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Congratulations to the District Officers and Norma England for successfully holding our first ever virtual District meetings. Thank you to all club members that participated. This allowed for the important business of our districts to be completed.

The holiday season is upon us all. Some of our holiday traditions may be carried out differently this year due to COVID restrictions. One of those traditions is the GFWC-SC Headquarters Stocking Extravaganza. Our beautiful stockings were auctioned off via online auction. Some of you will enjoy holiday Zoom parties too. While other traditions continue in the same way. Such as packing Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, giving presents to Families Helping Families and sending cards to veterans and seniors. While planning holiday events and projects consider a few pointers from our CSP Chairs. Darlene Rittel, Environment Chair, has shared several suggestions for reusing and recycling this holiday season. Pamme Eades, Arts and Cultural Chair, shared notes regarding the new President's Prize holiday contest. Rather your holiday project is traditional or modern, enjoy your club members and be safe!

The call for the GFWC-SC Board of Directors and Winter Board meetings includes very important details regarding these meetings. The Board of Directors will meet via Zoom while the Winter Board will be held in-person. All plans were made with your safety in mind. I look forward to seeing you there.

Warmest wishes for Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

In Federation Spirit,

Kristin

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Seasons Greetings! If you know me then you know how much I absolutely love the holidays and I just can't get enough of the Hallmark or Lifetime Christmas themed movies. Having been able to make it to this point has truly been a blessing and breath of fresh air for us all. The fact that you are reading this article is a clear indication that you have so much to be grateful for this season. The year 2020 seemed bleak for a while, but not even a pandemic or political uproar could keep Clubwomen from getting things accomplished. The honor was all mine to be able to share the great work of the Juniors of South Carolina at the Southern Region Conference. We have resiliently continued to shine our lights by assisting others and supporting worthy causes. Your work definitely does not go unnoticed.



Shelli Pue

GFWC-SC

Director of Junior Clubs

Although things are different this holiday season, be mindful not to dwell on what you cannot do, but be more intentional about what you can do, as you continue to enjoy this time of fellowship with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you at Winter Board whether it be in person or virtually. Until then, here's a little something to bring you cheer.

Three Wise Women would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, brought practical gifts, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and there would be Peace on earth!

Thank God we have more than just three wise women in GFWC-SC. Happy Holidays!

In Junior Love,

Shelli



Norma England

GFWC-SC

First Vice President

Even though this has been a very unusual year due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, many SC Clubs have held successful new member recruitment events. Clubs have added new members! Great news!! We want to welcome all of our new members!

Remember The Winter Recruitment Report is due to GFWC on 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. Please remember to also send me a copy of the Recruitment form when you send it to GFWC. Many of our Clubs have been thinking outside of the box when planning projects and socials this year. Our next Recruitment Period focus is mentoring. Use community projects or art projects as a time for new members to meet and enjoy the company of seasoned members. A suggestion for mentoring is to pair a new member with a seasoned member to allow for one on- one conversation about club experiences and expectations. Try something new your members will be sure to enjoy a change! This has been a year when we have all had to be flexible and find a new way to do things. Thank you so much for finding a way to recruit new members and carry on the work of GFWC.

Our District Presidents all held our first ever GFWC-SC virtual District Conferences this year. All of our District Conferences were successful. I want to congratulate all of the Districts and their officers for their work in setting up the virtual District Conferences. It was great to see so many of you online at the District Conferences. Thank you all for being flexible and willing to

work with your District Officers in holding virtual meetings. I also want to thank everyone who was elected to represent the Districts on the GFWC-SC Board of Trustees, as a Progress Foundation Trustee, member of the Scholarship Foundation, or the Election Committee.

Thank you to all of the Clubs that sent me copies of your Yearbook or your club roster/bylaws/meeting schedule/officer list. Some of you sent your information in printed form, others sent copies by email. Remember to count those points on the Rating Sheet in March.

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families!!! I wish you all a Healthy, Happy 2021 Club Year! Hoping to see all of you again soon!!

In Federation Spirit,

Norma

Suggestions for Keeping Club Members Engaged During this Pandemic

Don't you love the poignant words of Dana Ullom-Vucelich, "At the very core of our humanity is our care for one another. Heartfelt appreciation provides sustenance for another day, especially in turbulent times." In the middle of a global pandemic, how do we provide that "sustenance for another day" in our day-to-day roles as clubwomen? The following suggestions provide some ideas for appreciating and inspiring the people who will pull our clubs through.

Reflect on Your Club

With less opportunities to get together, we all have a little more reflective time. It is a great time to assess our club and membership, what club members are feeling, the relationships built among the group, and the friendships we have forged. A little virus-induced distance is making all of us more appreciative of our members...who we are and what we do! It really reinforces how much we depend on each other. Heartfelt appreciation is the best form of expressing recognition so take the time to spotlight members for their time and talents.

Make Virtual Personal

Zoom meetings have become the norm in 2020 and while they are instrumental in keeping a club going, some members will find them less personal and inclusive. If possible, schedule some face to face meetings – maybe meetings can be held at a park or in a larger room where spacing can be attained. If there are club members who are unable to attend a face to face meeting, designate buddies to check in the next day or so after the meeting. This buddy system would also work for virtual meetings if a club woman cannot access the meetings electronically. And get other club members involved in all virtual meetings – do not depend on one person to run the entire thing.

Focus on Success

In the current climate, it is hard to keep morale up so it is important to focus on communication with each other. Look for opportunities to move forward - focus on what that club CAN do, how each person CAN contribute and then celebrate the successes. Find the 'silent heroes' and shine the light on them – these are the ones who make things happen so personally and publicly thank them...make sure they know how much they are appreciated!

