

# *GFWC-SC Clubwoman Magazine*



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## *2006 GFWC - SC Heart & Soul Convention*



*April 21 - 22, 2006  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
Columbia, SC*



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**FRIDAY IS GFWC-SC SERVICE DAY AT 2006 CONVENTION**

*It's the little things that create differences – positive differences*

GFWC-SC members, please show your support for **each** of the following three children's shelters by bringing an item or items from their needs/wish list to convention. A representative from each Shelter has been invited to be our guest at our Friday Luncheon for recognition and to receive our donations.

**Participate and you will earn up to 3 tickets for a grand prize drawing.**

**Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter**

The Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter mission is to provide nurturing, home-like, residential care to children of Lexington County who are victims of sexual or physical abuse, abandonment, neglect, exploitation or caregiver emergency. The Shelter is in its 34<sup>th</sup> year serving children of Lexington County, age birth to 18. It is a 501 c (3) organization which is supported by Lexington County, State Government, civic groups, religious organizations, and individuals. It operates twenty-four hours a day, year-round to care for and blend diverse children ages birth to eighteen years of age, in a family-like setting.

**Visit their website [www.nkp4kids.org](http://www.nkp4kids.org)**

The Shelter is always in need of clean, new under things for children of all ages, and children who have been abused or neglected are often developmentally behind other children their age. Diapers and pull-ups  
Boys undershirts, Boys boxers and briefs, all sizes  
Girls' underwear, basic sizes 3-12(no thongs); Training bras through "C" cup, and Sports bras  
Gift cards for Target, Walmart  
Ankle socks, boys and girls  
Pajamas  
Boys' and girls' gym shorts; Bathing suits, boys and girls, all sizes  
Exercise books for reading and math, Leapfrog products, Discovery toys for toddlers  
Math and Spelling Flashcards, Educational, non-violent computer games, Calculators  
Gift cards for museums, educational events and bookstores  
**(Visit website for more donation ideas)**

**Palmetto Place Emergency Children's Shelter**

Palmetto Place is a temporary shelter for abused, abandoned and neglected children of the Midlands area. It was founded in 1977 by the Junior Woman's Club of Columbia as a partial answer to the growing need for temporary placement for children who had been abused, abandoned, or neglected in some way. Palmetto Place has provided shelter for nearly 7,000 children in its 28-year history. Children from birth to 17 years of age are referred to Palmetto Place by law enforcement agencies and the Department of Social Services. During the 30-day case investigation and review process, the children are provided a secure and loving environment. At the end of their time at Palmetto Place, foster care or other appropriate placement is determined by family court.

**Visit their website at [www.PalmettoPlaceShelter.org](http://www.PalmettoPlaceShelter.org)**

**Non-perishable food**

**Kitchen & Laundry Supplies:** Dishwashing detergent (liquid or powder), garbage bags (30 & 39 gallon size), disinfectant sprays, paper towels, Laundry Detergent, Anti-static Dryer Sheets

**Personal Care/Grooming Supplies:** toothpaste/tooth brushes, shampoo/conditioner, hair gel, stick deodorant (male & female); Dove soap (unscented), lotion, hair accessories, cold medicines (infant, pediatric/children's, regular/adult, bandaids, toilet tissue

**Gift Cards/Gift Certificates** – grocery stores, fast food restaurants, such as McDonalds or Chunky Cheese, movies, fun parks skating rinks, home improvement stores

**Diapers:** All sizes, but especially toddler and pull-ups

**Linens:** twin size sheets; washcloths, towels

**Toys & Gift Items** (to be stored at shelter to celebrate children's Birthdays and Christmas)

**Miscellaneous:** old suitcases, duffle bags

**Spartanburg Children Shelter**

More than 25 years ago, the community of Spartanburg responded to the needs of abused, abandoned and neglected children by establishing the Spartanburg Children Shelter. The Shelter has been a temporary home to thousands of children. These special children arrive at the door any hour of the day or night during the week of any month. They are real children with real stories of abuse and neglect, but they always find a safe and happy place to live at the Shelter. In addition, in response to the needs of the Community, Faucette House was established for teen girls age 14-18 to aid in transitioning these young women into caring for themselves and starting their own lives as they become adults and become productive members of society.

