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As my term as President of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of South Carolina draws to a close, I reflect on these past two years with my heart full of gratitude, joy, and pride. Serving this incredible organization has truly been a blessing, and I am deeply thankful for the privilege of leading a group of such remarkable women.



Throughout this administration, our guiding theme of “**Be Someone’s Sunshine**” has been more than words—it has been a way of serving. Together, we brought sunshine into our communities through kindness, compassion, meaningful service and yes, even love. Whether through club projects, outreach initiatives, or simply extending friendship and encouragement to one another, you embraced the spirit of spreading sunshine with enthusiasm and grace, sometimes even in costume.

My **Special Project-Preserve Our Birds**, became a heartfelt expression of that sunshine. Through education, conservation efforts, and increased awareness, you demonstrated how caring for God’s creation reflects our commitment to stewardship and service. I have been inspired by the creativity, dedication, and passion shown by clubs across our state as you worked to educate our children and protect and preserve bird habitats for future generations. Thanks to your purchase of my sunflower pins and various raffles, we were able to make a significant donation to South Carolina Wildlife Federation, earmarked for their bird conservation efforts. I can’t thank you enough.

None of the accomplishments of this administration would have been possible without the unwavering support of our district leaders, executive committee officers, committee chairmen, club presidents, my own Chapin Woman’s Club, and each of you. Your willingness to lead, serve, and support one another strengthened our federation and made my role as president easier, meaningful and rewarding. I am profoundly grateful for your friendship, your encouragement, your belief in me and in our shared mission.

As I pass the gavel, I do so with confidence and great hope for the future of GFWC South Carolina. This organization continues to shine brightly because of the dedication of its members and the values we uphold. I look forward to watching our new leaders carry forward the light, while finding new ways to serve and inspire.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your journey as you have been a part of mine, for Being Someone’s Sunshine alongside me, and for the countless memories I will forever cherish. I am proud to stand with you—as always—as a GFWC South Carolina Clubwoman.

In Federation Love,

Suzanne

Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC President





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OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**



2024-2026

While we said goodbye to one club, we were also excited to welcome a new one: the Palmetto State Past Directors of Junior Clubs. As founding president of this club, my hope is to continue supporting Junior Clubs across our state long after my term as Junior Director concludes. One unexpected blessing of creating this club has been reconnecting former members and past Junior Directors, strengthening the bonds that unite generations of GFWC-SC leaders.



As Junior Director, I had the privilege of serving on the GFWC Board of Directors, the GFWC-SC Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and several state committees. I also remained active locally, working to strengthen relationships between clubs and encourage collaboration, including partnerships between the Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray and the Lexington Woman's Club.

One of the accomplishments I am most grateful for was the reinstatement of the GFWC-SC Junior Board. This board provided a valuable platform for collaboration, leadership development, and membership growth. Through meetings, service projects, and leadership discussions, members supported initiatives such as the GFWC Junior Clubwoman Survey and Leadership Certification Program while building meaningful connections with one another.

Advocacy for children remained a priority throughout this administration. Clubs across the state actively participated in Advocates for Children initiatives, and we were honored to hear from the SC Director of Child Advocacy and a representative from St. Jude at state meetings. Many clubs completed impactful service projects that directly benefited children and families in their communities.

This administration's Special Project, Be the Spark, encouraged children to spend less time on screens and more time engaging with the outdoors. Clubs embraced this challenge through partnerships with schools, camps, and community organizations. Their efforts included outdoor programming, educational activities, financial contributions, and in-kind donations. In addition, fundraising at state and regional events supported Camp Greenville as it recovered from hurricane damage. Camp Greenville's commitment to providing a screen-free environment centered on outdoor experiences made it a meaningful partner for this project.

Communication and connection were strengthened through regular board meetings, statewide sessions, publications, and direct outreach to club presidents. Guided by Shannon Bailey's theme, "Stronger Together," Junior and Women's Clubs worked side by side to advance our shared mission. One example was the continued success of the annual purse auction, which supported the Junior Travel Fund while bringing members together in fellowship and service.

Throughout this administration, I was honored to represent South Carolina at national, regional, and state meetings. While I am proud of what was accomplished, the true success of these past two years belongs to the dedicated clubwomen who gave their time, talents, and hearts in service to others.

As my term as Junior Director comes to a close, I am filled with gratitude—for the friendships formed, the leaders who inspired me, the clubs that welcomed me, and the opportunity to serve alongside so many remarkable women. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journeys. It has been a privilege to serve, and I look forward to continuing to support GFWC-SC Junior Clubs in new ways as we carry forward the spirit of service and remain, always, stronger together.



Be the Spark!



Congratulations to Katie Moydell on receiving the Junior Clubwoman Of Achievement award and to Courtney Evans on her official installation as our new GFWC-SC Junior Director. I celebrate alongside you ladies and all of the junior clubwomen in our state on 2 years of excellence!

In Junior Love,

Michelle

Michelle Blackmon
GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs



Message From

Kaye Jones, GFWC SC President-elect



The Coastal District knows how to put on a convention! I do believe a great time was had by all attending. The weather was wonderful, the food great, the hotel was beautiful, and best of all the fellowship with our GFWC-SC sisters was perfect! Thank you to all of you involved with the planning and execution of this convention – you’re the BEST!



Lots of awards were given out and many club members were honored for their years of service – please check out the list in this magazine. We had TWO 50 years pins awarded – they were Ann Martin from the St Andrews Woman’s Club and Gail Ebner from Sand River Woman’s Club. Congratulations ladies! Both received a special letter from GFWC International President Suellen Brazil for this outstanding accomplishment!

Several clubs were honored for their club anniversaries with Woman’s Club of West Columbia receiving their 120th club anniversary! They were federated in 1906 – what an accomplishment! Bobbi Sox was officially honored at our state convention as the 2024-2026 GFWC-SC Jennie Award Winner.

Membership continues to be a focus for our state federation. As membership chair, I had a goal set of adding 10% to our membership. We did not quite make that, but we did add almost 8%! Please invite potential members to join and keep the ones you have – there is power in gaining and retaining! July 1 is the last time for your club to submit your new member’s information to GFWC for THIS administration. Please complete the **GFWC 2024-2026 MEMBERSHIP “EDUCATE, ENGAGE, & EMPOWER” RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN REPORT**. It can be found on the GFWC website or contact me to get the form. Please copy me when you submit your form to GFWC.

Thank you again for allowing me to be your 1st Vice President and Membership Chair. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years getting to know all of you!

In Federation Love,

Kaye



Message From

Carrie Zimmerman, GFWC SC Second Vice President



Hello fellow Clubwomen,

I recently learned a new word: Juggernaut. Juggernaut means: A massive, unstoppable force, I believe this is what GFWC-SC has shown in their communities over the last two years and will continue to show as GFWC-SC continues to grow!



I have enjoyed being a part of the “Be Someone’s Sunshine”, 2024-2026 administration. As an officer I attended many events, conventions and meetings to represent all of you! The highlight of this administration was being able to learn about all of the wonderful projects and community collaborations that many of you shared in your reports. The impact that each club brings to their community is wonderful and learning about it through reporting is such an eye-opener.

I want to reflect on the fact that we still have an opportunity over the next two years to have more of our fabulous clubs reporting. Documenting all the good works that ALL OF YOU do is important. Be proud and inform and your club is contributing to GFWC-SC’s numbers and possibly being recognized by winning awards. Attend the reporting workshops, ask a past club president for help, read the Clubwoman, reach out to us on the executive committee. We want to collaborate and work together to be the “Juggernaut” that GFWC-SC can be!

I want to thank the members for trusting me to assist in leading GFWC-SC and I look forward to the next administration.

In Federation Love,

Carrie



Message From

Katie Whitten, GFWC SC Treasurer

Thank you to the Executive Committee for the confidence you showed in appointing me Treasurer of GFWC-SC. I've worked hard to earn that trust.

The past six months have been a significant learning period:

- I learned the chart of accounts so each transaction is posted correctly.
- I mapped how our checking accounts are used and how funds move them.
- I documented event timing and related cash flows for future reference.
- I reviewed prior bank activity and QuickBooks records, which provided valuable context.



Overall, I've gained a strong understanding of our financial processes.

We encountered a few challenges along the way, but they've been resolved. We've also implemented improvements and controls to support smoother operations going forward:

- I linked QuickBooks to our BofA accounts for more timely and accurate posting.
- I introduced monthly account reconciliations.
- We are adding quarterly financial updates for the Executive Committee.
- A revised event balancing process will strengthen reporting for events and projects.

My father always told me, "Leave every area you touch better than you found it." I've aimed to do that by building on the strong structure already in place, and I will continue that work in the months ahead.

Thank you for trusting me in this role.

In Federation Love,

Katie



Message From

Kaye Hunke, GFWC SC Secretary



A special thank you to Suzanne for a successful administration. It has been an honor to serve our state in this position. The entire Executive Committee and all state officers have been wonderful to work with.

