  
 Habitat for Humanity  
 Health Fairs/Physical fitness  
 Health Issue Programs  
 Heart Month  
 Hospitals, Clinics, assisting at or sponsor Screening  
 Immunizations  
 Inside Knowledge, gynecological cancer  
 Lupus  
 Meals-on-Wheels  
 Mental Illness Awareness Week in October  
 National Hunger Day  
 Nursing Homes  
 Nutrition  
 Organ Donor Program  
 Osteoporosis  
 Ovarian Cancer  
 Physical Fitness  
 Project Linus or Warm-Up America  
 Red Cross  
 Red Ribbon Campaign  
 Retirement and Financial planning  
 Ronald McDonald House  
 Sponsor a walk or run for hunger  
 Support local food pantries and food banks  
 Turkey/Ham Donations at the Holidays  
 Underserved clinics/health centers  
 Wear Red Day, Heart Health  
 Weight loss/walking groups  
 Wellness Centers  
 Wellness Community House  
 Women and Smoking

#### **International Outreach**

AIDS/HIV—UNICEF Campaign  
 Cultural Exchange  
 Free the Girls  
 Exchange Students  
 Global Volunteers  
 Heifer International

Heritage Costume Party  
 Human Right Issues (Int'l)  
 Human Trafficking Int'l  
 International Meals  
 Operation Smile  
 Save the Children  
 Shot@Life  
 UNICEF Mother/Child HIV  
 UNICEF Trick or Treat  
 United Nations  
 United Nations Day October 24  
 United Nations Visit/Educate  
 World Food Day  
 World Geography/Essay Contests  
 Ethnic Clubs or Groups  
 Hands on the World Global, Inc.  
 Geography Bee  
 Achievement Day Workers

#### **Leadership**

Agendas, Preparing and Facilitating Meetings  
 Attend District/State/Regional/GFWC Meetings  
 Attend State or GFWC LEADS  
 Attend GFWC-SC Board Meetings  
 Attend or hold a Report Writing Workshop—Club  
 Club/District Administration  
 Conduct an Orientation for officers and chairmen  
 Create Delegate Fund-help offset cost of  
 attending state meetings  
 Develop a Leadership Library, share books on this  
 topic  
 Hostess a District Council  
 Invite an expert of public speaking to a club meeting  
 Invite State, District officers to attend a club event  
 Invite your District Vice President to a club meeting  
 Leadership Workshops  
 Leadership Materials  
 Mentoring for New Members  
 Networking with community volunteer organizations  
 Nominate a candidate for Cecilia Gaines Holland  
 Award  
 Nominate a club member for GFWC Jennie Award  
 Pair experienced and newer members for  
 chairmanships  
 Parliamentary Procedure and Training  
 Procedure Books  
 Review and Revise By-Laws  
 Review and use materials in the GFWC Club Manual  
 Review Parliamentary Procedure at meeting or  
 newsletter  
 Subscribe to GFWC News & Notes and Clubwoman  
 Utilize Procedure books for officers, chairmen,  
 projects

### **Legislation**

Begin “study circles” for legislative issues  
Conduct a letter writing workshop  
Contact SC Legislators  
Contact U.S. Senators/Representatives  
Create clipping service on legislative issues for members  
Discuss legislative issues at a club meeting  
Form a Legislative Committee  
GFWC Legislative Alerts, read and discuss  
Legislative Committees  
Letter Writing Workshop  
Public Hearing on Legislative Issues  
Public Signings of legislation  
Utilize [www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org), explain how used  
Work with League of Women Voters  
Write to Congress on issues other than focus areas

### **Membership**

Conduct Surveys and Evaluations  
Club House Maintenance  
GFWC Seasonal Recruitment Campaign  
Membership Drive/Materials  
Membership Week Proclamation  
Mentor New Members  
New Member Orientation  
New Members Installation Ceremonies  
Orientations (new and established members)  
Recognize Woman of the Year, Rookie of the Year  
Recognition of 25 and 50 year members  
Rental of Meeting Space  
Sponsor a Juniorette Club  
Socials/Summer Events

