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



Raising Wall of Habitat House
Women Build in Eastern District



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**GFWC-SC President
Kathy Monahon**

A new club year has begun. Fall is finally here. New projects as well as our favorites are gearing up. Please send me pictures of your events and projects for the Clubwoman magazine. This is an excellent way to share your great ideas with your fellow clubwomen.

It is wonderful to be able to visit with so many of you at your District Conferences and your club events. Please continue to invite me.

I want to thank you for embracing my special project, Habitat for Humanity. My husband, Tom and I were thrilled to go to North Myrtle Beach for the first day of construction of the new Women Build Habitat House. It is always amazing to get there in the early morning and see an empty concrete slab and then to leave in the afternoon with all the walls standing. Of course, the first wall raised was filled with pink studs – all paid for by women. The clubs in the North Myrtle Beach area have a tribute to their club work that will be standing for many years.

Two additional houses are slated to begin this fall – one in Aiken and one in the Northwestern District. If you have the opportunity, please volunteer to work on one of these houses. And, of course, the clubs in the area will be glad to accept your donations!

We are hoping that all three houses are completed by Christmas.

Our state delegation is preparing to attend the Southern Region Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on October 26-28. Our own Jackie Boland will be running for Southern Region Treasurer. Your club president has a copy of the registration packet and there is a copy on our state website, www.gfwc-sc.org. Please try to join us as we search for Scarlett, meet new federation friends, catch up with old friends and support Jackie for Treasurer.

Our state website has been revamped and forms, information and Clubwoman magazines have been added to the website for your convenience. Please visit the site at www.gfwc-sc.org. In addition, GFWC has redesigned its website to include more information and to allow purchasing of materials online. Check it out at www.gfwc.org. Also, available on the GFWC website is the opportunity to sign up for the National Domestic Hotline's Million Voices Campaign to strengthen awareness of domestic violence and make known that there is No Excuse for Abuse. Contact NDVH at PO Box 161810, Austin, Texas 78716 or Phone:512.794.1133 or click www.ndvh.org/million Make our voices heard.

We will be having a workday at Headquarters on November 3 from 9 am to 12 Noon. Bring your gloves and wear your work clothes to help us get our home ready for the holidays.

I hope to see you soon. I am so proud to be representing you at our international and region meetings and at events around South Carolina.



Kathy tightens bolts on new wall at North Myrtle Beach Women Build

Building GFWC-SC Membership



**GFWC-SC
President-elect
Tammy Garland**

It is fall. That means it is a great time for apples, football games, beautiful leaves and hopefully cooler weather. It is such a refreshing time for clubs ~ new meetings, new members, new projects, new ideas, and some new friends. For me the fall is also a busy time of year with the school year starting. As your club is getting starting again please remember to retain members, recruit members, renew your club, and rebuild. The materials center at GFWC is a great place to find great information to help you do a better job. You can get “How To Build New GFWC Clubs”, “How To Recruit New GFWC Members”, and “How To Retain GFWC Club Members”. You may also like to get the new GFWC video to use for one of your meetings.

Your District Presidents have been working hard to plan your district conferences. Please take the time out of your busy fall schedule to attend your district conference and show your appreciation for the hard work of our State Officers and your District President. You will be choosing your new District President at that time.

Midlands and Central District Conference Saturday, September 22nd
North Central District Conference TBA
Western District Conference Sunday, September 23rd
Northern and North Western District Conference TBA
Southern District Conference Saturday, September 29th
Eastern District Conference

Remember ~ Let's build something together ~ eight clubs!

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Our State's District Presidents are ready and eager to hear from you right now about any help you could give them in starting a new club or reconnecting with former members.

