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CONSTRUCTION NOTES



**GFWC-SC President
Kathy Monahon**

It was great seeing so many of you at Winter Board. We had a successful meeting. We had the opportunity to meet our International Director of Junior Clubs, Jeri Lyn Cancel who gave us her experiences on eight Operation Smile trips. Our Junior Clubs did a wonderful job with the exhibits which highlighted their activities. And, thank you for donating over \$5000 toward the Heifer International ARK. Great Job!

Your Convention Chairmen, Trudie Heemsoth and Lane Dye, with the help of all the clubs in their districts are planning a fun filled weekend for our Foothills & Fancy Free Convention. There will be some changes at this year's convention. We will begin on Friday evening with a social before our Convention Opening Banquet where we will Step Back and wear an outfit from our favorite decade and dance the night away to the music of a live band. We will recognize and award our fantastic clubs and club presidents at our Saturday morning High Stepping Breakfast. Our business sessions will be on both Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. We will celebrate the great work of our Junior Clubs at the Saturday luncheon. I hope you will enjoy the workshop on beautifying your town's public spaces by Clemson's Horticulturist Ellen Vincent. We will continue the festivities with our Stepping Up Banquet and end our convention with the Stepping Stones District Awards Breakfast. Come join the fun!

Thank you for your support of my president's special project. We are making a difference in the lives of South Carolinians by giving them a hand up not a hand out. Remember to bring nails for our Day of Service and get three chances to win a prize.

A special thank you to each clubwoman. You have welcomed me at your club meetings and activities. I am proud to represent you. Our South Carolina Clubwomen are truly building better communities.

Pick me up, Lord

Janet R. Smalley, GFWC-SC Poet Laureate

Pick me up, Lord. Clean me off.
It won't be the first time You have found me soiled,
Dirty, ashamed, broken.

Pick me up, Lord. Clean me off.
It won't be the last time You stoop down
To lift me up.

Always and All Ways You are Here
Always and All Ways You are There,
Whenever.

And Every Time and All the Time, Lord
You pick me up and clean me off.

Amen.



**GFWC-SC Director
of Junior Clubs
Linda Rodgers**

+ Take Care of YOU! +

Dear Juniors,

I hope you all got through reporting and are ready for the celebration of all your hard work at CONVENTION!! The Call to Convention is right here, in this very issue, so go ahead and make your plans now, reserve your rooms and get ready for some girl time.

But in the meantime, since we're right in the middle of some of the coldest months of the year, and as I write this I'm in the cool, rainy, blustery Northwest (where I don't think I've seen the sun for the last week and a half!) I thought I'd share some ways to beat the "winter blahs" from an article I read recently.

Cool temperatures and the shortage of sunlight during winter can make us feel like hibernating until spring. But there's a way to get over those blues, says Michael Faenza, CEO of the National

Mental Health Association. To weather the season with a smile, try these expert tips (the article has 12 tips, but to save space here are some of my favorites)

- Bring the outside in. Add green plants or a vase of fresh flowers to your decor; they supply oxygen, color and energy.
- Get active. Go for a walk (outside or on your treadmill), do jumping jacks, or pop in an exercise video. Exercising during the day may increase your levels of serotonin, a chemical in the brain that lifts your mood, says Lexie Pftzing, coauthor of 60 Second Blues Busters
- Let in some light. Our biological clocks are set up to respond to sunlight patterns. Arrange your home to allow in more sunlight, such as opening the blinds or curtains.
- Give yourself a present. Buy little gifts (bubble bath, pretty stationery) and wrap them. When you're feeling down, open one.
- Indulge in dessert! Dark chocolate and bananas are rich in antioxidants and magnesium, which are believed to relieve stress. (Banana split, anyone?)
- Take a winter break. Embrace the cold weather by participating in a fun winter activity such as skiing or ice-skating, or plan a long weekend getaway to a warmer climate.

I don't know about you, but I feel better already! I can see spring and GFWC-SC Convention just around the corner, so I'm off to find a Hershey's miniature dark chocolate bar (go easy with the dessert and don't forget to Take Care of YOU!)

In Junior Love,



National Women's History Month – March 2007 Generations of Women Moving History Forward

For those who may be interested in celebrating women's history in your own community, please visit the National Women's History Project's website at www.nwhp.org for ideas on how to create your own celebration for your club. Or, visit their bulletin board with lists of local events that are open to the public.