### **Public Issues**

AARP/55 Alive Program  
Amber Alert Emergency Response System  
Armed Forces  
Baby Sitting Classes  
Better Business Bureau  
Bicycle Safety  
Bike Safety Helmets Blue  
Ribbon Campaign Candidates  
Night/Forums Community  
Concerns Coupons (Operation  
Coupon) CPR Classes  
Crime Prevention Month  
Driving Safety  
Elections – Local Boards or Local/State/National  
Offices  
Emergency Preparedness  
Fingerprinting Children Fire  
Prevention Week

Fire Safety  
Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Services  
Highway Safety Programs  
Historic District  
Human Trafficking locally  
Kettering Foundation  
MADD  
Military Support  
National Crime Victims’ Rights Week  
National Day of Remembrance  
National D-Day Memorial  
National Night Out  
Promote and Sponsor Patriotic  
Activities/Celebrations/songs at meetings  
Public Issues Day  
Recall Lists  
SADD  
Safe Kids  
Seat Belt usage  
Sew Much Comfort  
Smart and safe computer use  
Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors  
Stuffed Bear to Local Police  
Swimming Safety and Drowning Prevention  
Town Council Meetings  
United Through Reading  
USO  
Veterans  
Vote in elections  
Women in Military Service (WIMSA)  
Women’s Veterans Recognition Week  
First Aid Classes

### **Women’s History**

1734 Society (GFWC)  
Club History  
Club Anniversary Celebration  
GFWC Women’s History and Resource Ctr.  
Headquarters Wish List  
Identify/preserve club history by archiving your  
records  
Join GFWC Legacy Club  
National History Day  
National Women’s Hall of Fame National Women’s  
History Month Oral Histories  
Record an oral history of your club Research/share  
accomplishments of local women Support Turning  
Point Suffragist Memorial  
Visit GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC Women  
in History  
Visit Women's Historical Sites

## The Letter

I wrote a letter to my friend, not sure what I would say  
To ease her grief and sadness when we are states away.  
The miles between us stretch afar; although I can't be there  
To hold her hand and be present, I really want to share.  
She has the faith of assurance that her loved one is at rest  
And family to comfort her, for they can do it best.  
But my friend needs consolation that I hope to offer, too-  
The years we've shared are many- we've a friendship that is true.  
We celebrated each other's weddings, and clapped at each child's birth;  
Our reunions have been infrequent, but we know each other's worth.  
Now her sorrow in the present is felt , despite the miles...  
I yearn to have a visit and share a "Memory-Smile."  
To listen to her thoughts and sighs, and hold her precious hand;  
The pain of loss ever-present, while I try to understand  
Her daily life of adjustment to face another day  
And give her support and comfort , tho' I know I cannot stay.  
So until I see her face to face, beside her in her home  
This letter is my tribute, hoping she won't feel alone.  
A letter full of life-long-love, even though we are apart-  
I send a bouquet of friendship from my sympathizing heart.

**Melissa H. Smith**  
**GFWC-SC Poet Laureate**

**April 2019**

## YOU'RE INVITED

The Woman's Club of Columbia in conjunction with the Local History Room of Richland County Library Main, invites you to join us for a presentation on "The Woman's Club of Columbia and Other Local Cookbooks." Our speaker, Hardy Childers will provide an overview of local cookbooks and more detailed information on the 1947 Woman's Club of Columbia cookbook which has been reprinted.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 17, 2019

**Where:** Richland County Library Main  
1431 Assembly Street (29201)

A tasting of recipes from the Woman's Club of Columbia Cookbook will follow the program.

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUMMER SESSION





**2019 Bylaw Amendment to ARTICLE XI Community Service Programs**  
**Marian St. Clair, GFWC President Elect**

**ARTICLE XI Community Service Program**

**AS AMENDED WILL READ: Section 11.1 Definition.** The Community Service Programs shall be: Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.

