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MESSAGE FROM GFWC-SC PRESIDENT

As I look back on the past 2 years –WOW! It has been quite an experience! First, I want to tell you how proud I am of the work our Clubs do here in South Carolina. You are a very hard working group of Volunteers and you are making a difference in your communities! **THANK YOU** for your **Hard Work!**

Thank you for embracing my theme to live a Pineapple Life! I hope that I have been Standing Tall, Wearing a Crown, not being too tough on the outside and maybe a little sweet on the inside.

Thank you for your great response to my Special Projects---Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention. Clubs have done some great projects. I have enjoyed seeing projects on FB. Clubs promoted Project Lifesaver. Several Clubs have helped Project Lifesaver start in their communities. Due to your generosity in purchasing the notecards designed by Dianne McCarty based on flower pictures submitted for the Photography Contest, GFWC- SC will be contributing about \$600 to help launch Project Life Saver in York County.

This past year as president, found me traveling and visiting clubs, taking part in installation ceremonies, anniversary celebrations, fundraisers, informational meeting, and club meetings. I attended all GFWC-SC Meetings, all District Conferences and GFWC-SC Committee Meetings. I traveled to attend Southern Region in Biloxi, MS and GFWC International Convention Louisville, KY, and the GFWC Board of Directors Meeting in Colorado. There is one last meeting to attend as your president to represent you at the GFWC Convention in Chicago in June.

I am very proud that after several years of discussion, we made our Clubwoman Magazine an online Publication. We saved money and have a prettier magazine with colored pictures. I am also very proud that we chartered 4 new Clubs in the past 2 years!! I was happy that due to the work of Tonja Ivey and Suzanne Carswell that we were able to have the **Pineapple Post** as our monthly membership newsletter.

There are so many special people to thank for their help and support-- the entire Executive Committee, The Board of Directors, CSP and Advancement Chairmen, all other chairmen and their committees, special appointments, Past Presidents and so many more! It would take more space than I am allowed to thank everyone properly and individually. Please know that I do appreciate the help and support I received from everyone.

Also a big thank you to the Midlands District for hosting our 2024 GFWC-South Carolina Convention. Thank you to the Midlands Clubs for the creative centerpieces, door prizes, and all your hard work. Our Convention Chairmen, Janet Prince and Jackie Boland, did an outstanding job with organizing and planning our Convention.

People have asked about special moments I had as President of GFWC -SC and there are many things that I have enjoyed –and truthfully, there were some moments—when I thought---OH NO –This is Too Much! But the real WOW-- moment was in Louisville at the International Convention at the opening ceremony with the flag ceremony-- when State Presidents and Junior Directors enter together with your State Flag and the Junior Director carries the Flag (thank goodness--Shelli was the one carrying the flag)--- we walked down that long aisle with everyone standing and then there was the group from SC down near the front all waving and cheering –we had a big group from SC in Louisville! All I could think was WOW!! This is really, really Special!! This is a proud moment!!

People have also asked me what has been the best part of being President of GFWC-SC and I can honestly say it is –**ALL OF YOU!!** **THANK YOU** for allowing me to serve as your President! It has been a special, extraordinary experience!!!

With Federation Love,

Norma

Norma England
GFWC-SC President





Dear GFWC-SC Clubwomen,

As I sit down to write this message, I am filled with a mix of emotions. My time as Director of Junior Clubs has been a journey of incredible experiences, meaningful connections, and growth. As I prepare to pass the torch, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and dedication over the past few years. Together, we embarked on many initiatives, each one reflecting our shared vision of making positive changes in our communities and beyond.



MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC JUNIOR DIRECTOR

One of the highlights of my time as director has been witnessing the difference we have made in the lives of children and families. The Neighbors Who Care special project stands out to me as a shining example of how small acts of kindness can create significant ripples of positive change.

As I reflect on my time as Director of Junior Clubs, I am reminded of the countless memories we have created together. Each meeting, event, and project has been an opportunity to learn, grow, and make lasting relationships. It is these moments that I will cherish the most as I move on to new adventures.

To Michelle, the incoming Director, I give you my heartfelt best wishes. You are stepping into a role that is incredibly rewarding and you're surrounded by an amazing group of women who will support you every step of the way. I have no doubt that your leadership will SPARK us with passion, dedication, and a vision for even greater achievements.

Thank you, GFWC-SC, for the honor and privilege of serving as your Director of Junior Clubs. Together, we have accomplished so much, and I am excited to see what the future holds for our remarkable organization.

In Junior love,

Shelli

Shelli Pue
GFWC-SC Junior Director





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

Still, I can't help but look back

With nostalgia on the past two years that have gone by so quickly.

With gratitude on the support and guidance, mentoring and friendships, old and new.

With celebration on the formation or re-federation of 4 new clubs for our South Carolina federation.

With anticipation for another two new clubs in the process of being formed and re-federated.

With pride on our new membership newsletter, which has helped to connect our members from the Upstate to the Coast.

With joy on club visits and anniversary celebrations, fundraisers and installations.

With delight on zoom meetings, state and international meetings, a fabulous 125th Convention celebration, a surprise Winter Session baby shower, road trips and plane trips and even late night texts.

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

In Federation Friendship,

Suzanne

Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC President-elect



MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC PRESIDENT-ELECT



Mimosas at the
Mansion, Saturday
afternoon, during
Convention





What a wonderful weekend we had in Columbia, SC and I so enjoyed seeing many of you there. Congratulations to all of you who reported your club's work! A big thank you to our CSP, Advancement Area, Special Program, Special Project, and Contest chairman for your hard work in judging and writing your reports.

Besides winning awards, the information all of you provided has been sent on to GFWC in Washington, DC. The next administration will use YOUR information to help determine the direction of the organization going forward. All the fundraisers, projects, speakers, and donations done in our state DO make a difference!



MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC SECOND PRESIDENT

Thank you so very much for allowing me to serve as your 2nd Vice-President – it has been an honor and a privilege. Getting to know so many of you better has definitely been the highlight of the past two years – you ladies ROCK!

Thanks again and I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

In Federatin Love,

Kaye

Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC Second Vice President



North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club winner of
the Community Impact Award



GFWC-SC Juniors Celebrate Friday Evening



Saturday Evening Awards



Saturday Morning presentation
for PAALS



These last two years as your treasurer has been enlightening, encouraging and educating. I have enjoyed working with many of you.

