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Season's Greetings!

Wishing you peace and joy this holiday
season and in the New Year.

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2024-2026

What a beginning to the new club year it's been! A lot has happened since we were all together for Summer Session in August.

On September 28, 21 clubs along with your state federation participated in GFWC's National Day of Service. Look for more on the NDS a little later in this magazine.

Later that day and the next, we survived the most destructive hurricane since Hugo. Many went days and weeks without electricity and water while dealing with storm damage. If you've traveled the interstates or the back roads recently, you've seen that the cleanup continues. In parts of the Upstate and our neighbor North Carolina, it will take months and perhaps years to recover.



Still, one week after Hurricane Helene swept through our state wreaking her havoc, GFWC South Carolina hosted the Southern Region Conference in Greenville. Our Conference Committee, headed by Marian St.Clair and Tammy Garland, along with Jackie Boland, Janet Prince and Carrie Zimmerman, pulled absolute magic out of their hats and the conference was a resounding success! 57 South Carolina club members joined us along with our Region sisters from Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. GFWC officers, President Suellen Brazil (Alabama), President-elect Wendy Carriker (North Carolina), 1st Vice President Jolie Frankfurth (Florida), Treasurer Juliet Casper (South Carolina) and Director of Junior Clubs Shannon Bailey (Florida) were all there as well. Members brought donations, both food and financial, to support those affected in and around Greenville. Michelle Blackmon's Junior Fun Night raised \$1,600 to benefit Camp Greenville's repair efforts. I couldn't be prouder to stand along Southern Region President Laurie O'Kelly and Director of Junior Clubs Michelle Blackmon, and represent GFWC South Carolina as your president.

When we returned home, your officers attended district meetings: They traveled to Columbia for the Midlands District Conference, attended a Zoom call for the Coastal District Conference, then headed back to the Upstate for the Upstate District conference. District Presidents Shelli Pue, Jeri McCumbee and Donna Anderson all did fabulous jobs! If you've never been to your district conference, I highly encourage you do so next year. Along with important information, there is good fellowship, food and friendship to be had.

Now in December, our focus has shifted to the holidays. Some clubs have hosted Friendsgiving celebrations. Many are planning Christmas and other holiday events. I hope you will consider attending one of the myriad holiday fundraisers clubs in your area are hosting, attending the Stocking Extravaganza at GFWC-SC headquarters, or bidding online on one of the fabulous stockings our clubs have donated.

I hope to see many of you at Winter Session in January. In the meantime, I wish each of you an especially joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!

In Federation Love,

Suzanne

**Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC President**





Ignite Passion for Change: Be the Spark!

As the weather begins to cool, I invite you to gather around the metaphorical fire and join me in igniting a passion for change among our youth. The theme for the Junior Director's 2024-2026 administration, Be the Spark, aims to inspire children to step away from their screens and embrace the great outdoors.



I encourage all GFWC-SC clubs to explore partnerships with local schools, recreation departments, and parks to advocate for, fundraise, and educate on the importance of outdoor activities. As you start your reporting for the club year, please submit to me any projects your club did that focused on this very important theme.

To celebrate and recognize the outstanding efforts of our clubs, we will present three special awards at our state convention in April: The Blue Flame Award, The Ember Award, and The Torch Award. These honors will acknowledge clubs that have made significant strides in encouraging youth to connect with nature.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the SC Clubwomen who attended and supported Junior Fun Night at the Southern Region meeting in Greenville, SC. We had a fantastic evening playing bingo in our pajamas, raising \$1,650 for Camp Greenville's recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene. For over 106 years, Camp Greenville has been a YMCA-operated camp dedicated to providing a screen-free, back-to-basics experience that helps campers connect with nature and with themselves.

Thank you for being the sparks that light up your local communities. I look forward to seeing you all at Winter Board. Junior club members, please be prepared to join me following the Winter Session for lunch. Let's ring in the new year with enthusiasm and a shared commitment to our mission!

In Junior Love,

Michelle

Michelle Blackmon
GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs





Merry Christmas everyone! As you're reading this, I will be unpacking from a major kitchen renovation...fingers crossed! If I'm not, it will be a very different Christmas than what we've planned.



Message From
GFWC-SC
First Vice President

I hope everyone enjoyed the first edition of **Here Comes the Sun News and Notes**. I'm planning on sending this out midmonth every other month. If your club has any news that you would like included, please send it to me at clemsongirlkaye@aol.com. I'm looking for information about fundraisers (news of your completion or upcoming to advertise), cares and concerns about your members, club events, anything you would like to see there – send it to me and I'll do my best to make it fit. I also follow many of your clubs on Facebook and sometimes I'll pull something from there to include...in case you're wondering how you ended up in the first edition!

The Women in Business Sponsorship is up and running. If you are a business owner and would like to advertise your business statewide, check out the information on GFWC-SC.org.

The Disaster Relief Fund got a HUGE boost thanks to the generosity of the SC clubwomen and clubs! I will be reporting at Winter Board how the committee decided to disperse the money. Thank you again for heeding the call as these two hurricanes have been truly catastrophic events for SC and our sister states of NC, GA, TN, and FL.

And finally...MEMBERSHIP! Getting new and keeping existing members is crucial to our clubs. Please continue to recruit and retain members and don't forget to report to GFWC. Contact me if you have any problems accessing the form on GFWC.org. Due dates for this form through June 2025 are as follows:

- **July, August, September was due October 1 (if you missed this deadline, please send it in with your next report)**
- **October, November, December due January 2**
- **January, February, March due April 1**
- **April, May, June due July 1**

May everyone have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends!

In Federation Love,

Kaye

Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC First Vice President





Message From
GFWC-SC
Secretary

If you are like me, you are so happy to back in the club season spending time with your club sisters and working side by side on projects. We are all busy with fundraisers, meetings and giving back to our community and the state. Don't forget to support your GFWC-SC sisters in their fundraisers as well.



As a reminder, if you give a report at any GFWC-SC meeting, please either bring an extra copy for me or email me a copy at khunke@aol.com.

I wish you a happy and joyous holiday season.

In Federation Love,

Kaye

Kaye Hunke
GFWC-SC Secretary



Trimming the Tree of Christmas

Some Fresh or false; green or flocked;
Even pink or foil will do.
Just add a garland of love and peace.
String lights that glow-glitter too.

Then when it's time to show true warmth,
Story ornaments you will set apart,
From children, travels, church, and friends,
Building memories that fill your heart.

Your Christmas tree is more than show.
It is life's work in form so true,
That every moment we trim as one
Strengthens the faith and joy we renew.

We trim the Tree with family and hope,
And keep that light so bright,
That our hearts can be forever changed
To share the miracle of Christmas night.

Janet Smalley, GFWC- SC Poet Laureate



Hello to all my GFWC-SC sisters!

I have been receiving lots and lots of mail! Thank you to all the clubs who sent in their dues and roster updates on time. Y'all are the best!! If you have not yet sent in your dues, you can send them to me at:

Mendy Haver
334 Neely Crossing Lane
Simpsonville, SC 29680



Message From
GFWC-SC
Treasurer

You can also reach me via email at: mhaver3000@yahoo.com or by text at: 864-230-3464. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me, and I will try to help in any way I can.