**INFORMATION:**

The proposed amendment to “refresh” the Community Service Programs stemmed from the January work of the 2018 -2020 Strategic Planning Committee that examined three areas of the Strategic Plan: Programs, Leadership, and Membership. Through a SWOT analysis, which examined organizational strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, the committee identified several key ideas that impacted the decision to update the CSPs:

- Volunteer service is one of GFWC’s top three strengths
- Resistance to change is a major weakness of GFWC
- Programs were named as one of the top three opportunities for future success, including the branding of GFWC
- Updating the Community Service Programs was pinpointed as one of the most important focus areas for the immediate future

President Mary Ellen Brock, in her Region speech, emphasized the importance of looking to the future by sharing a quote from Wayne Gretzky, who said, “I skate to where the puck is going to be.” This quote was utilized throughout the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting as a reminder that the world is changing and we must adapt our work and our methods to continue to meet community needs, as well as to attract new and younger members.

One of the main goals of the Proposed Amendment to ARTILCE XI was to recognize the importance of the global community (along with national, state, and local communities) and the need to address some problems globally, by fully integrating international programs into GFWC’s whole scope of work. To do this, the Amendment expands Arts to include cultural programs, while other programs that currently exist under the guidelines of International Outreach, such as projects with Shot@Life, UNICEF USA, Heifer, and Operation Smile, all fit within the umbrella of any or all of the other proposed (new) Community Service Programs, depending on the intent of the club engaging in the project.

It’s important to note that every project that exists in GFWC’s current scope of work will fit within the (new) CSPs. By renaming the programs and reassigning the projects within them, however, we are better able to group areas of work into program areas that reflect current issues and concerns, such as Environment and Health and Wellness, while also enhancing our ability to attract new members and meet the needs of communities of all sizes and geographic locations. The change also facilitates program engagement with our GFWC International Clubs.

The Community Service Programs were last refreshed with the start of the 2010-2012 Administration. Now is an appropriate time, 10 years later, for an update.

**INFORMATION IN BRIEF:**

- The guiding factors for the Strategic Planning Committee came from a SWOT analysis
- The (new) CSPs integrate international projects into GFWC's full scope of work, embracing the importance of "global community" and “global problem solving”
- The (new) CSPs also reorganize projects so they reflect current concerns, which enables us to better serve communities and attract new and younger members
- All current projects fit within the (new) CSPs
- It's time for an update; the last one was 10 years ago

Since the changes to the Community Service Programs will be effective in the 2020 Administration, now is the time for your club to review its bylaws to make the necessary changes. Here’s one suggestion that may alleviate the need to change the bylaws regarding programs in the future:

“The community service programs, advancement areas, and special projects shall correspond to those of the General Federation of Woman’s Clubs.”

## **S.C.F.W.C. PROGRESS FOUNDATION UPDATE** **Jan W. Hadwin, Treasurer**

Effective July 31, 2018 IRS has new guideline for Private Foundations. Private foundations have to withdraw Five Percent (5%) each year from the investments. If we do not comply, the IRS will assess a 30% penalty on the balance that was not awarded.

On the application, it states you must have matching funds. This has changed to: Matching funds or a minimum of 20% of amount requested . (This change should encourage more clubs to apply for funds for their special projects). Example: request \$500, you would need \$100 not \$500 as before. Clubs, please apply for these funds and make a SPLASH in your communities.

**Note:** There has been some questions regarding the name of the Foundation, therefore for those who are new I will explain.

### **Clarification**

The legal name of the foundation is **South Carolina Federation of Women's Club Progress Foundation**, our federation did not change its name to GFWC-SC until the early 2000 from S.C.F.W.C.,. Progress Foundation is a private foundation and is registered as such with the Internal Revenue Service and tax ID is S.C.F.W.C.

I hope this will clarify the difference in the name. When you acknowledge the receipt of your grant you may say S.C.F.W.C. aka GFWC-SC. The funds are coming from investments in S.C.F.W.C. Progress Foundation. The CPA, that does the taxes, is required to send the name and address of each club receiving funds. Unless your club has income that requires you to file with IRS this will not impact your club.

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### **Where will you serve GFWC-SC in 2020-2022?**

I am in the process of pulling together volunteers for my team. I would love to hear back from you. Please go to our website and complete the 2020-2022 Administration Interest form. Return to my via email or mail by September 30th. Thank you so much for your time and interest.

