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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year was the theme for the GFWC Southern Region conference hosted by GFWC-SC in North Charleston. The conference certainly lived up to its theme. Many thanks to conference co-chairs Laurie O'Kelly and Tammy Garland, and all of the committee members and volunteers that helped with the event. The tour, the speakers, the entertainment, the food, the table decorations—every detail was wonderful!

Enjoy the next most wonderful time of the year, Christmas, with your families and friends. Many clubs in our state host home tours, teas and luncheons, and other holiday events. These events not only raise money for the clubs, but often help attract new members and retain current members as friendships are forged while working side by side. Clubs also adopt needy families and seniors, plus donate holiday meals. As you know our Your State Your Partner this year of the administration is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and I encourage to consider buying some holiday gifts from this organization. Visit stjude.org/holidaygifts I bet you will find something for that hard to buy for person on your list. How about a red wagon for the patients at the hospital? Or a "No More Chemo" party? You can even get dad a tie!

Merry Christmas to you all, and see you in the New Year at our Winter Session on January 4, 2020!

With Federation Love, *Juliet*

Resolution Update

After our April Convention, I submitted the resolution we adopted regarding Limiting Liability for Volunteer Drivers to GFWC Resolutions committee for consideration and adoption by GFWC. I am pleased to announce that the committee deemed our resolution a worthy one, and it will be presented for adoption at the GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Here is it the text that is proposed:

Limit Liability For Volunteer Drivers

WHEREAS, Many senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and individuals undergoing medical procedures live in areas where public transportation is unavailable or limited, requiring the use of volunteer drivers for transportation; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers are reluctant to provide the needed transportation because of potential personal liability; therefore

RESOLVED: That the General Federal of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to advocate for legislation providing that volunteer licensed drivers who transport senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and individuals undergoing medical procedures shall not be liable beyond the limits of insurance coverage, except in cases of gross negligence or deliberate misconduct.

Recommended by GFWC South Carolina

Most people express that this is their favorite time of year! Holiday season! It's also the time of year that we see many give and have Gratitude.

The definition of Gratitude: the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

Do you know why I like the definition of Gratitude? I feel that this describes our GF-WC-SC members, whole heartedly. The activities, giving, give back, education, donations and much more that I have heard about, been a part of or seen since our new club year has started has been amazing!

Over the past few months I have been attending our State District meetings, GFWC 2019 Board meeting and helping host our GFWC Southern Region meeting that was held in Charleston. In attendance at the District meetings it was so refreshing to hear about the great activities going on in our GFWC-SC clubs. The representation at the GFWC Southern Region meeting of GFWC-SC members was great! GFWC SC, GA and FL, Junior Directors, hosted a Junior Fun night of playing Bingo and Tenzies (dice game) and raised \$1050.00 to give to St Jude's Children's Hospital!

GFWC-SC Juniors are doing some great things and here are few highlights how they show Gratitude. Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray has hosted a new member social and gained some new members, sponsors the River Bluff Juniores and played Bunco to raise money for a children's shelter! Junior Woman's Club of Columbia has also hosted new member socials, programs to support their signature project, Palmetto Place for Children and supported the Chapin Woman's Club in a recent fundraiser! Seneca Junior Woman's Club has been meeting, socializing and planning for upcoming events. SJWC has recently been working on our annual pecan sales to help support 10 local non-profits and Seneca Juniors also partnered with JC Sports of Seneca and were able to donate more \$ to the 10 local non-profits and hosted a dinner to honor them. Chapin Junior Woman's Club has been supporting local fire stations, first responders and a local senior center by giving treat bags and pumpkins. They are currently selling HoneyBaked Hams, fundraising for their Scholarship. Charleston Junior Woman's Club has been busy hosting new member recruitment meetings, cleaning up the Good Creek Reservoir, hosting socials together, volunteering for LowVelo and gathering gently used handbags, clutches and totes for Purses for Preemies. Aiken Junior Woman's Club has hosted a new member social and continue to do good work in their community. Please continue to invite me to events and/or meetings. I still need to visit a few of the clubs!

We are still looking for a Director Elect of Junior Clubs. The candidate has had to have been a President of a GFWC-SC Club and be nominated by their Club. Please send the inquiries to Shelli Pue(shellipue1@gmail.com) or myself(czim22@gmail.com).

GFWC-SC members, please continue to shine and show the GRATITUDE that you all do so well! I have been so honored to serve as the Director of Junior Clubs for 2018-2020. I give you all my GRATITUDE for the great work you do!

*In Junior Love,
Carrie*



Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC
Director of
Junior Clubs



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Kristin Fields
GFWC-SC
President-elect

This has been a very successful recruitment period. Several clubs have shared that new members have joined. This is great news. Welcome new members!

The Winter Recruitment Report is due March 1. Use this report to submit new members recruited December through February. The recruitment report form is available on the GFWC and GFWC-SC websites.

Good job to all the District Presidents for very successful district meetings. It was nice to see so many of you at the meeting.

GFWC Membership Committee Member, Susette Redwine, challenges us to think outside of the box when planning projects and socials. Use community projects or hands on art projects as a time to invite potential members and enjoy the company of seasoned members. Do a project in conjunction with the monthly club meeting. Try something new your members will be sure to enjoy the change!

Happy Holidays to you all!

In Federation Love,

Kristin

It's that time of year again when many clubs are doing holiday service projects. Some clubs choose to add a seasonal gift or special home-baked treat to their Meals On Wheels delivery or local assisted living facility. Others deliver gift baskets to first responders or hospital emergency room staff. Still others host holiday teas or luncheons for the community. Whatever your club does, especially when the public is your guest, do you view it as an opportunity for membership recruitment? It is! Perfect your 'elevator speech' (30 seconds to 2 minutes) and be prepared when someone asks, "What does your Woman's Club do? What is GFWC?" Take the opportunity to publicize your club's efforts on social media, your local neighborhood newsletter or paper, not to blow your own horn but as an opportunity to show the community the value of volunteerism through GFWC membership. Remember to share your love for GFWC this holiday season as you share your time and talents.

Wishing you the many blessings of the season!

In Federation Love,

Suzanne



Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC
Secretary

I hope you all are enjoying cooler weather finally. I have been busy with dues and I want to thank you for getting them to me by the deadline. Remember that in order to apply and receive a Progress Foundation check I must have gotten your check and paperwork postmarked by Nov 1st. Also the rating sheet depended on the Nov 1st deadline as well.

Don't forget your taxes are due 3 and 1/2 months along with your Secretary of State registration and Secretary of State raffle, if it applies to you, after your year end. For those on a calendar year that means your taxes are due April 15th.