If you are adding new members, go ahead and send me an updated roster so we can pass along the most current information to GFWC.

I so enjoyed being a part of our Southern Region conference, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Stocking Extravaganza on Dec. 3.

I wish you all many blessings as we head into this holiday season, and the new year to come.

Merry Christmas!

In Federation Love,

Mendy

Mendy Haver
GFWC-SC Treasurer



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Message From
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President
Carrie Zimmerman

2024-2025 GFWC-SC YEAR END REPORTING INFORMATION

**Reporting Matters and gives clubs a time
to shine!**

Reporting Period:

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Reports are Due: NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT OF THE DUE DATE LISTED

****CLUB CATEGORIES****

General I	1-14 members
General II	15-19 members
General III	30+ members
Junior	
Juniorettes	



THE INTENT OF YOUR CLUB PROJECT DETERMINES WHERE YOU REPORT

Examples:

- An ART THERAPY project that emphasizes the therapeutic value of art> ARTS & CULTURE
- A project to aid veterans with PTSD> CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH
- Animal themed fundraiser to benefit endangered animals> ENVIRONMENT
- A collection of books that helps a school library> EDUCATION & LIBRARIES
- And a project to aid those with heart health> HEALTH & WELLNESS

IMPORTANT REMINDER! FOR REPORTING PURPOSES...

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CLUB MEMBERS IS THE # OF PAID MEMBERS FOR YOUR CLUB
AS OF APRIL 30, 2024**

REPORTING INFORMATION

- **CLUBS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT ONE COPY OF EACH REPORT TO CARRIE ZIMMERMAN AT czim22@gmail.com** with the club's name and title of the report in the email subject line.
- All reports must be emailed by midnight of the due date listed – please send one report package/ subject (cover sheet, report, and/or addenda) in one email with the club's name and CSP/Special Project name in the email subject line.
- Report all club approved projects your club has done for each CSP, GFWC Special & Signature Program, Advancement Plan and President's Special Project -Complete a Statistical & Narrative Cover sheet on EVERY club approved project even if your club is not providing a narrative.
- **INCLUDE IN EACH REPORT:** A separate Statistical & Narrative Cover Form with Submission Type clearly marked, a separate narrative for each program report, as well as addenda (if you are providing any of these). Make sure you indicate Narrative and/or Addenda or both on the cover sheet form
- Clubs are asked to put special emphasis on up to three (3) TOP projects in each of their reports by BRIEFLY describing the INTENT of the project...who, what, when, where & why of the project in the narrative.

- Up to three (3) Narrative pages can be attached in the email with the Statistical & Narrative Cover Form marked as Narrative.
- Up to five (5) Addenda pages can be attached in the email with the Statistical & Narrative Cover Form marked as Addenda.
- Caption ALL photo addenda with Club Name, CSP or Special Project reporting under, and what is happening
- Junior Clubs must submit one additional report to the Director of Junior Clubs Michelle Blackmon at mmichelleblackmon@gmail.com.
- GFWC-SC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT, GFWC-SC DIRECTOR OF JUNIORS SPECIAL PROJECT, FUNDRAISING & THE CIP REPORT are the only projects that may be 'double' or 'cross' reported.
- All clubs are encouraged to, AT A MINIMUM, submit the Statistical & Narrative Cover Form
- Only reports received via email will be judged unless otherwise stated!
- For questions or issues, please contact CARRIE ZIMMERMAN via text or phone to 864.710.5851 or email czim22@gmail.com.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Evaluation of each report will be based on the following so please address all applicable items in your reporting:

- Total volunteer hours, dollars donated, dollars raised and in-kind donations will be evaluated on a per capita basis for all clubs
- Description of the projects in the narrative form
- Number of projects, hours, dollars, & in-kind contributions
- Participation of membership as compared to club size
- Community participation especially other outside organizations or individuals
- Publicity of project for club, GFWC-SC, and GFWC
- Success of project – impact on community
- Any additional information i.e. awards, sponsorship relating to project
- Innovation and originality of project

DEFINITIONS FOR REPORTING

ADDENDA may include photos, handouts, publicity, etc. which help augment the understanding of your narrative and project.

ADVANCEMENT PLANS are the programs and projects clubs initiate to advance their clubs. There are 6 plan areas: Communication & Public Relations, Fundraising, Leadership, Legislation & Public Policy, Membership, Women's History & Resource Center.

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS such as United Nations Program Shot@Life, Heifer International, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Operation Smile, Hope for Justice, March of Dimes, Canine Companions for Independence, UNICEF and Alzheimer's Association. PLEASE SHARE IN YOUR NARRATIVE ANY IN-KIND DONATIONS AND VALUE. GFWC HAS ASKED FOR THIS AFTER OUR FORM WAS APPROVED. (As AFFILIATES do change, for a complete list, refer to the GFWC.org website.) Also complete the SC Affiliate Statistical Form – this is one form to capture ALL the work your club does with any of the Affiliate Organizations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS (CSPs) are the programs and projects club members initiate and participate in to serve their communities, including projects with GFWC Affiliates. There are 5 program areas: Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Education & Libraries, Environment, Health & Wellness.

DOLLARS DONATED is the monetary amount given to programs and projects.

DOLLARS RAISED reflect dollars earned from fundraising and development of programs and projects. Applies to **FUNDRAISING ONLY**.

IN-KIND DONATIONS reflect the monetary value for goods provided to CSP programs and projects. Please refer to the GFWC In-Kind Donation Guide for an estimated value of commonly donated items at <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/In-Kind-Donation-Guide-2018.pdf> You may certainly estimate a value you feel best reflects your contribution.

INTENT explains reason for project.

NARRATIVE is the written description wherein you describe the Intent of the Project and the Who, What, When, Where and How.

WHERE, HOW and WHY OF A PROJECT

NUMBER OF PROJECTS is the numerical account of the programs and projects initiated and participated in by your club.

STATISTICS are the Numbers: dollars, hours, members, etc.

VOLUNTEER HOURS are the amount of time that members worked on Club Approved programs and projects.

EXAMPLE: If a club member or even several separate members donate blood, deliver Meals-On-Wheels, make financial contributions to a charity, etc. it is NOT REPORTABLE. IF your CLUB votes to make a project of volunteering at the food pantry, delivering Meals-On-Wheels, makes a charitable grant or contribution with Club Funds, or go as a group wearing GFWC or Club apparel to donate blood, then that is a Club Project and those hours are reportable. REMEMBER: When you have a speaker (or attend a state meeting), you may count volunteer hours for the subject matter (ex: Environment) for each club member attending. Round to nearest hour!

ALL BELOW DUE FEBRUARY 1- to 2nd Vice President, Carrie Zimmerman, czim22@gmail.com

All clubs submitting reports will be considered for:

- o Certificate of Awards given to 1st Place winning Entries
- o Club Creativity Awards in the three (3) General Membership, Junior, & Juniorettes categories

Your reports will be sent to GFWC by GFWC-SC

SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

The following awards will be judged from the entries submitted by category:

Debbie Alexander Adult Education Award: To the club which has accomplished the most in the field of adult education by promoting adult literacy.