However you choose to commemorate this month, remember that GFWC is one of the world's oldest and largest women's organizations in the country. As members, we should recognize the important contributions of the federation and be eager to share that information with others. Please try to make this important month a memorable one.

Building GFWC-SC Membership



**GFWC-SC First
Vice President
Tammy Garland**

I love this time of year! It is still cold for some part of the day, but mostly spring is on its way. With spring comes the new life of flowers and foliage. That makes it a good time to nurture our members so they may grow in numbers, attendance, and participation. In keeping with the ideas that we can build something together it is my pleasure to report to you the plans of the newly formed Membership Task Force. After meeting for a lively meeting in Columbia on January 19th the Task Force formulated the following strategies:



Hold a State Leadership Conference

Marian St. Clair, Linda Rogers, Pat Estep, and Misty Konow

Each district President or designee will identify an area to target for the development of a new GFWC-SC club

Caroline Brown, Linda Smith, Kristen Fields, Trudie Heemsoth, Pat Estep, Jolene Bryant, Kammie Lydick, Alma Holston, Lane Dye, and Misty Konow

Form a committee of three members to create a membership packet for new clubs and clubs in crisis.

Jackie Boland, Michelle Hood, and Caroline Brown

The Membership Task Force will have their second meeting on Friday, April 20th in Greenville to share the plans of each group.

Spring is also my favorite time of year because it is time for annual Convention. I need for you to do a few things for me by:

- 1) Send me a copy of your Rating Sheet and your District President by March 15th
- 2) Mail the names of your deceased club members to Corresponding Secretary, Megan McDowell by April 15th
- 3) Polish that silver you won last year. Deliver your District Silver to your District President so she can award it on Sunday morning of Convention.
- 4) Send me by April 1st, the names of your members who need fifty years of service gold cards.
- 5) Come to convention and celebrate!

I can't wait to see you again ~ Tammy Garland

**2006-2008
MEMBERSHIP**

**CELEBRATING
108
YEARS**



Let's Build Something Together

Tools for GFWC-SC

Program Council

The Program Council will meet Friday afternoon before the start of convention this year. Please review the awards and mail or email me any proposed changes, including new awards and retirement of awards. I look forward to seeing everyone at convention in Greenville!

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**GFWC-SC Second
Vice President
Laurie O'Kelly**

Elizabeth Herring Chairman, Public Policy

The GFWC Special Projects, Public Policy and Advocacy Program recommends clubs “network with other groups advocating for similar issues and/or public policies.” Consider networking with Columbia College in its efforts to improve the standard of living for South Carolina Women through its Alliance for Women. Support can be as simple as writing letters to representatives. By adding our voices to theirs, we may get more attention for our issues.

The following Alliance initiatives were introduced in the 116th General Assembly. The Alliance for Women would like to see them reintroduced in the 117th General Assembly. You can read about them in the archives of the 116th (www.mysc.gov). They support GFWC President's Special Project, Domestic Violence Program, GFWC Resolution 015-550 Sexual Assault, p 115; GFWC Resolution 013-400 Prevention, Detection, Control, and Cure of Diseases, p. 56.



1. [State] S1009: Add criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature to the list of grounds for divorce. (Referred to Committee on Judiciary)
2. [State] H 4300: Require the state to add both the Domestic Violence Hotline number and the national Sexual Assault Hotline number to the back of driver's licenses and personal identification cards. (Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works)
3. [State] H 4318 Require a convicted domestic violence offender to pay for the victim's medical costs if medical care is required as a result of the assault. (Referred to Committee on Judiciary)

Below is a new initiative. It supports GFWC Resolution 013-440 Reproductive Health Care, p. 58; GFWC Resolution 013-180 Health Care, p. 48; GFWC Resolution 013-170 Gynecologic Cancer, p. 39; GFWC Resolution 013-400 Prevention, Detection, Control, and Cure of Diseases, p. 56; and GFWC Home Life; Women's Health Program, Healthy Lifestyle.

1. [State TBD] Legislation to ensure insurance coverage for the new FDA-approved Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine.