Being Treasurer for this 2022-2024 administration I have paid bills, collected money, frequented the post office and became good friends with our State Charities and Raffle Division of SC. I participated in our finance committee meetings and assisted in developing our annual budget. I have attended GFWC-SC executive meetings, board meetings and conventions. I also attended the GFWC Southern Region meetings, and the GFWC Annual Conventions in New Orleans and Louisville. I am passionate and wish to continue to make our State proud. I thank each and every one of you for trusting me

with the "keeper of the funds" job.



MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC TREASURER

In Federation Friendship,

Carrie

Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC Treasurer



MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC SECRETARY

Dear Friends,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your 2022-2024 GFWC-SC Secretary. These last 2 years have been busy! I have attended each year's Winter and Summer Board meetings, all 3 District meetings, this year's Southern Region Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi, and now, this makes both Annual conventions. I have served on the LEADs Committee for these 2 years and led this year's discussion regarding personality traits of good leaders. There was even time for me to lead the group in a 15-minute chair yoga session.



I have enjoyed taking notes and keeping the minutes for the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and all of you. This position has taught me many things but especially how to be a better listener and to keep the minutes short and sweet!!

When you are surrounded by such a supportive group of ladies, you can't help but have a wonderful experience!

Thank you all so much for trusting me with your meeting minutes and I look forward to working with you in the future!

With Federation Spirit,

Shannon

Shannon Smith
GFWC-SC Secretary

2023 AWARDS PRESENTED AT GFWC-SC CONVENTION APRIL 2024

Arts & Culture

General I	St. George Women's Guild
General II	Sand River Woman's Club
General III	Lexington Woman's Club
Junior	Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Club Creativity	Woman's League of the Lowcountry

Civic Engagement & Outreach

General I	Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
General II	Aiken Woman's Club
General III	Lexington Woman's Club
Junior	Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	The Woman's Club of Charleston
Lexington Woman's Club Civic Engagement & Outreach Award	North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Education & Libraries

General I	Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
General II	Sand River Woman's Club
General III	Chapin Woman's Club
Junior	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Club Creativity	Chapin Woman's Club
Marie J Hammond	St. Andrews Woman's Club
Literacy Award	
Debbie Alexander Adult Education Award	Sand River Woman's Club

Environment

General I	Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
General II	Women of the `Burg
General III	Chapin Woman's Club
Junior	Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	Chapin Woman's Club - Butterfly
Palmetto Pride Award	North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Health & Wellness

General I	St. George Women's Guild
General II	Women of the `Burg
General III	St. Andrews Woman's Club
Junior	Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

2023 AWARDS PRESENTED AT GFWC-SC CONVENTION APRIL 2024

Communications & Public Relations

General I	Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
General II	Woman's Club of the Midlands
General III	North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Club Creativity	Woman's Club of Charleston

Communications & Public Relations Newsletter

General II	Woman's Club of the Midlands
General III	North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

Communications & Public Relations Website

General III	Woman's Club of Rock Hill
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Fundraising

General I	Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
General II	Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
General III	Lexington Woman's Club
Junior	Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	Chapin Woman's Club
Rebecca Robbins Fundraising Award - Silver	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray & Lake Murray/Irmo Woman's Club

Leadership

General I	St. George Women's Guild
General II	Woman's Club of the Midlands
General III	Lexington Woman's Club
Junior	Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Club Creativity	North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Save Gotha Leadership Award	Chapin Woman's Club

Membership

General I	GFWC Golden Strip Woman's Club
General II	Lake Murray/Irmo Woman's Club
General III	Lexington Woman's Club
Junior	Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	Pine Ridge Woman's Club - Community Night Bingo
Sylvia Ayers Membership Award	Chapin Junior Woman's Club

2023 AWARDS PRESENTED AT GFWC-SC CONVENTION APRIL 2024

Legislation & Public Policy

General II	Woman's Club of the Midlands
General III	North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior	Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	Lexington Woman's Club
Hughes Legislation Award	Lexington Woman's Club

Women's History & Resource Center

General II	Woman's Club of the Midlands
General III	Woman's Club of Cayce
Junior	Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Club Creativity	York County Woman's Club

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness

General I	Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
General II	Sand River Woman's Club
General III	GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry
Junior	Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Club Creativity	GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry

GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children

General I	Golden Strip Woman's Club
General II	Sand River Woman's Club
General III	North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Club Creativity	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Special Project

Polly's Good Neighbor Award	Woman's Club of Cayce
Gabrielle's Neighborhood	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Literacy Award	

GFWC-SC President's Special Project

Stand Tall Award	GFWC Golden Strip Woman's Club
Wear a Crown	North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Tech Tidbits

Tech Tidbits Award	Woman's Club of Rock Hill
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2023 AWARDS PRESENTED AT GFWC-SC CONVENTION APRIL 2024

Junior Silver Awards

Bobbie L Lowe Junior Award	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Mary Plyer Memorial Junior Award	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Jan W Hadwin/Beth Broom Junior Award	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Ann Borris/August Wolff	Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Memorial Junior Cancer Award	
Susan Abelkop Junior Membership Award	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Junior Spirit Award	Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

Contribution Sheet Silver Award

Keith Unger Memorial Award	Lake Murray/Irmo Woman's Club
Stackhouse Headquarters Award	Palmetto Woman's Club
Janet B Agnew Award	Lake Murray/Irmo Woman's Club
Clubwoman Magazine Award	St. Andrews Woman's Club
Princa M Wright Sims-Stackhouse Mansion	Palmetto Woman's Club
Endowment Award	
Virginia `Sissy` Welch Award	Midlands District
Ruby H McManus Sims-Stackhouse Mansion	Midlands District
Endowment Award	
Jan W Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse Mansion	Palmetto Woman's Club
Endowment Award	
Howie Stackhouse/Nancy Boozer Award	Upstate District
Progress Foundation Award	North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Rating Sheet Silver

Myrtis Flanagan Award - Category I	Upstate Woman's Club
Jean T Kight Award - Category II	Woman's Club of the Midlands
Lavonia V Hendrix Award - Category III	St. Andrews Woman's Club
Mrs. John R Wolff Award	St. Andrews Woman's Club
Past President's Cup - Past Cup	Midlands District