Hughes Legislation Award: To the club reporting on an unusual legislation project.

Lexington Woman's Club Civic Engagement & Outreach Award: To the club doing the most outstanding work in Civic Engagement & Outreach.

Marie J Hammond Literary Award: To the club accomplishing the most toward the eradication of illiteracy.

Rebecca Robbins Fundraising Award: To the club, or clubs working jointly, with the best overall fundraising project.

Saxe Gotha Leadership Award: To the club with the best overall leadership project.

~Special note for CSP reports from GFWC ~

2024-2026 GFWC COMMUNITY CONNECTION INITIATIVES

The 2024-2026 Community Connection Initiatives are projects that make a visual, physical, or emotional impact at the grassroots level. They are projects that bring awareness to what GFWC volunteering is all about. A Community Connection Initiative brings the shimmer, the glitter, and the shine to being a member of a GFWC club into your local community. Public relations and media play a large part in a Community Connection Initiative. Be sure to advertise through internet, newspaper articles, social media, blog posts, radio, and television. Make an impact that will ensure your community members want to be a part of such a passionate group of women making good things happen at the grassroots level.

Read more up on this on GFWC.org and make sure you include this information in your CSP reporting.

Submit to 2nd Vice President, Carrie Zimmerman, czim22@gmail.com.

GFWC-SC AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS STATISTICAL FORM

The information here may have been reported in other reports, however please complete this one statistical form for all projects your club completed with any GFWC affiliate organization. This form is available on GFWC-SC website.

ALL BELOW DUE MARCH 15 – These are State or District Reports and Awards

GFWC-SC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS - USE STATE/DISTRICT AWARD FORM and submit these awards to Kaye Gerrald, kaye.gerrald@gmail.com.

CAROLINA WREN AWARD: To the club with the best overall project promoting awareness, enjoyment, education, or conservation of birds.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER AWARD: To the club with the best collaborative project, two clubs working together OR a club working with a local park, state park, recreation commission or local government. Promoting awareness, enjoyment, education, or conservation of birds.

SPARROW AWARD: To the club with the most creative project promoting awareness, enjoyment, education, or conservation of birds.

SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS-USE STATE/DISTRICT AWARD FORM

To be awarded at state convention. Submit per instructions below.

General Cup Award: To the General club in each category that most effectively carries out the GFWC Program Guidelines. Use the GFWC-SC State/District Award Form. Summarize club work from Jan. 1-Dec. 31. Limit report to NO MORE THAN SEVEN (7) pages to include: cover, narrative and FIVE (5) pages of addenda (optional). Report SEPARATELY in each Community Service Program only. Include a brief description of the programs and projects of your club. Describe briefly visual aids used such as exhibits, workshops, publications, etc. List other activities or contributions (money, time, etc.) that in any manner promoted GFWC Programs. Submit to 2nd Vice President, Carrie Zimmerman, czim22@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: the 2nd Vice President and the Director of Junior Clubs will submit to President Suzanne Carswell the winners of the above categories of the GENERAL CUP AWARD by March 25 to be judged as the overall Best of the Best winner for GFWC-SC President's Award of Excellence. This award rewards and recognizes outstanding projects and reporting for work done in the community by their club. This award will be a Silver Certificate as well as a \$100 monetary award.

Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award: To the club with the best overall project. Submit two (2) copies to your District President. (In turn, each District President will send the winning reports to 1st Vice President, Kaye Jones, clemsongirlkaye@aol.com By April 1 for final judging.)

MEMBERSHIP SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

Howie Stackhouse/Nancy Boozer Award: To the District gaining the most newly federated clubs during the reporting year. The Treasurer determines the winner.

Sylvia Ayers Membership Award: To the club with the largest net gain in the reporting year. The Treasurer determines the winner.

HEADQUARTERS SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

Submit per instructions below.

Jan W. Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: To the club submitting the largest dollar amount in contributions to the Mansion Endowment. Submit contributions and names to the GFWC-SC Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Fund, 1511 Laurel St. Columbia, SC 29201. To be judged by GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

Princa M. Wright Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: To the club generating the largest number of contributions to the Mansion Endowment, which includes all Mansion Society categories. Submit names of contributors to the GFWC-SC Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Fund, 1511 Laurel St., Columbia, SC 29201. To be judged by GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

Rudy H. McManus Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: To the District generating the largest number of contributors to the Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment. Submit names of contributors to the GFWC-SC Sims-Stackhouse Fund, 1511 Laurel St. Columbia, SC 29201. To be judged by GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

CONTRIBUTION SHEET SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

All clubs submitting a CONTRIBUTION SHEET will be considered for the awards listed below. Submit to GFWC-SC Treasurer, MENDY HAVER, mhaver3000@yahoo.com.

Keith Unger Memorial Award: To the club with the most donations to the Headquarters Fund.

Stackhouse Headquarters Award: To the club that contributes the most per-capita to the GFWC-SC Headquarters Fund. In-kind contributions, i.e. time and items, should be listed and submitted along with the Contribution Sheet.

Virginia (Sissy) Welch Award: To the District contributing the most money per capita to the GFWC-SC Headquarters Fund.

Endowment Fund Award: To the club with the most donations to the Endowment Fund.

Janet B. Agnew Award: To the club with most donations to the General Fund.

Kate T. Davis Memorial Award: To the club with the most donations to the Scholarship Fund.

Clubwoman Magazine Award: To the club with the most donations to GFWC-SC Clubwoman Magazine.

Progress Foundation Award: To the club with the highest per capita donation to GFWC-SC Progress Foundation, awarded annually at convention.

Caroline Mahaffey Hope Award: To the club that donates the most per capita to the Disaster Relief Fund during the GFWC-SC club year, including any funds donated on the Contribution Sheet, through Calls for Giving or random contributions. Award to be determined by the report of the GFWC-SC Treasurer and awarded by Caroline Mahaffey at the annual GFWC-SC Convention.

CONTRIBUTION SHEET SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

All clubs submitting a RATING SHEET will be considered for the awards below. Submit one (1) copy to 1st Vice President, Kaye Jones, clemsongirlkaye@aol.com, and one (1) copy to your District President.

To the General Club in each category with the highest points on the rating sheet.

CATEGORY I: Myrtis Flanagan Award

CATEGORY II: Jean T Knight Award

CATEGORY III: Lavonia V. Hendrix Award

JUNIORETTE: Mary S. Smith Award

ALL CATEGORIES: Mrs. John R. Wolff Award

TO DISTRICTS BASED ON THE RATING SHEET

Past President's Cup: To the District with the highest points on the Rating Sheet.

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION REWARDS

Use Award Nomination Form as outlined below. To be awarded at GFWC-SC Convention

GFWC-SC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year is awarded to the clubwoman who has been outstanding during the club year through volunteer work in club projects and in other community work. Each club may nominate one member for this award. The nomination should be written in narrative form, five pages maximum, by someone other than the nominee and include: (A) Number of projects participated in by the nominee. Include a brief description of each club project and community project. (B) Number of hours the nominee volunteered in each club and community project. (C) Amount of monies raised in each club and community project as a result of her volunteer work. (D) A brief paragraph describing her family and employment. Narratives should be sent, along with the Nomination Form and a photograph of the nominee, to: Catherine Sharpe, 116 Fox Glen Circle, Lexington, SC 29072. A panel of three (3) judges not affiliated with GFWC-SC will make the final decision.