Kristin Fields, GFWC President-elect

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### **GFWC-SC Club Presidents Update**

Some clubs have elected new presidents for the 2019 club year. Here are the changes to the listing published in the September 2018 Clubwoman.

GFWC Chapin Woman's Club  
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GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club  
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Irmo, SC 29063  
celfert@aol.com  
803-466-2403

GFWC Women's Club of Greenville SC, LLC  
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211 Pine Forest Drive  
Greenville, SC 29601  
dcxena@hotmail.com  
703-801-4842

GFWC Jubilee Club –Janet Agnew is a  
Co-President now  
Mary Vann, Co-President  
233 Pineville Rd  
Spartanburg, SC 29307  
mebv630@bellsouth.net  
864-316-3249

GFWC Charleston Junior Woman's Club  
Melissa Conover and Laura Boisclair, Co-Presidents  
106 B Charlesfort Allet  
Charleston, SC 29403  
cjcwcpresident@gmail.com  
678-665-4487

## Coastal District Clubs Update Anne H. Redlus, District President

With this heat of the summer, you would think that all of our Coastal District Club members would be out seeking cooler weather, swimming or soaking in a pool or the ocean or hibernating in the air conditioning. But no... each of the 5 clubs in this district are holding fundraisers, doing projects and planning, planning for September.

The **Charleston Junior Women's Club** have new co presidents: Melissa Conover and Laura Boisclair. Melissa reported that they ended the club year in May with a get together at the Wild Dunes Clubhouse. The Board recently met and are excited to start back up in August with 3 recruitment events scheduled across Charleston. They will kick off the year with a Sullivan's Island Beach clean up with the Surfrider Foundation at the beginning of September. The club is planning Mini Projects that may involve collecting or creating items at each meeting. The member organizing the event is welcome to invite a speaker connected with the project. The Juniors are planning on conducting a Centennial Challenge in which any sort of race or walk that members participate in would count towards completing 100 miles to commemorate the centennial of the 19th amendment

President Karen Lassiter of the **Woman's Club of Charleston** reported that they are hiding from the heat this month but have planned many projects to begin the club year. The President's Projects for this year are: to continue supporting the LAPS program which supports the local Title One school children in teaching them to swim for survival. Another project is supporting the Fisher House by providing snacks monthly and providing at least two meals through the year. The club will continue to support The Magdalene House in Summerville by providing donations of household cleaning supplies, personal items to the women housed in this facility who are trying to continue rehabilitating from alcohol and drug abuse. One other highlight is that members will be collecting science supplies for the Charleston County School District's Elementary Schools in August. For fun.. the annual club picnic will be held on August 19 at Charles Towne Landing in the Founder's Hall. This will be a time to welcome new members and prospective members. At this picnic the supplies for the Charleston County School District will be collected. Karen reported even more projects in her update to this District President so look out for a tornado of activity from this club.

The members of the **St. George Women's Guild** are busy planning for their Annual Salad with Style on Monday evening, September 9. Besides a delicious meal prepared by the club members, there will be a wonderful speaker-singer, Malisa from Little River (Mrs. SC), a fun fashion show, and fun door prizes. Sure sounds like FUN! Tickets are \$18.00. Please see one of the members of this club today if you are interested in attending.

Sue Burgess, President of the **North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club** reported that the club is hoping to help sponsor with the city and county a Domestic Violence Shelter in Horry County. Sounds like quite an endeavor. Cool plans are being made to gather information for the Tour of Homes to be held in December.

**GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry** led by President Sharon Quinter is really hoping for a temperature drop on Thursday, July 25th as the club holds a Barbecue Fundraiser at the Sun City Pavilion (outdoors) from 6-8:30 pm. It is reported that the fundraiser is now sold out at 200 tickets sold. Proceeds will benefit the club's Ridgeland Boys and Girls Clubs Project which is the renovation of rooms, one room at a time, at a former school that will house the after school teen program. Following on the heels of the Barbecue will be the club's 5th annual Game Day which will be held Monday, September 23 from 11 am – 3 pm at the Hilton Head Country Club. Besides playing a variety of games, attendees will enjoy a luncheon with many doorprizes drawn and chance to win 25+ gift baskets. The proceeds of Game Day will also go towards the Boys and Girls Club Project. Tickets are \$35.00. On August 15th, the club will hold a Wine and Cheese membership recruitment gathering which will be indoors in Sun City.

