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## *Seasons Greetings*

— AND —

HAPPY NEW YEAR

General Federation of Women's  
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As the holiday season is approaching and the year is coming to a close, it is time we reflect on the year we have had and preview the greatness to come. It is in this time that we look at where we came from, and take a moment to get excited for what's next to come.

GFWC-SC celebrates the holidays by bringing joy to others. In the past, clubs have donated food to local food banks, Christmas gifts to children and women's shelters, and cancer caring bags for cancer patients undergoing treatment during the holidays. All of these projects made the season brighter for those in need. I look forward to hearing about club holiday projects and wish you best of luck. Take time to enjoy the season with your family and club friends.

Congratulations to Norma England and the District Presidents, Kendall Spillman, Pamme Eades and Dr. Misty Konow, for holding very successfully and informative District meetings!

This issue of Clubwoman is stock full of very important articles that you won't want to miss, so get yourself cozy for a great read! This issue includes: the 2020 Reporting guidelines, several CSP and Advancement Chairs detailing their new project ideas, highlights from both the International and Regional meetings follow, and at the end is a Save the Date for our April Convention and the Call to the GFWC-SC Board of Directors and Winter Board meetings. Thank you all for an amazing year!

Season's Greetings, and my very best wishes for the New Year.

In Federation Spirit,

*Kristin*

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Happy Holidays Ladies!

It felt so good to see so many of you at the Southern Region Conference in October. We went from not seeing each other in a whole year to seeing each other within 2 months. For all of you that were not able to attend, South Carolina was well represented among our other Southern Sisters.

We had a ball! From a rigged game night that robbed us of our dignity, to sipping wine until our palettes were fatigued and cheering on the Red Knight while eating with our hands like barbarians, it was one for the books. I guess I could have kept it classy by saying, South Carolina participated in game night and even though we had fun we did not win first place. Some of us enjoyed an educated wine tasting experience of the varietal of muscadine wines, then concluded the evening in an immersed reenactment of historical events at the renowned Medieval Times. But where's the fun in that, huh?

It might sound like all fun and games, but we did have time to squeeze in some business. After successfully processing in with the beautiful state flag (and praying to God not to fall or drop the flag) Madam President Kristin and I gave a joint report to boast on the outstanding leadership skills and training throughout our state. You'll be able to hear more of what was discussed and shared during the business session at our Winter Board Meeting.

I would like to shift gears to thank and acknowledge everyone that participated in Advocates for Children's Week. A special shout out to both the JWC of Columbia and JWC of Lake Murray for incorporating the Junior Director special project Be-YOU-tiful into their projects.

As the Holiday Season is officially in full effect, I want to remind you that you truly are a gift. The impact of your selfless acts of kindness and efforts, your charity, and your affection; is appreciated and impacted by many.

On behalf of busy volunteers everywhere, here's our letter to Santa.

Dear Santa,

When you arrive on Christmas Eve, could you please throw a quick load in the washer, vacuum a couple of carpets, and wash your cookie dishes?

Thanks in Advance,  
Clubwomen

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**In Junior Love,**

*Shelli*



***Shelli Pue and Kristin Fields  
Southern Region Conference  
State Processional***



**Shelli Pue**  
**GFWC-SC**  
Director of Junior Clubs





**Norma England**  
GFWC-SC  
President-elect

Many South Carolina Clubs held successful recruitment events this fall. Clubs were creative with recruitment events, as well as planning projects and socials. Many Clubs added new members! This is great news! Thank you so much for recruiting new members and continuing the volunteer spirit of GFWC. We want to give a warm welcome to all of our new members!

Remember The Winter Recruitment Report is due to GFWC on March 1. Use the GFWC Recruitment Report to submit new members recruited December --February. The recruitment report form is available on the GFWC and GFWC-SC websites and in the Presidents Packet. Please remember to also send me a copy of the Recruitment form.