GFWC-SC WOMAN OF DISTINCTION: A lifetime achievement award to a clubwoman judged on personal/professional accomplishments, challenges faced, demonstration of responsibility/influence, courage, humanistic contributions, philanthropic activities, community involvement, volunteer work, professional commitment, notable success and honors, and any other laudatory qualities and achievements. Each club may nominate one member. Narratives of no more than five (5) pages should be sent, along with the Nomination Form and a photograph of the nominee, via email to: Carrie Zimmerman, czim22@gmail.com with GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction in subject line. A committee of no less than three (3) judges unaffiliated with GFWC-SC will judge nominees.

AWARDS CREATED FOR GFWC-SC

Submit per instructions below.

Palmetto Pride Environment Achievement Awards: Due March 15. To encourage club projects to eradicate litter and beautify their communities. Three (3) awards will be given. Palmetto Pride award information and forms are available at GFWC-SC.org under More > Member Resources > (1) copy to GFWC-SC Environment Chair, Connie Holston at cholston123@outlook.com and (1) to Palmetto Pride as indicated in award information.

GFWC-SC GROWS NEW LEADERS AWARD: To be awarded to each club in all club categories that sponsors a club member to attend the GFWC-SC LEADS Training each year. This includes paying for their registration fee and any other expenses associated with their attending. There is no form to complete for this award – clubs with LEADS candidates meeting the criteria specified will automatically receive this award.

ESO AWARDS

ESO Pin Designations – ESO members submit their completed book list to Carole Berenbrok, (lexotr@windstream.net)

MIDLANDS DISTRICT AWARDS, DUE MARCH 15

Submit to: Midlands District President Shelli Pue, shellipue1@gmail.com

Boineau/Brodie/Clarke Silver Project Award: For the best overall project for a club with 30 members or less.

Crook/Somerset Project Award: For the best overall project for a club with 31+ members.

Abiklaled CIP Award: Given in even years. To the club whose Community Impact Project improves the community and lives of the most diverse groups of its citizens (child and adult, rich and poor, male and female).

Addy/Samsel Education & Libraries Award: To the club with the best overall project(s) in Education & Libraries.

Bonnette Library Award: To the club with the best overall project(s) in support of libraries.

Alexander/George Advocates For Children Award: To the club with the best overall project(s) for Advocates for Children.

All Environment Award: To the club with the best overall projects in Environment.

Betty Thomason Civic Engagement & Outreach Award: To the club with the best Civic Engagement & Outreach project(s).

Keating International Children's Award: To the club with the best international children's project.

Lexington Woman's Club Legislation & Public Policy Award: To the club with the best overall project in Legislation & Public Policy.

Marine Arts & Culture Award: To the club with the best overall Arts & Culture project(s).

Junior Woman's Club of Lexington/Palmetto Woman's Club Rating Sheet Award: To the club with 30 or fewer members with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

McFarland Rating Sheet Award: To the club with 31+ members with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

Midlands District Membership Award: To the club with the largest net gain in membership.

Midlands District President's Spirit Award: To the club with the "Best Overall GFWC Spirit". Criteria: 1) Attendance at Summer and Winter Boards, Conventions, District Conference and District Socials; 2) Attendance of State and/or District Officers at club meetings, fundraisers, or socials; 3) Club Yearbook sent to District President and GFWC-SC First Vice President; 4) Prompt return of GFWC-SC and District dues, Rating Sheet and Club President's Directory Forms; 5) Reporting participation in all Community Service Programs.

UPSTATE DISTRICT AWARDS, DUE MARCH 15

Submit to: Upstate District President Donna Anderson, donnapanderson@charter.net

Davenport-Morgan Project Award: To the club with the best overall project.

Cassles-Dye Arts & Culture Award: To the club with the best Arts & Culture report. Criteria: (A) Averaged volunteer hours of service; (B) Projects or events constructed to promote the Arts; (C) Programs introduced to educate others about the Arts (i.e. for club meetings, schools and community events). Submit two copies, (1) to your District President and (1) to GFWC-SC Arts & Culture Chair, Elizabeth Renneker, elizabeth_kendall25@yahoo.com

Jolene W Bryant Education & Libraries Award: To the club with the best Education & Libraries report.

Making Time For Others Award: To the club with the best overall hands-on project benefitting special needs or underprivileged individuals.

Janet Agnew Photography Award: To the club with the most Photography Contest entries at the GFWC-SC state convention. Determined by number of entries delivered at convention.

Davis Cup: To the club membership of 1-13, with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

Crocker-Spartanburg Award: To the club membership 14+ with the highest points on the Rating Sheet.

Mary Renfro Membership Award: To the club with the highest membership increase during the year.

DUE FEBRUARY 1

GFWC-SC SCRAPBOOK CONTEST - Submissions will be in a digital book format such as Shutterfly, Mixbook, etc. Must be no larger than 12"x12" and no more than 100 pages. The scrapbook should cover the reporting year. Entries should be brought to GFWC-SC Convention to the designated area by noon on Friday of Convention. Each entry must be registered with the 2024 Scrapbook Chairman, [Elizabeth Renneker](#).

GFWC NEWSLETTER CONTEST AND WEBSITE CONTEST – Please log onto [GFWC.ORG](https://www.gfwc.org) for more info.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST: Only one newsletter issue per club or State Federation may be submitted. Entries will be judged and awarded points on the following elements: • Content quality, including timeliness, clarity, and member impact(30%)•Presentation(30%)•Design(30%)•Adherence to rules(10%). The newsletter must have been published and clearly dated during the contest year (January 1-December 31). The front page of the newsletter must prominently display the official GFWC emblem and mention membership in GFWC. Refer to the GFWC Stylebook for GFWC Trademark Use Policies at www.GFWC.org. Newsletter entries must include the contact information of at least one member, defined as an email address, telephone number, and/or mailing address. Clubs and State Federations with an electronic newsletter must follow the same entry rules - printed copies of electronic newsletters are required. Email to: DeAna Reed Sharpe, Deana.reed@yahoo.com

WEBSITE CONTEST: MUST include website address, Club/State Federation name, President's name and contact information, name and contact information of person submitting entry, number of Club/State Federation members, and a 250-word essay describing why their website is a valuable resource to members and potential members. The homepage MUST contain a link to GFWC.org and include contact information for at least one member of the club (email address, telephone number and/or mailing address). Email entry to Website Contest Chair, DeAna Reed Sharpe, Deana.reed@yahoo.com

DUE MARCH 15

GFWC and GFWC-SC WRITING CONTEST ENTRIES: Please log into GFWC.ORG for more info on GFWC contests. Manuscripts will not be returned. Submit all entries for Clubwoman Writing Contests to GFWC-SC Contest Chair, Jackie Boland, jackieboland@hotmail.com, 7 Cherry Lane, West Columbia, SC 29170 803-422-2908.