Despite the temperature, the members of the Coastal District are not letting a little heat get them down. This District president is extremely proud of all the projects and fundraisers being planned by these 5 clubs. Great leadership and great members!

## Midlands District Updates

Happy recruitment season to the clubs of GFWC-SC Midlands District! With the autumn leaves and pumpkin latte everything, many of our clubs will also be welcoming new members. I look forward to hearing about how you showcase your club's wonderful work!

The Midlands District meeting will be held October 5th at the Woman's Club of Cayce clubhouse. Please join us from 10am-noon, light refreshments will be served. All club women are invited to come, the more the merrier! Club presidents, please send me your recruitment ideas/successes by October 1.

The St. Jude walk is being held September 14th in Carnes Crossroads in Summerville. If you cannot attend the walk, please join GFWC-SC's virtual page!

I hope to see many of our members at Southern Region Convention. If you've never attended a region conference, this a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun! The opportunity to spend with our region sisters truly is one of the most wonderful times of the year!

Thank you for everything your clubs do to support our district and state!

***Katie Moydell***  
***Midlands District President***

## Upstate District Updates

Greetings from the Upstate District! Although most clubs do not meet during the summer months that hasn't stopped many of them from doing clothing drives, assisting in gathering back to school materials for students in need and continuing to gather Dr. Suess books. All of which are parts of our 7 Grand Initiatives. Upstate clubs are also busy preparing for speakers and new members as Fall meetings begin. I've personally read 4 of our books that have been recommended by our GFWC-SC Girlfriends Book Club. This summer has also seen club members from the Upstate enjoying the beautiful sights and sounds that our country has to offer and recognizing our organization in their pictures and online. Our Upstate Fall District Conference is planned for September 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the beautiful Woman's Club of Rock Hill Clubhouse located at 607 Aiken Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730. A call to this conference will be sent out to all Upstate Club President's in the next week. We hope to see all of you there!

***In federation love,***  
***Tina Winkler***  
***Upstate District President***

## Help us with Southern Region

It's the most wonderful time of the year to help support and sponsor South Carolina hosting Southern Region in Charleston October 17-20. If your club would be willing to sponsor or co-sponsor any of the events below, please contact Laurie O'Kelly at [LLOK385@aol.com](mailto:LLOK385@aol.com) or Tammy Garland at [TammyTiger@gmail.com](mailto:TammyTiger@gmail.com). Sponsorships are needed for the following:

Thursday bus \$500

Friday entertainment \$600

Snacks for registration bags \$300

All donations are appreciated and should be mailed to Beth Taylor, GFWC-SC Treasurer at 4 High Pointe Lane, Blythewood, SC 29016. Beth's email is [btaylorrti@gmail.com](mailto:btaylorrti@gmail.com)

Thank you to the following clubs for your support:

North Myrtle Beach WC, St. Andrews WC, Past Presidents Club, Seneca JWC, JWC Columbia, WC Rock Hill.





Kay Chadwick  
GFWC Southern Region President  
2018-2020  
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August 9, 2019

Dear GFWC Southern Region Members,

It is my honor to issue the Official Call of the GFWC Southern Region Annual Meeting to be held October 17-20, 2019, at the North Charleston Marriott in Charleston, South Carolina. All of our Southern Sisters are invited and bring lots of guests. Please share this call with your members and encourage them to attend! Your Registration form, hotel information, airport if you're flying and fun facts are included and will also be posted on the Southern Region website!

The conference agenda is filled with presentations by our GFWC chairmen and Committee members on Membership, Leadership and 2019 LEADS graduates, the Juniors Special Project, GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Abuse and Prevention and others. You don't want to miss time with your region sisters, create new friends, learn, and have a lot of fun.