The end of the year is a great time for your club to help those in need. There are so many organizations that depend on help from us whether it is adapting a family for Christmas, paying someone's electric bills, filling a food pantry. These are just a few ways you can help to brighten someone's holiday or life in general.

I hope you are making plans to attend Atlanta for Marian's installation of office as President of GFWC in July. Be on the look out for the official call for the convention. We need and want all hands on deck for her support.

In Federation Love

Beth



Beth Taylor
GFWC-SC
Treasurer

Need help writing your club reports? Come to the Reporting Workshop, Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. ---2:00 p.m.
At GFWC-SC Headquarters, 1511 Laurel Street Columbia, SC

2019 GFWC-SC Reporting Information

GFWC-SC Club Statistical/Cover Form; Special Programs, GFWC Community Service Programs, and the Advancement Area Reports
Due Date: February 1, 2020



Norma England
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President

The reporting period: January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

One copy of each report should be **emailed** by midnight **February 1, 2020**, to GFWC-SC Second Vice President **Norma England** englandn72@comporium.net The 2nd Vice President will forward a copy of the report to the State President and to the Community Service Program, Special Project, or Advancement Area Chairman. Each email report should be sent by separate email to englandn72@comporium.net with the name of the club and the name of the Community Service Program, Special Project or Advancement Area in the subject line. **Emailed reports should be received by midnight on February 1, 2020.**

Clubs are encouraged to do reporting by email. If a club needs to do reporting by mail---please send **2** hard copies of each report to 2nd Vice President, Norma England----1979 High Pines Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732. All mailed reports must be postmarked by February 1, 2020.

Reminder: The number to be inserted in the Total Number of Club Members is the number of club members paid as of April 30, 2019.

****Junior Clubs** must submit **one (1) additional copy** of all reports by mail or email to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oak Farms Road, Tamassee, SC 29686

Each Report Should Include:

A **Separate** completed Narrative Cover Entry Form for each report submission. Clearly mark report submission type: Statistics Only or Stats & Narrative or Narrative with addendum. The GFWC-SC Narrative Cover Entry Form can be downloaded from www.gfwc-sc.org website or in the updated President's Packet information.

A **Separate** narrative for each program report consisting of a maximum of three (3) single spaced typed pages. [Do Not Combine Narratives.]

Addenda (supporting documents) are optional. Addenda are limited to five (5) pages and must be attached only to the report marked "Narrative with addendum."

If your club chooses not to include a narrative, the hours, number of club members participating and dollars donated or spent on projects reported on the cover sheet will be included in the totals for composite state reports to GFWC.

Definitions:

Community Service Projects are the programs and projects members initiate and participate in to serve their communities, including projects with GFWC Partners.

Number of Projects is the numerical account of the programs and projects initiated and participated in by your club.

Volunteer Hours is the amount of time that members worked on club approved programs and projects.

Dollars Donated is the monetary amount given to programs and projects.

In Kind Donations reflect the monetary value for goods provided to programs and projects. Please refer to the GFWC In-Kind Donation Guide for an estimated value of commonly donated items as www.GFWC.org/reporting.

Dollars Spent is costs incurred by member, clubs, or State Federations to achieve Advancement Area goals.

Dollars Raised reflects the dollars earned from fundraising and development of programs and projects.

Reporting Criteria

Clubs should report all activities for each Community Service Program, GFWC Special Program or Advancement Areas. All activities reported must be club approved projects. A project/program may not be reported in more than one Community Service Program, Special Project and/or Advancement area report. **Clubs are asked to put “special emphasis” on up to three (3) of their top projects** for each of the Community Service Programs (CSP Projects and Partnership Projects), GFWC Special Programs and Advancement Areas by reporting the “who, what, when, where, how and why” of the project as well as pertinent statistics for the project. Providing complete details will assist our state chairmen with judging and writing of their reports.

Certificates of Award

Certificates of Award will be given at convention to the 1st and 2nd winning entries in each of the three (3) General membership categories and two (2) Junior membership categories, and one (1) Juniorette category.

General Categories

Category I 1 – 12 members

Category II 13 – 30 members

Category III 30+ members

Junior Categories

Category I 1 – 25 members

Category II 26+ members

OTHER REPORTS DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2020

All Clubs submitting reports by February 1, 2020, will be considered for the following Silver Certificate Awards to be judged by the respective Community Service Program or Advancement Area Chair. Clubs do not need to send a special report for these certificates but should include in their narratives the appropriate information qualifying the club for the particular Silver Certificate. For example, the Education report would contain a description of the club’s activities to eradicate illiteracy, thus qualifying the club for the Marie J. Hammond Silver Certificate.

Education:

Marie J. Hammond Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Dean C. Hammond. Basis: To the club accomplishing the most toward the eradication of illiteracy.

Debbie Alexander Adult Education Award: Sponsor: Friends of Debbie Alexander. Basis: To the club which has accomplished the most in the field of “Adult Education” by promoting adult literacy. Action Plan: Volunteer to tutor, provide transportation, offer facilities, purchase books or supplies for local literacy organizations, provide child care facilities, assist with refreshment for celebrations, promote adult education programs in your community, etc.

Fundraising:

Rebecca Robbins Award: Sponsor: Aiken Junior Woman’s Club and Sand River Woman’s Club. Basis: To the club or clubs working jointly, with the best overall fundraising project.

Leadership:

Leadership Silver Award: Sponsor: Saxe Gotha Woman’s Club. Basis: To the club with the best overall leadership report

Legislation and Public Policy:

Legislation Award: Sponsor: Carrie Jane Hughes. Basis: To the club reporting on an unusual legislation project.

Public Issues Award:

Lexington Woman’s Club Public Affairs Award: Sponsor: Lexington Woman’s Club. Basis: To the club doing the most outstanding work in Public Issues.

GFWC-SC JUDGING CRITERIA

Evaluation of the report will be based on the following points of information. Please address each applicable item in your report. Total volunteer hours, dollars donated, dollars spent, dollars raised and in-kind donations will be evaluated on a PER CAPITA BASIS for all clubs.

Description of the project(s) in narrative paragraph form.

Number of projects, hours, dollars and in-kind contribution.

Innovation/originality.

Participation of membership (consider club size).

Community participation (any outside organization or individuals that were involved and how).

Publicity of project, club, GFWC-SC, GFWC.

Success of project (impact on community).

Any additional information requested by the award sponsor relating to a particular award.