GFWC YOUTH WRITING CONTEST: GFWC YOUTH WRITING CONTEST: Entries must be typed, with 1" minimum margins on top, bottom and sides, on 8.5 x 11-inch paper (one side only). If emailed, send to jackieboland@hotmail.com. Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31). Entries must have the following on the top right-hand corner of each page: (1) Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number; (2) Name of the GFWC-SC club and State Federation submitting author's work; (3) Category; (4) Title of work; (5) Page number, (6) Grade Level Category 1: Grades K, 1 & 2; Category 2: Grades 3, 4 & 5; Category 3: Grades 6, 7 & 8; Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12. Authors must be amateurs. Earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually. Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original. A completed, signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (find in the GFWC Club Manual or GFWC-SC website) must be included with each submission. Entries are limited to one per person per category. Short stories are limited to 2,000 words. Word count must be included at the end of the story. Poetry entries of any style with a minimum length of 8 lines and a maximum of 50 lines. The "Six Traits of Writing" will be used in the judging of the Youth Writing Contest entries in Categories 2, 3 and 4. The "Six Traits of Writing are 1) Writing should be easy to read aloud, 2) Focus on the five senses, 3) Be unique, 4) Use paragraph breaks, 5) Gather information, and 6) Use powerful verbs. NOTE: Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy.

GFWC SHORT STORY & POETRY MEMBER CONTEST: Authors must be dues paying members of an active per capita club. Entries must: Be typed, double-spaced and 1 inch minimum margins on the top, bottom and sides. If printed, be on white 8.5"x11" paper, one side only. If emailed, send to jackieboland@hotmail.com (preferred). Be written during January 1-December 31, 2024. Include the following information on the top right-hand corner of each page: (1) Author's name, email address, mailing address and phone number; (2) Name of author's GFWC-SC club; (3) Category (4) Title of work (5) Page number. All submissions must: Be from amateur authors. Earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually. Not have been published prior to the competition and must be original. Have a completed, signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (find in the GFWC Club Manual or GFWC-SC website) included with each submission. Short stories are limited to 2,000 words. Word count must be included at the end of the story. Poetry entries of any style with a minimum length of 8 lines and a maximum of 50 lines. Entries are limited to one per member per category.

A completed, signed **GFWC Creative Arts Waiver** (find in the GFWC Club Manual or GFWC-SC website) MUST be included with each submission.

GFWC-SC CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS: Will be given in the short story categories like, essays, prayers, club installations, song lyrics, or children's stories or in the poetry category. Each entry must be typed on a separate sheet of paper. Author's name, address, telephone number, club name and district, classification and title of writing should appear in the top right-hand corner of each page. Previous entries may not be resubmitted and only unpublished material may be entered

WRITING AWARDS TO BE DETERMINED BY ENTRIES RECEIVED (Judged by GFWC-SC Contest Chair):

Nancy Ann Morris Rivers Drama Award: To the writer of the best drama.

Emma R Lipscomb Memorial Writing Award: To the writer of the best overall entry in the GFWC-SC Creative Writing Contest.

Frances B Hair Award: To the writer of the best overall writing entry submitted in the GFWC Clubwoman Short Story and Poetry Contest.

DUE MARCH 15

GFWC & GFWC-SC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

GFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST (Digital): Please refer to contest specifics at GFWC.org in the Club Manual. For questions, contact Photography Contest Chair, Dianne Noda, diannenoda@gmail.com

The GFWC Photography Contests encourage our members' artistic expression and recognize and support members' achievements in photography. GFWC offers many opportunities to participate in the GFWC Photography Contests.

Categories:

- The World in Pictures
 - o Our World Up Close
 - o Natural Wonders
 - o Reflections
- Living the Volunteer Spirit

Submit all Photography Award entries to GFWC-SC Photography Chairman, Dianne Noda diannenoda@gmail.com.

****Photographs are to be submitted digitally.****

GFWC-SC CONVENTION ATTENDANCE AWARD

Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award: To the District with the largest club membership attending GFWC- SC Annual Convention as reported to the President-Elect, no later than 4:00 p.m. (or previously announced time) on the second day of Convention. Count provided by Credentials Committee and Award to be presented by 1st Vice President at Awards Banquet.

JUNIOR AWARDS

Submit to Director of Junior Clubs, Michelle Blackmon, mmichelleblackmon@gmail.com

DUE FEBRUARY 1

Junior Cup Award: To the Junior club with the best overall written report on the year's work.

Bobbie L. Lowe Junior Award: To the Junior club with the greatest number of points earned on the Junior Honor Rating Sheet per capita. Submit Junior Honor Rating Sheet.

Mary Plyler Memorial Junior Award: To the Junior club with the most hours spent per capita on club projects, determined by the Junior Honor Rating Sheet.

Jan W. Hadwin/Beth Broom Junior Award: To the Junior club with the best overall written report on the GFWC Junior Special Project.

Ann Borris/Augusta Wolff Memorial Junior Cancer Award: To the Junior club reporting the most outstanding work in the field of cancer.

Susan Abelkop Junior Membership Award: To the Junior club with the best overall membership report. **Junior Spirit Award:** To the Junior club with the 'Best Overall GFWC Volunteer Spirit'. Points: 10-invitation to director of Junior Clubs and/or Director of Junior Clubs-Elect to club events (i.e. meetings, fundraisers, social); 10-club members serving on Junior Board; 10-attendance at Summer Board; 10-attendance at Winter Board; 10-attendance at Convention; 50-Junior club peer vote (may not vote for own club). To be judged by Director of Junior Clubs and awarded at Convention.

DUE MARCH 15

GFWC-SC DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS:

BE THE SPARK AWARDS:

The Blue Flame Award: will be awarded to the club completing the most outstanding work in getting children outdoors and off screens

The Ember Award: will be awarded to the club that completes the highest number of volunteer hours in their participation of the Director of Junior Clubs Special Project, Be the Spark.

The Torch Award: will be awarded to the clubs that use collaborative efforts in their participation of the Director of Junior Clubs Special Project, Be the Spark.

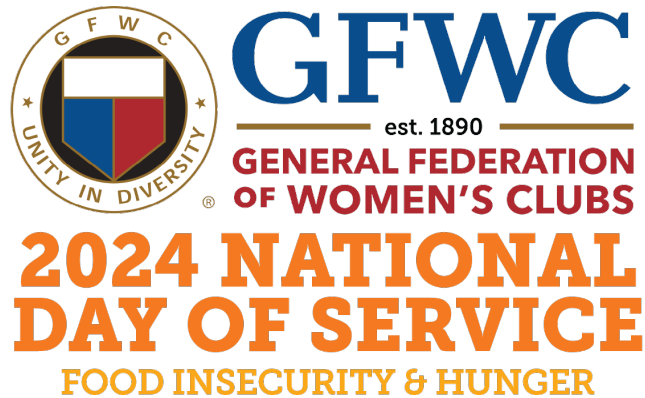
Carol Vann Rowland & Susan Vann Haynes Junior Clubwoman of Achievement Award: Awarded to a Junior Clubwoman who upholds the ideals of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Junior Clubs: A woman who is outstanding in her club and her community. The nomination should be written in narrative form by someone other than the nominee and attached to the nomination form. Each Junior Club may nominate one member. Reports should be emailed to the Director of Junior Clubs Michelle Blackmon mmichelleblackmon@gmail.com

GFWC National Day of Service

For the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service on September 28, South Carolina had a total of 21 Clubs (including our State Federation) participate:

GFWC South Carolina

GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Chapin Woman's Club
GFWC Charleston Junior Women's Club
GFWC Golden Strip
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
GFWC SC Past Presidents Club
GFWC Seneca Junior Women's Club
GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Cayce
GFWC Woman's Club of Charleston
GFWC Women's Club of Greenville
GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Hill
GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands
GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry
GFWC Women's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
GFWC York County Woman's Club



Four clubs had to postpone events due to the impacts of Hurricane Helene.