Congratulations to all of the Districts and their officers for planning successful District Conferences. It was great to see so many of you in person at the Midlands and Upstate District Conferences and the Coastal members during their Zoom District Conference. I want to congratulate everyone who was elected to represent the Districts on the GFWC-SC Board of Trustees, as a Progress Foundation Trustee, a member of the Scholarship Foundation, or as a District Officer. Thank you for being willing to serve GFWC-SC!

Thank you to the Clubs that sent me copies of your Yearbook. I enjoyed looking at your Yearbooks and the information. Remember to count those points on the Rating Sheet in March. I also want to thank everyone who returned the Member Interest Surveys that I distributed at

Summer Board, District Conferences, and printed in the September Newsletter. I appreciate you letting me know that you are willing to serve as a chairman or another position during the 2022-2024 GFWC-SC Administration. Many of you have also contacted me by telephone, text, email and in person to let me know you are willing to serve GFWC-SC with me for the next 2 years. I will be contacting you as I work to fill all the positions for the next 2 years. Your support means so much to me.

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families!!! I wish everyone a Healthy, Happy 2022 Club Year! Hope to see all of you at our Winter Board Meeting.

**In Federation Spirit,**

*Norma*

As 2021 wraps up, it's time to start thinking about club reporting and our annual convention. Our 2022 convention will be in Rock Hill (look for more information to come) and it's an excellent time to encourage your fellow clubwomen to come to convention!

I definitely remember my first convention...it was 1996 in Summerville...I had NO clue what the GFWC-SC conventions were like (they were very LOOOOONG) and I knew no one else there but the few women from my club. Well times have changed and GFWC-SC has done a great job streamlining and improving our conventions. They are now informative, fun, and a great getaway to meet new friends!

As you plan next year, I encourage each of you to attend our state convention even if it's just for a day. Attendance is not just for club leadership but for everyone in a SC club. Let's see lots of new -and familiar- faces in Rock Hill!

I wish each of you a very happy, safe, holiday season and a wonderful new year!

**In Federation Love,**

*Kaye*



**Kaye Jones**  
GFWC-SC  
Secretary



Hello fellow Clubwomen! First off this Treasurer wants to thank all the clubs that have turned in their dues by November 1, 2021! Many of you will qualify for our Progress Foundation Grant! If you have not turned them in yet please do so soon!

Clubwomen if you add new members in the next few months please send in dues and updated rosters so that we can have an accurate count for our membership when we turn in our GFWC dues.

It has been so exciting to be back face to face for conventions over the past year. This Treasurer was able to attend all conventions, GFWC-SC State Convention, GFWC International Convention, GFWC SC Upstate District meeting and GFWC Southern Region Convention in 2021. It has been refreshing to hear about all of the great things our ladies are doing!

A few reminders:

- If you use the calendar year your taxes are due April 15.
- Please use the form on our GFWC-SC website when requesting reimbursement. It helps the organization process.
- Do not hesitate to ask this Treasurer if she has received any money you send. Especially if a tracking form has not been put on it. This Treasurer will answer quickly [czim22@gmail.com](mailto:czim22@gmail.com)

This Treasurer continues to thank you for your support and trust in me as your GFWC-SC Treasurer.

**In Federation Love,**

*Carrie*



**Carrie Zimmerman**  
**GFWC-SC**  
Treasurer

### Awakening

In the putting away of Time and Season  
We clear, clean, cleanse, cast away  
    things enjoyed briefly or long -  
    things with no purpose clear -  
Once bright; now dim; worthy of memory.  
Rightness and service diminished by use and time; valued.

The choice of loss is freedom and movement and more.  
    more of what is now -  
    more of what is true -

Free to see shining newness and wonder.  
In the putting away of Time and Season,  
    find the blessing of renewal after sleep.