Contest Entries due February 1, 2020

Yearbook Award - Certificates will be awarded to clubs in the same membership categories as Community Service Program Awards. Yearbooks will be judged as professional (all or any typeset and layout work done by printer) or non-professional (club members type, copy and put together). Refer to the Yearbook Rating and Release Form distributed in President's Packet for content/judging criteria. Form and criteria may also be downloaded at gfwc-sc.org. One (1) copy of the Club Yearbook with Yearbook Rating and Release Form must be sent to the Yearbook Chairman Debbie Ritter, 847 Holly Sands Blvd., Little River, SC 29566 by Feb. 1, 2020. Yearbooks may also be delivered at the GF-WC-SC Winter Board Meeting on January 4, 2020.

Communications and Public Relations

Newsletter Contest - Clubs and States may submit only one newsletter, and the newsletter must have been printed and clearly dated during the reporting year (January 1 – December 31, 2019). Accompanying your entry must include a cover letter with GFWC specifics included. Entries will be judged and awarded points on the following elements: 1) Content quality, including timeliness, clarity, and member impact (30%); 2) Presentation (30%); 3) Design (30%); 4) Adherence to rules (10%). Please visit the GFWC Club Manual: Awards, Contests and Club Grants Section to learn more about the contest specifics. A copy of the submitted sample of the club newsletter must also be sent to the GFWC-SC Communication/Identity Chairman, Lynn Privette, 156 Stoney Point Lane, Chapin, SC 29036 postmarked on or before February 1, 2020.

Website Contest - Submissions should be emailed to GFWC-SC Website Chairman, Neel Lesesne at neeljwc@yahoo.com or 142 Sundowne Place Columbia SC 29209 on or before midnight February 1, 2020. The website homepage must contain a link to www.GFWC.org, and must include contact information for at least one member of the club (email address, telephone number and or mailing address). The submission should include the website address, Club/State Federation name, website address, President's name and contact information, name and contact information of the person submitting the entry, number of Club/State Federation members, and a 250 word essay describing the website's purpose and the club's/State Federation's approach on website maintenance. Please visit the GFWC Club Manual: Awards, Contests and Club Grants Section to learn more about the contest specifics.

Conservation

Palmetto Pride Achievement Awards. Sponsor: Palmetto Pride. Basis: To encourage club projects to eradicate litter and beautify their communities. Four awards will be given: Litter Trashes Everyone Award, Litter Busters Award, Trash Talkers Award, and Beautiful Places Award. The Official Report Form is located on the GFWC-SC website under Resources. Clubs must send a copy of the report form by February 1, 2020, to GFWC-SC President Juliet Casper and to Palmetto Pride, 2700 Middleburg Drive, Suite 216, Columbia SC 29204. Updated copies of the form will also be distributed at the January, 2020 Winter Board Meeting.

Public Affairs

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

JUNIOR AWARDS due FEBRUARY 1, 2020:

Instructions for Junior Reports: Entries for the Junior Department Silver Awards 1 and 2 can be the same as those submitted for the GFWC-SC Community Service Program Reports. All reports can be emailed or mailed to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686

JUNIOR SILVER AWARDS

Categories 1 and 2 – One Silver Certificate Award for each Community Service Program in both Categories. Basis: to the club with the best typewritten report on Community Service Program work as stated in the GFWC objectives, post-marked or emailed to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 on or before February 1, 2020.

Junior Cup Award I – Basis: to the junior club with the best overall written report on the year's work in Junior Category I; Mailed or emailed to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 on or before February 1, 2020. Limited to 20 double-spaced pages, including addenda.

Junior Cup Award II – Basis: to the junior club with the best overall written report on the year's work in Junior Category II; Mailed or emailed to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 on or before February 1, 2020. Limited to 20 double-spaced pages, including addenda.

Bobbie L. Lowe Award – Basis: to the junior club with the most number of points earned on the Junior Honor Sheet per capita; copy of Honor Sheet to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 on or before February 1, 2020.

Mary Plyler Memorial Award – Sponsored by Mrs. Pat Taylor. Basis: to the junior club with the most hours spent per capita on club projects. Winner to be determined by the Junior Honor Sheet; a copy to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC 29686 on or before February 1, 2020.

Jan W. Hadwin Award – Basis: to the Category II club with the best overall written report on the GFWC Junior Special Project to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamasee, SC 29686 on or before February 1, 2020.

Beth Broome Silver Award – Basis: to the Category I club with the best overall written report on the GFWC Junior Special Project to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamasee, SC 29686 on or before February 1, 2020.

Elizabeth Prince Gouge Award - Sponsored by Aiken Junior Woman's Club. To the junior club who does the most outstanding work in children's health care. To the Director of Junior Clubs on or before February 1, 2020.

Ann Borris Memorial Award: Cancer Project. Basis: to the junior club (largest half) reporting the most outstanding work done in the field of cancer; to the Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, email: czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamasee, SC 29686 on or before February 1, 2020.

Augusta Wolff Award: Cancer Project. Basis: to the junior club (smallest half) reporting the most outstanding work done in the field of cancer; to the Director of Junior Clubs on or before February 1, 2020.

Susan Abelkop Membership Award – Sponsored by Piedmont Junior Woman's Club. Basis: to the junior club with the best overall membership report. Judged by Junior Membership Chairman by GFWC Membership Guidelines. Report to be mailed or emailed to the Director of Junior Clubs on or before February 1, 2020.

Junior Spirit Award – Sponsored by Susan Haynes. Basis: 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, fund-raisers, 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 the Director of Junior Clubs. Awarded at GFWC-SC Convention . Points due on or before by email or mail February 1 , 2020, to be sent to the Director of Junior Clubs.

REPORTS Due March 15, 2020

GFWC-SC State Reports, Contests and Writing Awards

The reporting period: January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

No projections should be made in these reports. Each club may submit one report for each of the awards according to instructions below. Submit entries using the **GFWC-SC District/State Report Form unless otherwise stated**. The following are due emailed by midnight March 15, 2020, or postmarked on or before March 15, 2020.

Silver Certificates of Award to be presented at GFWC-SC State Convention:

GFWC-SC Program Council Report: DONOR – GFWC-SC Program Council. BASIS – To the general club which most effectively carries out the GFWC Program Guidelines. First place in each General Membership category receives a silver award that the club retains.