We will get through these trying times and one day look back on 2020 maybe not with fondness but at least with some knowledge that we have all learned a great deal about ourselves and our other club women. Let's do the things NOW during the pandemic that will help our clubs and members in the future.

In Federation Love,

Kaye



Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC
Secretary



Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC
Treasurer

Hello fellow Clubwomen! What a year we have been having! As your GFWC-SC, Treasurer I have been busy working on dues and check depositing, whew! All clubs that sent in their dues by Nov. 1, 2020 will be eligible for the Progress Foundation Grant. Don't forget to submit your application if you were one of these clubs that met this goal!

Since 2020 has been an odd year raising money has looked different. It is excellent to see the creativity that our members have had to keep fundraising going to give back to their Communities. Kudos to all of you!

Don't forget to file your taxes! If you use the calendar year your taxes are due April 15.

We want to send a shout out to the many clubs and members that gave money towards our mailings. 2020 has added costs that we were not expecting!

Since we have not had our meetings our Jessamines fund has been depleting because those girls have been busy! They have still been giving back to their Community and learning the importance of volunteering! If you feel compelled to donate, send me a check and put Jessamines in the memo field!

Lastly, please be patient with me as I learn this new position Being Treasurer is a big responsibility and I want to do a good job for all of you!

In Federation Love,

Carrie

2020 GFWC-SC REPORTING INFORMATION - REPORTING MATTERS!



Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President

Reporting Period: JANUARY 1, 2020 - DECEMBER 31, 2020
Reports Are Due: NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT OF DUE DATE

CLUB CATEGORIES

GENERAL I 1-14 members
GENERAL II 15-29 members
GENERAL III 30+ members
JUNIOR
JUNIORETTE

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLUB MEMBERS is PAID MEMBERS as of APRIL 30, 2020

INTENT DETERMINES WHERE TO REPORT

An ART THERAPY Project:
That emphasizes the therapeutic value of art:
ARTS & CULTURE
To aid veterans with PTSD:
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH
Animal themed fundraiser to benefit endangered animals: **ENVIRONMENT**
That helps special needs children focus attention: **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**
To aid those with addiction or depression: **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

REPORTING INFORMATION

- **CLUBS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT ONE COPY OF EACH REPORT to suzannecarswell@gmail.com**
- For FILLABLE FORMS and more reporting information, go to GFWC-SC.org under [More > Member Resources > President Packet](#).
- If you must report via USPS, call Suzanne Carswell at 803-397-9767 for instructions.
- Report all club approved projects your club has done for each CSP, GFWC Special & Signature Program, Advancement Plan and President's Special Project.
- **INCLUDE IN EACH REPORT: A SEPARATE State Statistical & Narrative Cover Entry Form with Submission Type clearly marked; a SEPARATE narrative for each program report; and ADDENDA** (optional but encouraged), limited to (5) pages and attached to report marked Stats, Narrative & Addenda.
- Clubs are asked to put special emphasis on up to three (3) top projects in each of their reports by describing the INTENT ... the "who, what, when, where and WHY" of the project in the narrative.
- Junior Clubs must submit one (1) additional copy of all reports via email to Director of Junior Clubs, Shelli Pue, shellipue1@gmail.com
- All clubs are encouraged to, AT A MINIMUM, please submit State Statistical & Narrative Cover Entry Forms with Statistics. This will be of great help to GFWC and to our state.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Evaluation will be based on the following. 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 Projects in narrative form
- Number of projects, hours, dollars & in-kind contributions
- Innovation and originality
- Participation of membership (consider club size)
- Community participation (outside organizations or individuals involved and how)
- Publicity of project, club, GFWC-SC, GFWC
- Success (impact on community)
- Any additional information requested by award sponsor relating to a specific award

REPORTS DUE FEBRUARY 1

GFWC-SC STATE STATISTICAL & NARRATIVE COVER ENTRY FORM - Due February 1

GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS, SIGNATURE & SPECIAL PROGRAMS and ADVANCEMENT PLAN REPORTS
Submit to 2nd Vice President, Suzanne Carswell, suzannecarswell@gmail.com

- **All clubs submitting reports will be considered for:**
 - **Certificate of Awards given to 1st Place winning entries**
 - **Club Creativity Awards in the (3) General Membership and Junior, and Juniorette categories**
 - **SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submit to Contest Chair per instructions in award. - Due February 1

GFWC NEWSLETTER CONTEST: *(See info under GFWC & GFWC-SC CONTESTS and WRITING AWARDS, below.)*

GFWC WEBSITE CONTEST: *(See info under GFWC & GFWC-SC CONTESTS and WRITING AWARDS, below.)*

GFWC GIRAFFE AWARD: *(See info under OTHER AWARDS, below.)*

GFWC-SC AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS STATISTICAL FORM - Due February 1

Submit to 2nd Vice President, Suzanne Carswell, suzannegcarswell@gmail.com

REPORTS DUE MARCH 15

GFWC-SC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS - USE STATE/DISTRICT AWARD FORM - Due March

15 Submit (1) copy to Program Chair, Katie Moydell, katiemoydell1020@gmail.com

& (1) copy to 2nd Vice President Suzanne Carswell, suzannegcarswell@gmail.com

Pink Prevention Pinwheel Award: To the club in each category General and Junior and Juniorette that plants or displays the most pinwheel gardens in the local community.

Purple Passion Pinwheel Award: To the club in each category General and Junior and Juniorette that best incorporates Child Abuse Prevention awareness in club activities.

SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS - USE STATE/DISTRICT AWARD FORM - Due March 15

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

General Cup Award: To the General club in each category that most effectively carries out the GFWC Program Guidelines. Use the GFWC-SC State/District Award Form. Summarize club work from Jan. 1-Dec. 31. Limit report to SEVEN (7) pages to include: cover, narrative (double-spaced) and FIVE (5) pages of addenda (optional). Report SEPARATELY in each Community Service Program only. Include a brief description of the programs and projects of your club. Describe briefly visual aids used such as exhibits, workshops, publications, etc. List other activities or contributions (money, time, etc.) that in any manner promoted GFWC Programs. Submit to 2nd Vice President Suzanne Carswell, suzannegcarswell@gmail.com.

Perry Ann Renwick Award: To the clubs that report the best joint project undertaken by a General and Junior club working together. Clubs must submit one report, written together, and signed by the participating clubs' presidents, briefly describing the manner in which they worked together. Limit two (2) typewritten, double-spaced pages and (2) pages of addenda. Submit report to GFWC-SC Leadership Chair, Janet Prince, jhprince@aol.com.

Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award: To the club with the best overall project. Submit two (2) copies to your District President. *(In turn, each District President will send the winning reports to President-Elect, Norma England, englandn72@comporium.net by April 1 for final judging.)*

MEMBERSHIP SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS - Due March 15 - Submit per instructions below.

Howie Stackhouse/Nancy Boozer Award: To the District gaining the most newly federated clubs during the reporting year. To be judged by the Treasurer.

Sylvia Ayers Membership Award: To the club with the largest net gain in the reporting year. Judged by President-Elect and Treasurer.

Janet Prince Membership Award: To each club, General, Junior or Juniorette, in each category, that retains its membership in the calendar year. Clubs must submit: (1) Active membership numbers as of January 1 and, (2) Final active membership numbers as of December 31. Submit numbers via an email to the Membership Chairman, 1st Vice President, Norma England, englandn72@comporium.net with Janet Prince Membership Award in email subject line.

HEADQUARTERS SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS - Due March 15 – Submit per instructions below.

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

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

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

CONTRIBUTION SHEET SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS - Due March 15

All clubs submitting a CONTRIBUTION SHEET will be considered for the awards listed below.

Submit to GFWC-SC Treasurer, Carrie Zimmerman, czim22@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RATING SHEET SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS - Due March 15

All clubs submitting a RATING SHEET will be considered for the awards below.

Submit (1) copy to President-Elect Norma England, englandn72@comporium.net & (1) copy to your District President

TO THE GENERAL CLUB IN EACH CATEGORY WITH THE HIGHEST POINTS ON THE RATING SHEET

CATEGORY I: Myrtis Flanagan Award

CATEGORY II: Jean T Knight Award

CATEGORY III: Lavonia V. Hendrix Award

JUNIORETTE: Mary S. Smith Award

ALL CATEGORIES: Mrs. John R. Wolff Award

TO DISTRICTS BASED ON THE RATING SHEET

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

Lavonia Hendrix Award: To the District with the 2nd highest points on the Rating Sheet.

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS - Due March 15

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

GFWC-SC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year is awarded to the clubwoman who has been outstanding during the club year through volunteer work in club projects and in other community work. Each club may nominate one member for this award. The nomination should be written in narrative form by someone other than the nominee and include: (A) Number of projects participated in by the nominee. Include a brief description of each club project and community project. (B) Number of hours the nominee volunteered in each club and community project. (C) Amount of monies raised in each club and community project as a result of her volunteer work. (D) A brief paragraph describing her family and employment. Narratives should be sent, along with the Nomination Form, to: Catherine Sharpe, 116 Fox Glen Circle, Lexington, SC 29072. Must be postmarked by March 15. A committee of no less than three (3) judges unaffiliated with GFWC-SC will judge nominees.

GFWC-SC WOMAN OF DISTINCTION: 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 achievements. Each club may nominate one member. Narratives of no more than five (5) pages should be sent, along with the Nomination Form, via email to: suzannegcarswell@gmail.com with GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction in subject line. A committee of no less than three (3) judges unaffiliated with GFWC-SC will judge nominees.

JOANN BOLCHOZ JUNIORETTE OF THE YEAR: To be awarded 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 include (1) the number of projects participated in by the nominee; (2) a brief description of each club and community project; (3) 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 in the calendar year. Narratives should be sent, along with the Nomination Form, to: shellipue1@gmail.com, or Shelli Pue, 107 Sweet Grass Ln., Columbia, SC 29203. A committee of no less than three (3) judges unaffiliated with GFWC-SC will judge nominees.

Submit per instructions in award. - Due March 15

President's Prize: *(See info under OTHER AWARDS, below.)*

AWARDS CREATED FOR GFWC-SC - Due March 15 - Submit per instructions below.

Palmetto Pride Environment Achievement Awards: To encourage club projects to eradicate litter and beautify their communities. Three (3) awards will be given. Palmetto Pride award information and forms are available at GFWC-SC.org under More > Member Resources > President Packet. Submit (1) copy to GFWC-SC Environment Chair, Darlene Rittel, drittell@gforcecable.com, 1009 Kerr Drive, Aiken, SC 29803 and (1) to Palmetto Pride as indicated in award information.

Mrs. John R. Wolff/Cancer Save-A-Life Award: Award information and forms will be available at GFWC-SC.org under More > Member Resources > President Packet. Submit (1) copy to American Cancer Society, SC Division, as indicated in award information, and (1) copy to GFWC-SC Health & Wellness Chair, Anne Redlus, anneredlus@gmail.com, 712 Freshwater Lane, Bluffton, SC 29909.

DISTRICT AWARDS - USE STATE/DISTRICT REPORT FORM - Due March 15

COASTAL DISTRICT AWARDS - Submit to Coastal District President, Kendall Spillman: kspillm@g.cofc.edu

Myrt Riggs Award: To the club with the best overall club project.

Coastal District Award: To the club in each category with the highest number of points on the Rating Sheet.