Highlights From 2007 Winter Board



Dr. Misty Konow, Empowering Women /Leadership

Another year gone by and another year's worth of reporting. What a wonderful time to reflect upon the tremendous amount of community service that has been done within our communities due to our hard-working GFWC-SC clubwomen. By making these sacrifices we have all become empowered women and in turn empowered our communities. Here's a poem which was written by Sonny Carroll for women such as yourselves. Hats off to you ladies and keep the momentum going throughout this new club year!



The Empowered Woman

The Empowered Woman, she moves through the world with a sense of confidence and grace.

Her once reckless spirit now tempered by wisdom. Quietly, yet firmly, she speaks the truth without doubt or hesitation and the life she leads is of her own creation.

She now understands what it means to live and let live. How much to ask for herself and much to give. She has a strong, yet generous heart and the inner beauty she emanates truly sets her apart. Like the mythical Phoenix, she has risen from the ashes and soared to a new plane of existence unfettered by the things that posed such resistance. Her senses now heightened, she sees everything so clearly. She hears the wind rustling through the trees; beckoning her to live the dreams she holds so dearly.

She feels the softness of her hands and muses at the strength that they possess. Her needs and desires she has learned to express. She has tasted the bitter and savored the sweet fruits of life, overcome adversity and pushed past heartache and strife.

And the one thing she never understood, she now knows to be true, it all begins and ends with you.

GFWC Domestic Violence Grant Applications

Grants in the amount of \$100 are available from the GFWC Program Department, thanks to the GFWC Southern Region, the GFWC Study Club of Birmingham, Ala, and Ann Hughes Johnson, of Waukegan, Ill. Please encourage your club to apply. The deadline for applications is May 14, 2007 (pnolan@gfwc.org).

GFWC Run for Your Life

In the past six months, GFWC has received recognition for its domestic violence work which has led to an increase in our organization's identity. We would like to maintain this momentum and have all clubs participate in a "GFWC Run for Your Life" event during Federation Week, April 22-28, 2007. Encourage your club to be creative and host an indoor or outdoor Run/Walk, Motorcycle, Bicycle, or Tricycle "GFWC Run for Your Life" event to increase Domestic Violence awareness and to raise funds for your projects. Federation Day, on April 24, would be a great day to celebrate a successful event from the previous weekend or to kick-off an event on the next weekend with a silent or live auction. The important thing is that all clubs do something to promote domestic violence awareness during that week or on that day. For a "How to Organize a GFWC Run for Your Life" event, please review the information in the February/March issue of the GFWC Clubwoman magazine or contact the GFWC Program Department (pnolan@gfwc.org).

2006-2007 All Club Photo Contest:

Clubwomen on Parade!

July 4th! Veteran's Day! Thanksgiving! Does your club toot its horn by promenading in a community parade? Does your club flaunt on a float? Does your club prove that its dandy by throwing candy? We want to see how your club walks the walk! Share photos illustrating how your members let the community know you are there:

- o Wo-manning a booth at a community festival
 - o Riding on a float in a parade
 - o Marching in a parade
 - o Walking with a club banner in a fundraising walk-a-thon
 - o Cooking up a storm at a community event
- You get the "picture," so send us the picture!
REQUIRED: photo must include GFWC emblem or club name!

Prizes will be awarded for the two photos that best demonstrate how your club makes itself visible in a positive way at a community event: \$100 first prize and \$75 second prize. But everyone is a winner!

RULES:

- o Clubs may enter only one time and send only one photo
- o Photos must be either 4x6 or 5x7 inches; color or black & white. Do not mat or frame the photos.
- o Include a caption on the back of the photo on or a separate sheet of paper.
- o Include the photographer's name, club name, city/state, contact person, with address, phone/email on the back of the photo
- o PHOTOS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.
- o Submit photos on or before May 16, 2007 to: GFWC Club Photo Contest, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

Dollars and Sen\$e Update

AARP has a great gift for GFWC Clubwomen. 15 Minutes to Your Financial Health is a great booklet that includes everything from "How Do You Manage Your Money?" to "How to Guard against Identity Theft" hints. Order one or several and distribute to your

116th GFWC Annual International Convention

Have you made your hotel reservations to join in the fun at the 2007 GFWC Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 9-11, 2007?