**According to Shelter, all the items on list are needed on a daily basis. Visit their website at [www.spartanburgchildrenshelter.org](http://www.spartanburgchildrenshelter.org)**

**Non-Perishable Food, After school snacks**

**Cleaning & Paper Products** washing detergent, Lysol spray, Lysol cleaning spray, Febreze, etc.; Toilet paper, paper towels, cups, plates, plastic forks/spoons, etc., large trash bags (55 gal. & Tall kitchen), aluminum foil, plastic wrap, Ziploc bags

**Personal Hygiene Products** (shampoo/conditioners, deodorants, facial care products, soaps, hand soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, fingernail clippers, etc. and Hair care products (brushes, combs, gels, hair ties, scrunchies)

**Baby Products:** (diapers, especially size 4/5), etc.

**Clothing:** Underwear (all sizes, male & female, boxers for guys, bras for girls), teen clothing/tennis shoes

**Gift Certificates/Gift Cards; Birthday gifts** for Teens, Movie passes, restaurant certificates

**Miscellaneous:** Lamps/lampshades/room decorations, car seats, bathing suits and swimming trunks



**GFWC-SC  
President  
Lynn Cleckler**

It was great to see so many of you at our Winter Board Meeting. Now, if you missed it, you missed a great meeting, and we missed you! We especially thank Jacquelyn Pierce, 2004-2006 GFWC President-Elect, for coming and being with us, and for her Leadership message. Also, as you know, our Winter Board Meeting was dedicated to Ovarian Cancer Awareness and we contributed \$175.00 to the American Cancer Society for ovarian cancer research. We thank Nancy Boozer, Joni Tindall, Ms. Myrna Jeffcoat, President of the S.C. Ovarian Cancer Coalition, for their messages of hope and survival. I saw a lot of GFWC-SC members at "Menopause – the musical" – it was fantastic and better yet, one-half of the proceeds benefited the S.C. Ovarian Cancer Coalition. Thanks for showing your support.

Spring is almost here – a time for new growth. It's time for us to get busy cultivating and growing our membership. Although we may not reach the goal we set of *2000 & Beyond*, remember members can be added and will be counted right up to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

What else happens in the Spring – **the 108<sup>th</sup> GFWC-SC Annual Convention**. Our Convention will be April 20-22, 2006, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, in Columbia, hosted by Midlands and Northern Districts. The theme for this year's convention is *Heart & Soul*. The deadline for

hotel reservations is March 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration and Meal Reservations should be sent postmarked by April 10<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid late fees. The Official Call to Convention, along with other convention information, and the Registration/Meal Reservation form are in this magazine. Join us to celebrate with all our *Heart & Soul* your accomplishments and for the installation of the 2006-2008 GFWC-SC Executive Officers, who will be installed at the Saturday evening banquet.

Since officially this is my last *Heart to Heart* message, I will take this opportunity to again thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State President. It truly has been an honor and privilege.



It is hard to believe that the end of this Club Year and this Administration is almost upon us. We've attended Winter Board, reporting is behind us, and its time to start thinking about GFWC-SC Convention! Time sure flies by in the life of a Clubwoman, especially a Junior Clubwoman, doesn't it? By the time this is published I hope to have read the many reports I received, but as I write this today, I can't wait to read them. From the size alone, I can already tell you all did lots of fun and productive projects last year. My poor mail carrier didn't know what to think!

Speaking of Winter Board, it was nice to see so many of you there, and wasn't it a real treat to see our International President-elect and hear her terrific presentation on Leadership? I hope those of you who were there will encourage all your members to attend our state functions, it is such a great time to connect with one another hear fabulous speakers and learn more about our organization. For those of you not at Winter Board, we did elect our Junior Director-elect for 2006 - 2008. Congratulations to Caroline Brown of the Charleston Junior Woman's Club on her election. I'm sure Caroline will jump right in and have her administration all planned out before the end of the year!

Onward to Convention! Plans are taking shape nicely for another fun Convention. Lynn and her planning committee have many wonderful things in the works that I know we'll all enjoy. I'd like to encourage you all to attend the cruise on Lake Murray on Thursday night and the opening of Convention on Friday morning. Juniors always do well with awards on opening day, but more than that it's so informative and entertaining you won't want to miss a minute.



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

## GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs

Linda Rodgers

Message Continued

In addition, Northern and Midlands Juniors are hard at work helping me plan our annual Fun Night and Junior Luncheon. As many of you know, there is a set amount of funding for the Junior Director's Travel Fund. This amount helps cover the cost of traveling to Orientation, International Board Meetings, International Convention and State meetings and conventions. Once this amount is spent money from the endowment must be used. So to ensure this endowment continues to grow, Junior Fun Night this year will be an auction, with proceeds going toward the Junior Director's Travel Fund. This ensures not only financial support for my administration but for future Junior Directors as well. The auction will take place after the Friday night dinner and there will be a cash bar, so break open those piggy banks, ladies! You'll get more details on this very soon, so make your plans now to attend this year's Convention.

I have enjoyed serving as your Junior Director this year and have certainly learned so much. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in April!



**GFWC-SC  
President-elect  
Kathy Monahan**

### THE KEY TO GFWC-SC MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!



Thank you for allowing me to serve these last two years as your President-elect. The experience has been rewarding and I thank you for your support.

As the 2004-2006 Administration draws to a close, I would like to thank and commend the District Presidents, Betty Thomason, Julia Brown, ShirLee Alfors, Caroline Mahaffey, Sandra Mattox, Suzette Porth, Sue Burgess and Lynn Fralick. Their dedication to the districts helped GFWC-SC accomplish so very much this administration. Their help has been invaluable.