- 2,780 pounds of food were collected and delivered
- 256 backpacks for school age children were stuffed
- 1 Proclamation from the Governor
- 1 Proclamation from a City Mayor
- Approximately 2,340 volunteer hours
- Approximately 152 Volunteers
- Engagement from approximately 9 prospective members

Thank you to all the clubs who participated and returned reports.

The Community Service Project area of focus for the 2025 GFWC International Day of Service is domestic and sexual violence. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, September 27, 2025. Project ideas, resources, and branding materials will be posted on website and uploaded to the GFWC Digital Library.

Thank You to our Southern Region Sponsors

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REEDY RIVER

Sylvia Ayers
Lynn Macan
GFWC Steel Magnolia Woman's Club
Lexington Woman's Club



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LEADERSHIP

Norma England, Chairman - 803.323.9049 - englandn72@comporium.net

I encourage you to develop a Leadership Plan in your Club. Some important things you need to include in your Leadership Plan are: a timeline for accomplishing goals; a list of duties for offices and chairmen; appoint mentors to guide new officers or chairmen; evaluate club projects; develop a plan for Leadership Succession; avoid micromanaging new officers/chairmen; have a plan for transferring authority and letting go.

The Leadership Tool Kit in the GFWC Member Portal on the GFWC website is an important reference. I encourage you to use the Leadership Tool Kit. Some of you remember the Member Portal was difficult to use. I promise the new GFWC Website and Member Portal is so much easier to use. It is a great way to access information!

When you report in January, don't just report the hours your officers and chairmen spent on club projects and business or hours members may have for District or State leadership. (Even though these hours are important) GFWC wants to see what clubs do to promote and develop leadership within the club. One SC Club secured a donor to pay the registration fee for 4 members to attend our August Summer Session. This is a great way to encourage and develop club leaders.

When planning your fundraising and budgeting—remember clubs may allot funds to help defray costs for the club president and/or other leaders to attend District, State, Region and GFWC Meetings. Clubs may also allot funds for members to attend the GFWC-SC LEADS Seminar. This is a great way to promote Leadership. GFWC-SC asks each club to pay for at least 1 member to attend LEADS. Clubs receive points on the Rating sheet for this. I know some clubs pay for more than one member to attend. Clubs are allowed to use up 10% of their fundraising money for operating expenses, supplies, membership events, and leadership. The IRS and the SC Secretary of State allow this. Reimbursing travel costs or registration fees is a great way to encourage and develop club leaders.

Please remember to call, text, or email me when you have any questions about Leadership.

LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY

Peggy Aun, Chairman - 803.920.9124 - aunthemove@gmail.com

Please sign up for the Legislative Action Center (LAC). I suggest going over the instructions below during a general meeting to encourage and help members to sign up.

- Sign up for the LAC by going to the GFWC website (GFWC.org), clicking on the "What We Do" tab
- Click on Legislation/Public Policy,
- Click on the linked words "Legislative Action Center,"
- Fill in your name, address, and email address,
- Click in the boxes under "Remember Me" and "Email Opt-In" to receive the notifications issued by GFWC,
- Then "TAKE ACTION" by responding to the notifications you support.

The direct link to the LAC is <https://www.votervoice.net/GFWC/home>.

Please share information from the LAC with their family, friends, and local community.

Registering for the Legislative Action Center will keep you up to date on issues germane to GFWC resolutions. A few legislative alerts sent recently:

- Recognition of World Alzheimer's Day
- Kids Online Safety Act, KOSA
- Eliminate Out-of-Pocket Costs for Supplemental Breast Cancer Screenings

The LAC allows you to make your voice heard! Please register and take action!

Please contact me with any questions.

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GFWC-SC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: PRESERVE OUR BIRDS

Kaye Neese Gerrald, Chairman

I encourage you to develop a Leadership Plan in your Feeding birds in winter is a wonderful way to help them survive the cold months and enjoy some activity in your backyard. Here are some tips to get started:

1. Choose the Right Foods
 - High-Fat Foods: Birds need extra energy to stay warm. Offer seeds and foods that are high in fat, like black oil sunflower seeds, suet, peanuts, and peanut butter. Nyjer (thistle) seeds are also excellent for finches.
 - Fruit: Some birds, like robins and bluebirds, may enjoy dried fruits, raisins, or currants. Consider offering chopped apples, grapes, or berries for variety.
 - Mealworms: High in protein, mealworms are ideal for insect-eating birds like bluebirds and wrens.
2. Provide Fresh Water
 - Birdbath Heater: Natural water sources may freeze, so add a birdbath heater to keep water available. Birds need water for both drinking and bathing, even in winter.
3. Use Covered Feeders
 - Weather Protection: Use feeders with covers or weather guards to protect the food from snow and ice. This keeps seeds dry, reducing waste and spoilage.
 - Different Feeder Types: Tube feeders, hopper feeders, and suet cages each attract different bird species. Ground-feeding birds may appreciate a low platform feeder.
4. Keep Feeders Clean
 - Regular Cleaning: Clean feeders every couple of weeks to prevent mold and disease. Use a mild bleach solution (1 part bleach to 9 parts water) or bird-safe cleaner, then rinse and dry thoroughly.
5. Location Matters
 - Safe and Visible: Place feeders in a location visible from windows, but near bushes or trees where birds can take cover if a predator approaches.
 - Wind Protection: Position feeders in a sheltered spot to keep food from blowing away, and give birds a calm place to eat.
6. Consistent Feeding
 - Regular Refills: Birds may come to rely on your feeders in winter, so try to keep them filled, especially during extreme cold.
7. Add Shelter
 - Roosting Boxes or Brush Piles: Birds need safe spots to shelter from wind and predators. Consider putting up a roosting box, or pile brush in a corner of the yard as a natural shelter.

By following these tips, you'll help winter birds stay healthy and enjoy watching a variety of feathered friends in your backyard all season long!

WOMAN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER

Karen Adams, Chairman

How did your club begin?

Who was the woman or women who decided to create your GFWC club and why?? What were the first couple of projects done within their community?

Tell me their story!

Is your club newer? Interview the woman or women who started the club. Is your club an older club? Do some digging in your history. Did your club start as a woman's group and become retreated at a later day?