*Janet R. Smalley*  
**GFWC-SC Poet Laureate**

## **2021 GFWC-SC REPORTING INFORMATION ~ REPORTING MATTERS!**



**Suzanne Carswell**  
**GFWC-SC**  
Second Vice President

**Reporting Period: JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**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**

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**TOTAL NUMBER OF CLUB MEMBERS is PAID MEMBERS as of APRIL 30, 2021**

### **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](mailto:suzannecarswell@gmail.com)**
- For GFWC-SC FILLABLE FORMS and more reporting information, go to [GFWC-SC.org](http://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), ABSOLUTELY 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 BRIEFLY describing the INTENT, the "who, what, when, where & why" of the project in the narrative.
- Three blank pages are included in the downloadable forms on the GFWC-SC.org website. Please use those pages for narratives and photos.
- Include a caption on photo addenda. Example: 'Club Name, Health & Wellness, Yoga demonstration'
- Junior Clubs must submit one (1) additional copy of all reports via email to Director of Junior Clubs, Shelli Pue, [shellipue1@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- GFWC-SC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT & GFWC-SC DIRECTOR OF JUNIORS SPECIAL PROJECT are the only projects that may be 'double reported.'
- For questions or trouble with downloading forms, please contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Suzanne Carswell, via text or phone at 803-397-9767, or email [suzannecarswell@gmail.com](mailto:suzannecarswell@gmail.com)
- PLEASE REFER TO THE 'REPORTING' TAB IN THE RED PRESIDENTS PACKET FOR MORE INFORMATION AND MORE DETAILED REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Suzanne Carswell, [suzannecarswell@gmail.com](mailto:suzannecarswell@gmail.com)

- All clubs submitting reports will be considered for:
  - Certificate of Awards given to 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Suzanne Carswell, [suzannecarswell@gmail.com](mailto:suzannecarswell@gmail.com)

## REPORTS DUE MARCH 1

### GFWC COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM AWARD

Award Period: January 1, 2020 ~ December 31, 2021 ~ Submit to GFWC-SC Program Chair Deidre Harmon, 156 Carroll Hill Drive, Lexington, SC 29072. 803-359-0698, [snh.dwh@gmail.com](mailto:snh.dwh@gmail.com)

- . Each entry can feature one to three local projects undertaken by a club, all accomplished during the Award Period.
- . Each entry should include one page of information on each project (maximum 500 words) to highlight:
  - ∅ Project selection process
  - ∅ Project goal(s)
  - ∅ Plan of action, including timeline
  - ∅ Engagement of members, including total hours
  - ∅ Financial/funding details, including total contributed
  - ∅ Collaborating partners or individuals
  - ∅ Media coverage
  - ∅ Measurable impact(s)
  - ∅ Any other key information
- . Each entry can contain one page of photographs for each project (maximum of 4 photographs per page).
- . Each entry can contain one page of publicity highlights for each project (maximum of 4 highlights per page).
- . Total entry cannot exceed 10 pages: A Community Impact Program Award Cover Form plus three additional pages for each project (info page, photo page, publicity page). [SEP]
- . Entry form is in Presidents Packet, or at [GFWC.org](http://GFWC.org) > membersuite (Member Portal)> my digital library > Resources > C > Club Manual > Awards and Contests > 2020-2022 Community Impact Program Award Launch.pdf

## 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](mailto:katiemoydell1020@gmail.com)  
& (1) copy to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Suzanne Carswell, [suzannegcarswell@gmail.com](mailto: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 NO MORE THAN 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Suzanne Carswell, [suzannegcarswell@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, President-Elect Norma England, [englandn72@comporium.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://GFWC-SC.org) under More > Member Resources > President Packet. Submit (1) copy to GFWC-SC Environment Chair, Darlene Rittel, [drittel@gforcecable.com](mailto:drittel@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: \*\*WILL NOT BE AWARDED IN 2022**

Award information and forms will be available at [GFWC-SC.org](http://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](mailto:anneredlus@gmail.com), 712 Freshwater Lane, Bluffton, SC 29909.