Sue Burgess Education And Libraries Award: To the club with the best project(s) involving local schools, public libraries, senior citizens, monetary donations and book drives, etc.

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

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

Annie Utsey Award: To the club with the highest percentage of members present at the District Conference. Determined by District Secretary.

Joann Thornhill Bolchoz Spirit Award: To the club with the best overall spirit. Criteria: 1) Attendance at Summer and Winter Boards, Conventions, District Conference and District Socials; 2) Attendance of State and/or District Officers at club meetings, fundraisers or socials; 3) Club Yearbook sent to District President and GFWC-SC First Vice President; 4) Prompt return of GFWC-SC District Dues, Rating Sheet and Club President's Directory; 5) Reporting Participation in all Community Service Programs. To be judged by the Coastal District President.

MIDLANDS DISTRICT AWARDS - Submit to Midlands District President, Pamme Eades: pamme@att.net

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

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

Abiklaled CIP Award: Given in even years. (*Not given in 2020*) To the club who's Community Impact Project improves the community and lives of the most diverse groups of its citizens (child and adult, rich and poor, male and female).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Midlands District President's Spirit Award: To the club with the "Best Overall GFWC Spirit". Criteria: 1) Attendance at Summer and Winter Boards, Conventions, District Conference and District Socials; 2) Attendance of State and/or District Officers at club meetings, 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.

Wisner Attendance Award: To the club with the highest attendance at the District Conference. To be determined by District Secretary.

UPSTATE DISTRICT AWARDS

Submit to Upstate District President, Misty Konow: somethingaboutmisty@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upstate District Attendance Award: To the club with the highest percentage of members present at the District Conference, determined by District Secretary.

JUNIOR AWARDS

Submit to DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS, SHELLI PUE, shellipue1@gmail.com, 107 Sweet Grass Ln., Columbia, SC 29203

Due FEBRUARY 1 - SILVER CERTIFICATE AWARDS

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

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

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

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

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

Susan Abelkop Junior Membership Award: To the Junior club with the best overall membership report.

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

GFWC-SC DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS

Yass Queen!: Awarded to The Junior Club and or Juniorette Club that overall best incorporates the Junior Director's Special Project, Be-YOU-tiful, by fundraising, in-kind support or volunteering in effort to help the youth with loving themselves by building self- awareness, self-confidence, and self-esteem.

Beauty Queen: Awarded to the General Club that overall best incorporates the Junior Director's Special Project, Be-YOU-tiful, by fundraising, in-kind support or volunteering in effort to help the youth with loving themselves by building self-awareness, self- confidence, and self-esteem.

Miss Congeniality: 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, Be-YOU-tiful, by fundraising, in-kind support or volunteering in effort to help the youth with loving themselves by building self-awareness, self-confidence, and self-esteem.

Due MARCH 15

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

GFWC & GFWC-SC CONTESTS AND WRITING AWARDS

- **GFWC COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM AWARD will not be awarded until 2022.**
- **GFWC NEWSLETTER CONTEST and WEBSITE CONTEST are Due FEBRUARY 1.**
- **GFWC-SC and GFWC WRITING CONTEST and DRAMA CONTEST ENTRIES are Due MARCH 15.**
- **GFWC & GFWC-SC SCRAPBOOK & PHOTOGRAPHY entries are to be submitted at the GFWC-SC STATE CONVENTION on APRIL 23.**
- **Photos will NOT be returned.**
- **ALL information on GFWC CONTESTS is available via GFWC.org, > Member Portal > My Digital Library > Resources > C > Club Manual > Awards and Contests > GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (to fill out and download form). Also available at GFWC-SC.org > MORE > Member Resources > President Packet.**

- ***** ALL ENTRIES IN GFWC & GFWC-SC CONTESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETED GFWC CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER (included in Club Presidents Packet, downloadable at GFWC-SC.org under MORE > MEMBER RESOURCES > PRESIDENT PACKET or via GFWC.org in the Club Manual). *****

Due FEBRUARY 1 - Submit to GFWC-SC Contest Chair listed in contest below.

Newsletter Contest: Only one newsletter issue per club or State Federation may be submitted. The Newsletter must have been printed and clearly dated during the reporting year. The front page of the newsletter must prominently display the official GFWC emblem and mention membership in GFWC. Refer to the GFWC Stylebook for GFWC Trademark Use Policies at www.GFWC.org. Newsletter entries must include the contact information of at least one member, defined as an email address, telephone number, and/or mailing address. 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%). Email to: Tabitha Safdi, Communication & Identity Chair, tabithasafdi@gmail.com (513) 376-3443

Website Contest: Should include website address, Club/State Federation name, President's name and contact information, name and contact information of person submitting entry, number of Club/State Federation members, and a 250 word essay describing the website's purpose and the club's/State Federation's approach to website maintenance. The homepage must contain a link to GFWC.org and include contact information for at least one member of the club (email address, telephone number and/or mailing address). Must be emailed to Website Contest Chair, Kaye.Gerrald@gmail.com.

Due MARCH 15 - Submit all entries for Clubwoman Writing Contests to GFWC-SC Contest Chair, Peggy Grillot, pgrillot@sc.rr.com, 304 Crosscreek Court, Columbia, SC 29212 (803) 237-7297.

GFWC YOUTH WRITING CONTEST: Entries must be typed, double-spaced and printed on one side only, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8.5 x 11-inch paper. Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31). Entries must have the following on the top right hand corner of each page: Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number; Name of the GFWC club and State Federation submitting author's work; Category; Title of work; Grade Level. Category 1: Grades K, 1 & 2; Category 2: Grades 3, 4 & 5; Category 3: Grades 6, 7 & 8; Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12.