Cup Awards

Junior Cup	Chapin Junior Woman's Club
General Cup Award - Category I	GFWC Golden Strip Woman's Club
General Cup Award - Category II	Upstate Woman's Club
General Cup Award - Category III	Chapin Woman's Club
	Chapin Junior Woman's Club

President's Award of Excellence

Rosemary Rivers Memorial

Honorabable Mention	GFWC Golden Strip Woman's Club
Winner	North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

2023 AWARDS PRESENTED AT GFWC-SC CONVENTION APRIL 2024

Community Impact Program

General I
General II
General III
Junior
State Winner

Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Pine Ridge Woman's Club
Lexington Woman's Club
Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Charleston

Caroline Mahaffey Hope Award

Trustess of GFWC-SC

Endowment Award
Endowment Fund Award

Lake Murray/Irmo Woman's Club
The Woman's Club of Charleton

Trustees of Scholarship Award

Kate T Davis Memorial Award

Lake Murray/Irmo Woman's Club
Megan Yongue

Carol Vann Rowland & Susan Vann Hayes

Junior Clubwoman

GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction

Ann Steeper Fornwald

GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year

Sherry Kimball

Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award

Midlands District

Janet Prince, GFWC-SC LEADS Grows New

Leaders Award

Lexington Woman Club
Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
St. Andrews Woman's Club
Woman's Club of the Midlands
Woman's Club of Cayce
Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Upstate Woman's Club

GFWC-SC LEADS Representative

Allison McGee

ESO

Member Level

Lynn Lisy Macon
Allison McGee
Tracy Morzuch
Lynn Shore
Phyllis Sippel
Brenda Tarkenton

2023 AWARDS PRESENTED AT GFWC-SC CONVENTION APRIL 2024

Star Level	Janet Prince Mel Smith Linda Wagster
Torch Level	Mary Jean Burroughs Juliet Casper
Century Level	Carol Berenbrok

Writing Contests

GFWC Creatvie Writing Award - Category I Youth Writing	Persephone Ayers
GFWC Creative Writing Award - Category 4 Youth Writing	Reese Stevenson
GFWC Creative Writing Award Short Story	Linda Grant
GFWC Creative Writing Award Poetry	JoAnn Hooper
GFWC Creative Writing Award Devotion	Connie S Lawson
GFWC Creative Writing Award New Member Induction	Sarah Matthews
Emma R Lipscomb Memorial Writing Award	Linda George Sweatt
Frances B Hair Award	Joyce Vajda

Photography Contests

Our World Up Close - `Eye of the Lily`	Susan Lee
Natural Wonders - `Nature's Beauty`	Lynne Hauptner
Reflections - `River Dwellings`	Dianne M McCarty
Living the Volunteer Spirit - `Learning to Lead`	Susan Lee

SC House of Representative member, Paula Calhoon,
Friday morning welcome speaker



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – CONVENTION 2024

Sherry Kimball

Sherry Kimball has been a member of Aiken Woman's Club since 2017, shortly after moving to South Carolina from Washington. She and her husband Don moved here with his job. They have 3 sons and daughters-in-law and 5 grandchildren.



Although she hasn't been a member for that long, she has made a big difference in her club. Last year, the nominee was the Social Committee Chair person, the contact person for the Hopelands Rocks Christmas Shoppe, for Habitat Woman Build, and chairperson of the club's big community project, the special arts program – along with participating in Aiken Woman's Club's book club and ACTS - once a month folding and sorting clothing items donated to a local area church's thrift shop. She has served as president for two years and vice president for 4 years.

As social committee chair she has organized lunches and potluck suppers. The lunches have helped bring members together and get to know one another outside of the club. She also plans and holds the Christmas gathering. A new activity she and the committee started was a cookie swap at her home. Everyone brought cookies, met new members and just got to know each other a better. It was such a big hit there was talk of doing it again next year before the evening was even over. She also organized a meet and greet for prospective members and she and her committee provided the food for that event. Aiken Woman's Club is proud of GFWC South Carolina's Volunteer of the Year, Sherry Kimball.



Ann Fornwald accepting
Volunteer of the Year Award for Sherry Kimball

WOMAN OF DISTINCTION – CONVENTION 2024

Ann Fornwald

Ann Fornwald has been an active member of Aiken Woman's Club for over thirty years. During that time she has served as club president for four years as well as holding most major offices in the club. She has served as chairperson or helped on most of the major AWC projects including Aiken Special Arts, an art festival held in conjunction with Special Olympics; the fire hydrant marker project, placing reflective markers in the road to identify the location of fire hydrants in Aiken County; Celebration of Character, an award program recognizing students of good character in the community schools; the summer story hour at the library and our annual International Luncheon. In addition, Ann has worked on our annual fundraisers over the years including our food booth at Aiken's Makin', our Spring luncheon and Fashion Show, our Holiday Concerts, our Dickens Dinner, and our garage sale.



Ann served as Western District President from 2012-2014. During her term of office she visited many of the clubs in the district and worked with them to strengthen and /or increase membership. Ann also instigated the office of secretary/ treasurer for Western District and worked with the first Secretary/ Treasurer, Linda Ferrell, to open a checking account for Western District to improve financial tracking and record keeping for the district.

Ann served as the GFWC-SC International Affairs CSP Chairperson during the state presidencies of Kathy Monahan and Lynn Cleckler. During that time she promoted a statewide initiative to raise \$5000 to fund an Ark from Heifer International to provide animals and training to women in developing so that the women could start cottage industries to support themselves and their families.

Ann has served as the GFWC-SC Coordinator for the Creative Writing Competition for the state. She enjoys attending GFWC-SC State Conventions and Summer and Winter Boards when possible to learn more about our organization and to see friends from all over the state.

Ann is a retired high school teacher with two grown children, three practically perfect grandchildren and two very spoiled dogs. She is the Co-chair of the Altar Guild in her church, works in the church soup kitchen and serves on various other boards and committees in the community.

For her years of dedication to our club and to GFWC-SC, Aiken Woman's Club is proud to nominate Ann Fornwald as our Woman of Distinction for 2024.