I have met many wonderful clubwomen throughout the state and attended meetings, fundraisers, and legislation day at the State House just to name a few. This organization has done and continues to do amazing work.

I look forward to being of service to Kaye Jones during her administration.

My best to all!

In Federation Love,

Kaye



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Number of Programs/Projects:	831
Number of Volunteer Hours:	73,829
Amount of Money Donated:	\$ 544,535
Dollars Spent on Advancement Plans:	\$ 114,054
Dollars Raised:	\$ 700,584
Amount of 'in-kind' Donations:	\$ 235,651
Number of Books Read:	374

STATE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Number of Members:	1,129
Woman's Club Members:	988
Junior Club Members:	141
Juniorette Club Members:	0
Number of Clubs:	46

Over the past two years,

1. We have completed our federation's first strategic plan, which will be a framework or roadmap for guiding our federation to greater success in all aspects: including growing our membership and Junior membership.
2. We've completed a comprehensive review and update of our state's bylaws
3. We've federated three new clubs (possibly four with a Juniorette club - by the official end of the administration)
4. We've achieved a net gain in membership of almost 8%
5. We've reinstated the hanging of past presidents' portraits in state headquarters. This Portrait Project should be complete by the beginning of the new club year in September.
6. We've lent GFWC South Carolina's name to the National Native Plant Month, bi-partisan legislation in both 2025 and 2026 (the only state federation to do so). This resolution was passed by the US Senate in May, designating April National Native Plant Month.
7. We went 'back to basics' with full day LEADS seminars in 2025 (when GFWC 2nd Vice President Mary Beth Williams attended and was a presenter), achieving record attendance of 29 – 22 being first-time attendees! The success of this LEADS prompted instituting a new summer follow-up mini-LEADS in 2025. 2026's LEADS 'The Heart of Leadership', which built upon 2025 content, achieved near record attendance, even without a GFWC officer attending.
8. We created an ad-hoc committee to research and obtain safe, secure storage for federation history and documents housed at our headquarters – and will be turning that responsibility over to the HQ committee
9. We've supported GFWC Affiliates with state fundraising: The GFWC-SC Team for St. Jude's Walk, Your State, Your Partner project raised over \$2,200 and our GFWC-SC Heifer fundraising push raised \$2,226 to date (or \$5,275, factoring in Heifer's matching programs).
10. Last year, we utilized video and Zoom presentations from GFWC officers and GFWC's Junior Director when they weren't scheduled to attend our convention; and this year introduced programs and speakers via Video and Zoom at state meetings and convention to introduce these programs to our membership.
11. My President's Special Project ~ Preserve Our Birds, through speakers, resolutions, articles and social media, highlighted the over 30% decline in the North American bird population and promoted

and encouraged conservation, and the importance of native plants to support birds and the ecosystems which support them.

- a. Additionally, Thanks to your support in various raffles and the purchase of my sunflower pin/pendant, we were able to donate \$1,900 to South Carolina Wildlife Federation, designated to bird preservation and education programs.
12. Our federation approved and sent Junior Women's Club of Columbia's Gun Safety Resolution to GFWC for consideration at international convention 2026. Another, on Native Plants from Chapin Woman's Club supporting my President's Special Project, was approved at this convention and will soon be sent to be considered at the 2027 GFWC international convention in Charlotte.
13. We've prioritized working closely with our Junior Director and being more inclusive to our Juniors, encouraging participation in meetings, ceremonials and choosing speakers of interest to them for state meetings
14. We've greatly increased our social media presence and encouraged clubs in that endeavor as well.
15. We have had overwhelming success with our International Day of Service social media campaign and partnership with South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, resulting in 12,269 total views and a 5,880 reach, and the establishment of a close working relationship and respect for the work GFWC South Carolina in this important area.
16. We achieved increased visibility for GFWC South Carolina with Federation Day social media video projects
17. We hosted a well-attended Southern Region Conference one week post a major, destructive hurricane while much of the host city was still without power.
18. We held Legislation Day at the State House, where GFWC -SC was recognized on the floors of both the House and Senate.
19. Clubs embraced our Your State Your Project: Wreaths Across America, with donations of wreaths and active participation on Wreaths Across America Day.
20. We've reestablished connections with clubs that were considering defederating or had become out of touch with our federation. These clubs have agreed to allow us to help them grow their membership during the next administration and assist them in learning how to access forms and other information on our GFWC-SC website.
21. This administration's theme of 'Be Someone's Sunshine' in our service, and the additional focus of bringing sunshine to our interactions with club sisters to help boost membership retention, was embraced and, I believe, has made an impact.
22. On a personal note, I have visited close to half our clubs, installed officers, attended fundraisers and club socials.
23. I've attended multiple funerals, for both members, former members and member's families.
24. I've attended international and region meetings, district and club meetings, and more national, state and committee Zoom meetings than I might care to count.
25. In closing, for your support and participation in the work we've done in the 2024-2026 administration Thank you. It has been my absolute honor, privilege and a true blessing to represent you as your state president these past two years.



2025 AWARDS PRESENTED AT GFWC-SC CONVENTION APRIL 2026

Arts & Culture

General I	GFWC Golden Strip Woman's Club
General II	GFWC Women of the `Burg Society
General III	GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Junior	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Club Creativity	GFWC Lexington Woman's Club

Civic Engagement & Outreach

General I	GFWC Golden Strip Woman's Club
General II	GFWC Women of the `Burg Society
General III	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior	GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Lexington Woman's Club Civic Engagement & Outreach Award	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Education & Libraries

General I	GFWC Woman's Club of West Columbia
General II	GFWC Sand River Woman's Club
General III	GFWC Chapin Woman's Club
Junior	GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry
Marie J Hammond Literary Award	GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands
Debbie Alexander Adult Education Award	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Environment

General I	GFWC Woman's Club of West Columbia
General II	GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands
General III	GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry
Junior	GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry
Palmetto Pride Award	GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club

Health & Wellness

General I	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
General II	GFWC Women of the `Burg Society
General III	GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
Junior	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Club Creativity	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

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Communications & Public Relations

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

Communications & Public Relations Newsletter

General I	No Submission
General II	GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands
General III	GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Junior	No Submission

Communications & Public Relations Website

General I	No Submission
General II	GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands
General III	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior	No Submission

Fundraising

General I	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
General II	GFWC Dream Makers of GFWC-SC
General III	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior	GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	GFWC Sand River Woman's Club
Rebecca Robbins Fundraising Award - Silver	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray & GFWC Lexington Woman's Club

Leadership

General I	GFWC Woman's Club of West Columbia
General II	GFWC Women of the 'Burg Society
General III	GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry
Junior	GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry

Membership

General I	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
General II	GFWC Women's Club of the Midlands
General III	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior	GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Club Creativity	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Sylvia Ayers Membership Award	GFWC Charleston Junior Woman's Club

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Legislation & Public Policy

General I	GFWC Golden Strip Woman's Club
General II	GFWC Upstate Woman's Club
General III	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Club Creativity	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Women's History & Resource Center

General I	GFWC Woman's Club of West Columbia
General II	GFWC Sand River Woman's Club
General III	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior	No Submission
Club Creativity	GFWC Sand River Woman's Club

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness

General I	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
General II	GFWC Sand River Woman's Club
General III	GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Junior	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Club Creativity	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children

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

GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Special Project

The Blue Flame Award	GFWC Upstate Woman's Club
The Torch Award	GFWC Sand River Woman's Club
The Ember Award	GFWC Women of the `Burg Society

GFWC-SC President's Special Project

Carolina Wren	GFWC Chapin Woman's Club
Birds of a Feather	GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry
Sparrow Award	GFWC Women of the `Burg Society

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Junior Silver Awards

Bobbie L. Lowe Junior Award	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Mary Plyer Memorial Junior Award	GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Jan W Hadwin/Beth Broom Junior Award	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Susan Abelkop Junior Membership Award	GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
Junior Spirit Award	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Contribution Sheet Silver Awards

Keith Unger Memorial Award	GFWC Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
Stackhouse Headquarters Award	GFWC Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
Janet B Agnew Award	GFWC Winnsboro Woman's Club
Clubwoman Magazine Award	GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
Princa M Wright Sims-Stackhouse	GFWC Palmetto Woman's Club
Mansion Endowment Award	
Virginia `Sissy` Welch Award	Midlands District
Ruby H McManus Sims Stachouse	Midlands District
Mansion Endowment Award	
Jan W Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse	GFWC Palmetto Woman's Club
Mansion Endowment Award	
Progress Foundation Award	GFWC Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

Rating Sheet Silver

Myrtis Flanagan Award - Category I	GFWC St. George Women's Guild
Jean T Kight Award - Category II	GFWC York County Woman's Club
Lavonia V Hendrix Award - Category III	GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
Mrs. John R Wolff Award	GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
Past President's Cup	Midlands District

