

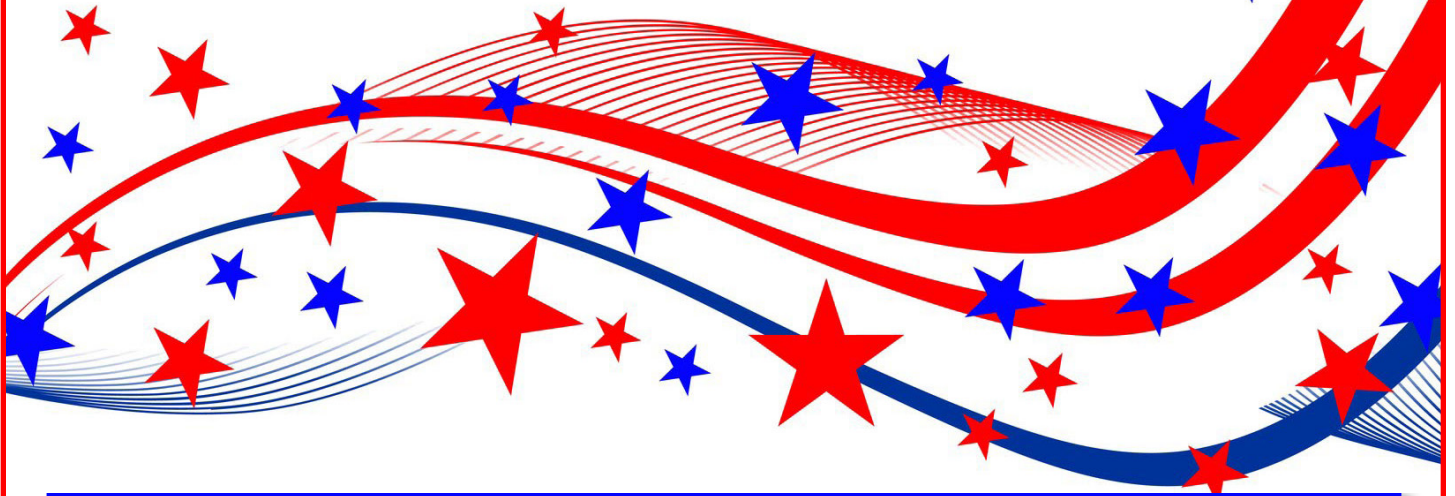
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Paws - Hands - Soles - In Action
Helping Our Wounded Warriors

As the 2012-2014 Administration comes to a close, I wish to thank all of you for touching hearts and changing so many lives in the palmetto state and beyond. You conducted 2,951 projects, volunteered 190,622 hours, contributed dollars and in-kind contributions totaling \$925,388, spent \$170,622 in advancement areas and raised \$842,561. I also wish to thank the thirty-two clubs and their members who so graciously gave valuable time at projects and sites, made donations both monetary and in-kind to my special projects. Your efforts assisted in the placement of six service dogs with wounded warrior partners. I stand in awe at all of the contributions, dedication of time and hard work accomplished. It has been an honor and privilege to serve with you and represent you with pride and admiration for your great achievements.

I also wish to thank all the dedicated members who served in leadership roles during this administration. I especially wish to thank Joe, my husband, for all of his love and support.

I will cherish, in the recesses of my mind, all the friendship, love and dedicated volunteer hours on projects, in meetings, and in celebrations we have shared over these past two years. Thanks for all the memories. I have had a wonderful time and look forward to many more years of service to GFWC-SC, GFWC and my home clubs and district.



Let's continue touching hearts and changing lives through volunteer service during the years ahead.