GFWC CLUBWOMAN SHORT STORY AND POETRY CONTEST: Authors must be dues-paying members of a 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; must be written during the contest year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31); must have the following in the top, right-hand corner of each page: Author's Name, E-mail address, mailing address, 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 the author. Short stories limited to 2,000 words. Poems may be any style with minimum length of eight lines and maximum of 50 lines.

GFWC-SC 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. Author's name, address, telephone number, club name and district, classification and title of writing should appear in the top right-hand corner of each page. Previous entries may not be resubmitted and only unpublished material may be entered.

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

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

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

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

Due APRIL 23 – Deliver To Contest Chair At State Convention (Judged by GFWC-SC Contest Chair):

GFWC-SC SCRAPBOOK CONTEST: Certificates of Award will be awarded in the three (3) General, (1) Junior and (1) Juniorette Membership Categories. Entries should be delivered to GFWC-SC Convention to the designated area by noon on Friday of Convention. Each entry must be registered with the Scrapbook Chairman, Tina Winkler, twinkle@oconee.k12.sc.us, 116 Daniel Avenue, Seneca, SC 29678, (803) 237-2797, and accompanied by the Scrapbook Rating Sheet (included in Club President Packets and downloadable at GFWC-SC.org under MORE, MEMBER RESOURCES, PRESIDENT PACKET).

GFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: This contest has been completely revamped! Please refer to contest specifics at GFWC.org in the Club Manual. For questions, contact Photography Contest Chair, Tina Winkler, twinkle@oconee.k12.sc.us, (803) 237-2797. The GFWC Photography Contests encourage members' artistic expression and visual storytelling, while recognizing originality, visual impact, and technical skill in photography. GFWC offers two (2) opportunities to participate in the Photography Contests:

THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST (3 Categories): These photographs showcase the people, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives in a meaningful way, as expressed in these three categories:

- **Our World Up Close**—Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world.
- **Natural Wonders**—Use wide angles and panoramas, or moody landscape images, to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts, or any other magnificent vista.
- **Reflections**—Feature a setting, situation, or landmark that brings back poignant memories, or capture a fleeting image reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.

GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT CONTEST: These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate, in groups or one-on-one.

OTHER AWARDS – Submit per instructions in award below.

Giraffe Award (Due February 1): The Giraffe Award will be presented at the Junior Business Session of the GFWC Annual Convention in 2021 and 2022 to honor all State Federations that participate in the Challenge Project. An award certificate will be provided to each club that undertakes a project directly benefitting children during the fourth week of October. Mail or email form and photos to Juniors' Special Program Chairman, Carrie Zimmerman, 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamasee, SC, 29686, or czim22@gmail.com. For GFWC's use of photos, please include the Creative Arts Waiver.

President's Prize (Due March 15): A "President's Prize" of \$100 plus an award certificate will be given at the 2021 and 2022 GFWC Annual Conventions to the club that best interprets the GFWC holiday theme. Information can be found at GFWC.org > membersuite (Member Portal)> my digital library > Resources > C > Club Manual > Special Programs and CSPs > 2020-22 Arts & Culture President's Prize Form. For GFWC's use of photos, please include the Creative Arts Waiver. Mail or email this form and photos to Arts and Culture Chairman Angela Cutrera, 1426 Jasmine Drive, Opelousas, LA 70570, or Angelacutrera1@gmail.com.

GFWC-SC ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award: To the District with the largest club membership attending GFWC-SC Annual Convention as reported to the President-Elect, not later than 4:00 p.m. (or previously announced time) on the second day of Convention. Count to be made by Credentials Committee and Award to be made by President-Elect at Awards Banquet.

Jackie Boland Attendance Award: To the club with the largest membership (per capita) attending the Summer Meeting. Count to be made by the Credentials Committee. Award to be made by the First Vice President.

Marian St.Clair Club Attendance Award: To the club with the largest membership (per capita) attending the Winter Board Meeting. Count to be made by the Credentials Committee.

Southern Region Virtual Conference via BigMarker

Friday, Halloween House Party!

We enjoyed all the fixin's of a Halloween Party with costumes, candy and a fun game of virtual Bingo.

Cynthia Geis, SRC President with a Host of Southern Region girls!



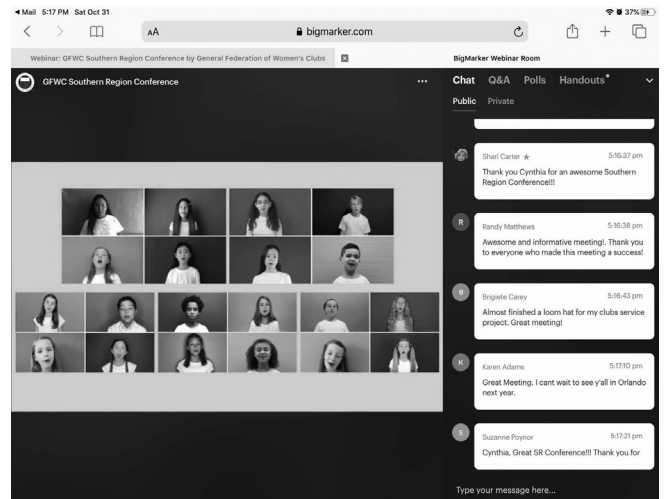
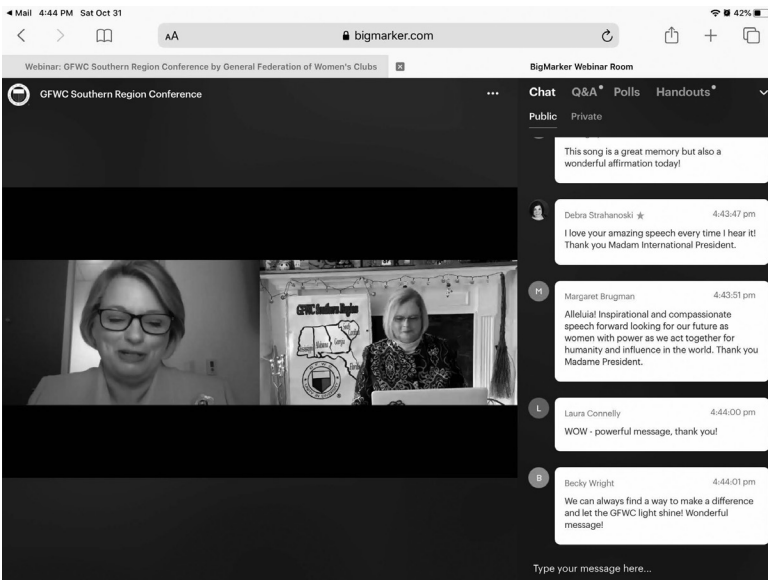
.....and a winning card!