**DISTRICT AWARDS**

**USE STATE/DISTRICT AWARD FORM - Due March 15**

**COASTAL DISTRICT AWARDS**

**Submit to Coastal District President, Kendall Spillman: [kspillm@g.cofc.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Due MARCH 1.
- **GFWC NEWSLETTER CONTEST and WEBSITE CONTEST:** Due FEBRUARY 1.
- **GFWC-SC and GFWC WRITING CONTEST and DRAMA CONTEST ENTRIES:** Due MARCH 15.
- **GFWC & GFWC-SC SCRAPBOOK & PHOTOGRAPHY** entries are to be submitted at the GFWC-SC STATE CONVENTION on APRIL 29.
- **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](http://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](mailto:tabithasafdi@gmail.com) (513) 376-3443

**Website Contest:** MUST include website address, Club/State Federation name, President's name and contact information, name and contact information of person submitting entry, number of Club/State Federation members, and a 250 word essay describing 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).

Email entry to Website Contest Chair, [Kaye.Gerrald@gmail.com](mailto: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 29 – 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 ‘Good Tidings of Comfort & Joy’. Information can be found at [GFWC.org](http://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](mailto: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.

GFWC-SC extends our congratulations to Shelly Langston of the St. Andrews Woman’s Club. Shelly received the 46 Veteran Salute certificate from SC Thrive on November 2, 2021. SC Thrive is around to serve our Veterans, military, and their families as a non-profit organization. SC Thrive empathizes with the challenges that current and former service members face. SC Thrive helps Military and Veteran families access the benefits they deserve by breaking down barriers. In support of Veteran’s Day, they wanted to honor 46 Veterans across the state of South Carolina. This event, titled The 46 Veteran Salute recognized one Veteran in each county in South Carolina. Shelly Langston was selected to represent the veterans in Lexington County for her work with the Military Women’s Memorial (WIMSA). Shelly is a US Navy and Coast Guard veteran, and she is a South Carolina Ambassador for the Military Women’s Memorial, our nation’s only national memorial dedicated to our country’s military women. The Military Women’s Memorial is in Washington, DC. The Military Women’s Memorial honors and tells the stories of women, past and present, who serve our nation.

Thank you for your service!



**2021 GFWC Annual Convention Highlights  
Atlanta, Georgia  
August 26-30, 2021**

**2020-2022 Installation of International officers was beautifully done.**



**Marian St. Clair  
GFWC International President**



**GFWC Executive Committee  
Kristina Higbee, Jolie Frankforth, Suellen Brazil, Marian St.Clair,  
Debra Strahanoski, Wendy Carriker, Mary Beth Williams**



**Kristin Fields, Marian St.Clair  
and Shelli Pue**



**Carrie Zimmerman, Katie Moydell**

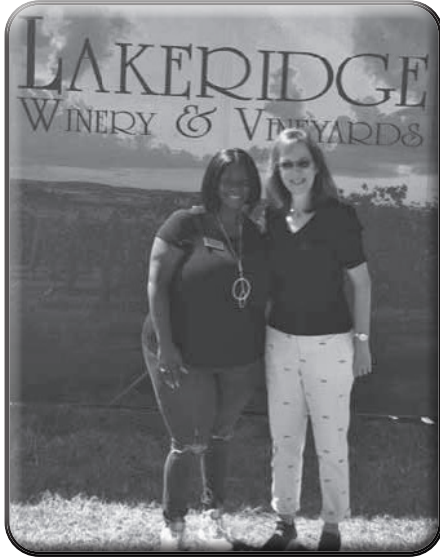


**Ann Malpass, recognized as  
the Southern Region Jennie  
winner.**

**GFWC Southern Region Highlights  
October 21-24, 2021  
Orlando, Florida  
"Let's Flamingo"**

**GFWC Southern Sisters enjoyed the weekend together.**

**The weekend began with a few sips of wine from a local winery.**



**A memorable moment for our own Ann Redlus, as she was recognized as the Southern Region 2020 Jennie June winner.**



**The weekend was not short of sweet southern smiles.**





## Arts and Cultural CSP, Chair Pamme Eades

### **President's Prize**

#### **Time for a little "Christmas Magic!"**

International President, Marian St. Claire is spreading some Christmas magic again 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 2022 GFWC Annual Convention to the club that best interprets the official GFWC holiday theme: **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 home-made 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](http://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](mailto:Angelacutrera1@gmail.com).