Honor Roll—Class of 2023

Kimberly Allen

Rhonda Atkinson

Jackie Boland

Barbara Corbett

Deborah Ferrara

Theresa Gille

Mendy Haver

Tonja Ivey

Dolly McDermott

Daisy Miller

Tracy Morzuch

Eileen Naglieri

Jane Pharmer

Paula Pinner

Judy Prather

Janet Prince

Jill Roman

Kathy Schlauch

Kathie Walker

Tami-Lynn Wilson



*South Carolina –
Yellow Jessamine*

Order of the Jessamine—Class of 2023

Kay Hutchinson Abeyonís

Paula Rawl Calhoon

Sheri Dovell

Mary Gutckunst Fisher

Lok-yí Meetze

Elise Romano

Sue Sexton

GFWC– South Carolina **HONOR CLUBS** for 2023

Announced at the 2024 Convention

UPSTATE DISTRICT

Upstate Woman's Club
 Golden Strip Woman's Club
 Woman's Club of Rock Hill
 York County Woman's Club

MIDLANDS DISTRICT

Aiken Woman's Club
 Chapin Junior Woman's Club
 Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
 Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray
 Lexington Woman's Club
 Palmetto Woman's Club
 Sand River Woman's Club
 St. Andrews Woman's Club
 Woman's Club of Cayce
 Woman's Club of the Midlands

COASTAL DISTRICT

Woman's League of the Lowcountry
 St. George Women's Guild
 North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
 Woman's Club of Charleston

GFWC-South Carolina **NET GAIN CLUBS** for 2023

Announced at 2024 Convention

Aiken Woman's Club
 Chapin Juniors Woman's Club
 Belvedere Woman's Club
 Chapin Woman's Club
 Clinton Federated Woman's Club
 Golden Strip Woman's Club
 Lexington Woman's Club
 North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
 Palmetto Woman's Club
 Sand River Woman's Club
 St Andrew's Woman's Club
 Upstate Woman's Club
 Woman's Society of Batesburg Leesville

York County Woman's Club
 Woman's Club of Charleston
 Woman's club of Cayce
 Women of the Burg Society
 Over The Teacups (Heritage)

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual Convention

April 18-21, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn, Columbia, SC

The 126th Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of SC was called to order at 11:05 am Friday, April 18, by President Dr. Norma England.

Bobbie Sox, GFWC SC Parliamentary Advisor, presented the rules and procedures for convention, and then made the motion they be adopted. The rules and procedures were adopted.

Kathie Walker, Special Assistant to the President, presented the official convention program and made the motion it be adopted as printed as the order of business for the convention with the necessary changes noted. The official convention program was adopted.

Courtney Evans, Credentials Chairman gave a Preliminary Credentials report, and a quorum was declared.

Kaye Jones, 2nd Vice President, introduced the CSP Chairmen and Advancement Area Chairmen to present their awards. The GFWC SC Woman of the Distinction for 2024.

The GFWC SC Woman of Distinction for 2024 is Ann Fornwald, Aiken Woman's Club.

The GFWC SC Volunteer of the Year for 2024 is Sherry Kimball, Aiken Woman's Club.

The session recessed at 2:15 pm.

The convention reconvened at 7:02 pm that evening for a Nothing Could be Finer than an Evening in SC themed dinner.

Katie Moydell, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, was the guest speaker.

Shelli Pue, GFWC SC Director of Junior Clubs, presented the awards for Junior Clubs and Special Projects.

Awards were given out for the GFWS SC President's Special Project, Photography, and Writing.

GFWC SC recognized and honored Katie for her service to GFWC and GFWC SC with a special gift.

Meeting recessed at 9:15 pm.

The Junior Purse Auction was a huge success having raised over \$2500 for the GFWC SC Director of Junior Club's travel fund.

The GFWC SC Annual Convention resumed on Saturday April 19, 2024, at 9:34 am with President Dr. Norma England calling to order.

Lynn Cleckler, Constitution and By Laws Chairman, proposed changes to the bylaws as printed in the official convention program. The motion was approved.

The GFWC SC Officers presented their reports.

At 11:00 am, Shannon Smith, GFWC SC Secretary, read the Rules of Election as outlined in the By Laws.

The following were elected:

GFWC-SC Treasurer: Mendy Haver

GFWC-SC Secretary: Kaye Hunke

GFWC-SC 2nd Vice President: Carrie Zimmerman

GFWC-SC 1st Vice President: Kaye Jones

Kathie Walker, Special Assistant to the President, read correspondence from Joyce Johnson, Southern Region President.

Carrie Zimmerman, GWC SC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report and presented the Contribution Sheet Silver Awards.

Shannon Smith, GFWC SC Secretary, gave the Board of Directors report.

Suzanne Carswell, President Elect, gave the Disaster Relief Report.

The Standing Committees presented their reports.

Elizabeth Herring, GFWC SC Headquarters Committee member, presented the 2024-2025 Headquarters Budget for adoption. The Headquarters Budget was approved.

Katie Whitten, GFWC SC Finance Chairman, presented the 2024-2025 GFWC SC Budget. The Budget was approved.

The Boards of Trustees presented their reports.

The Memorial Service was held at 12:15 led by Chaplain Linda Wagster.

The session was recessed at 12: 50 p.m.

The 126th Convention of GFWC SC reconvened at 7:00 pm Saturday April 19, 2024.

Guest speaker was Katie Moydell, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs.

Outstanding Club Awards were presented by Shelli Pue, GFWC-SC Junior Director; Kaye Jones, GFWC-SC 2nd Vice President; Dr. Norma England, GFWC-SC President; Suzanne Carswell, GFWC-SC President Elect; and DeAnna Reed-Sharpe.

Shannon Smith, GFWC SC Secretary, presented the 2024 Honor Roll Recipients.

Carrie Zimmerman, GFWC SC Treasurer, presented the 2024 Order of the Jessamine Awards.

The 2024-2026 GFWC SC District Presidents were installed by Tammy Garland, Past GFWC SC Director of Junior Clubs and Past GFWC SC President.

The 2024-2026 Incoming GFWC SC Officers were installed by Shelli Pue, GFWC SC Director of Junior Clubs.

Credentials Chairman, Courtney Evans, gave the final Credentials Report.