Special guests are our 2018-2020 GFWC International President, Mary Ellen Brock and GFWC President-Elect, Marian St. Clair, one of our own. You will meet them as they update us of things happening in our great "Volunteer" organization. There will be opportunities to learn and share with your fellow sisters from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Aruba and the Grand Bahamas Women's clubs. There is shopping with conference vendors, lots of photos to be taken and of course "Giving your heart to GFWC membership".

On Friday morning you will have the opportunity to tour The Charleston Tea Plantation, then downtown Charleston for lunch, shopping. You don't want to miss the **South Carolina State Night** banquet and fun time afterwards with the Juniors. Saturday will be the business session and presentation of our states and workshops. Our Saturday evening banquet will be wonderful and on Sunday morning breakfast we will finish our business and receive the invitation to our 2020 annual meeting in Alabama!!

Dress for the tours will be casual with GFWC apparel and comfy shoes. Meetings are business casual and the banquets, dressy/cocktail/after five. Don't miss the door prizes, opportunities to own, vendors, and GFWC merchandise. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there sharing your "Volunteer Spirit".

Kay Chadwick, President  
GFWC Southern Region

**The Registration Form for Southern Region has been emailed to all Club Presidents to share with members and is posted on our website.**

## Official Call to GFWC-SC

### Winter Board of Directors Meeting and Winter General Session

Saturday, January 4, 2020

Embassy Suites, Greystone, 200 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**8:45 a.m. Registration**

**9:00 a.m. GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting**

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 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.

**9:45 a.m. Call to Order 2020 Winter Session Report from Board of Directors Meeting  
Report from the Board of Directors Meeting  
GFWC Southern Region Report  
Reporting Workshop  
GFWC Guest Speaker Kristina Higbee  
District Meetings  
1:00 p.m. Adjourn**

### ***Kristina Higbee, GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs***

A dedicated clubwoman for over 16 years, Kristina is currently serving as GFWC Director-Elect of Junior Clubs. She is a past GFWC-WI State Director of Junior Clubs, receiving an Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs Award in 2016. She has served as Convention Chairman and Nominating Chairman for the Great Lakes Region. Joining the Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club in 2004, she has served in many offices including club president twice. She received the GFWC-WI Junior of the Year Award in 2017. She is a 2009 LEADS graduate.

Kristina has been the Cub Master for Cub Scout Pack 25 for over ten years earning the council District Award of Merit in 2015. She is a life-long Girl Scout, earning her Silver award in her youth and serving as a leader for Troop #6050 for over six years. She is a member of First Congregational UCC of Oconomowoc where she has served on the board of directors for the preschool and as a Sunday school teacher.

Married to her best friend Michael, they have three wonderful children with whom they enjoy many adventures, whether it is exploring the National Parks or camping with the scouts.



**GFWC-SC Registration Form for Winter Session**

**January 4, 2020**

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

**Credentials Chariman, COURTNEY EVANS, 107 SWEET GRASS LANE, COLUMBIA, SC 29203**

**cepevans@hotmail.com (803) 556-7042**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Credentials Information (check the first one that applies):**

- Past President (of GFWC-SC)
- State Officer (including District Presidents)
- State Program Chairman (Comm. Serv., Spec. Proj/Comm/Appt). Name of Program: \_\_\_\_\_
- Standing Committee Chairman (Finance, Const. & Bylaws, Credentials, Headquarters, Resolutions, Disaster Relief)
- Club President or Appointee (if President absent or credentialed in any of above categories)
- Club Delegate/Voting (convention only -one per ten members, rounded to nearest ten)
- Member-at-Large (Not affiliated with any club)
- Club Member/Non-voting
- Guest

**Medical Information –In Case of an Emergency:**

Notify (primary): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Notify (alternate): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicine allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications/location/instructions in case of emergency: (You are encouraged to keep emergency medications handy.)

**Event Reservations:**

Registration fee: \$15	\$ _____
Late fee (after 12/21):\$5	\$ _____
Optional Donation to Million Dollar Club	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$ _____

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