GFWC has partnered with the Philadelphia Marriott to create an online hotel reservations link especially for members of GFWC, and you may use the following link <http://cwp.marriott.com/phldt/gfwn> to automatically receive the GFWC group rate and discount. Enter the appropriate information under "Check Rates and Availability" and you should be all set! The GFWC group rate will be \$179/night plus tax. To receive this rate, all reservations must be made by May 7, 2007.

To learn more about the preliminary agenda and hotel information please visit the GFWC meetings section on www.gfwc.org. Please contact the GFWC meetings department at meetings@gfwc.org or call 202/347-3168 with any questions or concerns regarding the dates and events for the 116th GFWC Annual International Convention.

Club News



Winnboro Womans Club members Judi Montgomery (standing) and Wanda Marthers present a check for \$1000 to Tatiyahna Davis, 3 year old daughter of Drs. Oneyke and Karl Davis. Tatiyahna has a rare form of spinal cancer. The monies were raised in the Clubs Shining Star Christmas project.

Walhalla Woman's Club Wear Red Dresses to Support Heart Awareness

To raise awareness about Women's Heart Health, "Ladies in Red" was the theme of the February 8 meeting of the Walhalla Woman's Club held at the home of Janet Smalley. The meal and program complimented the national campaign to inform women that heart disease has become the "silent killer" of women in the U.S.

The goal of the campaign is to assist women in making healthier lifestyle choices and to help them learn the warning signs of heart distress, which differ from those experienced by men. Women's symptoms include shortness of breath, often without chest pain of any kind; flu-like symptoms, to include nausea, clamminess or cold sweats; unexplained fatigue, weakness or dizziness; pain in the chest, upper back, shoulders, neck or jaw; and feelings of anxiety, loss of appetite or discomfort. Club members were provided a complete packet of information by one of the co-hosts, Lynn Morgan, who is a nurse. She was assisted in the meeting by Karen Lawrence, a pharmacist.

The ladies of the club enjoyed a healthy and virtually fat free supper of Toasted Almond Chicken Salad with Walnut and Raspberry Greens, and Hot Apple Crumble for dessert. These recipes were selected from the American Heart Association website which has dozens of great, healthy family recipes. The Walhalla Woman's Club encourages all families to learn more about heart disease and to accept the challenge of becoming "Heart Healthy."

*Nobody grows old merely by living
a number of years. We grow old by
deserting our ideals.*

— Samuel Ullman

The Woman's Club of Columbia

Rededication of World War II Monument
Jan W. Hadwin, Chairman

On November 10, 2006 The Woman's Club of Columbia rededicated their restored World War II monument fashioned of Winnboro granite in a three tier style on Saluda Avenue in Five Points.

In 1946 the monument, a dream of Mrs. Benzie Rice of The Woman's Club of Columbia's Civic Department, took her proposal to the board of directors and they voted 100% to proceed. The monument was in memory of the young men from Richland County that gave the supreme sacrifice in World War II. She contacted the City of Columbia for approval of the site on Saluda Avenue and was granted permission. The actual dedication was on April 27, 1947. Gov. Strom Thurmond was the keynote speaker the monument was unveiled by two Gold Star sons, Richard "Ricky" LaRoque son of the late Major Richard LaRoque and Wilson "Buddy" Lynch son of the late Capt. Wilson Lynch.

With the revitalization of Five Points 2005-2007 the monument had to be relocated.

After many meetings and phone calls to City of Columbia officials they finally agreed to relocate across Blossom St. on Saluda Avenue from the present location. The monument was completely restored



by master monument artisan, Ron Clamp of Stone Crafters of Pelion-pro-bono. The Celebrate Freedom Foundation and the City of Columbia assisted with many aspects of the rededication by helping secure military personnel, footing for the monument, paved walkway, shrubs & tree. A five-piece brass quintet of the 282nd US Army Band attached to Fort Jackson rendered the National Anthem and Fox Company, 4th; LAR, US Marine Corp Reserve did the presentation of colors. The Woman's Club had a flag pole erected and landscape lighting so the flag would be illuminated 24/7. Two granite benches face the monument where visitors can sit in quiet reflection. The Woman's Club of Columbia provided bus service from The Woman's Club of Columbia's parking lot on Blossom Street for the 100 World War II veterans in attendance.

The Woman's Club of Columbia thanks the members of Palmetto Woman's Club in assisting the veterans off the buses and in getting them seated. Several husbands volunteered to help where needed which was appreciated.