Rhonda Garris, Upstate District President, and Donna Anderson, incoming Upstate District President, gave the invitation to the 2025 GFWC SC Annual Convention. The meeting concluded with members attending a reception to celebrate the new GFWC SC Officers. The 126th GFWC SC Annual Convention was adjourned at 9:30 pm.



**GFWC-SC GENERAL FUND BUDGET
2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR**

	Projected Income/Expenses	Proposed Budget
	2023-2024	2024-2025
Revenues:		
GFWC-SC Dues:		
General & Juniors (\$27)(G)(Jr) (ML) 1100 members	21966.00	27405.00
Heritage (\$16)85		1360.00
Juniorettes (\$11)		
Jr. Travel Fund: \$4/Jr.		660.00
GFWC-SC Additional Income:		
Contributions-General Fund	118.00	150.00
Contributions - SC Clubwoman	193.00	250.00
Jr Travel Fund	2670.00	1500.00
President Travel Fund	1230.00	1500.00
Honor Roll Fundraiser	350.00	350.00
Order of the Jessamine	400.00	400.00
Women in Business Directory		0.00
Interest - General Fund	659.38	800.00
Interest - Endowment	446.72	800.00
Interest - Augusta Wolfe (Jr. Travel)	263.58	300.00
Meetings:		
Registration - GFWC-SC Convention	2580.00	2500.00
Registration - LEADS Conference	375.00	625.00
Registration Summer Boards	1610.00	2000.00
Registration Winter Boards	1710.00	2000.00
Carry Over Funds		
Total Revenues:	<u>34571.68</u>	<u>42600.00</u>
EXPENSES:		
GFWC Dues Paid:		
General, Juniors & Heritage (\$15)	17840.00	16500.00
Juniorettes (\$10)	0.00	0.00
Southern Region Dues	30.00	30.00
Travel, Meetings, Conferences, Conventions & Orientation:		
Travel - President *	2600.00	3600.00
Travel - Director of Jrs. **	2083.55	2200.00
Travel - First Vice Pres	800.00	1000.00
Travel - Second Vice Pres	800.00	1000.00

Travel - Secretary	500.00	750.00
Travel-Treasurer	500.00	750.00
Travel -Outgoing President every other year	0.00	1000.00
Travel - Outgoing Dir. of Jrs. Every other year	0.00	1000.00
Leadership Orientation - Incoming Pres.	700.00	0.00
Leadership Orientation - Incoming Jr. Dir.	700.00	0.00
GFWC LEADS Program Participant	500.00	500.00
GFWC-SC Expenses:		
Meetings:		
Convention Expenses	3700.00	3200.00
Summer Board Expenses	1752.00	2000.00
Winter Board Expenses	2203.24	2000.00
LEADS Conference Expenses	365.91	400.00
Program Council	0.00	200.00
Convention Awards	550.00	550.00
Expenses - Office of:		
President	240.00	240.00
Junior Director	240.00	240.00
First Vice President	198.25	190.00
Second Vice President	200.63	190.00
Secretary	140.00	140.00
Treasurer (QuickBooks renewal & check products)	240.00	240.00
Operating Expenses:		
Liability Insurance (HQ's)	700.00	700.00
Review of Financial Statements	750.00	750.00
SC Sec of State Charitable Funds Reg	103.70	51.85
SC Sec State Raffle Registration		51.85
South Carolina Clubwoman	2330.64	1036.30
Surety/ Bonding Insurance	240.00	240.00
Website/domain	350.00	350.00
ESO pins	70.00	0.00
Special Expenses:		
Past President's Pin	750.00	0.00
GFWC program ads	1500.00	1500.00
Total Disbursements:	43677.92	42600.00
(Over)/Under Budget		0.00

GFWC-SC Headquarters Budget 2024-2025

INCOME

Apartment Rentals	\$28,800.00
Outside Rentals	\$1,900.00
GFWC-SC General Fund share of Liability Insurance	\$700.00
Fundraisers	\$16,200.00
Tablecloth and Portable Bar Rental	\$275.00
Total Income	\$47,875.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Russell Massey Insurance - Headquarters Insurance/Liability	\$7,000.00
Dominion Energy	\$9,000.00
City of Columbia Water/Sewer	\$3,000.00
Lawn Service	\$3,000.00
Rocket Pest Control	\$500.00
Airport Heating and Cooling Contract	\$800.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$21,000.00
Give Smart Online Auction	\$2,295.00
Spectrum Phone/Wi Fi	\$1,080.00
Postage	\$200.00
Total Disbursements	\$47,875.00



Members enjoying our beautiful
Headquarters on Saturday afternoon
during Mimosas at the Mansion

GFWC-South Carolina

Legislative Day, March 21, 2024

GFWC-SC was recognized at the SC State Legislature on Thursday, March 21, 2024. During their visit, GFWC-SC club women met some of the lawmakers and discussed areas of concern.



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2024-2026



I am greatly honored to be serving as your GFWC South Carolina State President for the 2024-2026 Administration. I promise to do my utmost to make you proud and to make our Federation my priority these next two years. The confidence you have shown in me gives me courage and I have taken to heart all the kind words of support and encouragement you've shared, for which I am truly humbled and grateful.

The theme for the 2024-2026 Administration is **BE SOMEONE'S SUNSHINE** and its symbol is the Sunflower, which is always seeking the sunshine. Be Someone's Sunshine is a metaphor for the work we do as clubwomen. GFWC-SC provides a ray of sunshine to those in our communities whose lives we touch. The words of our Collect remind us to 'forget not to be kind'; we can also Be Someone's Sunshine simply by extending kindness to others. As Leo Buscaglia said, "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." I hope you will join me and embrace the theme and **BE SOMEONE'S SUNSHINE** today and each day of the two years of this administration.

My President's Special Project is **PRESERVE OUR BIRDS**. Again, I hope an uplifting and fun project to highlight the danger to the entire North American bird population. Currently one third of the North American bird population is at risk. That is something we can and should change. I hope you'll join us at Summer Session to hear our speaker Jay Keck of South Carolina Wildlife Federation, who will share with us simple things we can do to help.

I look forward to working with each of you over the next two years and hope to see you at our Summer Session in Columbia on August 10 at Hilton Garden Inn-Harbison. Registration will be through EventBrite; however, for Winter Session we will have a new event registration software platform in place.