Love and Gratitude,
Jo Ann

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GFWC-SC President's Signature Project Awards



Patriot Award - Woman's Club of Columbia

\$3000 Sew Much Comfort, \$3000 Canines For Veterans

Sew Much Comfort Award - Walhalla Junior Woman's Club

Drop Your Drawers Event

Top Dog Award - Southern District

Most volunteer hours and contributions - Canines For Veterans

Top Paw Award - Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Come See Me Festival Clubhouse Event - Canine For Veterans

Creation of doggie biscuit recipe and bake sale for event

Club Participation Awards - Gold Level

Volunteers & Donations Greater Than \$1000

Chapin Woman's Club

Charleston Exchange Club Auxiliary, Member Club of

Charleston Federation of Women's Clubs

Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club

Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Woman's Club of Charleston

Woman's Club of Columbia

Woman's Club of Fort Mill

Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Volunteers & Donations \$500 - \$1000

St. George Women's Guild

Walhalla Woman's Club

Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Club Participation Awards - Silver Level

Volunteers & Donations \$200 - \$500

Charleston Junior Woman's Club

GFWC York County Woman's Club

Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Sand River Woman's Club

St. Andrews Woman's Club

Walhalla Junior Woman's Club

Woman's Club of West Columbia

Club Participation Awards - Bronze Level

Volunteers & Donations Less than \$200

Aiken Woman's Club

Easley Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Jubilee Club

Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Junior Woman's Club of Lexington

Lexington Woman's Club

Palmetto Woman's Club

Saxe Gotha Woman's Club

Upstate Woman's Club

Winnsboro Woman's Club

Woman's Club of Cayce

Woman's Club of the Midlands

Woman's Club of Summerville

GFWC-SC Order of Jessamine Class of 2014



Sue Burgess

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Nell McKinnon

St. George Women's Guild

Marian St. Clair

St. Andrews Woman's Club

Zelda Wethington

GFWC Jubilee Club

GFWC-SC Honor Roll Class of 2014



Ann Bailey

St. George Women's Guild

Alma Brough

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Dolly Infinger

St. George Women's Guild

Salley Jarrett

St. George Women's Guild

Jerri McDowell

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Nell McKinnon

St. George Women's Guild

Susie Reeves

St. George Women's Guild

Brenda Rickenbaker

St. George Women's Guild

Melissa Smith

St. George Women's Guild

Brenda Tarkenton

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

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St. George Women's Guild

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It has been a pleasure to serve as Junior Director for South Carolina. It's hard to believe that two years went by so quickly! The state is blessed with talented women who care about their communities. Thank you for supporting me through my tenure. I look forward to serving as Central District President. *Rachael*

Jr. Silver Certificate Award Winners

- Bobbie Lowe Award** – Walhalla Junior Woman's Club
- Mary Plyler Memorial Award** – Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- Jan W. Hadwin Award** – Easley Junior Woman's Club
- Beth Broome Silver Award** – Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- Elizabeth Prince Gouge Award** – Easley Junior Woman's Club
- Ann Borris Memorial Award** – Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
- Augusta Wolff Award** – Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- Junior Spirit Award** – Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
- Susan Abelkop Membership Award** – Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
- Junior Cup I** – Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- Junior Cup II** – Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
- South Carolina Director of Junior Clubs Special Project "Read to a Child"**
– Grand Strand Junior Women's Club



Rachael Fulmer
GFWC-SC
Director of Junior Clubs

What a terrific convention! It was so exciting to be able to award charters to two new clubs, Golden Strip GFWC and GFWC Women's Club of Greenville. These ladies, along with the GFWC Woman's Club of Summerville bring the new club count for 2012-2014 to three.



Caroline Mahaffey
GFWC-SC
President-elect

It was an honor to recognize three ladies who have given fifty years of service to GFWC: Alma Brough, Sandy Kealey and Bobbie Sox.

I'm excited about the by-laws changes that will allow district presidents to better serve their members. I think the change will help us to grow our membership and our clubs. Thank you all for a great two years as your 1st Vice President.

Caroline

Honor Clubs

- Northwestern:**
Walhalla Junior Woman's Club
Walhalla Woman's Club
Easley Junior Woman's Club
- North Central:**
Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Woman's Club of Fort Mill
Woman's Club of Rock Hill
GFWC York County
- Midlands:**
Saxe Gotha Woman's Club
Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Lexington Woman's Club
Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
Woman's Club of the Midlands

- Central:**
Palmetto Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Columbia
St. Andrews Woman's Club
Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

- Eastern:**
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

- Western:**
Sand River Woman's Club

- Southern:**
St. George Women's Guild
Charleston Federation of Women's Clubs
Woman's Club of Charleston