Saturday, Southern Region Annual Meeting Putting Vision into Action

Marian St. Clair, Keynote Speaker

Voices of Hope Children's Choir



Jennie Award, Gail Elfert

Did you know? The **Jennie Award** is the only national honor bestowed by GFWC that recognizes individual members for personal excellence!

The **Jennie Award** is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym, "Jennie June". The award is a way of highlighting and recognizing extraordinary clubwomen for a lifetime of personal excellence epitomizing Jennie June's spirit of independence, courage, and persistence through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, communities, and extended families.

Nominations will be evaluated in three areas on the following criteria:

1. **Commitment to Club** – The nominee should have an outstanding record of success and achievement, not only in terms of her club's volunteer programs and projects, but also her role in a leadership position, her effort to build membership and promote the club to others, and her overall spirit of volunteerism. She should be kind, loyal, and positive in her relationships with other clubwomen, and her commitment should be continuous, rather than a onetime occurrence.
2. **Commitment to Community** – Community service must address real community needs and concerns and this service should go beyond club activities and be carried out through other community organizations (e.g. schools, hospitals, elected or appointed positions, etc.) as well as through the workplace. Activities should reflect an innovative or unique approach to volunteer work.
3. **Commitment to Family** – Recognizing that families come in many different forms, the nominee might be a single parent, a grandparent raising grandchildren, an adult caring for elderly relative, or an adult without children. The definition of a family member may include persons you are older or younger than the nominee. It may include immediate as well as extended family members. The nominee should exemplify outstanding concern for the wellbeing, health and welfare of one or more persons by providing aid and comfort on an ongoing basis, separate and apart from club and community work.

If your club would like to nominate someone who you believe fits all of these criteria and is worthy of such a high honor, then please go to the GFWC Website and find all the award rules for the **Jennie Award** in the **2020-2022 GFWC Club Manual**. The nominee must have been a member in good standing of a GFWC club for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years. And the **deadline for clubs submitting nomination materials to State President** is sooner than you think – **POSTMARKED by June 1, 2021**. The Nomination Form is in the Club President's Packet and also in the GFWC Club Manual. If you have any questions please contact Gail Elfert at 803-466-2403 or celfert@aol.com.

YES, putting together the narrative and supportive materials for this award nomination will take some time and effort and maybe even some secretive, behind the scenes work to secure pictures and information from family members and other organizations without the nominee finding out about it, BUT it is worth it!
GFWC-SC

GFWC-SC Leadership, Janet Prince

As 2020 is ending (finally!), we are preparing for a shining 2021! The GFWC Leadership Committee has done an outstanding job of providing a GFWC Leadership Toolkit. This is a perfect reference guide to help you in your club's leadership but also in your own personal leadership development. The GFWC Leadership Advancement Plan can be found on the GFWC.org website in your Member Portal. The steps are as follows: Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, C, Club Manual, Advancement Plan, 2020-2022 Leadership. The Toolkit can be found on page 11.

Due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of our GFWC International Convention in Atlanta, there will be **two LEADS seminars held in Toronto, Canada on June 25, 2021**. Our 2020 LEADS Candidate is Shannon Smith and you could be our 2021 Candidate! The application for the 2021 LEADS can also be found on the GFWC.org website in your Member Portal with the following steps: My Digital Library, Resource, L, LEADS Application and is a fillable pdf. Please submit your application for **GFWC LEADS to me by February 1, 2021, my address is 1550 McSwain Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169**.

To further our state leadership development, we are asking that each club send at least one member from their club that displays leadership skills to our GFWC-SC LEADS 2.0. Our LEADS 2.0 will be held at the Woman's Club of Cayce on Saturday, March 27, 2021. Our special guest presenter will be GFWC President-elect Deb Strahanoski. This will be a great day of learning and networking with your club sisters across our state. **The application for attending is due to me no later than January 15, 2021**. My address is **1550 McSwain Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169**. The application can be found on our GFWC-SC website by selecting More, President's Packet, LEADS 2.0 Nomination Form and is a fillable pdf. **GFWC-SC LEADS 2.0 is open to all members**.

I look forward to reading all of your applications!

Legislative Update, Janet H Watkins

The Capitol Building is closed to tours due to COVID 19. If there is a change in the policy, we will plan a GFWC-SC day at a latertime. Please stay tuned for more information. You can follow any legislation at <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislation.php>

Here are some updates on bills that we are following:

H.3200 -The bill has passed and was signed into law. It became effective on July 25, 2020. This bill requires employers to provide a time and place for nursing mothers to pump breast milk.