### **Environment CSP, Chair Darlene Rittel, [drittell@gforcecable.com](mailto:drittell@gforcecable.com)**

As reported in last magazine, the response at Summer Board to the REDUCE PLASTICS service project was tremendous! Two carloads of plastic pill bottles (and a few other assorted items) were received. After many weeks of sorting, cleaning, counting, and mailing the results are in: 774 clean bottles and 737 other medicine bottles were mailed to Matthew 25: Ministries. The clean bottles will be used for medicines overseas in locations where patients may not have suitable containers for transporting or storing prescriptions. The other bottles (that had sticky labels) are sent to a recycling center and the Ministry receives payment for them. In addition, 82 plastic grocery bags were given to thrift stores, or placed in 'doggie doo' receptacles, or returned to grocery stores; and 16 large plastic juice bottles were given to a local school to use in their garden. A big shout out to all who participated in this effort to reduce plastics in landfills!

Another request to REDUCE PLASTIC was the "October count" activity requested by our national Environment chair, Karen Martinek. Results from this national effort of counting just plastic bottles and bags recycled were not available in time to include in this article, but we will eagerly await to see how club women in SC responded! Since this will be my last article for 2021, I want to remind and encourage you to report your various environment programs and projects for this year. For a refresher of possible activities that may qualify, please review GFWC manual for this CSP to see if your club and members approved any of these. One of my goals was to have clubs or members become AMBASSADORS against food waste. SCDHEC has a free, easy program for this and can be located at the website: [www.scdhec.gov/dontwastfoodsc](http://www.scdhec.gov/dontwastfoodsc). (Attendance at Summer Board in August counts as part of this awareness.) Also remember to print off the Palmetto Pride application forms for litter projects. I fear that this important issue area may seem embedded and may be often overlooked.

Since some may not be aware of the form, I wished to draw attention to it in this article. The form can be found online at [www.gfwc-sc.org](http://www.gfwc-sc.org) then click on the "More" button. Next select "President Packet" from menu and scroll down to "Palmetto Pride". The forms are in alphabetical order, so scroll down to Palmetto Pride. There is one recognition for awareness and one for litter pick-ups. Clubs may submit for either one or both. (Again, attendance at Summer Board counts as part of awareness.)

Let's "pull off" another regal environmental project! Just keep collecting those aluminum pull tabs off cans. Put them in Ziploc bags and bring to Winter Board for a service project in January. The member with the most pull tabs will be royally recognized and all the tabs will then be given to the Ronald McDonald House in Charleston. A jewel of an idea from our President, Kristin!

With the holidays and gift-giving approaching, please consider using recycled gifts and decorating ideas. This is a way to keep some items out of landfills and it is so easy to shop online and locally for these unique, creative, and reasonable gifts. Plus, there is the advantage of social distancing to avoid big crowds of strangers and quicker checkouts. A quick search on Google for "gifts from recycled materials" reveals a wealth of items in numerous categories that are not just rubber stamp things imported for big box stores. In my mind it is a "RIGHT thing" to do.

**May your Holidays be bright, happy, healthy and safe!**

## Health and Wellness CSP – Anne Redlus, State Chairman

As your club makes plans for the next few months, consider the following project ideas.