Program Council Reporting Instructions: Use the GFWC-SC State/District Form. Summarize club work from January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. Report is limited to SEVEN (7) pages to include cover, narrative double-spaced and FIVE (5) pages of addendum (which is optional). First page heading should include name of club, district and number of members paid to GFWC-SC Treasurer by April 30, 2019. **Report in each Community Service Program Only:** Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues (total 6) separately. Include in your report 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.) which, in any manner, promoted GFWC Programs. Reports should be submitted by email or mail to the Second Vice President, Norma England, email: englandn72@comporium.net or 1979 High Pines Rd. Rock Hill, SC 29732 postmarked on or before March 15, 2020.

GFWC-SC Mrs. John R. Wolff/Cancer SAVE-A-LIFE Project: Donated by the American Cancer Society, SC Division. **Form due to the American Cancer Society by March 15, 2020.** Entry material distributed to club presidents in President's Packets Certificates awarded to participating clubs, certificates will be awarded to the club with the most points in each District, and a plaque (State Award) will be awarded to the club with the most points overall.

The Perry Anne Renwick Silver Award: Sponsor: Carole J. Mullis. Basis: to the clubs which report the best joint project undertaken by a general and a junior club working together. The clubs must submit one report, written together, and signed by the participating clubs' presidents, briefly describing the manner in which they worked together. Limit of two(2) typewritten pages, double-spaced; limit of two (2) additional pages of addenda. Report must be emailed or post-marked on or before March 15, 2019, and submitted to the GFWC-SC Leadership Chairman Kathy Monahon, by email: kmonahon@atlanticbb.net or by mail postmarked on or before March 15, 2020, to 2646 Spring Valley Drive , Aiken, SC 29803

GFWC-SC President's Special Program Awards:

Please use the State/ District Reporting form for 2019 which is available online at GFWC-SC website.

The Lifesaver Award to the General and Junior club in each category and the Juniorette club with best overall program or project in support of "Swimming Saves Lives". This award will be judged by Special Project Chairman Janine Lawson and entries will be due on March 15, 2020 and may be emailed or mailed to Janine Lawson, email: jplawson66@gmail.com or 206 57th Ave North, Myrtle Beach, SC. 29582. Clubs may submit a 2 paged typed narrative for this award and additional photos.

The State Partner Award to the club with the best overall program in support of Your State Your Partner. This award will be judged by Special Project Chairman Dr. Misty Konow. Entries will be due on March 15, 2020. Submit report by mail or email to Dr. Misty Konow email: somethingaboutmisty@gmail.com or 302 Kirkstone Lane, Rock Hill, SC 29732. Clubs may submit a 2 paged typed narrative for this award and additional photos. The 2019 Partner is St. Jude's Research Hospital **Change for Charities Award** to the district that contributes the most money to the partnership jars. The award will be given on Saturday evening of state convention.

The Splash Award to the club whose overall work best supports the state theme "Make a Splash in Your Community". This theme encourages clubs to Honor the Past, Raise their Voices in the Present, and Show Gratitude and Kindness. This award will be judged by the President and her Special Assistants Brenda Tarkenton and Peggy Opitz. Special Assistants. Judges will be looking for Support of the Turning Point Memorial, Legislative Action Center, and Thankful Tuesdays. Clubs may submit a 2 page narrative and photos for this award. Entries are due by midnight, March 15, 2020. Clubs may submit entries by email or mail to GFWC-SC President, Juliet Casper email; jcasper@clawonline.com or 4115Friendfield Trace, Little River, SC 29566

GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Special Project Awards:

Please use the State/ District Reporting form for 2019 which is available online at GFWC-SC website under Resources.

This form will also be available in hard copy at Winter Board.

Super Girls-BAM! Awarded to the Junior Club and/or Juniorette Club that overall best incorporates the Junior Director's Special Program focusing on Special Olympics (including intellectual disabilities) by fundraising, in-kind support or volunteering at an athletic event for this population in their community. Report is due to Director of Junior Clubs postmarked or emailed on or before March 15, judged by Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Ok Farm Rd, Tamassee, SC 29686

Wonderwoman-POW! Awarded to the General Club that overall best incorporates the Junior Director's Special Program focusing on Special Olympics (including intellectual disabilities) by fundraising, in-kind support or volunteering at an athletic event for this population in their community. Report due to Director of Junior Clubs postmarked or emailed on or before March 15, judged by Director of Junior Clubs, Carrie Zimmerman, czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Ok Farm Rd, Tamassee, SC 29686

Superheroes-ZAP! Awarded to the General Clubs or Junior Clubs or Juniorette Clubs which report the best joint project undertaken by 2 or more Clubs working together to focus on the Junior Director's Special Project, Special Olympics (including intellectual disabilities). This project is a joint venture and clubs must submit one report, written together, and signed by the participating Club presidents, briefly describing the manner in which they worked together. Report due to Director of Junior Clubs postmarked or emailed on or before March 15, judged by Director of Junior Clubs, czim22@gmail.com or 605 White Ok Farm Rd, Tamassee, SC 29686

Junior Reports due March 15, 2020

Carol Vann Rowland and Susan Vann Haynes Junior Clubwoman of Achievement Award – Sponsored by Mary and Christy Vann. Basis: to a Junior Clubwoman who upholds the ideals of General Federation of Women's Clubs and Junior Clubs. A woman who is outstanding in her club and community. Each Junior Club may nominate one member. Reports should be sent to the Director of Junior Clubs by mail or email on or before March 15, 2020. Award to be judged by Mary Vann, the Director of Junior Clubs, and the 1st Vice President.

Additional GFWC-SC State Awards

Jan W. Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: Sponsor: Jan W. Hadwin. 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 Street, Columbia, SC 29201, postmarked on or before March 15, 2020. To be judged by GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

Princa M. Wright Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: Sponsor: Princa M. Wright. To the club generating the largest number of contributors to the Mansion Endowment, which includes all Mansion Society categories. Submit names of contributors to the GFWC-SC Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment, 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, SC 29201, postmarked on or before March 15, 2020. To be judged by GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

Rudy H. McManus Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment Award: Sponsor: Princa M. Wright. To the district generating the largest number of contributors to the Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment. Submit names of contributors to GFWC-SC Sims-Stackhouse Endowment, 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, SC 29201, postmarked on or before March 15, 2020 To be judged by the GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee.

GFWC-SC Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award: Sponsor: the Spartanburg Woman's Club in memory of Mrs. Rudolph Rivers, President of GFWC-SC, 1984-1986. Basis: to the club with the best overall project. Two (2) copies to be submitted to your District President emailed or postmarked on or before March 15, 2020, In turn, each District President will send the winning report to the President Elect Kristin Fields by email kristinf11@aol.com or by mail 2 Clay Court, Chapin, SC 29291, by April 1, 2020, for final judging.

GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year Award: Sponsor: Catherine Sharpe. Basis: 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. Please send your nominations, postmarked on or before March 15, 2020, to Catherine Sharpe, 116 Fox Glen Circle, Lexington, SC 29072. A panel of three judges not affiliated with GFWC-SC will make the final decision. The nomination should be written in narrative form by someone other than the nominee. Please include: (A) The number of projects participated in by the nominee. Include a brief description of each club project and community. (B) The number of hours the nominee volunteered in each club and community project. (C) The 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. Please note: This nomination should be for volunteer work from January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019.

GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction: Sponsor: Debbie Alexander. Basis: a lifetime achievement award to a clubwoman judged on personal/professional accomplishment, 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 achievement. Each club may nominate one member. Reports of no more than five (5) pages should be sent to GFWC-SC Second Vice President, Norma England email: englandn72@comporium.net or 1979 High Pines Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29732 emailed or postmarked on or before March 15, 2020. Nominees will be judged by an independent committee of no less than three (3) judges.

Juniorette Volunteer of the Year: Sponsor: Jo Ann Bolchoz. Basis: To the Juniorette clubwoman who has been outstanding during the club year through volunteer work in club projects and in other community work. Each Juniorette club may nominate one member for this award. Please send the nomination, emailed or postmarked on or before March 15, 2020 to Jo Ann Bolchoz, jbolchoz@comcast.com or 2435 Pristine View, Charleston, SC 29414. A panel of judges not affiliated with GFWC-SC will make the final decision. The nomination should be written in narrative form by someone other than the nominee. Please include (1) the number of projects participated in by the nominee; (2) a brief description of each club and community project; (3) the number of hours volunteered and (4) the amount of monies raised as a result of her volunteer work. A brief paragraph describing her family life and school achievements should also be submitted. The nomination should be for volunteer work from January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020.

SILVER CERTIFICATES OF AWARD AND RECOGNITIONS

Clubs do not need to submit a GFWC-SC District/State Report Form for these awards.

GFWC-SC CONTRIBUTION SHEET: A Contribution Sheet was distributed to the Club Presidents and is available on the GFWC-SC website. This is to be completed and submitted on or before March 15, 2020 along with a check payable to GFWC-SC for total of contributions to GFWC-SC Treasurer, Beth Taylor, 4 High Pointe Lane, Blythewood, SC 29016-7609. Silver Certificates of Award to be awarded to the club donating the most per capita based on the Contribution Sheet:

Endowment Fund Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Wayne Unger. Basis: donation to the Endowment Fund. Contributions must be received by the Treasurer by March 15, 2020.

Keith Unger Memorial Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Gus F. Floyd. Basis: donation to the Headquarters Fund. Contributions must be received by the Treasurer by March 15, 2020.

Janet B. Agnew Award: Sponsor: Janet B. Agnew. Basis: donation to the General Fund of GFWC-SC. Contributions must be received by the Treasurer by March 15, 2020.

GFWC-SC Kate T. Davis Memorial Award: Sponsor: Miss. Sara McColl in memory of Mrs. George E. Davis, Chairman of GFWC-SC International Scholarship and Student Loan 1938-1959. Basis: donation to the Scholarship Fund. Contributions must be received by the Treasurer by March 15, 2020

Clubwoman Magazine Award: Sponsor: Dianne M. McCarty. Basis: donation to the GFWC-SC Clubwoman Magazine. Contributions must be received by the Treasurer by March 15, 2020

Stackhouse Headquarters Award: Sponsor: GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee. Basis: to the club that contributes the most per capita to the GFWC-SC Headquarters Fund postmarked on or before March 15, 2020, based on contributions received by the Treasurer. In kind contributions, i.e. time and items, should be listed and submitted with the contribution sheet.

The GFWC-SC Progress Foundation Silver Certificate Award: Sponsor: GFWC-SC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club. To be awarded annually at state convention to the club with the highest per capita donation to GFWC-SC Progress Foundation postmarked on or before March 15, 2020, to the Treasurer.

Virginia (Sissy) Welch Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Silas B. Welch. Basis: to the district contributing the most money per capita to the GFWC-SC Headquarters Fund postmarked on or before March 15, 2020, to the Treasurer.

GFWC-SC RATING SHEET: A Rating Sheet was included in the Club President's Packet. The Rating Sheet is to be completed, and then ONE (1) copy is submitted to your District President and ONE (1) copy to President Elect, Kristin Fields, kristinf11@aol.com or 2 Clay Court, Chapin, SC 29036 emailed or postmarked on or before March 15, 2020. Rating sheets are used to determine Honor Club designations.

RATING SHEET: Silver Certificates of Award to be awarded based on the Rating Sheet postmarked on or before March 15, 2020. Judge: President Elect, Kristin Field.

To the General Club with the highest points on the Rating Sheet:

Category I: Myrtis Flanagan Award Sponsor: Mrs. W. C. Flanagan.

Category II: Jean T. Knight Award Sponsor: Mrs. R. Larry Kight.

Category III: Lovonia V. Hendrix Award Sponsor: Mrs. Lovonia V. Hendrix.

Juniorette Category: Mary S. Smith Award Sponsor: Mrs. Lynwood Smith.

All Categories: Mrs. John R. Wolff Award Sponsor: Mrs. John R. Wolff.

To Districts based on the Rating Sheet:

Past President's Cup: Basis: to the district with the highest points on the Rating Sheet postmarked on or before March 15, 2020. Judge: President Elect, Kristin Field

Lovonia Hendrix Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Hubert Hendrix. Basis: to the district with the second highest points on the Rating Sheet postmarked on or before March 15, 2020. Judge: President Elect, Kristin Field

Sylvia Ayers Membership Award: Sponsor: Sylvia Ayers. Basis: to the club with the largest net gain for 2019. To be judged by the President Elect and Treasurer.

Howie Stackhouse Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Sanford Howie. Basis: to the district president gaining the most new clubs paid in full by February 1 of each year. Judged by President Elect, Kristin Field.

Nancy Boozer Award: Sponsor: Mrs. L. Dale Boozer. Basis: to the district president who organizes or federates the most clubs in a fiscal year. Judged by GFWC-SC President Elect and Treasurer.

Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award: Sponsor: Mrs. Norman W. Lynch. Basis: to the district with the largest club membership attending GFWC-SC Annual Convention, as reported to the President Elect, not later than 4 p.m. (or previously announced time) on the second day of convention. The count will be made by the Credentials Committee. Award to be made by the President Elect (Chairman of District Presidents) at Awards Banquet.