Clubs with Net Gains

- Clinton Federated Woman's Club
- GFWC Low Country Junior Woman's Club
- GFWC Jubilee Club
- Hillcrest Juniorettes
- Junior Woman's Club Of Lake Murray
- North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
- Over the Teacups
- Paul Hayne Circle
- Sand River Woman's Club
- Walhalla Woman's Club
- Woman's Club of Charleston
- Woman's Club of Columbia



WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW CLUBS
FEDERATED AT 2014 CONVENTION



What a wonderful time we had at Convention! Congratulations to all of the award winners and a special “thank you” to all of the Community Service Chairs and Advancement Area Chairs for your reports and presentations. You all did a wonderful job! A complete listing of awards presented is included in this issue of Clubwoman.

It has been an honor to serve as your second vice president. I look forward to seeing you all at Summer Board.

Janet



Janet Prince

GFWC-SC

Second Vice President

As your recording secretary, I have diligently kept the minutes of the various meetings for the 2012-2014 administration. I have learned to just report the action taken, not try to record what each and every woman has said (that would be a tough task!). I am grateful that Janet Prince gave me wonderful directions and electronic documents to use, so any success that I have had in this position is due in part to Janet.



Juliet Casper

GFWC-SC

Recording Secretary

Never one to turn down the opportunity to speak, I have used my officer report slot at summer board, winter board, and conventions to share with you information regarding Facebook and Pinterest, two social media tools that I encourage all members to become familiar with and consider using in their club work. I want to recognize the clubs that sent me requests to “Like” their Facebook pages: Lexington Woman’s Club, GFWC-SC Northwestern District, Woman’s Club of Cayce, Charleston Junior Woman’s Club, Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club, Woman’s Club of Fort Mill, Woman’s Club of Midlands, St. George’s Women’s Guild, Grand Strand Junior Woman’s club, Lake Murray-Irmo Woman’s Club, and my own club, North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club. Not long after I spoke on Saturday, April 26, 2014, I got an invitation to “Like” the Junior Woman’s Club of Columbia’s Facebook page. I hope more clubs will consider Facebook as a tool to share information with members and the community.

If you were at convention, you know that I used my Quote Board on Pinterest as my inspiration for my officer report. I gathered quotes from various women and even had a cartoon that fit Governor Haley. I have so enjoyed serving GFWC-SC as your Recording Secretary, and look forward (I think) to serving as the Second Vice President. See you at Program Council and Summer Board!

Juliet

Silver Certificate Award Winners

FUNDRAISING

Rebecca Robbins Award North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club

LEADERSHIP

Perry Ann Renwick Silver Award North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club

Leadership Silver Award Sand River Woman's Club

MEMBERSHIP

Sylvia Ayers Membership Award Clinton Federated Woman's Club

LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY

Legislation Award Walhalla Woman's Club

EDUCATION

Marie J. Hammond Silver Award St. Andrews Woman's Club

Debbie Alexander Adult Education Award Sand River Woman's Club

HOME LIFE

Junior Club Breast Cancer Awareness Silver Award Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club

General Club Breast Cancer Awareness Silver Award North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

WRITING CONTEST

Emma R. Lipscomb Memorial Award Kaye Jones, St. Andrews Woman's Club

ENDOWMENT FUND

Endowment Fund Award GFWC Jubilee Club

PROGRESS FOUNDATION

GFWC-SC Progress Foundation Silver Award Woman's Club of West Columbia

KATE T. DAVIS MEMORIAL

GFWC-SC Kate T. Davis Memorial Award Woman's Society of
Batesburg Leesville

PUBLIC ISSUES

Lexington Woman's Club Public Affairs Award Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

PROGRAM COUNCIL

Category I GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club

Category II Sand River Woman's Club

Category III Lexington Woman's Club

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CONTEST AWARD WINNERS

First Place Walhalla Woman's Club

Second Place Woman's Society of
Batesburg-Leesville

Third Place Lexington Woman's Club

Rating and Contribution Sheet Awards

Myrtis Flanagan - Category I
GFWC York County Woman's Club

Jean T. Kight - Category II
Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Lovonia V. Hendrix - Category III
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Mrs. John R. Wolff Award - Augusta Wolff
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Lovonia Hendrix Award
North Central District