Summer Session will include a Program Fair, where you'll learn more about each CSP and Advancement Area. Our Chairmen will introduce their state challenge projects. The theme for the meeting will be Garden Party, so don your sundresses, hats, etc. and bring some club friends. Plan to stay and have lunch in the area, where restaurants and shopping are plentiful. Have a wonderful summer. I hope to see you in August!

In Federation Friendship & Love,

Suzanne

**Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC President**

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT – PRESERVE OUR BIRDS

Birds fill us with joy and a profound connection to nature. From the chorus of songbirds in the spring to the midnight hoot of an owl, when birds speak, they tell us to pay attention, look for patterns, and be mindful that we live on a shared and special planet. But it is when they are silent that they tell us the most.

In my lifetime, North America has lost more than 3 billion birds. This is a catastrophe playing out on a planetary scale. We are reaching a tipping point for birds, magnified by the dual crises of biodiversity loss and climate change. But if we act now—in this critical decade—we can reverse this trend.



Kaye Gerrald
Chairman

Elizabeth Gray, CEO
AUDUBON

With a third of North America's bird population at risk, much of it due to human actions creating loss of habitat, we need to take action. We can forego the use of dangerous pesticides and insect foggers. We can replace invasive and non-native plantings with native plants and trees that feed and house our avian friends. We can advocate for legislation to protect our precious native wild spaces such as swamps, wetlands and woodlands. We can donate books and host speakers and make our own backyards Certified Wildlife Habitats. We can even create gardens working with our local parks and recreation commissions or others. We can place bird feeders, birdbaths and birdhouses where people can enjoy them: outside schools, elderly facilities, municipal buildings, parks, banks, local businesses and even daycares. We can make donations to South Carolina Wildlife Federation and Audubon South Carolina so that they can continue their wonderful work in education, conservation and preservation. By creating the environment for enjoyment of the birds around us we will, by extension, encourage conservation: Because don't we all want to protect that which we enjoy and the things we love?

Suzanne



YOUR STATE, YOUR PARTNER – ST. JUDE

GFWC-SC is walking to end Childhood cancer. Our team is a National one, under GFWC. While the walk is scheduled for September 28, the same day as the National Day of Service, members can walk wherever they want, when they want in the month of September. One idea is that each of our three districts choose a date for clubs and members to all come together to walk. Perhaps even as part of District Meetings if held in September!

You can make an impact by joining our GFWC-SC Team with Juliet Casper as Team Captain. Joining under this team ensures that our state gets credit for our fundraising within GFWC:

https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?team_id=307709&pg=team&fr_id=155394

St. Jude is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Questions? Contact Megan Yongue, Chairman megan.criner@gmail.com



Megan Yongue
Chairman



**GFWC-SC Second Vice President
Carrie Zimmerman and Past President Juliet
Casper - St. Jude's 'Superheroes' !**

YOUR STATE, YOUR PROJECT – WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

<https://youtu.be/2Dy6PE37g2k>

More info to follow at Summer Session!

Questions? Contact Megan Yongue, Chairman
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PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO GFWC-SC 2024 CONVENTION BODY

It is customary for the newly installed president to give a speech. You should know I am very uncomfortable being in the spotlight. I don't view being president of this wonderful organization as being about me. This is not an office I ever thought I would hold, nor did I ever say to myself, "I think I want to be state president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina!" Yet, here I stand, humbled and honored by the faith you have placed in me to lead our beloved state Federation for the next two years.

Several years ago I was approached and encouraged to run for Secretary. When that happened, I sought advice because this was about the same time that my husband had a mid-life epiphany and determined the thing that would make him happiest henceforth was to own a replica Dutch barge on the French canals and spend about half the year cruising the waterways of France. Oddly enough, we ended up purchasing a boat with the French name Desormais that translates to 'henceforth' or 'from this time on'. Ultimately, I was assured by many in leadership that were I to take the position of Secretary, I wouldn't be expected to attend all the non-state meetings such as Southern Region and international conventions, that I could spend my summers and early falls in Europe with my husband. I must admit, at that time I didn't even consider the idea of 'moving up' the leadership ladder. I don't believe I'd been a member of GFWC South Carolina for quite 10 years at that point, though I had chaired and co-chaired my club's major fundraiser multiple times, had served as my club's president for two years and served on the Board of Directors for five; but, I had never served outside my club other than three years as International Outreach Chair. I hadn't come up through the junior clubs, hadn't served as a District President or even on a committee other than the CSP I had chaired, so I didn't have the wealth of knowledge and experience and years of service that some others in this administration have. What I did have and still have are leaders, past and present, who have encouraged me and mentored me and befriended me and made me believe I could do a good job serving on the executive committee.

Thus, I agreed to run for Secretary and was, of course, elected. And once that happened, I realized I couldn't be the odd woman out and disappear for months at a time when I was entrusted with a position of leadership. So, with my husband Jim's unwavering support and wholehearted agreement, I jumped in with both feet. I traveled to international conventions and region conferences. I took the minutes and attempted to begin learning as much as possible about the ins and outs of our state and international federations. I made friends of all ages across the state and our Southern Region.

Fast forward six years and I stand before you, giving the customary speech. I still have a lot to learn. I will continue to turn to those women who sit at the past-presidents table and to past junior directors for their advice and support. And I will count on each of YOU. Because, though along with our executive committee I will plan and will preside at meetings and conventions for the next two years, it is YOU who will make this administration a success. It is YOUR ideas and YOUR efforts and YOUR service at the club level that makes our federation what it is. It is YOU who will bring the sunshine to the faces of those in your community who live in the shadows, who struggle to find a reason to smile, who need a kind word or a helping hand. It is YOU who will extend the hand of sisterhood to visitors and mentor them until they are comfortable and confident club members. It is YOU who will live the words of our Collect and extend kindness to your community and to your own club members. In short, I may be deemed to be the face of our Federation for the next two years, as uncomfortable as I may find that, but it is each of YOU ~ YOU who put in the work in your individual communities, who grow our membership by inviting friends and acquaintances to membership events and club meetings, who share your experiences with our Federation on social media and beyond, YOU who are our Federation's heart and our Federation's soul. It is YOU who bring the sunshine in life to others.