Cup Awards

General Cup I	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
General Cup II	GFWC Sand River Woman's Club
General Cup III	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Junior Cup	GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club

President's Award of Excellence

GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Rosemary Rivers Memorial

GFWC Lexington Woman's Club

Community Impact Program

1st Place	GFWC Chapin Woman's Club
2nd Place	GFWC Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
3rd Place	GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
State Winner	GFWC Chapin Woman's Club

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Caroline Mahaffey Hope Award GFWC Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

Endowment Fund Award GFWC Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

Kate T Davis Memorial Award GFWC Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

Carol Vann Rowland & Susan Vann Katie Moydell

Hayes Junior Clubwoman

GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction Eileen Naglieri

GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year Connie Lawson

Emma McIntyre Burton Midlands District

Attendance Award

Janet Prince, GFWC-SC LEADS Grows

New Leaders Award

- GFWC Chapin Junior Woman's Club
- GFWC Chapin Woman's Club
- GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
- GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
- GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
- GFWC Pine Ridge Woman's Club
- GFWC Woman's Club of Cayce
- GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands
- GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry
- GFWC Women of the 'Burg Society
- GFWC York County Woman's Club

GFWC-SC LEADS Representative Elizabeth Renneker

ESO

- Century Award
Brenda Tarkenton
Janet Prince
Phyllis Sippel
- Second Century Award
Mel Smith
- Third Century Award
Mary Jean Burroughs

Scholarships

- Avery Derrick, University of South Carolina - Columbia
- Emma Franke, Charleston Southern University
- Georgia Ellisor, University of South Carolina - Aiken
- Maggie McManus, Erskine College
- Owens Bookhart, The Bridge at Clemson

2025 AWARDS PRESENTED AT GFWC-SC CONVENTION APRIL 2026

Writing Contests

GFWC Youth Writing Contest Award - Category I	Ava Barnes (GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands)
GFWC Creative Writing Award - Short Story	Linda George Sweatt
GFWC-SC Frances B. Hair Award - Best Short Story	Linda George Sweatt
Create Writing Award - Club Installations	Kaye Hunke
Emma R Lipscomb Memorial Writing Award	Linda George Sweatt

Photography Contest

Our World Up Close	Tammi-Lynn Wilson
Natural Wonders	Anne Marie Shepherd
Reflections	Joyce Thomas
Living the Volunteer Spirit	Christine Woodworth

Scrapbook Contest

GFWC Aiken Woman's Club

Order of the Jessamine

Kim Reed	GFWC Upstate Woman's Club
Maria Wingard	GFWC Chapin Woman's Club

Honor Roll

Brenda Tarkenton	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Connie Lawson	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Dolly McDermott	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Janet Prince	GFWC Woman's Club of West Columbia
Jeri McCumbee	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Megan Yongue	GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Nancy Moydell	GFWC Upstate Woman's Club
Nina Kirby	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Pam Thompson	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Susan Curley	GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Susan Lee	GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands and GFWC Girlfriends' Service Book Club
Tina Majors	GFWC Upstate Woman's Club
Tonja Ivey	GFWC Lexington Woman's Club

2025 AWARDS PRESENTED AT GFWC-SC CONVENTION APRIL 2026

Club Anniversaries

Dreammakers of GFWC-SC	10th Anniversary
GFWC-SC Past President's Club	40th Anniversary
GFWC Chapin Woman's Club	55th Anniversary
GFWC Charleston Junior Woman's Club	60th Anniversary
GFWC Woman's Club of Fort Mill	75th Anniversary
GFWC Woman's Club of West Columbia	120th Anniversary

Member Anniversaries

Beth Jebali	5 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Carolina Birchmore	5 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Laura Staton	5 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Sharon Hagan	10 Years, GFWC Sand River Woman's Club
Ann Keisler	20 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Sandi Jordan	20 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Susan Swails	20 Years, GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
Tanya Hudson	20 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Cindy Smith	25 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Janet Prince	25 Years, GFWC Woman's Club of West Columbia
Phyllis Plyer	25 Years, GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
Theresa Gille	25 Years, GFWC Upstate Woman's Club
Dorothy Boyd	30 Years, GFWC Upstate Woman's Club
Judy Clark	30 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Kaye Jones	35 Years, GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
Sherry Cariens	35 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Caroline Mahaffey	40 Years, GFWC Upstate Woman's Club
Dale Timbes	40 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Carol Ann Williams	45 Years, GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
DeeDee Whitehead	45 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Gail Elfert	45 Years, GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
Jackie Boland	45 Years, GFWC Woman's Club of West Columbia
Ann Martin	50 Years, GFWC St. Andrews Woman's Club
Beverly Whitworth	50 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Gail Ebner	50 Years, GFWC Sand River Woman's Club
Rose Wilkins	60 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
Viril Caughman	60 Years, GFWC Lexington Woman's Club

GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year

Connie Lawson

I am honored to nominate Connie Lawson for the Volunteer of the Year award. Connie is the heart and soul of our club, dedicating countless hours to community service with passion, kindness, and unwavering commitment. Her leadership, creativity, and generosity have made an extraordinary impact on the GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club and our entire community.



Transforming Lives Through Service

Connie's commitment to service extends far beyond the club and continues to transform lives throughout our community. While she chaired the National Day of Service combating food insecurity in 2024, her efforts did not end there. In February, she played a key role in arranging and facilitating meetings between the Low Country Food Bank and the North Myrtle Beach Mayor, City Manager and the Parks & Recreation Director. These discussions led to the creation of ongoing Saturday, market-style food distributions for food-insecure residents, held at the North Myrtle Beach Farmers Market. Connie devoted 20 hours to coordinating these efforts.

Connie also co-chaired the club's team for the Alzheimer's Association Walk. The team surpassed its fundraising goal of \$2,500 by raising \$2,990. As a result of these efforts, the club ranked among the Top 10 GFWC clubs nationwide raising funds for Alzheimer's. This cause holds deep personal significance for Connie, whose husband is living with Alzheimer's disease, further strengthening her commitment to raising awareness. She spent 20 hours in this role.

She also played a role at our Domestic Violence Walk spending 35 hours of planning and attending meetings. She had her own dedicated booth at the walk raising awareness about human trafficking, teen dating and elder abuse. This event raised \$30,883.

Connie serves GFWC-SC in several roles. She is the GFWC Signature Program Chair for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention 2024-2026 and the GFWC-SC Chair of the International Day of Service 2025. She obtained a state proclamation from the Governor of SC declaring September 27, 2025 as General Federation of Women's Clubs International Day of Service. Connie also initiated the request for an International Day of Service Proclamation from the City of North Myrtle Beach and it was read at City Hall on Sept 15, 2025. She partnered with the SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to run an educational Social Media Campaign September 21-27, 2025. A total of 55 hours was spent. Connie also dedicated another 45 hours partnering again with the SC Coalition to run an educational Social Media Campaign for the entire month of October. Connie also serves as GFWC-SC Trustees of the Scholarship Fund for the Coastal District.

Advocacy and Volunteerism Beyond the Club

Additionally, Connie volunteers at McLeod Seacoast Hospital in Little River, SC, where she serves as Team Leader of Pastoral Care. Overall, she spent 680 hours in this role. She trained 69 volunteers at the hospital in a program she developed called "No One Dies Alone" where volunteers are taught how to "sit vigil" with someone who is expected to die within 72 hours and has no family in the area, ensuring that terminally ill patients without family receive compassionate companionship in their final moments. This program is now being shared with other hospitals wishing to start a similar program.

A Leader, Writer, and Dedicated Club Member

Within our club, Connie has served in numerous leadership roles over the years, including Chaplain, Health & Wellness Chair, and Second Vice President 2022-2024 where she was responsible for writing our newsletters which were recognized with awards from GFWC-SC in 2023. In 2025, she has written over 55 hours' worth of articles for GFWC-SC Here Comes the Sun, GFWC News and Notes, GFWC-SC Clubwoman Magazine and our club newsletter. Connie is always finding ways to give back and she generously donates

to Coats for Kids, Tools for School, Christmas gifts to the local shelter and Veterans, Wreaths Across America, and anything else our club is promoting.

Connie's Background

She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in occupational health and safety engineering. She spent five years as an emergency room nurse before moving into corporate occupational health and safety at Verizon. Now retired, she continues to give her time selflessly, alongside her husband, Jack. Together, they have a blended family of three children and seven grandchildren.

Why Connie Deserves This Award

Connie is the embodiment of what it means to be a volunteer. She consistently exceeds expectations, taking on projects with unmatched dedication and compassion. She is genuinely kind, focused, and always willing to serve where needed. She never seeks recognition always saying it was God who deserves it. Her impact is undeniable.

It would be a privilege to see Connie Lawson recognized as Volunteer of the Year. She has changed lives through her work, and I am confident she will continue to do so.

GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction

Eileen Naglieri

It is my great honor to nominate Eileen Naglieri for the GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction Award, recognizing a woman whose lifetime of service, leadership, and compassion has profoundly strengthened her profession, her community, and our club. For more than four decades, Eileen has devoted her life to ensuring that children with disabilities are seen, supported, and given every opportunity to reach their full potential both in school and in life. Her work, professionally and through volunteer service, embodies compassion, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to others.



Eileen's dedication extends beyond participation. She inspires those around her. Her positive attitude and collaborative spirit encourage fellow members to become more involved, strengthening both our club and the impact we have in our community. She represents the best of what it means to be a GFWC Clubwoman.

Eileen has been an educator for 42 years and currently serves as a Special Education Specialist in Greenville County. She believes every decision in education must place the child at the center, and she consistently works to ensure students with disabilities receive the resources and opportunities necessary to thrive. For Eileen, this is not simply a career; it is a vocation driven by passion and a deep sense of purpose.

Her impact reaches far beyond the classroom. In a previous district, she facilitated the introduction of mental health services into schools and implemented positive behavior support systems. She also chaired an interagency committee focused on children's mental health, bringing together educators, families, and community partners to strengthen local support networks. Beyond her day-to-day responsibilities, which often require evenings and weekends, Eileen oversees the Extended School Year program for Greenville County Schools, ensuring students with disabilities continue to develop essential skills during breaks from the traditional school year.

Eileen's leadership has been widely recognized. She is an active member of the Council for Exceptional Children and has been honored by Chapter 1161 as Educator of the Year, Outstanding Member, and Hall of Fame inductee. She has also served as secretary, vice president, and president, and chaired the scholarship committee supporting students pursuing careers in special education and students with disabilities continuing their education. Her work has created a lasting legacy of opportunity, dignity, and support for children and families.

Even outside her professional responsibilities, Eileen serves children with special needs. She volunteers at her church, working with students with moderate intellectual disabilities and autism, helping them learn to read while also teaching about the Christian faith. Her patience, nurturing guidance, and kindness allow her to connect with these children in ways that truly change lives.

Eileen has been a proud member of the Upstate Woman's Club for eight years and has made an extraordinary impact on our service initiatives. She encouraged our club to expand outreach to better support children with special needs, leading to the creation of two sensory rooms in local elementary schools. She personally worked with these schools to identify needs, order materials, deliver equipment, and help set up these rooms. One occupational therapist shared that this initiative has been "such a blessing" for students. Our club hopes to establish a third sensory room this year thanks to her continued leadership.

Eileen's impact within the Upstate Woman's Club is both meaningful and lasting. She played a key role in expanding our school supply drive and inspired the club to support a Little Free Library in an underserved area, rallying members to bring the idea to life and increase access to books for local children. Eileen consistently steps forward wherever help is needed, supporting all our club's service projects and volunteering each year for our Day of Service as well as events such as the Holiday Fair. When Hurricane Helene impacted communities in nearby western North Carolina, she also helped organize and deliver donations to support families who had been affected. Her leadership has extended into club governance, where she has served as co-chair of our social committee and has been nominated to serve as secretary. Beyond the local level, Eileen generously gives her time to serve on the GFWC-SC Scholarship Committee. Her steadfast loyalty, nurturing spirit, and ability to inspire others to join causes she is passionate about have strengthened both our club and the community we proudly serve.

Eileen's commitment to building community extends even into her neighborhood. She serves on her association's social committee, helping plan events that bring neighbors together, and leads a local book club that fosters friendship, thoughtful conversation, and a love of learning.

Just as she serves her community, Eileen demonstrates extraordinary nurturing and devotion within her family. She and her husband, Ray, raised two children who reflect the values she instilled. Eileen actively supported their education and personal growth, helping them navigate school, higher education, and early career decisions with patience and wisdom. Their daughter is now a physician assistant at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle, and their son works as a programmer at Apple Inc. These achievements reflect both the children's determination and Eileen's nurturing influence, which helped them become compassionate, socially conscious, and driven adults.

Perhaps the most vivid example of Eileen's character is the care she and Ray provided for Ray's mother, Rose. They built an apartment attached to their home so she could remain independent while staying close to family. As her health declined, they stepped in to provide daily care and supervision while allowing Rose to remain in her own space. When a stroke left Rose unable to walk or care for herself, Eileen's patience and nurturing nature ensured Rose's comfort, dignity, and well-being. She often was the only person able to gently encourage Rose to eat in her final months. Rose passed away a few months ago at the age of 95, having spent her final years surrounded by love, security, and attentive care.

Through all of these responsibilities, her demanding career, extensive volunteer work, and caregiving, Eileen never stepped away from supporting our club. She continued to attend meetings, support

fundraising efforts, volunteer for projects, and encourage fellow members. She has even assisted club members navigating challenges with special needs grandchildren, sharing her expertise and guidance so those children could receive the support they needed.

Colleagues, parents, and community members often describe Eileen as someone who leads with kindness, knowledge, and collaboration. She has mentored many educators over the years and continues to inspire those around her through her humility, patience, and deep compassion. Fellow club member Caroline Mahaffey captures this perfectly: "Eileen always has a smile for you, but more importantly, she makes you smile. She exudes compassion and goes out of her way to make life easier for you. Eileen goes above and beyond in everything that she does, in club work, in her career, and more importantly in taking care of family."

Eileen Naglieri never seeks recognition, yet her life is a powerful example of service in its truest form. She has spent her career advocating for children, strengthening families, and improving her community while remaining a steadfast and dedicated member of our club. Balancing a demanding career, intensive volunteer commitments, and full-time caregiving required extraordinary dedication, resilience, and grace under pressure. Through her professional work, club initiatives, and family guidance, Eileen has created a ripple effect of positive change, touching the lives of countless children, families, and community members.

I am deeply honored to volunteer alongside Eileen and even more honored to call her my friend. In my years with our club, I have met many dedicated volunteers, but few whose lives so clearly reflect the spirit of service, compassion, and leadership that this award was created to recognize. Eileen's lifelong commitment to education, family, and community has touched countless lives, created lasting change, and inspired everyone fortunate enough to work with her. She embodies the very best of GFWC-SC, and I can think of no one more deserving of recognition as a Woman of Distinction.



GFWC-SC 128th Annual Convention
Marina Inn at Grand Dunes, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina
128th Annual Convention Minutes
Marina Inn at Grand Dunes, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
April 17-18, 2026

GFWC South Carolina President Suzanne Carswell called the 128th Annual Convention of the GFWC South Carolina, to order on Friday, April 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Susan Lee, GFWC-SC Chaplain, Woman's Club of the Midlands, provided the opening inspiration and invocation.

The colors were presented by the American Legion Post 186 of Little River, SC. The National Anthem was sung by Marlisa Small, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club. Rhonda Adkinson, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pledge to the Flag of South Carolina.

Anne Redlus, Woman's League of the Lowcountry, led Collect for Clubwomen, and Ann Dosen, Chapin Junior Woman's Club, led the National Pledge to Junior Clubwomen.

Kathy Heagen, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club, introduced welcome Speaker Jeri McCumbee, North Myrtle Beach City Councilwoman.

President Suzanne Carswell introduced Wendy Carriker, GFWC President-elect. She gave a warm welcome from GFWC.

Kristin Fields, GFWC-SC Protocol Chairman, Introduced the Officers, Past Presidents, Past Directors of Junior Clubs, Members Serving on the GFWC Board of Directors and Special Guests.

Courtney Evans, GFWC-SC Credentials Chairman, gave the Preliminary Credentials Report. Attachment #1 President Carswell declared a Quorum was present.

Marian St. Clair, GFWC-SC Parliamentary Advisor, presented the Convention Rules and Procedures as printed on page 16 of the Convention Program. The rules and procedures were adopted.

Janet Prince, GFWC-SC Special Assistant to the President, presented the Convention Program and moved the adoption of the Convention Program as corrected, and subject to any additional necessary changes. The Convention Program was adopted. Attachment #2

Juliette Casper, GFWC Treasurer, and member of North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club, introduced our Guest Speaker Laura von Herrmann, Director of Operations at Sea Haven for Youth.

Susan Lee, GFWC-SC Chaplain, Woman's Club of the Midlands, provided inspiration and grace.

Carrie Zimmerman explained the Service Project Assembly and Journal packets were handed out.

The meeting was recessed for **LEADING WITH LIBERTY BUFFET LUNCHEON** from 12:25 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. Marian St. Clair, GFWC-SC Parliamentary Advisor, read the section from the Bylaws on Resolutions.

Per the GFWC-SC Bylaws, "ARTICLE 13 - STANDING COMMITTEES Section 4. The Committee on Resolutions shall consist of three members and shall present all proposed resolutions to the Board of Directors for endorsement.