Past President's Cup
Midlands District

Keith Unger Memorial
Woman's Club of Columbia

Jan W. Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse
Mansion Endowment
Palmetto Woman's Club

Stackhouse Headquarters
Palmetto Woman's Club

Princa M. Wright Sims-Stackhouse
Mansion Endowment
Palmetto Woman's Club

Janet B. Agnew
Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Clubwoman Magazine
Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

GFWC-SC Community Service Program Winners

Arts Awards

General

Category 1)

1st St. George Women's Guild
2nd Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Category 2)

1st Sand River Woman's Club
2nd Walhalla Woman's Club

Category 3)

1st Woman's Club of Rock Hill
2nd North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

1st Seneca Jr. Woman's Club
2nd Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Easley Jr. Woman's Club
2nd Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia

Juniorette

1st Three Rivers Juniorette Club

Shining Star Award

Easley Jr. Woman's Club

Arts Partnership Awards

No Entries

GFWC-SC Community Service Program Winners

Youth Writing Competition

Grades K-2:

- 1st Miranda Lunuto sponsored by Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- 2nd Davis Griffin sponsored by Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Grades 3 – 5:

- 1st Jack Slayden sponsored by GFWC York County Woman's Club
- 2nd Ellen Griffin sponsored by Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Grades 6-8:

- 1st William Stewart sponsored by Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Grades 9-12:

- 1st Rose James sponsored by Woman's Club of Rock Hill

GFWC Writing Contests

Short Story/Drama & Poetry

- 1st Joyce Vajda – Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Essay Contest

- 1st Judith Wright – North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Creative Writing Awards

Prayers:

- 1st Ellen Mayes – Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Club Installations:

- 1st Kaye Jones – St. Andrews Woman's Club

Photography Contest

GFWC World in Pictures

Living Things

- 1st Joyce Thomas
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
- 2nd Joyce Thomas
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Scenic:

- 1st Janine Lawson
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
- 2nd Joyce Thomas
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Still Life:

- 1st Joyce Thomas
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
- 2nd Joyce Thomas
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Volunteers in Action:

- 1st Joyce Thomas
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Scrapbook Awards

General

Category 1)

- 1st Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Category 2)

- 1st Aiken Woman's Club

Category 3)

- 1st St. Andrews Woman's Club
- 2nd Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Junior

Category 1)

- 1st Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

- 1st Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia

Yearbook Awards

General

Category 1)

- 1st Palmetto Woman's Club
- 2nd Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Category 3)

- 1st St. Andrews Woman's Club
- 2nd Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Junior

Category 1)

- 1st Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

- 1st Aiken Jr. Woman's Club

Conservation Awards

General

Category 1)

- 1st Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- 2nd GFWC Foothills Woman's Club

Category 2)

- 1st Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
- 2nd Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

Category 3)

- 1st Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- 2nd St. Andrews Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

- 1st Seneca Jr. Woman's Club
- 2nd Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

- 1st Aiken Jr. Woman's Club
- 2nd Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia

Shining Star Award

Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Conservation Partnership Awards

No Entries

Education Awards

General

Category 1)

- 1st Woman's Club of the Midlands
- 2nd St. George Women's Guild

Category 2)

- 1st Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
- 2nd Sand River Woman's Club

Category 3)

- 1st Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- 2nd St. Andrews Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

- 1st Seneca Jr. Woman's Club
- 2nd Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

- 1st Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia
- 2nd Easley Jr. Woman's Club

Juniorette

- 1st Three Rivers Juniorette Club

Education Partnership Awards

No Entries

Shining Star Award

Woman's Club of Rock Hill

GFWC-SC Community Service Program Winners

Home Life Awards

General

Category 1)

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill
2nd GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Sand River Woman's Club
2nd Upstate Woman's Club

Category 3)

1st North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
2nd St. Andrews Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

1st Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club
2nd Jr. Woman's Club of Lake Murray

Category 2)

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia
2nd Easley Jr. Woman's Club

Juniorette

1st Three Rivers Juniorette Club

Shining Star Award

Upstate Woman's Club

Home Life Partnership Awards

General

Category 1)

1st Jubilee Club

Category 2)