I look forward to hearing, who, what, when, where and why and I look forward to sharing your clubs story with the other South Carolina clubs.

Use Butterfly, scrapbook, video with narrative, any method you choose.

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ESO

Carol Berenbrok, Chairman - lexotr@windstream.net

Experience Magic and Read

Hello everyone! As chairperson for ESO - Girlfriend's Reading Book Club, I wanted to share some news from Dana Jones - our GFWC Education and Libraries Chairman. She introduced the following book that features a GFWC club.

The historic Martin Mansion, owned by the Woman's Club of Norfolk since 1925, is facing neglect and bankruptcy after a century of hosting teas, cocktail parties, wedding receptions, college lectures, bridge tournaments, and charity drives. And the club itself has shrunk significantly, almost to extinction with only a small handful of members. Located in a unique semi-circle neighborhood called The Hague, the Martin Mansion is known as "The Woman's Club" and watches itself intertwined in the histories of the Woman's Club of Norfolk, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), the city of Norfolk, and even America for the past 115 years.

I encourage anyone who is a beginner or avid reader, to join our ESO - "SC Girlfriend's Book Club" It is super easy to join. Once you are at GFWC-SC.org website, click on Resources and look for GFWC-SC ESO section. The application and booklist is updated for new members to join and place to find new and old favorite book titles.

I love reading the lists of books that others have read. Feel free to share your favorite books on our Facebook page GFWC-SC Girlfriends Book Club.

Current members, be sure to continue to track books you are reading this year so you will be ready to complete your reports to be sent in next year.



GFWC Photography Competition December

Dianne Noda

I hope you are keeping your eyes open and your phone and/or camera ready for your photography competition entry!

These are the four categories:

Living the Volunteer Spirit - its what we do everyday! Find significant moments at club events.

Natural Wonders - the beautiful world around us! No explanation needed.

Reflections - have fun and get creative! You could use a mirror, a puddle, a lake. Lots of possibilities.

The World up Close - seek out the details! Get zoomed in! A cute bug? A flower?

Take the shot! Then submit it by March 15 to be included in judging. You can start sending in your photos to:

DianneNoda@gmail.com.

Winning photographs will be announced at convention in Rock Hill in April and will be sent on to GFWC for judging.

State and National prizes awarded!

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GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

Connie Lawson, Chairman

I consider it an honor and a pleasure to serve GFWC South Carolina as the Signature Program Chair during Suzanne's the 2024-2026 Administration. There is so much to discuss, learn, and do over the next two years related to the eight areas of focus within the Signature Program.

I look forward to working with GFWC clubs and community partners across South Carolina to determine what we can do to bring about positive changes in awareness and prevention. My area of focus will center on Human Trafficking and the impact it has on our local communities, our state, our nation, and our world. Specifically, I will be promoting ways to educate young people about the threats and realities of human trafficking in our state. I have served on the Attorney General's Human Trafficking for a number of years and Preventing Human Trafficking in South Carolina is a main focus area within the State's plan to address the crime. I want clubs to encourage and engage their middle and high schools to implement [TrafficProofSC](#) which is the state's prevention program to educate teens about the threats and realities of human trafficking. Prevention is one of the most important tasks we have. [TrafficProofSC](#) is an overarching prevention education initiative designed as an age-appropriate tool to educate and empower youth. The more educated our communities, the closer we become in preventing individuals from being victimized. The crime of human trafficking continues to impact young people across our state. We want to give young people the tools needed to reduce their risk of becoming a victim.

[TrafficProofSC](#) was a collaborative effort between SC ETV and Public Radio (SCETV), and the Attorney General's State Task Force. Together they developed TraffickProofSC, a series of free, age-appropriate, educational videos and curricula catered to middle and high school students.

The curriculum includes:

- o Human Trafficking Overview: What is Human Trafficking?
- o Staying Safe Online
- o Labor Trafficking
- o Sex Trafficking

This initiative serves as the first statewide human trafficking prevention education curricula highlighting the importance of educating youth and their families on the realities of human trafficking and it has already won a Telly Silver Award. It is a valuable resource to help young people recognize the snares and lures used by traffickers, so the state's young people can be better positioned to avoid becoming victims. Young people are particularly vulnerable to traffickers through Social Media. Traffickers look for vulnerability. They look for something that is missing in the victim's life and fill that void. That's why awareness and prevention is key. Recognizing key indicators of human trafficking is one of the first steps in prevention. As such, the [TraffickProofSC](#) curriculum teaches students how to identify different types of human trafficking and associated warning signs, methods used by traffickers to exploit victims, and what to do if they think someone is exploited. Educators and students are also provided with tools and resources available to assist those who are or may be vulnerable to being trafficked.

Clubs and volunteers throughout South Carolina can help our middle and high school age children across the state by raising awareness of this resource in their community and by hosting awareness events about Human Trafficking. Please watch the linked video at [TrafficProofSC](#) prior to approaching community partners or get a copy of the [TrafficProofSC](#) document (filled with ideas and resources) your club can use. I will be happy to send you a copy via email.

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JENNIE AWARD

Anne Redlus, Chairman, 712 Freshwater Lane, Bluffton, SC 29909 - 843.828.1970

The GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor bestowed by GFWC that recognizes individual members for personal excellence. It is time for each club to consider a member who could be nominated for this award. The judging areas are Commitment to Family, Commitment to GFWC and Commitment to Community. All of the contest details are found on page 212- 216 in the GFWC Club Manual.

Award Rules:

- * The nominee must be a member in good standing of a GFWC Club for a minimum, of five years.
- * Nominations should emphasize a member's entire lifetime of service.
- * Clubs must complete and submit by June 1, 2025, the GFWC Jennie Award Nomination that contains more than 25 pages total (printed single-spaced) of required documents and supportive materials including the following:
 - * Title Page - Cover sheet that could include basic information as:
 - * GFWC Jennie Award Nomination 2024-2026 as heading
 - * Nominee's Name, Club Name, State Federation
 - * Picture (if desired)
 - * Letter of introduction - Provide information about the nominee that describes the reason for the nomination. Maximum of 500 words
 - * Official GFWC Jennie Award Nomination Form found in the Club Manual Page 216
 - * Commitment to Family - nuclear or extended family. Maximum of 250 words
 - * Commitment to GFWC Club - through involvement in activities. Maximum of 250 words.
 - * Commitment to Community - Participation in community groups and organizations both volunteer and professional. Maximum of 250 words.
 - * Digital color photograph submitted for use by GFWC
 - * Clips of two or three newspaper (or other media stories about successful projects to which the member contributed)
 - * Letter of Endorsement from the club president
 - * Letter of Endorsement from a representative of another organization

A couple of ideas when planning a Jennie Nomination.

1. Nominating a member of your club can be a surprise but a lot of behind the scenes investigative work will have to take place to obtain the necessary information.
2. Announce the club's nominee early on and work with her to obtain the nomination information.