Congratulations to the clubs who have put a special emphasis on membership this year. By adding new members you add new enthusiasm to your club. Now, let's emphasize retention. Consider calling a member and offering a ride to your next meeting, sending a card to a member who has a birthday or illness, inviting a member to share a room with you at convention, or send a note of appreciation to a club member for a job well done. Club members who feel welcome and appreciated remain in the club.

Convention Fun is near. Get a group of club members together and join in the fun at the Embassy Suites. As you make your plans for our annual Convention, remember to:

- 1) **Send** one copy of your Rating Sheet to your District President and one copy to me by March 15.
- 2) **Mail** the names of your deceased club members to GFWC-SC Chaplain, Debbie Alexander by April 1 (these will be used during the memorial service at convention).
- 3) **Polish** the silver awards that your club won last year and get them to your District President so that she can turn them in to me by Thursday evening of convention. Some awards are given out on Friday and Saturday mornings.
- 4) **Send** me by April 1, the names of your members who need fifty years of service gold cards.
- 5) **Come** to convention and **celebrate** your club's year of work. Make a special invitation to new members to join you at Embassy Suites in Columbia. Come prepared to clap and cheer as your club is recognized for its community service. Let everyone know you are there.

**See you in Columbia!**



# GFWC-SC Nominating Committee Report - Sylvia Ayers, Chairman

## THE FOLLOWING TO BE CONFIRMED AT CONVENTION

### Central District

District President	Kristin Fields	
State Nominating Committee	Linda Ham	Alternate: Debbie Mathis
GFWC-SC Progress Foundation Trustees	Margaret McElveen	

### Eastern District

District President	Sue Burgess	
State Nominating Committee	Happy (Mary) Clark	Alternate: Alberta O'Neal

### Midlands District

District President	Debbie Alexander	
State Nominating Committee	Dianne Martin	Alternate: Terry Tucker
GFWC-SC Progress Foundation Trustees	Mary Watts	

### North Central District

District President	Trudie Heemsoth	
State Nominating Committee	Misty Konow	Alternate: Lisa Cathcart
GFWC-SC Progress Foundation Trustees	Sylvia Ayers	

### Northern District

District President	Kay Berry	
State Nominating Committee	Marian St.Clair	Alternate: Lovonia Hendrix
GFWC-SC Board of Trustees	Laura Palmer	
GFWC-SC SC Scholarship Committee	Betty Suber	

### Northwestern District

District President	Lane Dye	
State Nominating Committee	Kim Welborn	Alternate: Sandra Mattox
GFWC-SC Scholarship Committee	Mandy Davidson	

### Southern District

District President	Caroline Brown	
State Nominating Committee	Julia Brown	Alternate: Michele Hood
GFWC-SC Scholarship Committee	Melissa Smith	
GFWC-SC Board of Trustees	Michele Costanzo Greer	

### Western District

District President	Alma Holston	
State Nominating Committee	Vicky Hendley	Alternate: Anna Dangerfield

GFWC-SC Junior Director-Elect	Caroline Brown
GFWC-SC Junior Director 2006-2008	Linda Rodgers
GFWC-SC President 2006-2008	Kathy Monahon

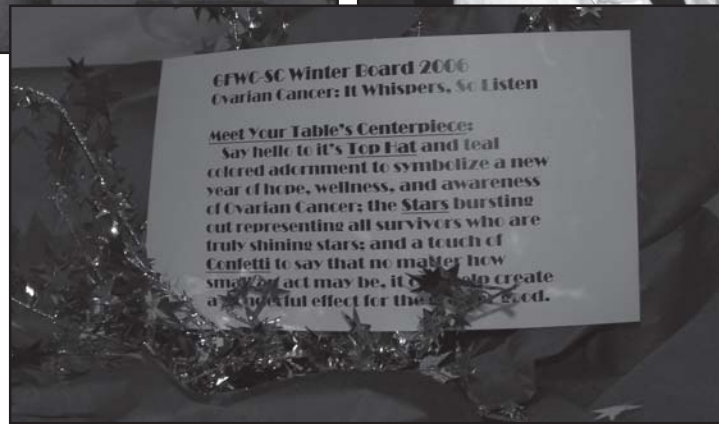
## THE FOLLOWING GFWC OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

GFWC-SC Treasurer	ShirLee Alfors
GFWC-SC Recording Secretary	Jo Ann Bolchoz
	Susie Childress
GFWC-SC Second Vice President	Laurie O'Kelly
GFWC-SC First Vice President	Tammy Garland


Elections/Confirmations will be again at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 22. GFWC-SC Bylaws Article XI- Nominations, Elections, and Vacancies provides that additional nominations for GFWC-SC Executive offices may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured and nominee meets the eligibility criteria set forth in said Article XI.