Contests and Writing Awards due March 15, 2020:

All entries for the Youth Writing Competition and Clubwoman Writing Contests should be sent to GFWC-SC Contest Chairman Sherry Baldwin, via email by midnight on March 15, 2019, to sherrybaldwinbooks@gmail.com or by mail postmarked March 15, 2020, to 4290 Ocean Pointe Court, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582. A completed and signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be submitted with each entry. These forms were distributed to Club Presidents and are available on the GFWC-SC website.

GFWC Youth Writing Competition: Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Entries must be written during the contest year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2019). Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page: author's name, e-mail address, mailing address and phone number; name of author's GFWC club and state federation submitting the author's work; category and title of work.

Grade Level Categories: 1 (Grades K, 1, and 2), 2(Grades 3, 4, and 5), 3(Grades 6, 7 and 8), 4(Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12). One entry per person per category. Authors must be of amateur status; earnings from writings may not exceed \$500 annually. Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must and must be original works by author. Short stories limited to 2000 words. Poems can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines. Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy. First place state winners will be sent for national judging.

GFWC Clubwoman Short Story and Poetry Contest: Authors must be dues-paying members of an active GFWC club. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Entries must be written during the contest year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31). Entries must have the following: in the top right hand corner of each page: author's name, e-mail address, mailing address and phone number; name of author's GFWC club and state federation; category and title of work. Submit one entry per person per category. Authors must be of amateur status; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually. Entries may not have been published prior to competition and must be original works by author. Short stories limited to 2000 words. Poems can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.

A completed and signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be submitted with each entry.

Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy. First place state winners will be sent for national judging. Please visit the GFWC Club Manual: Awards, Contests and Club Grants Section to learn more about the contest specifics.

GFWC-SC Creative Writing Awards: GFWC-SC Individual Creative Writing Awards will be given in the following categories: 1) Essays; 2) Prayers; 3) Club Installations; 4) Song Lyrics; 5) Children's Short Stories. Each entry must be on a separate sheet of paper, typed and double spaced. The 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 re-submitted and only unpublished material may be entered.

Nancy Ann Morris Rivers Drama Award: Sponsor: Nancy Rivers. Basis: To the writer of the best Drama. Author must be of amateur status; writing earnings must not exceed \$500 annually. Entries must be typewritten, double-spaced, with a minimum margins of 1", one side only, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. All plays and skits are limited to one-act (30 – 60 minutes in length). Entries must have the following information on the top right corner of each page: name, address and telephone number of author, name of local club and title of manuscript. Entries must have been written during the contest year, may not have been published prior to competition and must be original works.

Emma R. Lipscomb Memorial Award: To the writer of the best overall entry in the GFWC-SC Creative Writing Contest.
Frances B. Hair Award: Sponsor: The Woman's Club of Charleston. To the writer of the best short story submitted in the GFWC Clubwoman Short Story and Poetry Contest.

GFWC-SC District Awards Due On March 15, 2020

The GFWC-SC State/District Form should be used to submit reports. This form was distributed to Club Presidents and is available on the GFWC-SC website under Resources. Reports should be postmarked or emailed to your District President on or before March 15, 2020.

Coastal District Awards

All of the following reports are to be submitted to the Coastal District President, Anne Redlus email:anneredlus@gmail.com 712 Freshwater lane, Bluffton, SC 29909 postmarked or emailed on or before March 15, 2020.

Myrt Riggs Award – Basis: to the club that has the best overall club project

Coastal District Award – Basis: to the club with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet

Pearce/Baxley Award – Basis: to the club that has the best overall Arts Program Report based on GFWC criteria which may also include participation in the photography and creative entries at the GFWC-SC Convention. These entries will be determined by the District president at Convention.

Charleston Junior woman's Club Community Improvement Program Award – Basis: to the club with the best overall Community Improvement Project submitted in the even numbered years.

Sue Burgess Education Award – Basis: to the district club with the Best Educational Project(s) involving programs for local schools, public libraries, senior citizens, money donations and book drives, etc.

Sissy Welch Award – Basis: the club with the largest membership percentage increase during the year.

Coastal District President's Spirit Award - Basis: to the club with the "Best Overall Spirit." Criteria includes: 1) Attendance at Summer and Winter Boards, Conventions, District Conference and District Socials; 2) Attendance of State and or District Officers at club meetings, fundraiser's 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. Shall be determined by the Coastal District President.

Pat Estep Community Service Award. To the club with the best GFWC-SC President's Special Project report.

Annie Utsey Award - Basis: to the club with the highest percentage of members present at District Conference. To be determined by the District Secretary.

Midlands District Awards

All of the following reports are to be submitted to the Midlands District President, Katie Moydell email: katiemoydell020@gmail.com or 200 Conrad Circle, Columbia, SC 29212 postmarked or emailed on or before March 15, 2020.

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

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

JWC-Lexington/Palmetto Club Rating Sheet Award - Basis: to the club with the highest number of points on the rating sheet-clubs with 30 or fewer members.

McFarland Rating Sheet Award - Basis: to the club with the highest number of points on the rating sheet-clubs with 31+members.

Keating International Affairs Children's Award - Basis: best project (s)in International Outreach --Children reported to the District President .

Alexander/George Advocates for Youth Award - Basis: best overall project(s) for Advocates for Youth reported to the District President .

Wisner Attendance Award - Basis: for the club with the highest attendance at the District Conference

All Conservation Award - Basis: best overall project(s) in Conservation reported to the District President.

Addy/Samsel Education Award - Basis: best overall project(s) in Education reported to the District President .

Abiklald CIP Award - Basis: given every 2 years (to be awarded in the even years) – Sponsored by to the club whose Community Improvement Project improves the community and lives of the most diverse groups of its citizens (child and adult, rich and poor, male and female). One (1) copy of the report must be submitted for judging to the District President on or before March 15, 2020.

Lexington Woman's Club Legislation Award - Basis: best overall project in Legislative Action reported to the District President .

Bonnette Library Award - Basis: best overall project(s) for support of libraries as reported to the District President

Midlands District Membership Award - based on the club who had the largest net gain in membership.

Marine Arts Award - Basis: best overall project(s) as reported to the District President.

Betty Thomason Public Issues Award - Basis best overall project(s) as reported to the District President.

Midlands District President's Spirit Award

Upstate District Awards

All of the following reports are to be submitted to the Upstate District President, Tina Winkler email: twinkler@oconnee.k12.sc.us or 1116 Daniel Ave. Seneca, SC 29678 postmarked or emailed on or before March 15, 2020.

Rating Sheet Awards: Davis Cup - Basis: to the club membership 1-13, with the highest number of points on the Ratings Sheet.