The First important date is June 1, 2025 when the club nomination packet is to be mailed to this chairman, Anne Redlus (address above). Then judging will take place on the State Level with the selected state winner moving onto judging on the Region Level by August 1, 2025. The Region President then submits 2 nominations selected from two of the five States in the Southern Region by December 1, 2025 to GFWC. In March, 2026, the 16 Region Finalists will be featured in GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. In June 2026, one clubwoman from each of the 8 Regions will be chosen as a National Jennie Award honoree. All eight are expected to attend and will be honored in the 2026 GFWC Annual Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona.

If you have any questions, I am here to help. Nominating a member for the Jennie Award is very exciting for all involved and public relations opportunities are plentiful.

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RESOLUTIONS

Caroline Mahaffey, Chairman

What is a resolution? According to Cambridge Dictionary "An official decision that is made after a group or organization has voted".

According to GFWC, " a. Resolutions, upon adoption, shall become an integral part of the policy of GFWC. b. The subject matter of all resolutions shall be germane to the interests or work of GFWC and must be national or international in scope. c. Specific methods of implementation shall be outlined in the resolutions when appropriate."

GFWC has resolutions in the areas of the Signature Program, the Juniors' Special Program, and the five community service areas.

A Resolution may be presented to GFWC Resolutions Committee by a State Federation.

In the same vein, resolutions that address issues that are pertinent only to South Carolina, and fall under one of the above programs may be considered at the state level.

Any club wishing to present a resolution for consideration at the state level, whether pertinent at the national or the state level, must send a copy of the resolution to the GFWC-SC Resolution Chairman by e-mail (rrealestcm@aol.com) no later than December 31. This activity should be reported under the appropriate Program or Advancement area, and included on the Rating Sheet.

A club that passes a resolution that pertains to a local issue, rather than a state or national issue should report that activity on their Rating Sheet, as well as include it in the appropriate Program or Advancement report.

BOOK NOW FOR CONVENTION!

ANNOUNCING CONVENTION 2025 ~ HILTON GARDEN INN – ROCK HILL

The sooner you book your room, the more confident you can be of reserving a room in the block. We will add to the block as the block sells out and rooms are available. But book now to ensure availability!

ROOM PRICING: Double Queens and Queen Jr. Suites are at the group rate of \$159 +tax and fees. King \$149

DIRECT LINK: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=RKHRHGI&groupCode=900&arrivaldate=2025-04-24&departuredate=2025-04-27&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

PHONE: Call the hotel directly at (803) 325-2800 and request General Federation of Women's Clubs SC group block.



We look forward to seeing you in 'The Rock'!

GFWC SOUTH CAROLINA LEADS 2025 APPLICATION FORM

February 8, 2025

Woman's Club of Cayce Clubhouse

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Club Name: _____ District: _____

Are you interested in leadership positions in your club, district and/or state level?

Yes _____ No _____

On a separate sheet, tell us about YOU!

All local club, district or state offices and/or chairmanships held. Any club/district programs/projects in which you were involved. Positions at the district, state, and/or national level in which you are interested. Interests, hobbies, family and/or description of your leadership style.

Are you willing to share what you have learned with your club/district/state?

Yes _____ No _____

Application with \$35 Materials/Meal Fee must be postmarked by January 25, 2025, and submitted to:

**Janet Prince – LEADS Chairman
1550 McSwain Drive
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GFWC-SC

WOMEN IN BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP FORM

Due December 15, 2024

Women in Business Sponsorship is the best way to support GFWC-SC and advertise your business statewide.

Your sponsorship provides the following:

- Quarter page ad in the GFWC-SC Convention Program
- Business information displayed on the GFWC-SC Website
- Ongoing business placement on the bimonthly membership newsletter
- Recognition on the GFWC-SC social media pages.

What we need from you: 1) Your business card for all of the above sources (immediately).

2) A request will be made for the ¼ page ad for the convention program closer to the event.

Name: _____

Club Name: _____

District: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2024 Fee* (due 12/15/2024): \$500.00

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

***This fee is for TWO years. If you do not participate in 2024 and decide to participate in 2025, the fee will be \$250.00 and due 12/15/2025.**

Make the check Payable to: GFWC-SC

Mail check and business card to: Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC 1st Vice President
205 Westbury Lane
Columbia, SC 29212

Updated 2024



**OFFICIAL CALL to
GFWC South Carolina
Winter Board of Directors Meeting
& Winter General Session
Saturday, January 11, 2025
Hilton Garden Inn
434 Columbiana Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29212**



9:00 a.m. Registration

9:15 a.m. GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting

GFWC-SC By-Laws Article VII - Section 3. The Board of Directors of GFWC-SC shall consist of the Executive Committee, the District Presidents, District Officers, the Special Assistant to the President, the Director-elect of Junior Clubs, the Past State Presidents who are residents of South Carolina, Community Service Programs Chairmen, Special Appointments Chairmen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the GFWC-SC Scholarship Fund, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Progress Foundation, Chairman of the Constitution and By-laws Committee, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Headquarters Committee, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, and the Presidents of Clubs, either direct or affiliated, or their appointees.

10:00 a.m. Call to Order Winter Board Session

SPEAKER: Amanda F. Whittle, J.D., CWLS. South Carolina Department of Children's Advocacy State Child Advocate

2025 Winter Report from the Board of Directors Meeting Report, Reporting Workshop Q & A, GFWC Progress Foundation Grants, Updates from District Presidents, Information on 2025 Convention, Information on LEADS and MORE!

*****Muffins, pastries & beverages will be available during the General Session*****

SERVICE PROJECT: We will be donating ethnic hair care products and boys pants to Midlands Orphan Relief.

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Junior Board Meeting

A block of rooms is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn at a special group rate of \$129 +tax & fees for a room with 2 Queen beds. Cut-off date to reserve a room is December 19. Cancellation without penalty is required by January 2 prior to 4:00 p.m. To reserve a room, contact Meetings and Convention Chairman Dolly McDermott, dollymcdermott@aol.com phone (301) 466-9632. Give Dolly your name & phone number and she will reserve your room. Dolly will send the hotel a room list & send you a confirmation.

Registration Information

Winter Board Registration Fee: \$25

Late Fee (after 1/4)/2025: \$15 (Late registration is accepted only if space is available.)

All Registration will be done via **EventBrite** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gfwc-sc-winterboard-tickets-1095757352739?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>.

Follow the steps below:

1. CLICK THE LINK - the registration page for Winter Board 2025 will open
2. CLICK GREEN BUTTON "TICKETS" - A list of registration options will open, select what you would like, after your selection
3. CLICK ORANGE BUTTON "CHECKOUT" - enter your contact and payment information
4. CLICK PLACE ORDER BUTTON
5. A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO YOU

Dates To Remember

**December 3, 2024
Giving Tuesday**

**December 3, 2024
GFWC-SC Stocking Extravaganza**

**December 4, 2024
GFWC Holiday Reception at
1734 N Street, Washington, DC**

**January 11, 2025
GFWC-SC Winter Board Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn - Harbison**

**February 8, 2025
GFWC-SC LEADS**

**April 25 - 27, 2025
GFWC-SC Convention
Hilton Garden Inn – Rock Hill**

**June 6 - 9, 2025
GFWC Annual Convention, OMNI Atlanta
Hotel at CNN Center, Atlanta, GA**