## GFWC-SC Winter Board Meeting

GFWC International President-elect, Jacquelyn Pierce with Dana Causey  
President of Junior Woman's Club of Columbia



## Club Fundraiser



**Junior Woman's Club of Lexington  
2006 Charity Fashion Show**

Hosted by Exotica International  
Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00pm


Loving Hands & Loving Hearts  
helping Lexington's Children of Abuse by  
providing assistance & support to

The Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter  
&  
The Dickerson Center for Children

Admission - \$20 per Person

Catered Buffet/Wine & Beverages  
Silent Auction & Door Prizes

For tickets or more  
information contact:



Alicia Campbell, Ways & Means Co-Chair  
(803)808-6837  
alicia\_w\_campbell@yahoo.com

## Club Fundraiser

Join us Saturday, April 29, 2006 7:30pm • \$50/person •  
Seawell's • Rosewood Drive • Live Music, Silent Auction & much more •

# BEACH BALL

**Junior Woman's Club**  
OF COLUMBIA

Post Office Box 476  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202  
[www.jwccolumbia.org](http://www.jwccolumbia.org)

As soon as Spring fever hits, most South Carolinians start dreaming of the beach. Thanks to the Junior Woman's Club of Columbia (JWC), many Columbia-area folks will get a sneak peak of summer fun with the 3rd Annual Beach Ball gala and Golf Tournament benefiting Palmetto Place Children's Emergency Shelter.

The event, which replaced the popular Mardi Gras Ex-travaganza in 2004, is a more laid-back, casual event in which anything goes — "from sandals to sequins" as the slogan goes.

And the idea is apparently taking hold, as attendance at last year's event increased nearly 10% with more than 300 guests. And those people translated into more profits for Palmetto Place — with the event bringing in \$9,000 more than last year.

Lauren Aull, JWC'S 2005 Beach Ball chairperson, credits the increase to several factors. For one, JWC was chosen by the Riggs advertising agency for its annual Createathon program. During this 24-hour creative marathon, Riggs staff members developed and printed postcards and posters with a new Beach Ball brand to help publicize the 2005 event — for free!

Of course, another HUGE reason for Beach Ball's success is each and every member of JWC. They spend enormous amounts of time and energy in producing this event — finding sponsors, selling ads and tickets, securing silent auction items, making decorations, planning the food, beverages ... and so much more! And they don't just do it once ... Beach Ball is an annual event!

So that means you should **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** now for the next event. Beach Ball 2006 to be held April 28th & 29th. For more information, check out the Web site at [www.jwccolumbia.org](http://www.jwccolumbia.org).



**Northwoods Golf Club**  
201 Powell Rd. • Cola., SC 29203

## **PALMETTO PLACE** CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER

**The Junior Woman's Club of Columbia** founded Palmetto Place in 1977. Palmetto Place has provided a safe haven to thousands of children. Its mission is to provide quality, temporary emergency care for child victims of abuse and neglect.

### **PALMETTO PLACE IS ...**

- A safe and nurturing haven for children in crisis who need emergency care.
- Responsive 24 hours a day to referrals from the Department of Social Services & local law enforcement.
- A private, non-profit agency, governed by a board of directors of local community volunteers.
- A partner agency of the United Way of the Midlands.

### **PALMETTO PLACE PROVIDES ...**

- 24-hour, 7 day-a-week availability
- Reassuring care by a dedicated, adult staff with awake caregivers around the clock
- Room for up to 16 children — from newborns to 17-year olds — at any one time
- Food, clothing, shelter & basic grooming needs
- Medical, mental health & dental care
- Adjustment and transitional counseling
- Individualized service coordination
- Transportation to and from public schools
- Planned recreational & social activities



[www.palmettoplaceshelter.org](http://www.palmettoplaceshelter.org)



## Club News



Betsy Whyte presents Jan Hadwin with her 50th year gold card in GFWC (1955 - 2005).

The Junior Woman's Club of Columbia members and guests with Marion Adkins - Director of Palmetto Place Children's Emergency Shelter at her retirement party.



Junior Woman's Club of Columbia President, Dana Causey, tutoring a student at the HUB in Chapin, SC.

## Headquarters News

Thanks to the hard work of several clubs, the mansion was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Those clubs are: Junior Woman's Club of Columbia, Lake Murray/Irmo Woman's Club, Saxe Gotha Woman's Club, St. Andrews Woman's Club, Palmetto Woman's Club, and Woman's Club of Columbia. Also, we want to thank the Lexington Junior Woman's Club for donating paper products and cleaning supplies.

Spring workdays will be March 18 and April 8, from 9:00 to 12:00. Clubs may also go on their own to clean the yard and plant flowers.

The downstairs apartment in the Carriage House is available. If you know of someone who might be interested, have them call Princa Wright.



The Junior Woman's Club of Columbia cleaning and planting flowers at GFWC-SC Headquarters.