All Resolutions shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee by January 1. Only emergency resolutions shall be accepted after January 1. The committee shall meet at Winter Board to

discuss the proposed resolutions and take any action necessary. Those Resolutions endorsed by the Board of Directors shall be presented by the Chairman to the Convention during the first day and shall be presented the second time for adoption during the second day. Resolutions adopted shall be published in the South Carolina Clubwoman Magazine and be effective for six years unless withdrawn during the interim.

Caroline Mahaffey, GFWC-SC Resolutions Committee Chairman, gave an update from the Resolutions Committee. Attachment #

Connie Lawson, Chairman GFWC Signature Program, presented the Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Club Creativity Award Entry. Attachment #

GFWC-SC President Suzanne Carswell called Laurie O'Kelly, Southern Region President, 2024 – 2026, to the podium and presented the total donation to Heifer International Flock of Chicks as \$5,375. This was the service project under her administration.

Carrie Zimmerman, GFWC-SC Second Vice President, presided over the GFWC Advancement Area and Community Service Program Awards. See Clubwoman Magazine for list of winners.

The Convention was recessed at 2:08 p.m.

The Convention was called to order by President Carswell at 7:05 p.m. for "THE COLORS OF FREEDOM ~ A STAR-SPANGLED EVENING & JUNIOR CELEBRATION" dinner.

Dolly McDermott, GFWC-SC Convention Co-chair, introduced our evening entertainer Mike Mandeville.

Peggy Aun, Chapin Junior Woman's Club, offered grace. A buffet dinner was served.

Carrie Zimmerman, GFWC-SC Second Vice President, presided over the Presentation of Awards. See Clubwoman Magazine for list of winners.

Michelle Blackmon, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs, introduced Speaker, Katie Moydell, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs 2022-2024, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs 2014-2016 & 2016-2018.

Michelle Blackmon, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs, presented the GFWC/GFWC-SC Junior Awards. See Clubwoman Magazine for list of winners.

The meeting recessed at 8:29 p.m. and was followed by a successful Junior Purse Auction for the Director's Travel Fund. The convention was recessed at 9:45 p.m.

GFWC-SC Convention Resumed, Saturday, April 17, 2026

GFWC-SC President Carswell called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Susan Lee, GFWC-SC Chaplain, Woman's Club of the Midlands, provided the inspiration.

Wendy Carriker, GFWC President-elect, gave opening remarks.

Kaye Hunke, GFWC-SC Secretary, gave the Report of the Board of Directors Meeting. Attachment #3

Kaye Hunke, GFWC-SC Secretary, read the correspondence. Attachment #

Courtney Evans, GFWC-SC Credentials Chairman, presented the Preliminary Credentials Report. Attachment # 1

Caroline Mahaffey, GFWC-SC Resolutions Chairman, gave the report from the Resolutions Committee. Attachment #

Marian St.Clair, GFWC-SC Parliamentary Advisor, Read the GFWC-SC Rules governing Amendments. See Clubwoman Magazine.

Juliet Casper, GFWC-SC Chairman of Bylaws Committee, read the Amendments to the Bylaws. See Clubwoman Magazine.

GFWC-SC President Carswell called for the Officer's Reports:

- Donna Anderson, Upstate District President, presented her report. Attachment #
 - Susan Lee, Midlands District President, presented her report. Attachment #
 - Jeri McCumbee, Coastal District President, presented her report. Attachment #
- GFWC-SC President Carswell called for the Officer Reports:
- Michelle Blackmon, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs, presented her report. Attachment #
 - Katie Whitten, GFWC-SC Treasurer, presented her report. Attachment #
 - Kaye Hunke, GFWC-SC Secretary, presented her report. Attachment #2
 - Carrie Zimmerman, GFWC-SC Second Vice President, presented her report. Attachment #2
 - Kaye Jones, GFWC-SC President-elect, presented her report. Attachment #2
 - Suzanne Carswell, GFWC-SC President, presented her report. Attachment #2

At 11:00 a.m. Kaye Hunke, GFWC-SC Secretary read the Rules of Elections as outlined in the ByLaws.

The following were elected as Executive Officers:

GFWC-SC Treasurer: Katie Whitten

GFWC-SC Secretary: Kathy Heagen

GFWC-SC First Vice President: Carrie Zimmerman

GFWC-SC Second Vice President: Katie Moydell

See Clubwoman Magazine for complete list of elected officials.

Katie Whitten, GFWC-SC Treasurer, presented the Contribution Sheet Silver Awards. See Clubwoman Magazine

Juliet Casper, GFWC Treasurer, North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club, presented the video presentation by Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation.

GFWC-SC President Carswell called for reports from the Standing Committees. Attachments

GFWC-SC President Carswell called for reports from the Board of Trustees. Attachments

Susan Lee, GFWC-SC Chaplain, Assisted by District Presidents, conducted the 2026 Memorial Service.

The meeting was recessed at 1:04 p.m.

Saturday, April 17, 2026

GFWC-SC President Carswell reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. for the "United We Shine Celebration Gala."

Jeri McCumbee, GFWC-SC Coastal District President, introduced our entertainment for the evening. Randy Clifton.

Susan Lee, GFWC-SC Chaplain, provided grace before dinner.

Marian St.Clair, GFWC President 2020-2022, GFWC-SC Parliamentary Advisor, introduced our guest speaker, GFWC President-elect, Wendy Carriker.

Kaye Gerrald, GFWC-SC President's Special Project Chairman, presented the GFWC-SC Presidents Special Project awards. See Clubwoman Magazine.

Michelle Blackmon, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs, presented the Junior Cup Award. See Clubwoman Magazine.

Carrie Zimmerman, GFWC-SC Second Vice President, presented the General Cup Awards for Category I, II, and III. See Clubwoman Magazine.

President Carswell presented the President's Award of Excellence. See Clubwoman Magazine.

Kaye Jones, GFWC-SC President-elect, presented the Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award. Attachment #

Kaye Hunke, GFWC-SC Secretary, Presented the 2026 Honor Roll. See Clubwoman Magazine.

Pamme Eades, GFWC-SC presented the Community Impact Program Award. Attachment #

GFWC-SC President Carswell called for the Individual Awards and Recognitions. See Clubwoman Magazine.

Michelle Blackmon GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs, gave her closing remarks.

Suzanne Carswell GFWC-SC President, gave her closing remarks.

Courtney Evans, Credentials Chairman Final Credentials Report. Attachment #1.

Kaye Jones, President-elect presented the Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award

Shelli Pue, Midland's President and Susan Lee issued the Midlands District Invitation to the 2027 Annual Convention.

Katie Moydell, Fundraising Chairman, President's Travel Fund, drew the winners of the 50/50 and Basket winners, Susan Lee (\$287.50) and Marion St. Clair (\$250)

GFWC South Carolina Installation of Officers for 2026-2028

Gail Elfert, St. Andrew's Woman's Club, performed the installation of District Presidents and Executive Officers.

Courtney Evans, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs 2026-2028 gave her closing remarks.

Kaye Jones, GFWC-SC President 2026-2028, gave her closing remarks.

Courtney Evans, Credentials Chairman, provided the Final Credentials Report. Attachment #1

Peggy Aun, Chapin Junior Woman's Club led the closing song, Let There Be Peace on Earth.

The 128th Annual Convention was adjourned by President Carswell at 10:31 p.m.



President's Special Project: Preserve Our Birds

On May 5 during Midlands Gives, GFWC-SC donated \$1,900—raised over the past two years through sunflower pin sales and raffles for my President's Special Project—to the South Carolina Wildlife Federation (SCWF) designated for bird conservation and education.

On May 7, SCWF invited us to be a presenting sponsor of its June 8 Palmetto Pro Birder: Blue Ridge Parkway Training.

<https://www.scwf.org/events/palmetto-pro-birders-blue-ridge-parkway-26/>

Additionally, the prothonotary warbler, also known as the "swamp canary," is a vibrant yellow, migratory songbird officially designated as South Carolina's state migratory bird in April 2026. Their numbers have declined 40% since the 1960's. Around 50,000 return each spring (late March) to South Carolina's forested wetlands and swamps to nest before migrating to Central and South America. SCWF will utilize part of our donation to purchase new 10' poles to replace the inadequate supports used for prothonotary warbler nesting boxes at Sumter National Forest.

Thanks to each of you for your support for my President's Special Project: Preserve Our Birds. You've truly helped to make a difference!