ACT in OCT 2007 ~ Presidents Mail Card By November 25th - "5 More will be Heaven in October '07"

Let's Build Something Together

- ~A stronger membership
- ~Interesting club meetings
- ~Leaders
- ~Friendships
- ~New GFWC-SC Clubs

+ Take Care of YOU! +



GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs
Linda Rodgers

I hope everyone is ready for a great new club year! I'm excited about the final year of the 2006 – 2008 administration and looking forward to working with all of you to make our communities and our state a better place. I'm sure we're all busy with starting back to school, work, and life in general, but I want to encourage all of you to attend your District Conferences coming up this fall. We've got one more year in Take Care of You and while trying to think of some words of encouragement for this article that would make you want to run out and get busy thinking of great projects in "Take Care Of You" I found the following wonderful story that I thought was a great idea for relieving stresses of our everyday lives, it's called the Trouble Tree, and the author is unknown – I think I'll make the little maple in my front yard, my Trouble Tree.

In Junior Love,

Linda

The Trouble Tree

"The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start. While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence.

On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied." I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again." He paused. "Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there ain't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.""



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If you are a club president and have not received your President's packet, please call or email me at (803)732-0287 or llok385@aol.com The packets were distributed at Summer Board and mailed to those absent in early August.

I look forward to visiting with everyone at your district conference.



Laurie O'Kelly leads President's Institute at Summer Board

Highlights From 2007 Summer Board Meeting

HATS OFF TO WOMEN



CAUTION!
GFWC-SC Leaders at Work!
2007 Summer Board Meeting
July 14, 2007
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Highlights From 2007 116th GFWC International Convention Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

At the 116th Annual International Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, GFWC presented awards in all program departments and in special projects. **Congratulations** to the South Carolina clubs who were recognized for their outstanding work in the following areas:

HOME LIFE DEPARTMENT

HELPING HANDS PROGRAM, SUZETTE PORTH, CHAIRMAN

GFWC-SC WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE MARCH OF DIMES

and UNICEF – AWARDED TO THE WOMAN’S SOCIETY

OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE.



Jackie Pierce, Kathy Monahon,
Linda Rodgers and Jeri Lyn Cancel

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM, PENNY DAVIS, CHAIRMAN

SAFETY PROGRAM, GAIL ELFERT, CHAIRMAN

EMPOWERING WOMEN – ONE BY ONE

DR. MISTY KONOW, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERSHIP

TAMMY GARLAND, CHAIRMAN

GFWC PRESIDENT’S SPECIAL PROJECT - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

\$100 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT

GFWC SENECA JUNIOR WOMAN’S CLUB



LEADS Candidate, Libby Love and GFWC-
SC Treasurer, ShirLee Alfors

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS AWARD

LINDA RODGERS



GFWC-SC Delegation in Philadelphia with International
President Jackie Pierce and Director of Junior Clubs
Jeri Lyn Cancel



Sylvia dancing with Mummer
at Convention



Recording Secretary Jo Ann Bolchoz and
Second Vice President Laurie O’Kelly

Program Updates

The Arts Can Make a Difference

Joni Tindall, GFWC-SC Arts in the Community Chair

It's time to stop thinking about the arts as fluff. They make schools better places to learn, and they raise student achievement.

Two decades of efforts to raise standards, focus schools on academic fundamentals, and close the achievement gap have steadily eroded the place of the arts in public education. Amid growing concern that U.S. students are falling behind internationally and that U.S. schools are insufficiently rigorous, the arts compete for a place at the education table with subjects that appear to make more compelling claims for time and resources. Broadly understood as affective and expressive—not academic or cognitive—the arts survive at the margins of education as curriculum enrichments, rewards to good students, or electives for the talented.

But evidence is now emerging that shows that arts education can have powerful effects on student achievement. Moreover, these effects may be most profound for struggling students. Investigators who sliced and diced the massive National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988 (NELS: 88) database found a significant correlation, growing over time, between arts participation and academic performance. Gains associated with high arts participation were greatest for students in the lowest-socioeconomic-status quartile, those most at risk of academic failure (Catterall, Chapleau, & Iwanaga, 1999). A decade-long study of after-school programs for low-income youth found that arts programs attracted higher-risk students than sports or community service programs did and had far greater academic and developmental benefits (Heath, 1999).