The Woman's Club of Columbia invites all GFWC-SC members to visit the monument when you are in Columbia.



OFFICIAL CALL
THE 109TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF SOUTH CAROLINA
APRIL 20-22, 2007
GREENVILLE MARRIOTT, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
HOSTESS DISTRICTS: NORTH CENTRAL AND NORTHWESTERN
CONVENTION CO-CHAIRMEN : TRUDIE HEEMSOOTH AND LANE DYE

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its One Hundred and Nineth Annual Convention in Columbia, at the Greenville Marriott, One Parkway East, Greenville, SC, April 20-22, 2007. All GFWC-SC Clubwomen are encouraged to attend. The theme for this year's convention is *Foothills & Fancy Free*. Please join us to recognize and celebrate the contributions that you and your club are making in your communities and in our State.

ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 5

April 5 is the deadline for Room Reservations, king room, two double bed rooms are available, at the \$99 (plus tax) room rate. Each room comes complete with complementary wireless high-speed internet access, luxurious pillow-top bedding, two-line telephone with data port and voice mail, laptop safe, dual head showers, individual climate control, CD/AM/FM alarm clock radio, remote controlled cable TV with in-room pay movies, refrigerator, in-room coffee and tea, hairdryer, iron and ironing board. Call the central reservation office at 1-800-228-9290 or in-house reservations at 864-297-0300 to make reservations.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION REQUIRED

April 10 is the deadline for Registration and Meal Reservations. The advance registration fee is \$10.00 per person. The registration fee increases to \$15.00 and each meal increases by \$5.00 if the April 10th deadline is not observed. Please complete the Registration/Meal Reservation Form included herein for each person attending and send along with check for total amount due payable to GFWC-SC to Meredith Fields, GFWC-SC Credential Chairman, 112 Sandstone Road, Columbia, SC 29212 postmarked on or before April 10. **Bring your name badge holder from 2006 convention or a prior convention and you will receive a ticket for a grand prize drawing.**

CONVENTION ATTIRE

Friday evening banquet – something from your favorite decade. Be prepared to dance; Saturday is Club and/or GFWC/GFWC-SC attire day; Long dress for Saturday banquet; Sunday breakfast is business attire.

GFWC-SC SERVICE DAY - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NAIL COLLECTION

Convention attendees are asked to bring boxes of nails in support of Habitat for Humanity See details in this magazine.

FIRST TIME CONVENTION ATTENDEES RECEPTION

A reception for First Time Convention Attendees and their Club Presidents will be held on Saturday afternoon (5:15-5:45 pm) prior to the Saturday evening *Stepping Up* banquet.

STEPPIN' BACK BANQUET - FRIDAY

Put on your fanciest outfit from your favorite decade and join your Federation Friends in a high steppin' evening with a live band as we step back to celebrate the arts and education. To be followed by the Juniors' *Friday Night*.

HIGH STEPPING BREAKFAST-SATURDAY

Spotlight on Clubs and Club Presidents. Club awards and ribbons will be presented.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Join in the fun and celebration as the Juniors present their silver awards.

EASY CARE PUBLIC LANDSCAPING

A workshop by Clemson's Ellen Vincent on beautifying our town squares and areas will be held at 3:00 pm

STEPPING OUT BANQUET - SATURDAY

Join us to celebrate the GFWC President's Special Project – Domestic Violence, the GFWC-SC President's Special Project: *Habitat for Humanity*, the GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Special Project: *Take Care of You* and to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our clubwomen.

STEPPING STONES BREAKFAST-SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate our Unity in Diversity as our District Silver awards are be presented.