## Public Affairs Department Chairman Elizabeth Herring

Please continue collecting and donating cell phones for donating to soldiers and the Call to Protect program. You can bring them to Convention and we can donate them for you. For reporting purposes, we split them evenly between the two programs.

Don't forget to write letters to our SC Army National Guard members and to the veterans in the VA hospital.

Be sure members are briefed on the importance of wearing seatbelts and on the new seatbelt law which allows the police to stop a car if the occupants are not wearing seatbelts.

## The Alliance For Women in South Carolina

Columbia College has some exciting new programs to improve the status of women in S.C. Many of you are already familiar with its Leadership Institute which has programs for both students and adults. The college has joined forces with The South Carolina Commission on Women (SCCW), "a state commission appointed by the governor and charged with advising the Governor about key factors relevant to improving the status of women in South Carolina." To support this partnership, Columbia College created The Alliance for Women, a "non-partisan organization ... dedicated to one simple goal: improving the standard of living for all South Carolina citizens by improving the economic autonomy, health and well-being and political participation of the State's women." I recommend you visit [www.allianceforwomen.net](http://www.allianceforwomen.net) to learn more about this exciting new project and to register for free to receive quarterly newsletters and e-alerts on subjects of interest to women.



**OFFICIAL CALL**  
**THE 108TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**APRIL 21-22, 2006**  
**EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL**

HOSTESS DISTRICTS: MIDLANDS AND NORTHERN  
CONVENTION CO-CHAIRMEN :SUZETTE PORTH AND CAROLINE MAHAFFEY

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its One Hundred and Eighth Annual Convention in Columbia, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 200 Stoneridge Drive, April 21-22, 2006. All GFWC-SC Clubwomen are encouraged to attend. The theme for this year's convention is *Heart & Soul*. 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 MARCH 21**

**March 21** is the deadline for Room Reservations, king suites or two double bed suites available, at the \$109 (plus tax) room rate. Each room comes complete with refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker, hairdryer, iron and ironing board. Call the central reservation office at 1-800-362-2779 or in-house reservations at 803-252-8700 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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, Convention Finance Chairman, 112 Sandstone Road, Columbia, SC 29212 postmarked on or before April 10. **Bring your name badge holder from 2005 convention or a prior convention and you will receive a ticket for a grand prize drawing.**

**CONVENTION ATTIRE**

Friday opening session: business attire; Friday evening banquet – something red or something hot or hearts or combination of all; Saturday is Club and/or GFWC/GFWC-SC attire day; Long dress for Saturday banquet.

**GFWC-SC SERVICE DAY - FRIDAY**

Convention attendees are asked to bring items in support of three Children's Shelters: Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter, Palmetto Place Emergency Children Shelter, and Spartanburg Children's Shelter. See details in this magazine.

**LET'S PUT OUR HEARTS IN IT LUNCHEON-FRIDAY**

Join us to celebrate as we spotlight both the GFWC President's Special Project – Literacy: *Tutoring from the Heart* and the GFWC-SC President's Special Project: *Mending Broken Hearts* and hear Alyce Dewitt deliver her *uplifting message: Stressed/Desserts*

**FIRST TIME CONVENTION ATTENDEES RECEPTION**

A reception for First Time Convention Attendees and their Club Presidents will be held on Friday evening (6:00-6:30 pm) prior to the Friday night Red Hot Hearts for the Arts banquet.

**RED HOT HEARTS FOR THE ARTS**

Change into your *red or hot or heart* or a combination thereof outfit and join your Federation Friends to celebrate the arts and select the District Spirit winner of our first GFWC-SC District Challenge!! To be followed by the Juniors' Friday Night Live Auction.

**SATURDAY LUNCHEON**

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

**HEART & SOUL BANQUET**

We will continue to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our clubwomen and our Clubs. The winners of the Community Improvement Contest will be announced, District Silver awards as well as individual awards to outstanding GFWC-SC women will be presented, and the 2006-2008 GFWC-SC Executive Officers will be installed.

## TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20:

- 3:00-5:00** Registration Open  
**4:00** Executive Committee Meeting  
**4:45/5:00** Assemble Lobby/Depart to Southern Patriot  
**6:00—8:00** Cruise aboard the Southern Patriot  
Executive Board Meeting will convene

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

- 8:00-12:30** Registration Open  
**9:00** Official Opening of Convention  
Inspirational Message  
Officer Reports  
Reports of Standing Committees  
Dept. Program, Special Proj. & Special Appt. Certificates & Silver Awards  
**12:30** “Let’s Put Our Hearts In It”  
Luncheon spotlighting GFWC & GFWC-SC Presidents’ Special Projects  
Afternoon Free Time  
**3:00-5:00** Registration Open  
**6:00-6:30** Reception for First Time Attendees and Club Presidents  
**7:00** Red Hot Hearts for the Arts Banquet