Crocker-Spartanburg Award - Basis: to the club membership 14 and over, with the highest points on the Ratings Sheet. Project Award:

Davenport-Morgan Project Award - Basis: to the club with the best overall project reported to the District President, postmarked on or before March 15, 2020.

Arts: Cassles-Dye Arts Award - Basis: to the club with the best Arts 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). Two copies to be submitted to the District President for judging by the Arts CSP Chairman, postmarked on or before March 15, 2020.

Janet Agnew Photography Award - Basis: to the club with the most photography entries at the GFWC-SC State Convention.

Education: Jolene W. Bryant Education Award - Basis: to the club with the best education report submitted to the District President for judging, postmarked on or before March 15, 2020.

Membership: Mary Renfro Membership Award - Basis: to the club with the largest membership increase during the year.

Special Needs/Underprivileged: Making Time for Others Silver Award - Basis: to the club with the best overall hands-on project benefiting special needs or underprivileged individuals reported to the District President, postmarked on or before March 15, 2020.

Attendance: Upstate District Attendance Award - Basis: to the club with the highest percentage of members present at the District Conference.

GFWC and GFWC-SC CLUB AND INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS ENTRIES to be submitted at the GFWC-SC STATE CONVENTION ON APRIL 23, 2020

Scrapbook Award: Certificates will be awarded to clubs in the same membership categories as Community Service Program Awards. 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 Scrapbook Chairman Debbie Ritter and accompanied with the Scrapbook Rating Sheet. The Scrapbook Rating Sheets were distributed to the Club Presidents and are available to download at gfwc-sc.org under resources.

Photography Contests: Please visit the GFWC Club Manual: Awards, Contests and Club Grants Section to learn more about the contest specifics and entry rules. Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs and must be amateur photographers (earnings from photography must not exceed \$500 annually). Photographs must be original work of the member submitting the photo. Photos may be black and white or color. Size of entry must be 8 x 10 inch print, mounted on rigid 8 x 10 board with an overall thickness not to exceed 3/8 inch. No mattes, frames or hangers. Photos must be taken during the contest year. Entries are to be brought to the GFWC-SC Convention registration table by noon on Friday of Convention. Debbie Ritter, State Photography Contest Chairman will select one state winner for each contest or category below and will send to GFWC for judging. The same image may be submitted to multiple photo contests, but separate photos must be entered into each category.

All entries must be accompanied by a completed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver. Creative Arts Waivers were distributed to Club Presidents and are available on the GFWC-SC website. Photos will NOT be returned.

The GFWC Club Manual - Awards, Contests and Club Grants section outlines all the Photo Contest details. GFWC offers three opportunities to participate in the Photo Contests:

The World in Pictures Categories

Living Things – adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife.

Scenes – city, landscapes, rural, skies, sunrise, sunset, waterscapes, weather.

Still Life – abstract (any assemblage of objects either in an arranged or natural setting), buildings, monuments.

GFWC Volunteers in Action – These photos should capture GFWC members in action as they engage in volunteer activities

A Year in Pictures (Calendar Contest): This contest is also known as the Calendar Contest. It features photographs depicting the twelve months of the year, providing members the opportunity to showcase their talents while supporting GFWC through the fundraising calendar.

Each photo for all contests must have a label on the back with the following information:

- a) Contest Name
- b) Photographer's name, e-mail address, mailing address, and phone number
- c) Name and State of sponsoring club
- d) Title and Brief caption giving location and other notes about the photo
- e) Arrow indicating the top of the photo.

Please be sure to review GFWC Club manual to find all the Photo Contest details.

Bring your photos to GFWC-SC Convention. Deb Ritter, our Photography Contest Chair will send State entries to GFWC by the deadline.

Giving Our Heart to Southern Region



GFWC-NC Past President Gay Warren with GFWC-SC Past President Caroline Mahaffey

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club Members: Debbie Ritter, Dolly McDermott, Kathy Heagan, Tricia Kolb and Joyce Thomas



Woman's League of the Lowcountry Members: Karen Adams and Anne Redlus, GFWC-NJ Past President

Congratulations Ann Malpass!

GFWC-SC Jennie Award Recipient and GFWC Southern Region Finalist

Ann joined the Woman's Club of Cayce in 1973 and has held every club leadership position, serving as President for six years. She continues to serve as advisor, rarely missing a meeting. She has chaired the Cayce Memorial Treelighting Ceremony for 36 years; initiated and chaired the Cayce Cares event for 16 years, coordinating area schools, churches and city employees in a community event that has raised over \$25,000 and truckloads of food for God's Helping Hands, a crises ministry.

She serves as Chairman of the GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee and has been a dedicated rainmaker, helping spearhead the Stocking Extravaganza, which has raised \$69,062 in seven annual events, and writing grants totaling \$40,000 - which has paid for many restorations and improvements to the Sims-Stackhouse mansion. She is often there, cleaning and planning future restorations.

An educator for 42 years with extensive professional accomplishments, Ann continued to volunteer with Lexington School District 2 for 10 years after retirement. She served on the Columbia Area Reading Council for over 50 years, with the State and International Reading Associations and the Lexington County Library board. She continues to serve on the Friends of the Cayce-West Columbia Library board. A member of State Street Baptist Church since 1967, she has served on many church committees, initiated the church's Jimmy Quinn Memorial Scholarship in 1993, and still teaches Sunday School.



Married for 52 years to her high school sweetheart, Bob, she has two children and four grands. Ann is devoted to her family. She has cared for her four grandchildren after school, regularly cooks Sunday lunch for all and hosts family gatherings which include her three sisters and brothers-in-law and extended family of over 40 people. She takes care of her husband's ill sister, who lives out of town, and was caretaker for her mother and father in their last years.

Ann was selected as one of two finalists from the Southern Region at the region conference held in October. The sixteen region finalists will be featured in the Spring 2020 issue of GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. One clubwoman for each of the eight regions will then be selected for national recognition as a GFWC Jennie Award honoree at the GFWC Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Constitution and Bylaws

All proposed changes to the GFWC-SC Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules need to be sent in writing to Lynn Cleckler, GFWC-SC Constitution & Bylaws Chairman, by mail postmarked on or before January 1, 2020 to 711 Cherokee Trail, Lexington, SC 29072, or by email to LynnCleckler70@gmail.com or [Bobbie Sox, bobbiewsox2@aol.com](mailto:bobbiewsox2@aol.com) by midnight on January 1, 2020.