Suzanne



**Prothonotary
Warbler**





GFWC-SC GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	Budget 2025-2026	Projected 2025-2026	Proposed Budget 2026-2027	Proposed 2027 vs Projected 2026
Revenue:				
GFWC-SC Dues:				
General & Juniors (\$27)(G)(Jr) 1(Mem@large) ~1065 members	\$28,157.00	\$28,947.00	\$29,025.00	\$78.00
Heritage (\$16) 68		\$1,088.00	\$1,088.00	\$0.00
Juniorettes (\$11)	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Jr. Travel Fund: \$4/Jr. (141 members)	\$516.00	\$564.00	\$564.00	\$0.00
GFWC-SC Additional Income:				\$0.00
Contributions-General Fund	\$150.00	\$470.00	\$300.00	(\$170.00)
Contributions - SC Clubwoman	\$150.00	\$190.00	\$150.00	(\$40.00)
Contributions-Endowment		\$175.00		(\$175.00)
Contributions Jr. Spec Proj		\$100.00		(\$100.00)
Contributions Pres. Spec Proj		\$460.00		(\$460.00)
Contrib Pres Travel Fundr		\$100.00		(\$100.00)
Contribution Augusta Wolfe Jr Travel Fund		\$100.00		(\$100.00)
Jr Travel Fund Fundraiser	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	
President Travel Fund Fundraiser	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	
Honor Roll Fundraiser	\$350.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
Order of the Jessamine	\$400.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Women in Business Directory	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest - General Fund	\$1,400.00	\$1,309.42	\$1,400.00	\$90.58
Interest - Endowment	\$2,000.00	\$1,786.54	\$2,000.00	\$213.46
Interest - Augusta Wolfe (Jr. Travel)	\$300.00	\$432.82	\$300.00	(\$132.82)
Meetings:				\$0.00
Registration - GFWC-SC Convention	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Registration - LEADS Conference	\$1,015.00	\$980.00	\$2,750.00	\$1,770.00
Registration Summer Boards	\$2,250.00	\$3,505.94	\$2,500.00	(\$1,005.94)
Registration Winter Boards	\$1,500.00	\$1,730.00	\$1,875.00	\$145.00
Total Revenues:	\$45,188.00	\$44,613.72	\$47,627.00	\$3,013.28
EXPENSES:				
GFWC Dues Paid:				
General, Juniors & Heritage (\$15)	\$16,480.00	\$16,920.00	\$18,128.00	\$1,208.00
Juniorettes (\$10)		\$0.00		\$0.00
Southern Region Dues	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Travel, Meetings, Conferences, Conventions & Orientation:				
Travel - President *	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$0.00
Travel - Director of Jrs. **	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
Travel - First Vice Pres	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Travel - Second Vice Pres	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00



	Budget 2025-2026	Projected 2025-2026	Proposed Budget 2026-2027	Proposed 2027 vs Projected 2026
Travel - Secretary	\$750.00	\$750.70	\$750.00	(\$0.70)
Travel-Treasurer	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Travel - Director-elect Jr Clubs			\$1,000.00	
Travel -Outgoing President every other year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Travel - Outgoing Dir. of Jrs. Every other year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Leadership Orientation - Incoming Pres.	\$700.00	\$700.00		(\$700.00)
Leadership Orientation - Incoming Jr. Dir.	\$700.00	\$700.00		(\$700.00)
GFWC LEADS Program Participant	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
GFWC-SC Expenses:				
Meetings:		\$0.00		
Convention Expenses	\$3,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Summer Board Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,251.19	\$2,750.00	\$1,498.81
Winter Board Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00
LEADS Conference Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,091.42	\$1,500.00	\$408.58
Program Council		\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Convention Awards	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Southern Region		\$355.00	\$350.00	(\$5.00)
GFWC Convention	\$1,500.00	\$1,059.00	\$1,200.00	\$141.00
Expenses - Office of:		\$0.00		
President	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Junior Director	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
First Vice President	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Second Vice President	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Secretary	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Treasurer (QuickBooks renewal & check products)	\$240.00	\$33.40	\$90.00	\$56.60
Operating Expenses:		\$0.00		
Liability Insurance (HQ's)	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	
Review of Financial Statements	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
SC Sec of State Charitable Funds Reg	\$51.85	\$51.85	\$52.00	\$0.15
SC Sec State Raffle Registration	\$51.85	\$51.85	\$52.00	\$0.15
South Carolina Clubwoman	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Surety/ Bonding Insurance (3 yr)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Website includes email renewal	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
Website Redesign and update	\$700.00	\$640.02	\$350.00	(\$290.02)
ESO pins	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Special Expenses:		\$0.00		\$0.00
Past President's Pin	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	(\$750.00)
Total Disbursements:	\$45,153.70	\$41,109.43	\$47,627.00	
(Over)/Under Budget	\$34.30	\$3,504.29	\$0.00	

GFWC-SC Headquarters Budget 2026-2027

INCOME

Apartment Rentals	\$28,800.00
Outside Rentals	\$2,700.00
GFWC-SC General Fund share of Liability Insurance	\$700.00
Fundraisers	\$20,000.00
Tablecloth and Portable Bar Rental	\$275.00
Total Income	\$52,475.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Russell Massey Insurance - Headquarters Insurance/Liability	\$8,500.00
Dominion Energy	\$9,500.00
City of Columbia Water/Sewer	\$3,000.00
Lawn Service	\$3,500.00
Rocket Pest Control	\$500.00
Airport Heating and Cooling Contract	\$1,100.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$22,800.00
Online Auction	\$2,295.00
Spectrum Phone/Wi Fi	\$1,080.00
Postage	\$200.00
Total Disbursements	\$52,475.00



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I am very honored to be serving as your 2026-2028 GFWC-South Carolina president. Thank you for trusting me to lead this federation. I am so grateful for your kindness and welcoming words I felt as I stepped into this role. A special thank you to the St. Andrews Woman's Club for their support and to Gail Elfert for the beautiful installation ceremony!



The theme for my 2026-2028 Administration is **Lift Them Up...Let Them Soar!** and the symbol is a blue hot air balloon. Blue symbolizes tranquility, calmness, trust, and peace and it represents support for survivors of abuse. The General Federation of Women's Clubs International and General Federation of Women's Clubs South Carolina have worked diligently over the years to prevent this abuse and to help survivors, but our work is not done!

An estimated 47.3% of women and 44.2% of men in the United States experience some form of abuse during their lifetime.

- South Carolina records an average of more than **30,000 cases of intimate partner violence** each year.
- In 2024, there were **59 domestic violence homicides** in S.C.
 - In **66.1%** of homicide cases, a **firearm was the murder weapon** used.
- South Carolina ranked in the **top 10 states** for 23/25 years for the **most men murdering women** in the state and **ranks 17th** in the nation in terms of household firearm ownership rates.
- The **estimated annual losses from domestic violence in South Carolina** reach **\$358 million** when economic impacts from loss of productivity are combined with costs of response.
- **3,536** number of new primary survivors of sexual assault who sought services from a rape crisis center
- Each **sexual assault costs SC** an estimated **\$122k**.
- **92% knew their offender:** 15% were identified as a current/former spouse or boyfriend, 47% as a relative, parent, parent's partner, sibling, and 30% as a friend or acquaintance

My friends, these are numbers we cannot ignore! The focus for this administration is to help survivors of abuse and to work to change the laws to prevent and punish future abuse. I will be focusing on several fronts to accomplish this.

- **Up, Up, and Away** - developing projects that involve collaboration between 2 or more clubs across the state that impact survivors of abuse,
- **Fly Like an Eagle** - enhancing existing club projects or developing new projects at the club level to aid shelters in our state, and
- **Defying Gravity** - utilizing our membership to work legislatively to influence our representatives to present bills preventing abuse and helping our survivors live their best life! Usage of the Legislative Action Center nationally and statewide will be a focus.

More information will be coming at Summer Board. Together we can all **Lift Them Up...Let Them Soar!**

I look forward to seeing you at our Summer Session in August. Lots of information will be shared so please bring some of your club sisters and join us!

In Federation Love,

Kaye

**Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC President**



PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO GFWC-SC 2026 CONVENTION BODY

First, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your next president. I am truly honored! When I retired 10 years ago, I definitely did not have this on my bingo card!

I also want to give a tremendous thank you to Gail Elfert for taking my vision and turning it into a beautiful installation! Thank you Gail!

I would never have made it this far without the support of my family. They allowed me to follow my volunteer passion, and I appreciate them so much. Both worked on scrapbooks, performed in the Red Stockings Revue, and let me do what I enjoyed. Tom Jones and Katie Moydell, please stand and be recognized. I am so happy to be serving on the Executive Committee with my Katie. She's already said she knows I can yell at her if she messes up!

My other special guests here tonight are:

Trish Proctor - she invited me to join Jr WC of Columbia. The year before I joined, I helped her behind the scenes during lunch time running JWC errands. I joined then she left the club a few years later to have babies and move up the corporate ladder while I stuck around!!

Nina Myrick - she and I joined JWC of Columbia together. While we worked at the same company, I'm not sure we would have ever connected as friends like we did if not for the club. We navigated being provisionals together and became quite good friends in the process. Many people have asked if we are sisters...once we were even accused of being twins...and asked if we were sure when we said no!!

Judy Powers - she joined JWC of Columbia a few years after we did and thanks to working on our club scrapbook, serving on executive committee for JWC and Palmetto Place and rooming together at several state conventions, we got to be good friends...we also both love Clemson and have been to many football games together!!