1st GFWC York County Woman's Club

Category 3)

1st St. Andrews Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

1st Seneca Jr. Woman's Club

Shining Star Award

GFWC York County Woman's Club

International Outreach Awards

General

Category 1)

1st Woman's Club of West Columbia
2nd GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Aiken Woman's Club
2nd Walhalla Woman's Club

Category 3)

1st Woman's Club of Rock Hill
2nd St. Andrews Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

1st Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club
2nd Seneca Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia

Shining Star Award

Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

International Outreach Partnership Awards

General

Category 1)

1st St. George Women's Guild

Category 2)

1st Aiken Woman's Club
2nd Woman's Club of Fort Mill

Category 3)

1st Lexington Woman's Club
2nd North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Junior

Category 2)

1st Easley Jr. Woman's Club

Shining Star Award

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Public Issues Awards

General

Category 1)

1st St. George Women's Guild
2nd Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Category 2)

1st Walhalla Woman's Club
2nd Woman's Club of West Columbia

Category 3)

1st Lexington Woman's Club
2nd Woman's Club of Charleston

Junior

Category 1)

1st Grand Strand Jr. Women's Club
2nd Seneca Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Easley Jr. Woman's Club
2nd Aiken Jr. Woman's Club

Shining Star Award

Woman's Club of Charleston

Public Issues Partnership Awards

General

Category 1)

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill
2nd St. George Women's Guild

Category 2)

1st Woman's Club of Fort Mill

Category 3)

1st Lexington Woman's Club
2nd North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

1st Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia
2nd Easley Jr. Woman's Club

Shining Star Award

Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

GFWC-SC Special Project Winners

GFWC-SC Advancement Area Awards Communication & Identity

General

Category 1)

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill
2nd Woman's Club of the Midlands

Category 2)

1st Walhalla Woman's Club
2nd GFWC York County Woman's Club

Category 3)

1st North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
2nd St. Andrews Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

1st Seneca Jr. Woman's Club
2nd Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Easley Jr. Woman's Club

Juniorette

1st Three Rivers Juniorette Club

Shining Star Award

Walhalla Woman's Club

Club Newsletter Award

1st Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

Fundraising

General

Category 1)

1st Woman's Club of Wagener
2nd St. George Women's Guild

Category 2)

1st Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
2nd Walhalla Woman's Club

Category 3)

1st St. Andrews Woman's Club
2nd North Myrtle Beach
Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

1st Seneca Jr. Woman's Club
2nd Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Easley Jr. Woman's Club
2nd Grand Strand Jr. Woman's Club

Juniorette

1st Three Rivers Juniorette Club

Shining Star Award

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Leadership

General

Category 1)

1st Woman's Club of the Midlands
2nd Woman's Club of Wagener

Category 2)

1st Sand River Woman's Club
2nd Walhalla Woman's Club

Category 3)

1st Woman's Club of Charleston
2nd St. Andrews Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

1st Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club
2nd Seneca Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia
2nd Easley Jr. Woman's Club

Shining Star Award

Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

Membership

General

Category 1)

1st St. George Women's Guild
2nd Woman's Club of the Midlands

Category 2)

1st Upstate Woman's Club
2nd Woman's Society of Batesburg-
Leesville

Category 3)

1st North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
2nd Chapin Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Lake Murray
2nd Seneca Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
2nd Easley Jr. Woman's Club

Juniorette

1st Three Rivers Juniorette Club

Shining Star Award

Sand River Woman's Club

Legislation & Public Policy

General

Category 2)

1st Walhalla Woman's Club

Shining Star Award

Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

Women's History & Resource Center

General

Category 2)

1st Walhalla Woman's Club

Category 3)

1st St. Andrews Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

1st Seneca Jr. Woman's Club
2nd Jr. Woman's Club of Lake Murray

GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence Awareness

General

Category 1)

1st GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club
2nd Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Category 2)

1st GFWC York County Woman's Club
2nd Walhalla Woman's Club

Category 3)

1st North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
2nd St. Andrews Woman's Club

Junior

Category 1)

1st Seneca Jr. Woman's Club
2nd Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Easley Jr. Woman's Club