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 20:

- 3:00-6:00 Registration Open
4:00 Executive Committee Meeting
5:15 Program Council
6:00 Social Hour with cash bar
7:00 Official Opening of Convention
Steppin' Back Banquet dress from
your favorite decade
Junior *Footloose* Fun Night

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

- 7:30-6:30 Registration Open
8:00 *High Stepping* Awards Breakfast
9:30 Business Session
Officer Reports
Reports of Standing Committees
Dept. Program, Special Proj. & Special
Appt. Certificates & Silver Awards
11:00 Nominating Report & Confirmations
Proposed Bylaw Changes
1:00 Junior Awards Luncheon
3:00-4:00 Ellen Vincent - "*Easy Care Public
Landscaping*"
4:00-5:00 Business Session
5:15-5:45 Reception for First Time Attendees
6:00 Social Hour with cash bar
7:00 *Stepping Up* Banquet

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:00-9:00 Registration Open
8:30-11:00 *Stepping Stones* District Awards
Breakfast
Memorial Service

CONVENTION MENU

Friday, Steppin' Back Banquet

Pasta Primavera with Grilled Chicken & Vegetables
Garden Green Salad with Assorted Dressings
Rolls and Butter
Wild Berry Tart

Club & Club Presidents Awards Breakfast

Bacon and Cheese Frittata
Sausage
Hash brown Potatoes
Fruit Garnish

Saturday, Junior Luncheon

*Chef Salad (Romaine & Iceberg Lettuce with Shaved
Virginia Ham, Turkey, Shredded Cheeses, Cucumber,
Grape Tomatoes and Egg Mimosa)*
Cheesecake

Saturday, Stepping Up Banquet

Garden Green Salad with Assorted Dressings
*Seared Chicken Breast with Montrachet Cheese and Sun-
dried Tomato sauce*
Saffron Rice with Seasonal Fresh Vegetables
Freshly Baked Dinner Rolls with Butter
Double Fudge Chocolate Cake

District Awards Breakfast

Hash brown Potatoes, Bacon Strips
Scrambled Eggs, Jumbo Country Biscuit
Grits and Fruit Garnish

**Vegetarian substitutions available.*

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service honoring GFWC-SC members who have passed away in the past year will be held on Sunday, April 22, at the conclusion of the morning business session. Each GFWC-SC District President will participate in the service by lighting a candle in memory of the members from her District. Clubs are encouraged to send by April 1st a list of GFWC-SC members who have passed away since April 2006 to:

Vi Hall
GFWC-SC Chaplain
531 Carpenter Street
Charleston, SC 29412
843-795-7700

GFWC-SC CLUBWOMAN ARTS CONTEST INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORM

RELEASE FORM – INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

The following statement **MUST** accompany each work submitted in ANY Category . Please copy as needed.

I will not, in any way, hold the Arts Department of GFWC-SC or GFWC-SC responsible for damage, fire, loss, or theft of the item I have submitted.

Name of Entrant (print) _____ Signature _____

Club _____ District _____

GFWC THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST: (amateurs only)

Categories: ___ Natural History: flowers, animals, insects, etc.

 ___ Scenic: vistas, landscapes, seascapes, snow scenes, bridges, parks, farmland, etc.

 ___ Feature: human interest picture including people, events, etc.

GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: _____ (amateurs only)

THIS RELEASE FORM MUST BE ATTACHED SECURELY TO EVERY ENTRY.

GFWC-SC Day of Service at 2007 Convention Nails for Habitat for Humanity

It's the little things that create differences - positive differences!

Each Habitat for Humanity house needs 42,000 nails for completion. Below is a list of the types of nails used in each house. Please bring a box of nails to our 2007 Convention to show your support for Habitat for Humanity.

Nails needed

- Siding Nails (1-1/2" to 2" galvanized (similar to roofing nails)
- White Fascia Nails (1" white dipped aluminum nails)
- 16d Common nails (for misc. blocking)
- 16d Galvanized nails
- 8d Common nails
- 8d Galvanized nails
- 3" Spiral shanked decking nails
- Button cap roofing nails
- 1-1/4" Roofing nails
- 2-1/4" Roofing nails

Each club member who participates will receive a ticket for a grand prize drawing to be held at the Saturday evening banquet.



BASKETS AT CONVENTION

A fun(d)raisers planned for convention 2007 for the benefit of the GFWC-SC President Travel Fund – the ever popular BASKET AUCTION. Please submit a basket from your club to help defray the cost of the President's travel. Basket display will begin on Saturday morning. The basket tickets will be drawn at the Saturday evening banquet.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GFWC-SC BYLAWS

Article VII – OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE BOARD, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

EXISTING BYLAW:

Section 3. The Executive Board of GFWC-SC shall consist of the State Officers, including the District Presidents. Additional members of the Executive Board shall include: the Corresponding Secretary, the Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, Department Chairman, Special Appointment Chairman, 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, and Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

Section 4: The Board of Directors of GFWC-SC shall consist of the State Officers, Past State Presidents who are residents of South Carolina, Department Chairman, Special Appointment Chairman, the Chairmen of the Boards of Trustees, Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees; also the Presidents of Clubs, either direct or affiliated, or their appointees.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Change Section 3 & Section 4, to a new Section 3:

Section 3. The Board of Directors of GFWC-SC shall consist of the Executive Committee, the District Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, the Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, the Past State Presidents who are residents of South Carolina, Department Chairmen, Special Appointment 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.