H 3028 In Education and Public Works Committee

A joint resolution to create the POW-MIA Chair of Honor Commission to identify and establish an appropriate location in the State House or on the grounds of the Capitol Complex upon which to place a POW-MIA National Chair of Honor to recognize, honor and increase public awareness regarding the nearly ninety thousand American services members who remain unaccounted for since the first World War.

H 3056 In Judiciary Committee

To amend Code of Laws of South Carolina relating to unlawful hazing and define necessary terms and restructure penalties associated with unlawful hazing.

S 194 (similar bills S 23, H 3074, H 3296) S 194 bill has passed the Senate, the other versions of the bill are still in Judiciary Committee. This bill would increase the penalties for soliciting prostitution and keeping a brothel. It would also provide a defense for victims of human trafficking who may be charged as prostitutes. Other versions include defense for those who are disabled and those who are minors.

H 3075 (Similar S 0305) In Judiciary Committee

The "Teen Dating Violence Prevention Act" defines terms, creates offenses and penalties, allows victims to seek protective and restraining orders, requires Teen Violence Curriculum to be taught to increase awareness. H 3151 In Education and Public Works Committee Requires school districts to screen all prospective and current employees through the Social Service Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect. Requires DSS to provide training for district personnel.

H 3181 In Judiciary Committee

Sex Trafficking Bill

A bill to revise the definition of sex trafficking to include exploitation and prostitution of minors including by oral, wire, or electronic communication; provide for an advocate for a minor; provide training for judges, prosecutors and law enforcement; to provide offense and penalty for promoting travel for sex trafficking

H 3063 (Similar H 3068) In Judiciary Committee

"Hate Crime Bill" Amends the Code of Laws to provide penalties to a person who assaults, intimidates or threatens a person because of his race religion color, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation or homelessness. To amend and revise penalties relating to malicious injury to personal and real property.

S 0311 (In Judiciary Committee)

This bill limits the liability of volunteers who provide transportation to Senior Citizens. This is a bill formally passed by resolution that GFWC-SC supports.

Headquarters Request

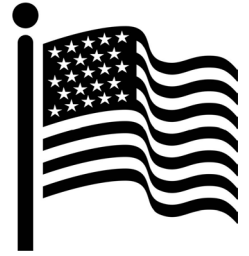
As you are out running those holiday errands, the headquarters committee could use gifts cards from Target, Amazon, Walmart, etc., amounts from \$15-\$25 are appreciated. Gift cards will be used to purchase housecleaning supplies and paper products. Gift cards can be mailed to GFWC-SC Headquarters, 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Thank you!

Constitution and Bylaws

All proposed changes to the GFWC-SC Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules need to be sent in writing to Lynn Cleckler, GFWCSC Constitution & Bylaws Chairman, by mail postmarked on or before January 1, 2021 to 711 Cherokee Trail, Lexington, SC 29072, or by email to LynnCleckler70@gmail.com or Bobbie Sox, bobbiewsox2@aol.com by midnight on January 1, 2021.

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, 2021, or by mail postmarked on or before January 1, 2021 to 140 Burnett Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29302.



Environment, Dr. Darlene Rittel

drittell@gforcecable.com

While National Recycle Day (Nov 15) is still fresh in our minds, this is an ideal time to turn our thoughts to recycling opportunities for the holidays. As we continue to address the GFWC challenge of REDUCE, REUSE, REPURPOSE, and RECYCLE, it need not end with our good, typical recycling of cans, paper, and cardboard. Here are some additional things to consider recycling which will help reduce landfill deposits. A quick GOOGLE search for 'Recycling ideas for Christmas holidays' led me to enough possibilities to stuff a stocking chockful! You may wish to GOOGLE a peek for yourself. Meanwhile, I will divide a few of these into suggestions for BEFORE and AFTER the holidays.

BEFORE - In preparation for the holiday festivities here are some ideas and resources:

1. Cards – send E-cards, buy eco-friendly cards, make your own, or send photos to be kept longer as keepsakes. Use previous years' cards for crafts. (See www.pinterest.com for scads of ideas!)
2. Gifts – go to any of these websites to find very clever, unique, funny or lovely new gifts from recycled materials, whether art, clothes, jewelry, home décor or more. (www.findgift.com (www.uncomongoods.com/giftsown www.greenamerica.org.) Or create your own homemade gifts or baked goods.
3. Shopping – utilize reusable shopping totes to reduce number of single-use plastic bags. Support local businesses by purchasing gift cards; this also can reduce your transportation footprint if ordered online or by phone.
4. Decorations – make some from items found around home or go online and purchase from a huge variety of recycled creations. Try to store favorites carefully so they can be used for several years. Avoid single use plastic items. Use LED lights.
5. Wrapping – reuse previous wrappings when possible such as saved ribbons or large pieces of wrapping paper cut down for smaller packages and for gift tags. Use eco-friendly paper and bags. Consider alternative wrappings such as comic papers, or kitchen towels for baked goods, or decorate other shopping bags with holiday designs.
6. Food – reduce food waste by planning ahead and buying only what you like and will need for baking and meals. Have storage containers handy and freeze leftovers immediately for future use (or send some goodies home with guests).

AFTER - Considerations as you are cleaning up and packing up for storage.:

1. Live trees – your community may recycle for mulch or fish habitats. Check for curbside or drop off procedures.
2. Used Cards – St. Jude's Ranch has a recycle program that helps abused, neglected, homeless children. Go to website at www.stjudesranch.org for details (this is not the hospital). Cards may also be used for lots of crafts for all ages. Perhaps a nursing home, daycare or art center could use some of your cards (with personal info cut off).
3. Shipping boxes – most of us will flatten the boxes and recycle. But! www.huffpost.com/entry has very clever ways to reuse or repurpose boxes! Might be fun to try during cold days of January!
4. Lights – check with your nearest Home Depot to see if they offer a collection of used light strings. They do have outlets for repurposing the materials in the strings. Also change to LEDs if you have not already done so.
5. Wrapping paper and bags – much wrapping paper is NOT recyclable. Therefore, consider opening carefully and saving what you can for future wrappings or crafts. Some designs may be more generic so it may be used for other occasions.
6. Unwanted decorations – if in good condition, donate to others: friends, family, thrift stores, charities, shelters, hospitals, schools. Check various organizations to see if they could use the decorations. Or consider selling at a yard sale or on E-Bay. Perhaps even 're-gifting' next year if item is almost new or as a door prize. And of course, some may be disassembled to use for crafts.