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:00-12:30** Registration Open  
**8:00-8:45** Meet & Greet candidates for GFWC-SC Office  
**9:00** Convention Resumes  
Constitution/Bylaws Committee Report  
Department Program Certificate and Silver awards Continue  
**11:00** Nominating Committee Report  
2006-2008 Elections/Confirmations  
Memorial Service  
**1:00** Luncheon and Junior Awards  
Afternoon Free Time  
**6:00-6:45** Reception for 2006-2008 GFWC-SC Executive Officers hosted by Western District  
**6:45** Processional Assembles for Banquet  
**7:00** Heart & Soul Banquet  
Presentation of Silver Awards  
Installation Ceremony for 2006-2008 GFWC-SC Executive Officers  
Invitation to the 2006 Convention  
Basket Auction  
Adjournment

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:00** 2006-2008 Executive Board Meeting

## CONVENTION MENU

### *Thursday, Southern Patriot Cruise/Dinner*

### *Friday, Let’s Put our Hearts In It Luncheon\**

*Meats & Cheeses, to include: Roast Beef, Turkey, Ham, Swiss & Cheddar with all the trimmings, and assorted Breads*

*Potato Chips and Pasta Salad*

*Fresh Fruit*

### *Friday, Red Hot Hearts for the Arts Banquet*

*Chicken Marsala*

*Green Salad*

*Wild Rice*

*Fresh Vegetable Medley*

*Rolls and Butter*

*Chocolate Dipped Waffle Cup filled with Strawberry Shortcake*

### *Saturday, Junior Luncheon*

*Grilled Chicken, Pepperjack Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato in a Cilantro Mayonnaise Wrap*

*Potato Chips and Pasta Salad*

*N.Y. Cheesecake*

### *Saturday, Heart & Soul Banquet*

*Pork Persillade*

*Salad*

*Garlic Mash Potatoes*

*Sugar Snap Peas*

*Rolls & Butter*

*Mud Pie*

*\*Vegetarian substitutes available.*

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

*A memorial service honoring GFWC-SC members who have passed away in the past year will be held on Saturday, 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 2005 to:*

*Debbie Alexander  
GFWC-SC Chaplain  
118 Fox Street  
Lexington, SC 29072*

**GFWC-SC CLUBWOMAN ARTS CONTEST INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORM**

**RELEASE FORM – INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES**

The following statement **MUST** accompany each work submitted in ANY Category (Individual Photography and GFWC-SC Art Contest). Please copy as needed.

*I will not, in any way, hold the Arts Department of 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)

**GFWC-SCART CONTEST** entered: Amateur \_\_\_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_\_\_

Category:            Watercolor \_\_\_\_\_      Oil \_\_\_\_\_            Pastel \_\_\_\_\_      Pen and Ink \_\_\_\_\_

                          Acrylics \_\_\_\_\_            Mixed Media \_\_\_\_\_      Pencil \_\_\_\_\_      Other \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS RELEASE FORM MUST BE ATTACHED SECURELY TO EVERY ENTRY.**



**SUNSET CRUISE  
ABOARD THE  
SOUTHERN PATRIOT  
Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> -  
6:00-8:00 p.m.**



***A night in paradise***  
continues from 2005  
convention aboard the

Southern Patriot, a 65 foot double deck cruise boat located on beautiful Lake Murray, South Carolina just a few miles northwest of Columbia. Join us for Fun, Food, Fellowship (the Executive Board meeting will also convene). We will depart from hotel at 5:00 pm. Transportation can be provided from hotel (\$7.00/person) or you can come straight to the Boat. See Registration Form for details!!



**Southern Patriot Departs from Lake Murray  
Marina, 1700 Marina Road, Ballentine, SC  
29002\***

**FREE TIME Friday and Saturday**  
**Enjoy the SITES AND ATTRACTIONS**  
**OF THE MIDLANDS - visit:**

**GFWC-SC Headquarters, 1511 Laurel Street** will be open both Friday & Saturday, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Riverbanks Zoo & Gardens** From gorillas and koalas to penguins and sharks, formal gardens to natural woodlands, Riverbanks Zoo & Garden promises new discoveries around every corner. The garden provides 70-acres of unparalleled beauty. Located just a short distance from Embassy Suites off Greystone Blvd. Open Mon.-Sun. 9:00am-4:00pm

**S.C. State Museum - Housed in the historic 1893 Columbia Mill textile building, its "biggest artifact,"** the State Museum tells the story of South Carolina through its many exhibits and programs. Come and enjoy art, cultural history, natural history, science and technology. Many of the museum's displays are interconnected. Although no museum can display its entire collection, the museum offers a varied sampling of the wonders found both within our state and around the world. You can also shop in The Cotton Exchange.

**The Columbia Museum of Art-** located on the corner of Main & Hampton in downtown Columbia showcases the permanent collection galleries of arts which reflect the mission of the museum..