Resolutions

All proposed state resolutions need to be sent to Janet Agnew, GFWC-SC Resolutions Chairman, by email to janetag@bellsouth.net by midnight on January 1, 2020, or by mail postmarked on or before January 1, 2020 to 140 Burnett Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29302.

Legislative Update

Caroline Mahaffey, GFWC-SC Legislation and Public Policy Chairman

Please make plans to attend the 2nd GFWC-SC Legislative Day on January 15, 2020,. We will meet outside the Capitol building in Columbia at 10:30. Please let me know if you can attend. We have arranged to have lunch at the Capital City Club, and we need to give them a head count and collect your lunch money at Winter Board or the day of the event.

Here's an update on the bills that we are following in the South Carolina House of Representatives.

H. 3036 became a law! This new law requires neonatal testing for certain genetic disorders and diseases.

H. 3200 has passed the House and is now in the Senate, referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry. This bill requires employers to provide time and space for nursing mothers to pump breast milk.

These bills are still in committee in the House:

H.3028: This bill seeks to put a POW-MIA National Chair in an appropriate location in the State House or on the grounds of the Capitol Complex in recognize, honor and increase public awareness regarding the nearly 90,000 American Service members who remain unaccounted for since the First World War Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.

H. 3056: This bill would better define unlawful hazing and penalties associated with this crime. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

S. 194 passed the Senate and the companion bill in the House is H.3074: This bill would increase the penalties for keeping a brothel or inducing a person to participate in prostitution. It also would establish an affirmation defense when a victim of human trafficking is charged with prostitution. Committee on Judiciary reported favorably and it would become law if the House passes it when the General Assembly reconvenes in January. Kaye Gerrald, GFWC-SC Public Issues Chair, shared information regarding these bills with the club presidents in November. Lighthouse for Life is asking for our help in getting these bills to become law.

H.3075: This bill is known as the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Act and would create the criminal offense of teen dating violence, provide penalties, and allow victims to seek orders of protection or restraining orders. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

H.3151: This bill requires school districts to screen prospective and current employees through the Department of Social Services Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect, and requires DSS to provide training for the district personnel. Referred to the Committee on Education and Public Works.

H. 3181: This bill seeks to amend the law on sex trafficking to include certain sexual exploitation and prostitution offenses involving minors. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. 4710: Prefiled bill to address Hate Crimes. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. GFWC-SC passed a resolution to advocate for legislation like this since we are one of only 4 states without such a law.

S. 311: This bill limits the liability of volunteers who provide transportation to senior citizens. Janet Agnew, GFWC-SC Resolutions Chair, has shared information about this bill, and we passed a resolution at our April convention to support such legislation. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Where will You serve GFWC-SC in 2020-2022?

I am in the process of pulling together volunteers for my team. I would love to hear back from you. Please go to our website and complete the 2020-2022 Administration Interest form. Return to me via email or mail asap. Thank you so much for your time and interest.

Kristin Fields, GFWC President Elect



Shelli Pue and Kristin Fields attended GFWC Orientation for the 2020-2022 Administration and are standing outside GFWC's lovely headquarters in DC.

Nominations for 2020-2022 Officers

GFWC-SC members who wish to serve on the Executive Committee must submit letters of nomination from their clubs to the State Elections Committee Chairman by December 31, 2019. Peggy Opitz is the chair and her address is P.O. Box 4421, 3386 Cedar Creek Run, Little River, SC 29566, or email aopitzp@gmail.com.

Article XI Section I of the Bylaws state that "The Election Committee shall meet in January and shall have ready a complete list of nominees for the office of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Junior Clubs, Director-elect of Junior Clubs, three District Presidents and other various offices to be filled, to be made a part of the Call to Convention."

The other members of this committee are Misty Konow (Upstate District) and Neel Lesesne (Midlands District).

GFWC-SC Registration Form for Winter Session

January 4, 2020

Send completed form for EACH Attendee along with check(s) payable to GFWC-SC to:

Credentials Chariman, COURTNEY EVANS, 107 SWEET GRASS LANE, COLUMBIA, SC 29203

cepevans@hotmail.com (803) 556-7042

Name: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Credentials Information (check the first one that applies):

Past President (of GFWC-SC)

State Officer (including District Presidents)

State Program Chairman (Comm. Serv., Spec. Proj/Comm/Appt). Name of Program: _____

Standing Committee Chairman (Finance, Const. & Bylaws, Credentials, Headquarters, Resolutions, Disaster Relief)

Club President or Appointee (if President absent or credentialed in any of above categories)

Club Delegate/Voting (convention only -one per ten members, rounded to nearest ten)

Member-at-Large (Not affiliated with any club)

Club Member/Non-voting

Guest

Medical Information –In Case of an Emergency:

Notify (primary): _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Notify (alternate): _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Medicine allergies: _____

Medications/location/instructions in case of emergency: (You are encouraged to keep emergency medications handy.)

Event Reservations:

Registration fee: \$15 \$ _____

Late fee (after 12/21):\$5 \$ _____

Optional Donation to Million Dollar Club \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

GFWC-SC Winter Session January 4, 2020



We will be collecting swimsuits and towels for the Lowcountry Aquatic Project Swimming (LAPS) at our Winter Session. LAPS currently serves 14 schools and 1,400 children and has up to 25 CPR, First Aid, and Swim Lessons University certified instructors. Following the Charleston County School District (CCSD) academic calendar, lessons are taught in eight (8) thirty-minute sessions with the children participating in two sets of lessons; one in the fall and one in the spring. Swimsuits should be for children 5-8 years of age and should be one piece for girls. Some of your donations will be used for decorations at our annual conference in April at the luncheon featuring speaker Shannon Walsh O'Brien, founder and program director for LAPS.



The Jessamines will be attending our Winter Session and would love to have your support for the projects they have planned in 2020.

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Christmas Ties

The bow on the package in December
Announces its colorful message:
"Merry Christmas!" "Here's a gift!"
In red and green curls of delight.
Festive ties are all around:
Silver garlands on the mantle,
Gold streamers sparkling on the tree,
Wreaths adorned with flowing ribbons.
Links of beauty that capture the holiday's giving.
Yet stronger ties grow throughout the season :
Family connections and celebrations
Tie generations in pictures and memories;
Loving hugs bind friends and relatives
In timeless traditions past and present-
Precious bonds of love and faith.
As we wrap and adorn and welcome and click, do we
Recognize and share the most powerful Christmas tie
Made over 2000 years ago
Which leads us to the Stable
in search of the Star's Gift?

Melissa H. Smith Nov. 2019
GFWC-SC Poet Laureate