Shining Star Award

GFWC York County Woman's Club

**GFWC-SC Special Project
Winners (Continued)**

**GFWC Junior Special Project
Advocates for Children**

General

Category 3)

1st North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
2nd Woman's Club of Cayce

Junior

Category 1)

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Lake Murray
2nd Seneca Jr. Woman's Club

Category 2)

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia
2nd Easley Jr. Woman's Club

Juniorette

1st Three Rivers Juniorette Club

Shining Star Award

Seneca Jr. Woman's Club

**Memorial Service of Remembrance & Honor
2013-2014
In Loving Memory**

Central District

Carolyn Cusack
Carol Kennedy

Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
St. Andrews Woman's Club

Eastern District

Phyllis Richardson

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

North Central District

Dot Johnson
Jo Ann Thiessen

Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Northern District

Lois Johnson

GFWC Jubilee Club



**Linda Ham
GFWC-SC 2012-2014 Finance Committee Chair**

In Loving Memory

Linda lost her two year battle with cancer on April 28, 2014

Rest in Peace dedicated clubwoman and dear friend to
many GFWC and GFWC-South Carolina members.

Hand in Hand Heart in Heart

Minds Firm Eyes Focused

Our way is clear – the ground is surer - when we walk together

Our labor – our load - are lighter, more joyful when we pull as one

We scale tall mountains one foot at a time as long as we are

linked in the climb - and lend a hand to those behind

No fear. No weakness. No failure.

We rise by lifting

Others

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

Minutes from the 116th General Federation of Women's Clubs of SC Convention

April 25-26, 2014, Columbia, South Carolina

The 116th Annual Convention for the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina was held April 25 - 26, 2014, in Columbia, South Carolina. President Jo Ann Bolchoz called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at the Garden Terrace of the Columbia Museum of Art. Invocation was given by Patricia Ezell, GFWC-SC Chaplain. The Wil Lou Grey Opportunity School, Army ROTC presented the colors. National Anthem was sung by Melissa Smith, Southern District President. Pledge of Allegiance and South Carolina Pledge was led by Elizabeth Herring, Credentials Chair. "Collect for Clubwomen" was led by Lynn Cleckler, GFWC-SC Past President. National Pledge of Junior Clubwomen was led by Katie Jones-Moydell, Director-elect of Junior Clubs. Juliet M. Casper, GFWC-SC Recording Secretary, read a letter of regret from the State Treasurer Curtis Loftis and from Stephen Benjamin, Mayor of Columbia. Judy Clark, Past President of the Lexington Woman's Club introduced the guest speaker, The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor of South Carolina. Governor Haley issued the official "Welcome to Columbia" and Joy Lind, 2014 Convention Co-Chair and Midlands District President gave the response. Janet Smalley, Poet Laureate and President of the Walhalla Woman's Club, said grace.

Following lunch, ShirLee Alfors, President of Woman's Club of Fort Mill, introduced the GFWC-SC Past Presidents and GFWC-SC Executive Committee. Elizabeth Herring, Credentials Committee Chairman, presented the preliminary credentials report which showed a voting strength of 100, non-voting of 38, for a total attending 138. Laurie O'Kelly, Acting Parliamentary Authority, presented the Rules and Procedures and they were adopted as presented. The convention program was presented by Michele Hood, Special Assistant to the President, with corrections noted and the convention voted to accept it as the official program of the convention.

Caroline Mahaffey, GFWC-SC President-elect, presented Honor Clubs and Net Gain Club ribbons with the assistance of the District Presidents. Kristin Fields, GFWC-SC Treasurer, presided over the presentation of Contribution Sheet Silver Awards and Certificates. Janet Prince, GFWC-SC Second Vice President and Dean of Departments presided over the presentation of GFWC Advancement Awards and Reports. Lois Black, Communication and Identity Chairman, presented the Communication and Identity Awards; Tammy Garland, Fundraising Chairman, presented the Fundraising Award; Brenda Tarkenton on behalf of Pat Estep, Leadership Chairman, presented the Leadership Awards and announced that Shelli D. Pue from the Junior Woman's Club of Columbia will be the 2014 LEADS Candidate for South Carolina; Caroline Mahaffey, GFWC-SC President Elect, presented the Membership Awards. The Public Policy and Legislation Awards were presented by Janet Agnew, Legislation and Public Policy Chairman, and the Women's History and Resource Center Awards were presented by Karen Kaylor, WHRC Chairman. The Community Service Program Awards were presented by: Gail Ebner, Chairman, Education; Lynn Clecker on behalf of Gail Elfert, Chairman, Home Life; and Lynn Cleckler, Chairman Home Life Partnership. Sylvia Ayers presented the GFWC-SC Mrs. John R. Wolff/Cancer SAVE-A-LIFE Awards, the Junior Club Breast Cancer Awareness Silver Award, and the General Club Breast Cancer Awareness Silver Award. Conservation Community Service Awards were presented by Regina Elders, Chairman, Conservation.