**Like to Shop??** You can find everything you need right here in the Midlands. The **Congaree Vista**, a restored turn-of-the-century area near downtown Columbia offers an unique collection of shops - antique, jewelry, oriental rugs, furniture, original art...or visit **Five Points** which is comprised of an eclectic mix of shops. Prefer the Mall - **Columbiana Center** in Harbison is a shopaholic's dream come true..

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**50/50 AND BASKETS AT CONVENTION**

**Two fun(d)raisers planned for convention 2006 for the benefit of the GFWC-SC President/President-Elect Travel Fund - a 50/50 drawing and the ever popular BASKET AUCTION. Basket display will begin on Friday.**



*Alyce DeWitt,  
keynote speaker, at  
Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> -  
Let's Put our Hearts  
in It<sup>™</sup> Luncheon*

*Alyce DeWitt will deliver our motivational/inspirational message. Her message: Stressed/Desserts is presented through humor for ways of dealing with life's stress.*

*Ms. DeWitt, employed with the South Carolina Department of Mental Health as G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital's Community Resources Director, is a volunteer with the United Way of the Midlands and Mental Health Association. She is co-founder of the West Columbia Chapter of the Compassionate Friends (a self-help support group for bereaved parents). She is State Coordinator for the National Compassionate Friends. Member of the Friendship Center Board and a member of Chapin Baptist Church.*

*In addition to numerous recognitions, Ms. DeWitt was the recipient of the Beacon of Hope Award, The United Way of the Midlands (now called The Alyce Kemp DeWitt Beacon of Hope Award).*

*You don't want to miss Ms. DeWitt's message. Her own personal life experience/stresses will have you laughing and crying. Her Goal: To leave each one with a positive view of themselves.*



**GFWC-SC 2006 CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM**  
**APRIL 21-22, 2006**

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
**Deadline: April 10, 2006**

Send a completed form for **EACH ATTENDEE** along with check for total amount due payable to GFWC-SC to:  
**Meredith Fields, Convention Finance 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
- \_\_\_ GFWC-SC Past State President
- \_\_\_ GFWC-SC Department Program,
- \_\_\_ 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 Friday 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) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance (indicate number) \_\_\_\_\_

Coverage verification phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**MEAL RESERVATIONS**

<b>Thursday, April 20</b>	___ Southern Patriot Cruise/Dinner	\$24.00 \$ _____	
	(See below regarding transportation)		
<b>Friday, April 21</b>	___ Friday Luncheon **	\$21.00 \$ _____	___ Vegetarian Sub.
	___ Friday Banquet**	\$27.00 \$ _____	___ Vegetarian Sub.
<b>Saturday, April 22</b>	___ Saturday Luncheon**	\$22.00 \$ _____	___ Vegetarian Sub.
	___ Saturday Banquet **	\$32.00 \$ _____	___ Vegetarian Sub.

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

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

Transportation to Southern Patriot desired? Check yes below and include \$7.00 in your total.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\$7.00)

<b>REGISTRATION FEE:</b>	\$ _____
<b>MEAL TOTAL</b>	\$ _____
<b>Transportation (\$7.00)</b>	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO GFWC-SC</b>	\$ _____

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GFWC-SC BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I-MEMBERSHIP

**EXISTING BYLAW:** None

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:** Section 12. Withdrawal. (A) Any club desiring to withdraw from the Federation shall submit a written resignation to the State President and the State Treasurer containing the minutes of the meeting at which the vote to withdraw took place. (B) If at least 5 or more members choose to remain a federated club, and they are willing to be the basic responsible officers of the club, they shall retain all the rights and privileges to the name and property of the club including funds, and they shall remain the federated club.

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:** Section 12. Withdrawal. (A) Any club desiring to withdraw from the Federation shall submit a written resignation to the State President and the State Treasurer containing the minutes of the meeting at which the vote to withdraw took place. (B) If a least 5 or more members choose to remain a federated club, and they are willing to be the basic officers of the club, they shall retain all the rights and privileges to the name and property of the club including funds, and they shall remain the federated club.

**RATIONALE:** To establish the process for club withdrawal from Federation membership.

## ARTICLE II-DISTRICTS

**EXISTING BYLAW:** Section 2 (First Sentence) District Conferences shall be held annually in the fall.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:** District Conferences shall be held annually in the summer or fall.

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:** District Conferences shall be held annually in the summer or fall.

**RATIONALE:** To comply with current practice for holding District Conferences.

## ARTICLE III-JUNIOR CLUBS

**EXISTING BYLAW:** Section 3 (Last Sentence) She shall be endorsed by the Junior Nominating Committee and shall be voted on at a Junior meeting prior to Convention.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:** She shall be endorsed by the Junior Nominating Committee and shall be voted on at a Junior meeting prior to Convention held in even numbered years.

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:** She shall be endorsed by the Junior Nominating Committee and shall be voted on at a Junior meeting prior to Convention held in even numbered years.