You can feel good about each action you take to be a good steward of our environment. Even small acts can have a big impact. It has been said that if every family in the US reused just two feet of ribbon, it would save over 38,000 miles of ribbon. Enough to tie around the planet!

Arts and Cultural, Pamme Eades

President's Prize

Time for a little "Christmas Magic!"

As the pandemic lingers on, we're all scrambling to retool our normal Christmas activities for our clubs. And for some of us, who are used to in person tree lightings, Christmas parades and lively luncheon events, we might be a little sad for what we have to give up this Christmas season.

But International President, Marian St. Clair is spreading some Christmas magic this year to encourage us to make a special effort to help put our communities into the Christmas spirit.

GFWC is offering a "President's Prize" of \$100 plus an award certificate will be given at the 2021 and 2022 GFWC Annual Convention to the club that best interprets the official GFWC holiday themes:

2020 – "What a Wonderful World"

2021 – "Good Tidings of Comfort and Joy"

The themes can be interpreted in any manner that fits a club-sponsored holiday event or project, such as homemade or decorated stockings filled for a children's shelter, a holiday party for nursing home residents, or a holiday tree at a local library or community center.

To apply for the award, complete the President's Prize Award Form (found at gfwc-sc.org), include a picture or two and email it to GFWC Arts and Culture chair, Angela Cutrera, by March 15 at Angelacutrera1@gmail.com.



Gift Giving

A precious gift, freely given;
no paper, no bag, no bow, no tag.
A gift, no shopping list required.
Of great price, but no "thank you" desired.
A gift, to one another -
Love for all, as our brother.
A gift, not under the tinsel tree -
Instead, God's light for all to see.
A gift to answer the global call
To spread that same love to each and to all.
A gift to share in every way
And not just saved for Christmas Day.
A gift that is there for all to see,
As We create the path, to live, to be.
A gift, so pure, of greatest worth -
Ours to magnify: "Peace on Earth."

Janet R. Smalley
GFWC-WC Poet Laureate



**Official Call GFWC-SC
GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting | Winter Board**

Thursday, January 21, 2021 via Zoom | 7:30 p.m. | GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting

GFWC-SC By-Laws Article VII - Section 3. The Board of Directors of GFWC-SC shall consist of the Executive Committee, the District Presidents, the District Vice Presidents, the District Secretary-Treasurers, 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 Clubs, either direct or affiliated, or their appointees.

7:15 p.m. Sign on to Zoom
7:30 p.m. Call to Order 2021 GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting
Report from Executive Committee
Standing Committee & Board Reports

Saturday, January 23, 2021 | 10:00 a.m. | Winter Board | Union United Methodist Church, 7582 Woodrow St, Irmo, SC 29063

9:30 a.m. Registration and Progress Foundation Grants distribution
10:00 a.m. Call to Order 2021 Winter Board
Report from the Board of Directors Meeting
Guest Speaker to Highlight Junior Directors Special Project
Membership Recognition & 2019 Program Council Awards
Invitation to LEADS 2.0
Pinwheel Kit Distribution
Reporting Q & A

Special notes regarding the Winter Session meeting:

- Preregistration is highly recommended for the safety of our Credentials Chair (\$15, \$20 after 1/8).
- In the event in-person meetings are not allowed due to CDC guidelines, the meeting will automatically convert to Zoom. Registration fee will be retained to cover Zoom and other costs.
- The Board of Directors meeting was moved to Thursday evening prior to Winter Session to allow for a shorter in-person attendance time.
- An abbreviated agenda is planned to ensure the meeting adjourns within 2 hours.
- Mask or face shield is required.
- Chairs will be spaced 6 feet apart, without a table, so please bring clip board or notebook to write on.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- This meeting, as all, will be come at your own risk. Temperatures will not be taken.

Directions to Union United Methodist Church:

- From Charleston—Take Exit 102A from I-26 West onto Lake Murray Blvd toward Irmo.
- From Greenville/Spartanburg—Take Exit 102A from I-26 East onto Lake Murray Blvd toward Irmo.
- From Aiken—I-20 to Exit 64B onto I-26 W towards Spartanburg. Take Exit 102A from I-26 West onto Lake Murray Blvd toward Irmo.

Follow Lake Murray Blvd, approximately 1.2 miles, turn right onto Woodrow Street. Church will be on your right.

**GFWC-SC Registration Form for Winter Board
Due by Friday, January 8, 2021**

Send completed form for each attendee along with check(s) payable to GFWC-SC to:
Credentials Chair: Courtney Evans, 107 Sweet Grass Lane, Columbia, SC 29203
cepevans@hotmail.com (803) 556-7042

Preregistration is highly recommended for the safety of our Credentials Chair

Name: _____ **District:** _____

Email: _____ **Club:** _____

Credentials Information (check the first one that applies):

- Past President (of GFWC-SC)
- State Officer (including District Presidents)
- State Program Chairman (CSP | Special Project | Special Committee) 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 1/8): \$5 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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Dates to Remember

GFWC-SC Executive Committee Meeting - TBD
January 22, 2021

GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting
Junior Board Meeting
January 23, 2021

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