- Nursing Homes –
  - 1) Contact a local nursing home and ask how you can help. Sometimes the easiest way to figure out where you can be useful is by simply asking, “How can I help?”
  - 2) Plan to go caroling outside the windows of a Nursing Home.
  - 3) Decorate the windows of a nursing home with Holiday décor and don’t forget to come back and take them down.
  - 4) Provide healthy snack packs for residents and workers with a festive theme.
- School backpack programs – provide healthy snacks for over the holiday school breaks
- Host a Blood Drive – Blood supplies are low and holiday time is no exception for the need.
- February is Women’s Heart Health Month - In 2022, National Wear Red Day will be February 4. Wear red on that day to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease and members should post pictures on the GFWC SC website.

How many of the following foods do you include in your diet? Add some if you are not eating them now. You will benefit your heart!

- 1) Leafy Greens – spinach, kale and collard greens
  - 2) Whole Grains- whole wheat, brown rice, oats, rye, barley, buckwheat and quinoa
  - 3) Walnuts
  - 4) Fatty Fish and fish oil - salmon
  - 5) Avocado
  - 6) Tomatoes
  - 7) Dark Chocolate
  - 8) Healthy Oils – Olive Oil
  - 9) Berries – strawberries, blueberries, blackberries and raspberries
  - 10) Beans – especially pinto beans
  - 11) Almonds
  - 12) Seeds – Chia seeds, flaxseeds and hemp seeds
  - 13) Garlic
  - 14) Edamame – soy product
  - 15) Green Tea
- Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles. Go to their website: <https://m25m.org/pillbottles/> to learn more about this program

Remember to go the GFWC Website and download the top ten projects in the Health and Wellness Community Service Program from the 2020 reports. Congratulations to the GFWC Chapin Women’s Club for being one of the named projects for their White Bags of Courage.

**Signature Program – Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention CSP –  
Karen Adams, State Chairman**

**February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.**

Teen Dating Violence occurs between two people in a close relationship and includes four types of behavior: **physical violence, sexual violence, stalking and psychological aggression.**

**Did you know that 1 in 3** young people will be in an abusive or unhealthy relationship?? 33% of adolescents in America are victim to sexual, physical, verbal, or emotional dating abuse and 1 in every 5 high school students report being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.

Both young woman and young men can find themselves in a violent relationship.

**Awareness and information is the key.**

The challenge for February is to bring this awareness to the students. Arrange with your local High School or College, a conversational forum where students can learn and ask questions about Teen Dating Violence and how to avoid this violence in their lives.

This is not a subject that we as clubwoman can address. Make sure that you have a licensed rape counselor or domestic violence counselor is in attendance to assist in providing the information, answering questions and assisting any young person in need.

Resources to end Teen Dating Violence is out there. Getting that information to the young people who may need it is the challenge.

**GFWC-SC Leadership Chairman, Janet Prince**

A second LEADS 2.2 of this current administration, will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at the Woman's Club of Cayce Clubhouse. As before, each club can send a Club Nominee and pay the cost of attendance of \$25. This nominee would then return to her club and share what she learned. In addition to the club nominee, any clubwoman wanting to further develop their leadership skills can submit her own application and pay the \$25 registration. Both applications can be found on the GFWC SC Website – Clubs – Member Resources – President Packet – then scroll down on the second page to both the Club Nominee Application or Member Application. Both are pdf fillable forms and are due by January 15, 2022, to me at 1550 McSwain Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169. Additional topics recommended by this year's LEADS have been added to our agenda for the day which will be a full day from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**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, 2022 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, 2022.

**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, 2022, or by mail postmarked on or before January 1, 2022 to 140 Burnett Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29302.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**The 2022 GFWC-SC State Convention will be held at**  
**The Cambria Hotel Rock Hill-University Center**  
**354 Technology Center Way**  
**Rock Hill, SC 29730**

**HOTEL DESCRIPTION**

- Our upscale hotel near Winthrop University offers an elevated travel experience with design forward accommodations.
- A stylish hotel restaurant with rooftop bar that serves local craft beers and specialty cocktails.
- The hotel features a health and wellness center, an indoor pool and free WiFi throughout the property.
- Our guest rooms are well appointed with design elements that reflect the local area.
- Enjoy little luxuries like premium bedding, hardwood floors and spa-inspired bathroom products and Blue-tooth mirrors.
- Each room also comes with a refrigerator microwave and Keurig coffee maker.
- No Pets Allowed.
- Rate is \$139 + tax per night for 2 Queens or 1 King
- Additional Information will follow in the March issue of Clubwoman.