**RATIONALE:** For clarification as to the election of the Junior Director-elect.

## ARTICLE XI-NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VACANCIES

**EXISTING BYLAW:** Section 1. Nominations. (First Paragraph, First Sentence) All officers shall be elected biennially.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:** All officers shall be elected biennially in even numbered years.

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:** All officers shall be elected biennially in even numbered years.

**RATIONALE:** For clarification as to the election of State Officers.

**EXISTING BYLAW:** Section 1. Nominations. (First Paragraph, Last Sentence) The Corresponding Secretary shall be appointed by the President, and shall be installed at the same time as other officers.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:** The Corresponding Secretary shall be appointed by the President-elect, and shall be installed at the same time as other officers.

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:** The Corresponding Secretary shall be appointed by the President-elect, and shall be installed at the same time as other officers.

**RATIONALE:** For clarification as to how this position is filled.

**EXISTING BYLAW:** Section 1. Nominations. (Third Paragraph, Second Sentence) This representative and one alternate shall be elected in the odd number of calendar years at their respective District Conferences prior to Convention.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:** This representative and one alternate shall be elected in the odd number of calendar years at their respective District Conferences prior to Convention and serve for one term.

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:** This representative and one alternate shall be elected in the odd number of calendar years at their respective District Conferences prior to Convention and serve for one term.

**RATIONALE:** For clarification as to length of term.

## ARTICLE XV-REPRESENTATION

**EXISTING BYLAW:** Section 1. The voting body of the State Convention shall consist of the officers of the State Federation, Past Presidents of the State Federation, provided they are still residents of South Carolina, the members of the six Departments, Junior Department Chairmen, the Chairmen of Standing Committees and regularly accredited delegates from each club with affiliated or direct membership. All votes must be cast in person.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:** The voting body of the State Convention shall consist of the State Officers, Past State Presidents who are residents of South Carolina, Department Chairmen, Special Appointment Chairmen, the Chairmen of the Boards of Trustees, Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees, and regularly accredited delegates from each club with affiliated or direct membership. All votes must be cast in person.

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:** The voting body of the State Convention shall consist of the State Officers, Past State Presidents who are residents of South Carolina, Department Chairmen, Special Appointment Chairmen, the Chairmen of the Boards of Trustees, Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees, and regularly accredited delegates from each club with affiliated or direct membership. All votes must be cast in person.

**RATIONALE:** To conform language with Article VII, Section 4 and to conform with current practice.

## STANDING RULES UP-DATES

The following Standing Rules were passed at Executive Board meetings during the 2002-2004 Administration. A completed copy of the Standing Rules will be provided for the Club Presidents Packet at the beginning of the 2006-2008 Administration.

1. The Annual Convention Restricted Fund will collect registration fees paid by attendees and pay (a) budgeted expenses of the convention, and (b) unbudgeted extraordinary expenses approved by the Convention Committee. Carryover funds will be limited to one year.
2. The Annual Convention Registration Cancellation Policy limits refunds to cancellation made seven days prior to the start of convention. Resale of tickets may be undertaken by clubs or individuals, but it is not the responsibility of the Registration Committee.
3. The 1511 Laurel Society is designated as a fund-raiser and all monies collected by the Society shall be deposited in the Headquarters checking account to defray the cost of restoration and repairs to Headquarters.
4. The GFWC-SC President shall have a minimum allowance of \$2000 each year of her administration with the primary allotment from the Endowment Fund, and any deficit paid from the General Fund.

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

### *Do Not Forget!*

Let me 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*

*May1st!*

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# GFWC-SC 2004-2006 ADMINISTRATION 2006 CALENDAR



GFWC Theme: **Unity in Diversity**  
 GFWC 2004-2006 President's Special Project: **GFWC Literacy Program: Tutoring from the Heart**

GFWC-SC 2004-2006 Theme: **Let's Put Our Hearts In It**  
 GFWC-SC 2004-2006 President's Special Project: **Mending Broken Hearts – Breaking the Cycle of Family Abuse**

-  April 1 Send Names of Deceased Club Members to Chaplain, Debbie Alexander
-  April 1 State GFWC Short Story and Poetry Writing Contest Winners due postmarked to National Chairman
-  April 21-23 GFWC-SC ANNUAL CONVENTION, Embassy Suites, Columbia, SC
- April 21 Official Opening GFWC-SC Annual Convention
-  April 24 Federation Day
- April 22-29 GFWC Volunteers in Action Week
-  May 1 GFWC Calendar Contest entries (one entry/club) must be at GFWC Headquarters, Washington, D.C.
- May 1 Deadline for GFWC-SC June Clubwoman Magazine
-  May 24 Photography Contests State Chairman must send 1st place state winners in GFWC Photography Contest and Club Event Contest to GFWC Headquarters, Washington, D.C.
- June 9 GFWC Board of Directors Meeting, Marriott Tech Center, Denver, CO
-  June 10-13 115th GFWC Annual International Convention, Marriott Tech Center, Denver, CO

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