IF ADOPTED: The term Executive Board shall be removed from the title of this article and elsewhere in the bylaws shall be replaced with Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: This will bring the rules and practices of GFWC-SC in line with the rules and practices of GFWC-SC International.

ARTICLE XI – NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VACANCIES

EXISTING BYLAW: Section 1. Paragraph 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative ...

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Section 1. Paragraph 3. The Elections Committee shall consist of one representative...

IF ADOPTED: All references in the Bylaws of the GFWC-SC position of the “Nominating Committee” would be changed to read “Elections Committee.”

RATIONALE: Recommended by GFWC to more accurately reflect the duties of this Committee.

ARTICLE XIII – STANDING COMMITTEES

EXISTING BYLAW: None.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Section 5. Change Section 5 to Section 5 (A) and add Section 5 (B). to read

Section 5 (A): The existing Section 5.

Section 5 (B): An unlimited number of emeritus members may serve on the Headquarters Committee, for the purpose of assisting this Committee. They shall be recommended by the Headquarters Committee and confirmed at the next annual convention.

An emeritus member (1) must be an active member in good standing; (2) shall have served on the Headquarters Committee for at least six (6) years (need not be consecutive); (3) shall have no voting rights on the committee; and (4) shall be exempt from attending meetings of the Committee.

RATIONALE: Emeritus members are those who are retired from an active position on the committee. This allows these members, who meet

GFWC-SC Nominating Committee Report - Marian St. Clair, Chairman

Eastern District

GFWC-SC Scholarship Committee

Leslie Kuznik

North Central District

GFWC-SC Board of Trustees
GFWC-SC Scholarship Committee

Lisa Cathcart
Susan Yenner

Northwestern District

GFWC-SC Progress Foundation Trustees
GFWC-SC Board of Trustees

Melanie Branham
Kammie Lydick

Southern District

GFWC-SC Progress Foundation Trustees

Nancy Rivers

Elections/Confirmations will be again at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21. 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.

Conservation Workshop - *Easy Care Public Landscaping* 3:00 pm Saturday, April 21, 2007

Come hear ways to beautify your town squares and other public areas from Ellen Vincent.

Ellen is the Environmental Landscape Specialist for Clemson University. She provides environmental landscape education to the green industry and to counties, cities, and towns. She works with the state's horticultural trade associations to promote certification programs for green industry professionals. She is the principle author of the *Urban Tree Species Guide for South Carolina*; and the author of the "A-Z Encyclopedia of Flower Care" chapter of the new *Miracle-Gro Encyclopedia of Plant Care*. She is Past-President of the SC Urban and Community Forestry Council; and Director of the Pilgrimage of Place rural revitalization project.



Ellen Vincent holds a bachelor's degree in American Culture; a master's degree in horticulture; and is currently a PhD student in the Environmental Design and Planning program at Clemson where she is studying the therapeutic benefits of nature. She is from New York's Hudson River Valley and was self employed in the green industry before beginning work in academia.

GFWC-SC 2007 CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM
APRIL 20-22, 2007

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
Deadline: April 10, 2007

Send a completed form for **EACH ATTENDEE** along with check for total amount due payable to GFWC-SC to: **Meredith Fields, GFWC-SC Credentials Chairman, 112 Sandstone Road, Columbia, SC 29212.** (Please type or print the following)

REGISTRATION FEE: Registration for Convention is **\$10 per person.** (Late registration fee is \$15).