With that firmly in mind, I thank you sincerely for the honor of representing you as your president and for the trust you have shared with me. I ask for your prayers and support as we join together to Be Someone's Sunshine and to serve our clubs, our communities and our state with love. Thank you.



My sweet GFWC-SC sisters,

Convention was amazing and you ladies did not disappoint with your support of junior travel at our annual purse auction. Led by the lovely and enthusiastic auctioneer, Shelli Pue, we raised over \$2000. Our state is so supportive of junior clubs, for which I am so very grateful as I have stepped into my new role. I am humbled and honored to be serving alongside so many wonderful ladies as your Director of Junior Clubs 2024-2026. Celebrating clubs, districts and individuals for their service the last year was incredible. I love our state and I love the passion in the room to make an impact from the upstate all the way down to the coast.

My theme for the 2024-2026 administration is - Be The Spark. This idea came to me for several reasons. 1. It only takes one spark to ignite a fire. 2. Growing up in the beautiful upstate of Pickens county I have always enjoyed nature and being outside. I really feel one of the best ways to connect with friends or family is around a fire. 3. My high school alma matter - Pickens High School's mascot was the Blue Flame.

The Goal of my administration, Be The Spark, supports GFWC's initiative to advocate for children. The area of advocacy I want to emphasize is getting kids outdoors and off screens. Some ways your clubs can encourage kids to be outside may include hosting an outdoor event or by volunteering at a pre existing outdoor event for kids, distributing bottled water at local parks with the GFWC logo, or educating groups about how to get a library card and from there checking out state park passes (this enables families to visit for free). Your club could even create a list that includes which state parks have playgrounds and share this information online, with local schools and preschools. Or perhaps your club would like to donate supplies to PE departments at school that encourage outdoor games. Clubs may even consider sponsoring a child at your local recreation department that cannot afford to participate in rec sports.

I am so excited to see what your clubs come up with and look forward to next April when we will see which clubs are fireworks, blue flames or embers.

In Junior Love,

Michelle

Michelle Blackmon
GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs



MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Do you remember joining your GFWC club? I do! A good friend of mine invited me to join Junior Woman's Club of Columbia and it was one of the best decisions I have made...that was 35 years ago! I totally enjoyed meeting new people, working on a department activity (that's what CSP's used to be called!), taking care of the kids at Palmetto Place, and working on our major fundraiser The Red Stockings Revue. I started going to GFWC-SC conventions when I was First Vice President of JWC-Columbia and slowly recognized the relationship between my club and the state organization. Because of the friendships I developed at convention with other clubwomen across the state, I moved over to St. Andrews Woman's Club when I was ready for a change.

What got you to join? What makes you stay in your club? How can we "bottle" this and get our word out so that others can join us in a great organization?

I am so honored to serve as your First Vice President this administration but, I need your help! Membership is crucial to everything we do and it is my focus – we need to continue to 'gain and retain' members and clubs and this is where YOU can help. Let's focus on being loud and proud of our club work in 2024-2026. I want each of you to spread the word as to the good work your club does and encourage new members to join us. Look around you and invite people you think will benefit and enjoy being in your club, invite them to visit, and get them on board. If you hear of a new club opportunity, let me know and we will be glad to visit and work with them to start up a GFWC-SC club.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions or ideas to 'gain and retain' our membership. I look forward to hearing from you and have a great summer!

In Federation Friendship & Love,

Kaye

Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC First Vice President





MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Thank you for electing me as your 2024-2026, GFWC-SC Second Vice President. I am looking forward to serving all of you!

Our By-Laws regarding Program Council read: Article VII, Section 4. The Program Council. The work of the Federation shall be further carried on by a Program Council. The Program Council shall be composed of the Dean of Departments, the District Presidents, Community Service Program Chairmen, Advancement Area Chairmen, the Junior Department Chairmen, and Special Committees.

The duties of the Council shall be to plan and coordinate the programs of the Federation in compliance with the objectives set forth by the Board of Directors and to provide materials for the use of member clubs. The Program Council shall approve all awards relating to programs, and then submit recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately after the Program Council meeting to approve any recommendations.

It is my duty as 2nd Vice President to serve as Dean of Departments and oversee Program Council. The 2024 Program Council is set for Friday, August 9, 2024 at GFWC-SC Headquarters. Program Council will consider recommendations regarding the President's Special Project, GFWC-SC Awards, proposed changes to the Rating Sheet, and other changes.

Any changes related to programs or the rating sheet, please send me the changes in writing no later than July 31, 2024, to 605 White Oak Farm Rd. Tamassee, SC 29686 or czim22@gmail.com or you may text or call 864-710-5851 with questions. We encourage all Program Council members to attend so that we can determine any additional changes that are needed.

Club Community Service Program Chairmen, Club Presidents, and members can learn more about our Community Service Programs, Program Partners, receive information about the Community Service Programs, Advancement Areas, and the President's Special Projects. We will share information from GFWC.

With this in mind, I hope all club presidents and CSP chairs will plan to attend the summer session and Program Fair, Saturday, August 10, 2024, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia and that you will ALL plan to attend your district conferences.

Kaye Jones and the Program Council did an outstanding job last administration, and we look forward to the new administration to do the same! I look forward to working and serving all of you as your Second Vice President.

In Federation Friendship & Love,

Carrie

Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC Second Vice President



MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC SECRETARY



Thank you to my fellow GFWC-SC Clubwomen for your trust in me as your new Secretary for the 2024-2026 administration. I will do my best to take accurate minutes and deliver them in a timely manner.

This is my first position on the state level and I look forward to meeting many of the members that I have not had the opportunity to meet. I look forward to working with you in this position.

I look forward to serving as part of Suzanne's administration and helping in any way I can.

In Federation Friendship & Love,

Kaye

Kaye Hunke
GFWC-SC Secretary



MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC TREASURER



Happy Spring!!! Spring has always been a wonderful time of year filled with celebrations and fun. I'm sure many of you, like me, are in the middle of celebrating graduations, engagements, weddings, showers, and all the other celebrations that springtime brings.

Now that we have celebrated the many accomplishments of all the wonderful clubs in South Carolina, it is time to make your plans for Chicago, and then Summer Board.