Beth Taylor - now, she truly is my sister! She joined JWC of Columbia and then St Andrews Woman's Club and has supported me throughout the years...we've had some good times at GFWC National Conventions along the way.

Also at my table are our traveling buddies Diane & Steve Bozard. Diane was in JWC Columbia and is in St Andrews Woman's Club.

Thank you all for being there and being good friends!

Will all present or past members of Junior Woman's Club of Columbia, please stand and be recognized. Thank you all for being the entrance into GFWC and for the work you continue to do for our community.

Laurie O'Kelly and Gail Elfert - I discovered St Andrews Woman's Club at a state convention right here in Myrtle Beach! Our Friday night banquet theme was "The Way We Were" and their members all wore these bathing suit coverup that had very curvaceous figures in bikinis on them...even though you could see they were shirts and they had pants on; they gave the illusion of walking around in a skimpy bathing suit! It was hilarious to see the double takes people made as they walked through the lobby. Both ladies welcomed me into SAWC a few years later.

Will all present or past members of St Andrews Woman's Club, please stand and be recognized. St Andrews Woman's Club has been supportive of me since I joined them in 2002. I truly appreciate the love and encouragement I have gotten from all of you.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO GFWC-SC 2026 CONVENTION BODY

When I look at this table and across the room, I realize the friendships gained while doing what we enjoy is maybe the best personal benefit there is! Thank you all for coming to this installation!

Because of my work through our GFWC clubs, I became involved in other community work, and I have realized that my passion is truly helping women and children escape and recover from domestic and sexual abuse. I served on the boards for Palmetto Place Children's Emergency Shelter and Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands. A few things that have stuck with me to this day are:

- A small child at Palmetto Place crying for his mom and when I found out how badly she hurt him physically for him to be placed there... I wondered why he wanted to go back, I realized...that is all he knows.
- A teenage girl at Palmetto Place who started screaming when she heard someone turn on an electric saw next door...only to find out her father, a doctor in town, used to do woodwork before he sexually abused her.
- A board member on Sexual Trauma Services who, upon hearing a survivor had come in with her children for help, asking "you mean that happens around here!" You see, her children's father was HER father, and she had no other family to turn to.
- A priest from USC delivering his message at mass at my church and blaming survivors with a comment that he'd seen some of the costumes the college girls were wearing and "no wonder they get assaulted".
- And a sheriff in Lexington County turning down training for his deputies on how to handle sexual abuse victims because 'that kind of stuff doesn't happen here in Lexington.'

No one should have to live through domestic or physical abuse. The person to blame is **always** the abuser!

The theme for the 2026-2028 Administration is **Lift Them Up...Let Them Soar!** and the symbol is a blue hot air balloon. Blue symbolizes tranquility, calmness, trust, and peace and it represents support for survivors. As Gail said so eloquently, our federation is in the LIFTING UP business! Our work doesn't stop there - we want them to SOAR in the future, free of pain and suffering.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs International and General Federation of Women's Clubs South Carolina have worked diligently over the years to prevent this abuse and to help survivors, but our work is not done!

This 2026-2028 administration focus fits in with our GFWC National Day of Service in September, which will again be focused on this subject as well as the GFWC Signature Program. You will hear much more about this and how we can help in the next two years.

I am excited about working with the Executive Committee for this administration and I thank you again for this honor. I look forward to working with each of you! Thank you!





I am truly humbled and deeply honored to serve as your Director of Junior Clubs. The opportunity to work alongside Kaye Jones, our esteemed Madam President, is one I cherish already. From what I've experienced so far, her leadership, grace, and dedication promise a truly inspiring administration. Coupled with the remarkable energy, generosity, and unwavering support from each of you, I feel an incredible sense of excitement for all that lies ahead.

My heart is full as I reflect on the outpouring of love and encouragement you've shown for my special project. Since the convention, your messages, ideas, and enthusiasm have been nothing short of overwhelming—in the best possible way. So many of you have reached out with thoughtful suggestions and a genuine desire to be part of this effort, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

My Director of Junior Clubs Special Project, "Spread Your Wings," is centered on addressing the critical issue of period poverty among our youth. Period poverty goes beyond simply lacking menstrual products; it encompasses limited access to proper sanitation, education, and essential hygiene resources. It is a challenge that affects confidence, dignity, and opportunity—and one that we have the power to change together.

In addition to this important work, I am committed to creating meaningful opportunities for connection and collaboration. Through both virtual and in-person Junior meetings, I hope to bring us together in ways that inspire service, strengthen our bonds, and amplify our collective impact.

I genuinely enjoy learning about the incredible work happening within each of your clubs. Please know that I welcome every invitation—to your meetings, your fundraisers, or to speak with your members about period poverty. It would be my honor to connect with you, support your efforts, and continue building something truly meaningful together.

In Junior Love,

Courtney

Courtney Evans
GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS SPEECH TO GFWC-SC 2026 CONVENTION BODY

Past International Director of Junior Clubs, Katie Moydell addressed our State at our 2024 State Convention. During her speech, Katie took us down the path of her leadership journey and shared helpful tips she's learned along the way. One of the tips she gave us really resonated with me Tip #3... "Never Say Never". Then there was another tip that really hit home. Tip #5... which was "Go Back and Re-read Tip Number Three, "never say never because clearly anything is possible". Her speech ended with her describing to us how she had followed in her mom's footsteps from her volunteering to her career path. Kaye once told Katie, just as I told Shelli "I will NEVER serve on the Executive Committee" and Kaye, here we are serving together.

Here I stand before you all after several years of saying "never".

For years, I said I would never be able to commit to becoming a clubwoman. I attended every event my club hosted and even became an honorary club member; but my commitment issues just wouldn't allow me to join. After years of saying "never" I was shamed into joining the club.

Once I joined the club I thought I would never chair a committee within my club. In my first year as a member, I chaired a committee.

I said I would never, and not just never, but never ever chair our fundraising committee. I found myself co-chairing not once, but twice.

I said I would never be Treasurer...I found myself doing that twice.

I said I would NEVER serve a second term as credentials chair...I found myself serving 4 terms.

Club President...said never to that as well.

One thing I just knew for sure that I would not do...serve as Director of Junior Clubs. And here I am after pledging to serve the bare minimum like GEICO insurance, I'm now serving like Nationwide insurance.

However, one thing I will never say never to, is advocating for our youth.

Today, I want to talk about something that affects millions of people—but is still treated like a secret: period poverty.

My GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Special Project, "Spread Your Wings" focuses on period poverty among our youth.

Period poverty is the lack of access to menstrual products, proper sanitation, education, and hygiene facilities. It's not just about pads or tampons. It's about dignity. It's about health. And it's about equality.

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS SPEECH TO GFWC-SC 2026 CONVENTION BODY

For many of us, buying menstrual products is a routine part of life. But for others, it's a monthly crisis. In the United States alone, millions of people struggle to afford period products. Some are forced to choose between buying food or buying pads. Some miss school or work because they don't have what they need. Others resort to unsafe alternatives—like using toilet paper, socks, or even newspapers—putting their health at serious risk.

Imagine being told that your education or your paycheck has to pause every month because of something you cannot control.

That is the reality of period poverty.

And it doesn't exist in isolation. It intersects with homelessness, incarceration, low-income households, and gender inequality. Students miss class. Workers lose wages. People experience shame, anxiety, and isolation—all because menstruation is still stigmatized and misunderstood.

What makes this even more frustrating is that menstruation is not optional. It's not a luxury. It's a biological reality. Yet menstrual products are often taxed as non-essential items, kept out of public restrooms, and excluded from emergency aid programs.

We don't ask people to bring their own toilet paper to school or work. So why do we expect people to bring their own dignity?

Access to menstrual products is not a privilege—it is a right.

I look forward to educating you all more in depth on period poverty over the next two years and I'm excited to see us stand together as advocates for menstrual equality.



2026 - 2028



MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



To my fellow Clubwomen,

Thank you so very much for electing me to be your First Vice President/President Elect. The next two years is going to be full of fun, knowledge, membership growth, collaboration and strengthening GFWC-SC as each administration reaches for this goal!

One of the roles as First Vice President is membership chairman. As your membership chairman, I will be focusing on getting to know members, highlighting membership, and identifying how we can continue to grow our membership!

Membership in a club needs to be enhanced each year. Some ideas for improving membership includes, implementing mentorship programs within your club, offering new member inclusive events and hosting networking events. Share with each other as clubs what you do with membership and how you add members. Set a goal of what percent of your membership you would like to increase? 5%, 10% or 15%? Make it an attainable goal and stick to it!

Also remember that as you add your members please be sure to inform the treasurer, our database clerk and myself! We want to be able to highlight the increase, identify our member numbers correctly and make sure that we recognize them.

We will also be continuing the membership newsletter. I will keep you posted on the name and when information is due!