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** (____) _____

CLUB: _____ **DISTRICT:** _____

PART A: (Check one only)

- ___ GFWC-SC State Officer, including District Presidents
- ___ GFWC-SC Past State President
- ___ GFWC-SC Department Program Chairman
- ___ Special Project, Appointment, Committee Chrman
- ___ GFWC-SC Standing Committee Chairman
 (Finance, Constitution, Credentials,
 Headquarters, Resolutions)
- ___ GFWC-SC Junior Chairman
- ___ Club President or designee

PART B: (For attendees not covered in Part A)

- ___ Club Member voting delegate*
- ___ Club Member nonvoting delegate
- ___ Guest

First Time Convention Attendee
 GFWC-SC President will host a reception prior to the Saturday evening banquet for First Time Attendees and Club Presidents.

***Each club may have one voting delegate per 10 members or any major fraction thereof, in addition to any members from PART A.**

MEDICAL INFORMATION/RELEASE

Allergies to food or medication: If yes, please list: _____

Any medication to be taken in case of emergency and where it can be found: _____

Notify in case of emergency: Name _____ Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Authorization for emergency treatment: (signature) _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS

Friday, April 20	___ Friday Banquet**	\$31.00	\$ _____	___ Vegetarian Sub.
Saturday, April 21	___ Saturday Breakfast**	\$19.00	\$ _____	___ Vegetarian Sub.
	___ Saturday Luncheon **	\$25.00	\$ _____	___ Vegetarian Sub.
	___ Saturday Banquet**	\$32.00	\$ _____	___ Vegetarian Sub.
Saturday, April 22	___ Sunday Breakfast**	\$19.00	\$ _____	___ Vegetarian Sub.

****Vegetarian substitute available for these meals– check in space above if desired.**

Meal late fee is \$5.00 per meal after April 10



REGISTRATION FEE:	\$ <u>10.00</u>
MEAL TOTAL	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO GFWC-SC	\$ _____

Point – Counterpoint

Janet R. Smalley, GFWC-SC Poet Laureate

Witness a Miracle in sunshine.

Witness a Miracle in rain.

Witness a Miracle in healing.

Witness a Miracle in pain.

Life is a polar experience.

Life is a diamond so Rare.

Life is a boundless exploration.

Life is a journey we Share.

Expecting to taste of fulfillment,

Is to live every day ripe with hunger.

Take Joy in the Richness of searching.

Take Life, before it takes you no longer.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

“Coming June Issue GFWC-SC Clubwoman Magazine”

- Messages from GFWC-SC President, 1st Vice
President and Director of Junior Clubs
- Convention Awards
- Convention Report
- Call to Summer Board

Do Not Forget!

Let Midge Burgess know if your address, telephone number or email address has changed. Everyone wants to stay in touch. Also, you do not want to miss an informative and fun issue of Clubwoman Magazine.

Deadline for the
June Issue
is May 1st!

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Habitat for Humanity

GFWC-SC 2006-2008 ADMINISTRATION 2007 CALENDAR



South Carolina

GFWC Theme:

Unity in Diversity

GFWC 2006-2008 President's Special Project:

Domestic Violence

GFWC-SC 2006-2008 Theme:

Building Better Communities

GFWC-SC 2006-2008 President's Special Project:

Habitat for Humanity

2007

- March 1** **Deadline** for State Federations to submit completed LEADS participant profile to GFWC Headquarters
- March 15** **Deadline** Reports for State and District Silver Awards awarded at convention due to designated person as listed in December GFWC-SC Magazine
- March 15** **Deadline** Rating Sheets due to GFWC-SC First Vice President Tammy Garland with a copy to your District President
- March 15** **Deadline** for State Chairmen Reports to GFWC Counterparts
- April 1** **Deadline** to send names of deceased club members to GFWC-SC Chaplain, Vi Hall
- April 1** State Short Story and Poetry Writing Contest Winners due to GFWC
- April 15** **Deadline** for Club President's Directory Form sent to GFWC-SC Corresponding Secretary, Megan McDow
- April 20-22** State Convention in Greenville, SC at the Greenville Marriott, Greenville, SC
- April 21-28** GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION WEEK
- April 24** **Federation Day**
- May 1** **Deadline** for June GFWC-SC *Clubwoman* magazine
- May 1** GFWC Calendar Contest entries (one entry per club) must be at GFWC Headquarters, Washington, DC
- June 9-11** 116th GFWC Annual Convention, Philadelphia Marriott, Philadelphia, PA
- July 14** GFWC-SC SUMMER BOARD Meeting, Columbia, SC

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