**Pinwheel Kit Reminder**

- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Make a difference this Child Abuse Prevention month by planting a pinwheel garden.
- To order a pinwheel kit from Children’s Trust, please contact Amelia Wilks at [awilks@scchildren.org](mailto:awilks@scchildren.org).
- Kits include: 48 Pinwheels, Yard Sign, Pinwheel lapel pins (5), educational materials about the signs of child abuse and neglect.
- Special price: \$100.

Pinwheel kits will be delivered to clubs at Winter Board, January 22, 2022.



**Official Call GFWC-SC**  
**GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting | Winter Board**  
**Saturday, January 22, 2022**  
**Hilton Garden Inn, 434 Columbiana Dr., Columbia, SC 29212**

**9:15 a.m. Registration**

**9:30 a.m. GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting**

GFWC-SC By-Laws Article VII - Section 3. The Board of Directors of GFWC-SC shall consist of the Executive Committee, the District Presidents, 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.

**9:30 a.m. Call to Order 2022 GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting**

Report from Executive Committee  
Standing Committee & Board Reports

**10:15 a.m. Registration**

**10:30 a.m. Call to Order 2022 Winter Board**

Report from the Board of Directors Meeting  
Guest Speaker: Mary-Ellen Stroup, author of A Bunk Bed, A Banana Tree and A Dog | The Cheesecake Lady  
Reports from District Presidents & District Challenge  
International Convention Highlights | Legislation Workshop  
Progress Foundation Grants | Pinwheel Kit Distribution  
Invitation to LEADS 2.2 | Junior Board

**Reminders for Winter Board:**

- Preregistration or registration through EventBrite is highly recommended for the safety of our Credentials Chair.
- This meeting, as all, will be come at your own risk. Temperatures will not be taken.
- Attire: GFWC Gear. Jackets, Shirts, Scarfs, Pins, Club Shirts
- There will be a room block at the hotel, please contact Dolly Mc Dermott at [dollymcdermott@aol.com](mailto:dollymcdermott@aol.com) or 301-466-9632, before December 20, 2021, if a room is needed.

## Guest Speaker: Author, Mary-Ellen Stroup

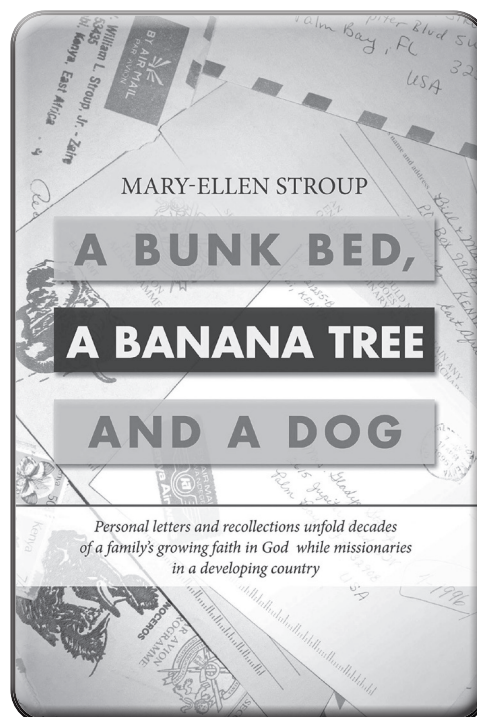
Wife, mother, grandmother, Mary-Ellen once believed life consisted of finding a home where you settle and stay forever in one place. Not so. Instead, her life became more like the motto of the moving company—"an adventure in moving"—as she has lived in six states and three countries. Those experiences created work, pain, unknowns and an abiding love of each place and its people. Whether it was the business world, pastoral ministry in three areas from the Midwest to New England, being a classroom teacher or the international missionary life of 20 years, God has taught her that his plans and purposes are treasures beyond value, blessings to anticipate and surprises to enjoy.