Kayleigh Vaughn, Education Manager for the Columbia Museum of Art, spoke about the museum's collection, special exhibits, and volunteer opportunities. President Jo Ann Bolchoz recessed the convention at 2:54 PM until the "Touching Hearts—Changing Lives" Ball at 7:00 p.m.

The convention resumed at 7:00 p.m. Lois Black, President of Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville, offered grace. The Junior Auction "It's In the Bag" was held through-out the evening as entertainment. Following dinner, awards and certificates for the Community Service Programs were presented by: Sandy Kealey, Chairman, Arts Community; Linda Grant, Chairman, Writing Contest; DeAna Reed, Chairman Photography Contest; ShirLee Alfors, Chairman, Scrapbook/ Yearbook Awards. The GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention award was presented by Michele Hood, Chairman. The GFWC Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children Award was presented by Katie Jones-Moydell, Chairman. Rachael Fulmer, Director of Junior Clubs, presented GFWC-SC Jr. Special Project Awards.

President Jo Ann Bolchoz introduced her special guests, Rick and Pat Hairston of Canines for Veterans, along with Service Dog Titus. President Bolchoz, assisted by Brenda Tarkenton, Chairman, presented the President's Special Project Awards: Club Participation, Sew Much Comfort, Top Paw, Top Dog, and The Patriot Award. President Bolchoz and Junior Director Rachael Fulmer presented the awards for the best costumes. Michele Hood, Special Assistant to the President made the announcements and gave out door prizes.

Convention was recessed at 10:05 p.m. until the business session on Saturday, April 26, 2014.

President Jo Ann Bolchoz reconvened the convention at 9:02 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Patricia Ezell, GFWC-SC Chaplain, provided inspiration. Gail Ebner, Education Community Service Programs Chair, introduced the GFWC-SC Past Presidents, members serving GFWC and the GFWC-SC Executive Committee. Joy Lind, Midlands District President & Convention Co-Chair, introduced the guest speaker, Alan Wilson, Attorney General for South Carolina. Joy Lind then gave the response, indicating that a donation in the amount of One Hundred Dollars would be given in honor of Alan Wilson to South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Caroline Mahaffey, President Elect and Membership Chairman, presented Golden Strip GFWC with its Charter.

Reports from Standing Committees were given. Elizabeth Herring, Credential Chairman, presented the Credentials Report. Bobbie Sox, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, presented the recommended changes to the Bylaws which were all approved by the voting membership. Juliet Casper, GFWC-SC Recording Secretary gave the GFWC-SC Board of Directors Report; Ann Malpass, Chairman of the Headquarters Committee, gave the headquarters report.

The second Credentials Report was given by Elizabeth Herring, Chairman, showing a voting strength 88, non-voting 34, total attending 122. GFWC-SC Recording Secretary Juliet Casper read the Rules of Elections beginning at 11:05 a.m. Jolene Bryant, Chairman State Elections Committee gave the Elections Committee Report. President Jo Ann Bolchoz presided over the Elections, Confirmations and Nominations. A vote was taken to confirm the District Elections for the following: GFWC-SC 2014-2016 Elections Committee, GFWC-SC Trustees of Scholarship Fund, GFWC-SC Board of Trustees of Progress Foundation, GFWC-SC Board of Trustees, and District Presidents. The membership voted to confirm the election of 2014-2016 President Caroline Mahaffey and 2014-2016 Director of Junior Clubs Katie Jones Moydell. Jolene Bryant presented the Election Committee's slate of candidates for the state offices. No nominations were received from the floor and the nominations were closed. A vote was taken and was unanimous to elect the following GFWC-SC officers: Janet Prince, First Vice President; Juliet Casper, Second Vice President; Kristin Fields, Recording Secretary; and Kathie Walker, Treasurer.