Like so much data that fail to fit our assumptions about reality, these studies have been ignored in mainstream education. During the 1990s, however, some arts educators began developing new programs and practices grounded in the idea that the arts *were* cognitive and that arts study could have serious academic benefits. They stopped framing the arts as a competitor for scarce time in the school day. Instead, they asked how the arts could contribute to making schools work better, particularly for low-income and other struggling students. They aimed to improve student performance by making schools better places to learn. They began to practice *arts integration*, an instructional strategy that brings the arts into the core of the school day and connects the arts across the curriculum.

Arts-integrated programs are associated with academic gains across the curriculum as reflected in standardized test scores, and they appear to have more powerful effects on the achievement of struggling students than more conventional arts education programs do (Rabkin & Redmond, 2004). Standardized test scores of students in 23 arts-integrated schools in Chicago, Illinois, most serving low-income students, rose as much as two times faster than the scores of youth in more traditional schools (Catterall & Waldorf, 1999). A study of a Minneapolis, Minnesota, arts integration program showed that the program had the greatest effect on disadvantaged learners (Ingram & Seashore, 2003). Low-performing students in these programs consistently defied teachers' expectations as they found pathways to success through the arts that had eluded them in conventional classrooms. Many of these students went from being withdrawn or disruptive to becoming active and productive class members.

GFWC-SC club members; let's support the Arts in our schools! It can make a difference.

Reference.....Nick Rabkin and Robin Redmond, *Educational Leadership* 2006

Resource Conservation

Bobbie Wilhite, Resource Conservation Chairman

As a federated club, help to stop the over consumption of plastic shopping bags! Five hundred million to one trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide annually. That is over a million bags per minute! In the US alone, it is estimated to cost retailers \$4 billion per year. 12,000,000 barrels of oil are used annually in the US to produce plastic bags.

The majority of these plastic shopping bags go into land fills or become litter. They don't biodegrade. They photodegrade which means they break down into smaller and smaller toxic bits contaminating soil and water.

Step one is to stop using plastic bags. As a club, make an effort to carry reusable shopping bags. An excellent web site is reusablebags.com for the up to the minute statistics and great organic cotton net bags. In 2002, Ireland levied a bag consumption tax which reduced consumption by 90% saving 18,000,000 liters of oil. Encourage your legislators to do the same. Contact retailers to suggest they give financial incentives to consumers who bring reusable bags to shop. Come up with creative ways to get more people leaving the store with reusable bags.



Program Updates

Legislative Update

Elizabeth Herring, Chairman, Public Policy

If you want to influence legislation, write your Congressman while a bill is being worked in committee, before it goes to the floor for a vote. This may be especially true if your congressman sits on a committee that is working an issue that interests you. Both the House and Senate websites have links to active bills. You can use these links to read the text and see the sponsors of the bills. Also, consider registering for GFWC's legislative updates.

Committee assignments:

House: Armed Services (John Spratt – 5th and Joe Wilson – 2nd), Finance Services (Gresham Barrett – 3rd), Budget (Barrett – 3rd and Spratt – 5th), Energy and Commerce (Barrett – 3rd), Education and Workforce (Bob Inglis – 4th and Wilson – 2nd), International Relations (Gresham Barrett – 3rd and Wilson – 2nd), Judiciary (Bob Inglis – 4th), Resources (Henry Brown – 1st), Science (Inglis – 4th), Transportation and Infrastructure (Brown – 1st), Veterans Affairs (Brown – 1st)
Senate: Armed Services (Lindsey Graham, Jim DeMint), Budget (Graham), Commerce, Science, and Transportation (DeMint), Environment and Public Works (DeMint), Judiciary (Graham), Veterans Affairs (Graham), Special Committee on Aging (DeMint), Joint Economic Committee (DeMint)

Community Improvement Contest

Nikki Porth, Chairman

Since the 1950's, the Community Improvement Contest has provided GFWC clubs with guidance and recognition for projects that meet the varying and changing needs of their communities. Participation in the contest benefits clubs by increasing membership opportunities, developing leadership skills and creating public awareness of club activities and GFWC.

For assistance developing and implementing a successful community project, order the new *How to Develop and Implement a Successful GFWC Project* from the GFWC Marketplace.