Mary-Ellen has become known affectionately (or is it deliciously?) as "The Cheesecake Lady". Cheesecakes for Causes is her project, born out of a fundraiser to build a basketball court in Africa as a memorial for her youngest son. She bakes for individuals and also for groups' fund raisers who choose from over a dozen kinds of cheesecakes. One such cake donated to a Silent Auction was seen by a member of the Woman's Club of York County. That began a sweet relationship with the club which enjoyed a very successful cheesecake fundraiser in May and has plans for another one in 2022. (And this seems to have brought Mary-Ellen to our meeting in Columbia!)

This year Mary-Ellen became an author of *A Bunk Bed, A Banana Tree and A Dog*, a book of personal letters and recollections, it unfolds decades of a family's growing faith in God while missionaries in a developing country. Never intended originally for anyone's eyes except their parents, these letters were compiled by the author for her adult children to read and relive the life they loved growing up in Zaire, Africa (Democratic Republic of Congo). Often considered by others to be a unique life, in reading you may encounter the unique, but guaranteed are also some boring details that were not omitted in the copying process so the children would understand what life involved for their parents.

Whether unique, difficult, or boring, life in Zaire was deemed a privilege by Mary-Ellen and her husband, who regard themselves as simply obedient to a call to it out of their deep love for Jesus, their Lord and Savior who loved them and gave his life for them.

Besides the fun of Cheesecakes for Causes, you will find Mary-Ellen today enjoying welcoming guests to her Camden, SC home, playing violin, volunteering at state prisons, loving 8 grandchildren, travel and beach walks with her husband of 50 plus years, Bill.



**GFWC-SC Registration Form for Winter Board  
Due by Sunday, January 9, 2022**

Send completed form for each attendee along with registration fee to:  
**Credentials Chair: 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 (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

**Winter Board Registration**

Registration Fee: \$20 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Late fee (after 1/9): \$5 \$\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT:** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Payment can be made in one of two ways:

Make check payable to GFWC-SC and mail with registration form to Courtney Evans at the address above.

**OR**

Registration can be done via EventBrite. The link is on the GFWC-SC website. Follow the steps below:

1. **CLICK THE LINK** - the registration page for Winter Board 2022 will open
2. **CLICK GREEN BUTTON "TICKETS"** - A list of registration options will open, select what you would like, after your selection
3. **CLICK ORANGE BUTTON "CHECKOUT"** - enter your contact and payment information
4. **CLICK PLACE ORDER BUTTON**
5. **A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WILL SENT TO YOU**

Once you have confirmation email, please forward completed registration form to Courtney Evans via email.

**LEADS 2.2 Request:**

- If your club would like to help with the LEADS 2.2 leadership workshop by donating bottled water, wrapped chocolate candies or individually packaged snacks, please bring to Winter Board. Thank you!

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## *Dates to Remember*

GFWC-SC Executive Committee Meeting  
January 21, 2022

GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting  
January 22, 2022

Deadline GFWC Community Service Program  
& Special Project Reports  
due to GFWC-SC 2nd Vice President  
February 1, 2022

Deadline to submit articles to  
Clubwoman Magazine  
February 1, 2022

Deadline GFWC-SC Chairman Reports due to  
GFWC-SC 2nd Vice President  
March 1, 2022

Deadline GFWC-SC 2nd Vice President to  
submit Reports to GFWC  
March 15, 2022

Deadline State and District Award entries due  
March 15, 2022

Deadline to submit Rating Sheets to GFWC-SC  
First Vice President & District Presidents  
March 15, 2022