I'm so excited to join this amazing group of ladies as your Treasurer, and I hope that I can carry on all of the good work that Carrie has done over the past 4 years.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer! And remember to Be Someone's Sunshine.

In Federation Friendship & Love,

Mendy

Mendy Haver
GFWC-SC Treasurer

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It falls, fertile or fallow.
Chance, fate, future
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Bountiful garden or hapless weeds:
All nourish.
All feed.

A circle, a cycle, an infinity:
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Blessed Earth, our Home
To carry forward this trust:
To love, to preserve, to honor
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Janet R Smalley
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ESO/GFWC-SC Girlfriends Book Club

ESO Girlfriend's Reading Book Club had a great year. At April State Convention, we had 6 new members, 4 Star levels, 2 torch levels and one Century Award. Collectively, we read 465 books with 150, 683 pages. We are now in full swing for summer, which means a little down time to read some books. In the past year, I have received several book recommendations that I am sharing to help get your summer reading started:

Fresh Water for Flowers by Valerie Perrin
The Art Thief by Michael Finkel
The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn
Unlocked Path -Janis R Daly

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If you have not already joined our "Girlfriend's Book Club," it is super easy. Just go to our GFWC-SC.org website, click on More, Member Resources/GFWC-SC Information and look for GFWC-SC ESO section. The application and booklist will be updated for new members to join and place to find new and old favorite book titles. If you have not joined yet, please check out our Facebook page GFWC-SC Girlfriends Book Club.

Experience Magic and Read!

Carol Berentbrok

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GFWC-SC 2024 Summer Session Project

Please save and bring your plastic grocery bags to Summer Session. We will be donating them to Chapin We Care Center to use in distribution of food to their clients.



GFWC-SC 2024 Summer Session Speaker



Growing up on Lake Murray, Jay has always enjoyed wildlife and the outdoors. After graduating from the College of Charleston in 2000 he worked in the private sector but always maintained a connection to the outdoors. His life took an unexpected turn in the summer of 2012 when he saw a Baltimore oriole

for the first time. Since then, he spends most of his free time birding, learning about birds, and studying their various habitat needs. During the spring of 2014, he attended his first SCWF event. Being inspired by SCWF's mission, he earned his Palmetto Pro Birder certification, and has led bird walks for SCWF as well as Saluda Shoals park, Columbia Audubon, and private organizations. Even when he is golfing, hunting, or fishing, he is secretly birding. At SCWF, Jay coordinates the Wildlife And Industry Together (WAIT) program as well as leading birding classes for the Palmetto Pro Birder & Midlands Master Naturalist programs. He has a passion and love for all wildlife and hopes to inspire others to take a closer look at the life within our amazing planet.



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GFWC-SC TO HOST THE 2024 SOUTHERN REGION CONFERENCE

Marian St.Clair, 2024 Southern Region Conference Chairman



The 2024 Southern Region Conference, "The Hills are Alive," will be held in Greenville on the weekend of October 3-6 at the Hyatt Regency on Main Street. GFWC Clubwomen from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, Aruba, and Belize will be invited to join the fun as we make new friends, learn more about GFWC programs and projects, and celebrate the Arts & Culture of the Upstate. As hosts, it is our responsibility to provide a warm welcome, so we hope you will contribute by generously

donating at one of the recognition levels. All contributions will be recognized in the official Southern Region Conference Program distributed to each attendee.

Recognition Levels for GFWC-SC Clubs & Members

Paris Mountain	\$500
Falls Park	\$250
Swamp Rabbit Trail	\$100
Reedy River	\$50

Donations will be used to fund conference bags, entertainment, speakers, door prizes, and other essentials. Each club is asked to participate. With everyone's help we will be able to create a fabulous event and our true southern hospitality will shine!

Please send your contribution, postmarked by August 15, to GFWC Treasurer Mindy Haver, 334 Neely Crossing Lane, Simpsonville, SC 29608.



OFFICIAL CALL GFWC-SC 2024 PROGRAM COUNCIL



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ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PROGRAM COUNCIL, AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, Section 4. The Program Council. The work of the Federation shall be further carried on by a Program Council. The Program Council shall be composed of the Dean of the Community Service Programs, the District Presidents, the Chairmen of the two GFWC Special Programs, the six GFWC Advancement Areas, and the Chairmen of the five GFWC Community Service Programs; the appointed Junior Community Service Program Chairmen, if any, and the Special Projects Chairmen. The duties of the Council shall be to plan and coordinate the programs of the Federation in compliance with the objectives set forth by the Board of Directors and to provide materials for the use of member clubs. The Program Council shall approve all awards relating to programs, and then submit recommendations to the Board of Directors. All Program Council recommendations shall be approved by the Board of Directors at its next scheduled meeting.

6:15 Registration

6:30 Call to Order

Dinner – \$25 Please indicate that you will attend Program Council on your Summer Session registration (link below) and make your meal choice.

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OFFICIAL CALL GFWC-SC 2024 SUMMER SESSION



**Saturday, August 10, 2024
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8:45 Registration/Light Refreshments
9:00 Board of Directors Meeting
10:00 Call to Order 2024 Summer Session

Highlights: Speaker – Jay Keck, South Carolina Wildlife Federation, Report from Board of Directors Meeting, Report from GFWC International Convention, Service Project, Program Fair, Your State, Your Project

1:30 Adjourn

**** We will kick off the administration with a Summer Garden Party theme. Don your sundresses, sunhats, sandals, etc. and join us at Summer Session! ****

**GFWC-SC Room Block
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Rate of \$129 per night plus tax /2 queen beds**

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**Event Registration through EventBrite for Program Council and Summer Session
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June 28-July 1

GFWC International Convention – Chicago

July 20

GFWC Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

August 1

Deadline to submit articles for Clubwoman Magazine

August 9

GFWC-SC Program Council

August 10

GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting

August 10

GFWC-SC Summer Session/Program Fair

August 22-25

GFWC Board of Directors Meeting

Hotel Washington, Washington, DC

September/October

GFWC-SC District Conferences – Details Forthcoming

September 28

GFWC National Day of Service

St. Jude Walk (Your State, Your Partner)

October 3-6

GFWC Southern Region Conference, Hyatt Regency
Downtown, Greenville, SC