I look forward to representing GFWC-SC for the next two years and cannot wait to see what our membership will do to continue representing your community and clubs.

Feel free to reach out to me any time and invite me to your events!

In Federation Love,

Carrie

Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC First Vice President



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MESSAGE FROM

GFWC-SC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



I look forward to working with our EC and all of you as I serve as the Second Vice President of GFWC-SC. Thank you so much for placing your confidence in my service.



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 material 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 2026 Program Council is set for August 14th, at Headquarters. Program Council will hear recommendations regarding the President's Special Project Awards, proposed changes to the Rating Sheet, and other award changes. I hope ALL Program Council members will attend so that we can determine any additional changes that are needed.

If any Program Council member has changes, additions, revisions or deletions to awards relating to programs or the rating sheet, please send me the changes in writing no later than July 31, 2026 to katiemoydell1020@gmail.com. You may contact me at 803.608.2748 with any questions.

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 also share information from GFWC.

I hope all club presidents and CSP chairs will plan to attend the summer session for our President's Institute and Program Fair, planned for Summer Session, Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia and that you will ALL plan to attend your district conferences. A secondary, electronic, President's Institute will be held at a later date to be announced at Summer Board.

I look forward to working with all of you as your Second Vice President!

In Federation Love,

Katie

Katie Moydell
GFWC-SC Second Vice President

MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC SECRETARY



It's a true honor to serve as the GFWC-SC Secretary for the upcoming administration. I am grateful for the votes of confidence placed in me, and I look forward to serving in this position with care, accuracy and professionalism as I fulfill the duties of this office.

In this role, my responsibilities will include maintaining an accurate list of all clubs and their presidents, as well as keeping the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings and all sessions of the Annual Meetings of the state federation. I recognize the importance of preserving the history and integrity of our federation, and I am committed to carrying out these responsibilities with care and attention to detail.

I'm truly excited to work alongside such an inspiring group of women and follow Kaye's theme of "Lift Them Up...Let Them Soar in all that I do."

I look forward to getting to know you all so much better and building meaningful connections in the next two years. Hope to see you at Summer Board!

In Federation Love,

Kathy

**Kathy Heagen
GFWC-SC Secretary**



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MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC TREASURER



At State Convention, I shared my idea of starting a GFWC-SC Club Treasurer Forum.

I'd appreciate your input so we can shape it around what club treasurers need most. The goal is a practical, peer-to-peer exchange that builds connections statewide.



I propose periodic Zoom meetings for treasurers to ask questions, share tools and best practices, and support one another. You'll decide the meeting frequency. We'll record sessions to build a resource library.

You'll set the agenda; I'll facilitate, and treasurers will lead the discussion.

We'll gather questions and topics about a month ahead so there's time to research and prepare solid answers.

Possible topics:

- Secretary of State filings
- Raffles: rules and reporting
- Club-year budgeting
- Reports for the board
- Reports for members
- Event/project accounting
- IRS filings and requirements
- Determination letters and group exemptions
- Liquor licenses for events

We'll add topics as new questions come up.

I won't have every answer, so we'll learn from each other's experience.

Over the year, I'll also create a training session for new treasurers using GFWC member-portal resources, and I'll seek volunteers to help.

This is still taking shape, and your input will guide it. If you're interested, please suggest topics and a meeting schedule that works for you. Watch for an invitation to our first Zoom call in June.

In Federation Love,

Katie

Katie Whitten
GFWC-SC Treasurer

MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-SC DIRECTOR-ELECT OF JUNIOR CLUBS



My name is Ann Dosen. I lead with heart, vision, and tireless dedication. I have been an active member of the Chapin Junior Woman's Club since 2018, served as VP of Membership for two years, and most recently completed a three year term as President-Elect, President, and Past-President Advisor for CJWC. I have had the honor of leading our club through significant growth and renewed community impact.



I am the owner and founder of PodiatryMeetings.com, a nationally recognized media and events company serving the podiatry industry. I offer a wealth of knowledge in communications, marketing, and leadership; skills I readily share with colleagues and club members.

I have been told I have an exceptional ability to organize and inspire. I am known for my bold leadership style, creative vision, and fierce commitment.

I am originally from Clearwater, Florida and relocated to South Carolina in 2018 after my husband fell in love with Lake Murray. I am a homeschooling mom of three boys, 15 year old Mickey, 11 year old Henry, and 16 month old Joey. I am passionate about creating a welcoming space where women feel a sense of connection and purpose. Fun fact: my dog Moose, a 100 pound Weimador, was a gift from Zac Brown of the Zac Brown Band.

Being a member of the Chapin Junior Woman's Club has changed my life and I am honored to be part of a group of women who are changing lives every single day.

In Junior Love,

Ann

Ann Dosen
GFWC-SC Director-elect of Junior Clubs

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PRESPECTIVE
GFWC-SC POET LAUREATE
KIM CREAM



A shift
Not so bold as a gesture
Nor as grand as a new start,
But a shift.

She told herself that today
Today, today, today
Would be that day she would call start.
And everything before and after rested on this day.

A full reset.
(Just a shift)
A powerful new adventure
(Just a shift)

A grand explosion of everything she ever wanted and needed to do
to feel something
more than the nothing she felt
she feels.

Thoughts and words poured into her splashing around in the morass of all she had
Not yet been.
Never enough.

The quiet glances in the window remember a face that looked back.....younger.
Softer, with smiles sans lines.

(Judging and assessing the lack of dew on her skin. One more promise never kept.)

That girl woman was behind those shining eyes.
Hidden behind lists of to dos
and
trips never taken
and
puzzles never completed.

Empty lipstick stained paper cups once filled with promise... Now just trash.

She would not toss herself out.
She is not garbage.

She felt herself lifting. Slowly.
Rising until her feet no longer touched the builder beige carpet of a house
that once was the dream.

Her heavy legs cradled by the wind, her purpose fired up

Just a shift.
Perspective.
Rise above.
Rise above the click clack of her too tight sandals,
rise above the house she hated to clean,
rise above the pretty pettiness of everydays again
and
again.

And see the wonder and the glory of a life.....messy.
Splayed
like a toddler during a post tantrum nap. Glorious and despised, but loved.
Tired from the fight.

And open to love.

I am all that I have
And
who will love me
but me.

Not a woeful tune, but the truth...

Just a shift.

OFFICIAL CALL

GFWC-SC 2026 PROGRAM COUNCIL

Friday, August 14, 2026

GFWC-SC Headquarters, Sims-Stackhouse Mansion

1511 Laurel Street

Columbia, SC 29201

PROGRAM COUNCIL

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 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 - \$20 Please indicate that you will attend Program Council on your Summer Session registration (link below) and make your meal choice.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/gfwc-sc-2026-summer-session>

OFFICIAL CALL

GFWC-SC 2026 SUMMER SESSION

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn - Harbison

434 Columbiana Drive

Columbia, South Carolina 29212

GFWC-SC By-Laws Article VII - Section 3. The Board of Directors of GFWC-SC shall consist of the *Executive Committee*, the *District Presidents*, 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 Bylaws Committee*, *Chairman of the Credentials Committee*, *Chairman of the Finance Committee*, *Chairman of the Headquarters Committee*, *Chairman of the Resolutions Committee*, and the *Presidents of GFWC-SC Clubs*, either direct or affiliated, or their appointees.

8:45 Registration/Light Refreshments

9:00 Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 Call to Order 2026 Summer Session

Speaker Sara Barber

SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
with a Special Announcement!

1:30 Adjourn

GFWC-SC Room Block Hilton Garden Inn Rate of \$129 per night plus tax /2 queen beds. Room reservations must be made by **JULY 25, 2026**, to guarantee GFWC-SC group rate and availability.

To reserve a room under the GFWC-SC room block, email dollymcdermott@aol.com

Check-in 3:00/Check-out Noon

Event Registration through Zeffy for Program Council and/or Summer Session

Registration Fee: \$20

Late Registration \$25 after August 7

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 27-29	GFWC Annual Convention - The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa Scottsdale, AZ
June 29	Installation of 2026 - 2028 GFWC Officers - Scottsdale, AZ
June 30	GFWC Board of Directors Meeting - Scottsdale, AZ
August 11	GFWC-SC Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
August 14	GFWC-SC Program Council Meeting/Dinner @ Headquarters
August 15	GFWC- SC Summer Session BOD & General Meeting with Program Fair & Presidents Institute
August 27-30	GFWC Board of Directors Meeting - Westin Alexandria Old Town, Alexandria, VA
September/October	GFWC-SC District Conferences - Details Forthcoming
September 26	GFWC International Day of Service
October	(GFWC Domestic Violence Awareness Month Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention)
October 23-25	GFWC Southern Region - Jacksonville, FL
October 26-30	GFWC Advocates for Children Week
December 9	GFWC Holiday Reception, GFWC Headquarters Washington, DC