Participate and Enter!! Club projects that help make your community a better place to live are “community improvement” projects and are eligible for national recognition and reward. Projects must be accomplished during March 1, 2006 and April 30, 2008. Complete guidelines and entry form are located in the Club Manual binder. Contact Nikki if you have any questions: nikki@clydenettles.com or (803) 356-5555.

Lifelong Learning

Joy Waller, Chairman

Teen Read Week: October 14-20

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has announced that the theme for its 2007 Teen Read Week will be “Read For the Fun of It”. The focus for this event is to encourage young people ages 12-18 to come to the library and to provide special events that would be of special interest to them. Club members could help with this event by helping sponsor an event or donating supplies and refreshments. Contact your local library, they will welcome your help!

Children's Book Week: November 12-16, 2007 and May 12-18, 2008

Some suggestions as to how to promote children's literature:

Host a reading and discussion event by a local author of children's books

Volunteer to read stories to children in schools, day care centers. You might want to read a story and plan a craft that goes along with the theme of the story.

Sponsor a Children's Book Week Poster contest.

Hold a Children's Book Week Party. Clubs could decorate the room to look like a place in a favorite children's book. Foods that are featured in various books and stories could be served as refreshments. Some examples: pancakes (*If you Gave a Pig a Pancake* by Laura Numeroff) or “stone soup” / vegetable soup (*Stone Soup* by Jon J. Muth.) Other ideas may be found at www.cbc.org.

- Patricia Williams, GFWC Lifelong Learning Chairman

OUTSTANDING CLUBWOMEN



Rhoda Mobley (left) of Walhalla Junior Woman's Club was awarded the Carol Vann Rowland and Susan Vann Haynes Junior Clubwoman of Excellence Award by Director-elect of Junior Clubs Caroline Brown (right)



Darlene Rittel (right) of Aiken Woman's Club received the Volunteer of the Year Award from GFWC-SC President Kathy Monahon (left)



Gail Elfert (left) of St. Andrews Woman's Club received the Woman of Distinction Award from GFWC-SC President Kathy Monahon (right)



Jackie Pierce and Jeri Lyn Cancel presents the Director of Junior Clubs Award to Linda Rodgers

August Invasion

The halls stand.
Empty.
Darkened.
Silent.

Double doors let in poor light.
Security lights hum in the ceiling.
Coated floor wax projects the faint red gleam of EXIT signs.

Then
Buses roll.
Cars and minivans push through the traffic circle.
Parents and older brothers, (sometimes sisters) march, linked hand-in-hand.

And with that

Halls explode
with fiddle-pitched giggles
and tiptoed sneakers squeaking down to classrooms
and the thud of dropping bookbags
and the clatter of number 2 pencils escaping from sweaty hands
and the crash of lunch boxes that did not survive until snack time.

Amazingly, classrooms swallow up the throng,
And inside, eager eyes drink in bulletin boards bulging with ALL the facts
Anyone Ever needed to Know.

And children are charmed to see that the gerbils and the lizards and the goldfish
Have all come back to school,
Ready to learn.

It is the first day.
And no other day
Will ever equal it.
Ever.

By Janet Smalley



GFWC-SC HEADQUARTERS

Workday November 3, 2007
9 am to 12 noon



**Christmas Decorations will be up at
Headquarters by November 26**

**Time to Renew Your Membership in
the 1511 Society**

Now is the Time to Renew Your Membership
Please enroll me/our club in the 1511 Society for
the 2007-2008 club year. Enclosed is my/our
donation of:

___\$15.11 ___ \$151.10 ___\$1511.00

Other \$ _____

Name of Individual or Club:

Address::

Telephone _____

Email _____

Make checks payable to GFWC-SC Headquarters,
earmarked 1511 Society. Mail check and donation
form to: 1511 Society, GFWC Headquarters, 1511
Laurel Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Club Fundraisers

The Magnolia Woman's Society of Lexington

Announces its 2nd annual

Southern Living at HOME Party

Monday, October 8th

5 pm to 8 pm

Lexington Leisure Center

108 Park Road

803.957.7828

20% of your purchase will benefit

Habitat for Humanity

Light refreshments will be served while you shop the beautiful Southern Living at HOME fall catalog. Get a jump start on your Christmas list and help two great organizations.

20% of your purchase will go directly to **Habitat for Humanity** and you can add a "Dollar for Change" to your total that will go to the "Cut It Out" program which helps prevent domestic violence.

Please RSVP to kstilwell@pbtcomm.net or any member of the MWSL

If you can't make it to the party you can still order by visiting: www.southernlivingathome.com/kristastilwell

Charleston Junior Woman's Club Annual Oyster Roast Fundraiser

Sunday, November 4, 2007 2pm - 5pm

Bowen's Island Restaurant

1870 Bowen Island Road James Island

\$30 Per Person \$50 Per Couple

Children Under 12 = FREE!!!

All Food and Beverages including Beer & Wine

Live Music By Pro Bono

Benefiting The LowCountry Food Bank and Djole Dance Company of Charleston

Please contact Caroline Brown for tickets!

Tell All Your Friends and Family!

Walhalla Junior Woman's Club

Annual Fashion Gala and Basket Raffle

on Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 pm

at Walhalla High School.

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served - Beautiful fashions will be presented by Emily's of Seneca - Over 15 gorgeous, filled-to-the-brim baskets will be raffled.

Everyone is invited to join the ladies of Walhalla Junior Woman's Club and enjoy a delightful afternoon while raising money for **Habitat for Humanity**.

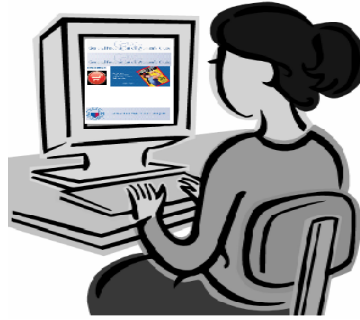
Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Raffle tickets are 6 for \$5. You do not have to be present to win.

To purchase tickets, contact any club member, call 864-638-7784 or e-mail WJWC at fashion.gala@yahoo.com.

New GFWC Website

Click in and visit the updated face of www.gfwc.org which is the result of many months of hard work by GFWC members and staff.

In response to changes in technology, the growth of program reach, and new challenges for an organization with such diverse constituents, GFWC has invested in a more powerful online presence to help meet the needs of the more than 100,000 members in more than 4,000 clubs, who are working in their own communities to enhance the lives of others through volunteer community service. The new site is intuitive and easy to navigate, and includes capabilities that will make it easier for members and friends to use.



Also visit our state
website
www.gfwc-sc.org

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

“Coming December Issue GFWC-SC Clubwoman Magazine”

- Messages from GFWC-SC President, President-elect and Director of Junior Clubs
- 2007 Reporting Information
- GFWC Southern Region Report
- Call to Winter Board Meeting

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
December Issue
is November 1st!*

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GFWC-SC 2006-2008 ADMINISTRATION 2007 CALENDAR



Habitat for Humanity®

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

- September/October GFWC-SC District Conferences
October 26-28 Southern Region Conference - Atlanta, GA
November 1 Dues remitted to GFWC-SC Treasurer with dues sheet & corrected roster
November 1 Deadline for GFWC-SC December Clubwoman Magazine
November 1 Club Yearbook due to GFWC-SC First Vice President and District President
November 8-11 GFWC Orientation for 2008-2010 Administration, Washington, DC
November 15 Application for Progress Foundation Grants Due
December 5 GFWC Holiday Reception, GFWC Headquarters, Washington, DC

2008

- January 11-12 **GFWC-SC Winter Board Meeting**, Columbia, SC
February 1 **Deadline** Department/Special Projects Reports due to 2nd VP, Laurie O'Kelly
February 1 Club Yearbooks for judging due postmarked to Brenda Rickenbaker
February 1 **Deadline** for GFWC-SC LEADS Candidate Application to Dr. Misty Konow
February 1 **Deadline** for GFWC-SC March Clubwoman magazine
April 25-27 **110th GFWC-SC Annual Convention**, Columbia, SC

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