Jan Hadwin presented the Headquarters Budget for 2014-2015 and it was adopted as presented. Kristin Fields on behalf of Linda Ham, Chairman Budget & Finance, presented the 2014-2015 General Fund Budget. The 2014-2015 Budget was approved with corrections based upon the bylaws changes approved earlier today, and adopted as corrected. Reports from the GFWC-SC Officers' were given: GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Rachael Fulmer, GFWC-SC Treasurer Kristin Fields, GFWC-SC Recording Secretary, Juliet Casper, GFWC-SC Second Vice President Janet Prince, GFWC-SC President Elect, Caroline Mahaffey, and GFWC-SC President Jo Ann Bolchoz.

Reports from Boards of Trustees were given. Kristin Fields on behalf of Pat Estep, Chairman of the Trustees of GFWC-SC Endowment Fund; Kay Berry, Chairman of the Trustees of Progress Foundation and Linda Grant, Chairman of the Trustees of GFWC-SC Scholarship.

A Memorial Service of Remembrance & Honor was led by Patricia Ezell, GFWC-SC Chaplain, with the assistance of the District Presidents.

Michele Hood gave announcements.

The convention recessed at 12:43 PM until the “Starry Nights...Brighter Tomorrows” Gala.

President Jo Ann Bolchoz reconvened the convention at 7:30 p.m. Jolene Bryant, President of GFWC Jubilee Club, provided grace. Marian St. Clair, GFWC Secretary, provided greetings from GFWC.

After dinner, Eula Leaber, Chairman, International Outreach, presented the certificates and awards for the Community Service Programs International Outreach, with Jolene Bryant, Chairman, International Outreach Partnership, presenting the Community Service Programs International Outreach Partnership certificates and awards. Jolene Bryant, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented Shelli Pue as the candidate for Director Elect of Junior Clubs and the membership voted to confirm this candidate. Jolene Bryant presented Sandra Terry as the Western District candidate for the GFWC-SC Board of Trustees and the membership voted to confirm this candidate. The certificates and awards for Community Service Programs Public Service were presented by Misty Konow, Chairman, Public Issues; and by Misty Konow on behalf of Libby Love, Chairman, Public Issues Partnership.

Caroline Mahaffey, GFWC-SC President-elect, presided over the retirement of the Silver Ceremony. Caroline Mahaffey, GFW-SC President-elect, presented the following District Awards: Howie Stackhouse Award, Nancy Boozer Award, Virginia (Sissy) Welch Award, Ruby H. McManus Sims-Stackhouse Endowment Award, Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award, and Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award. Rachael GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs presented the Junior Cup Awards. Janet Prince, GFWC-SC Second Vice President, presented the Program Council Awards, and on behalf of Ginny Mills, presented the Community Improvement Programs Contest Awards.

Individual Awards were presented. Juliet Casper, GFWC-SC Recording Secretary, announced the Honor Roll Honorees for 2014. Jo Ann Bolchoz, GFWC-SC President, presented the GFWC-SC Juniorette of the Year to Ashlan Prince. Caroline Mahaffey, GFWC-SC President-elect, presented the GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year Award to Sandra Terry from Sand River Woman's Club. Janet Prince, GFWC-SC Second Vice President, presented the GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction Award to Sue Burgess of the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club. Kristin Fields, GFWC-SC Treasurer, announced the Class of 2014 Order of the Jessamine and certificates were presented. Norma England, North Central District President, and Carrie Zimmerman, Northwestern District President, issued the invitation to the 117th GFWC-SC Annual Convention to be held April 24-27, 2015, in Greenville, SC. Elizabeth Herring, Credentials Committee Chairman, presented the final credentials report and moved for adoption. The motion passed. Closing remarks were made by Rachael Fulmer, Director of Junior Clubs and President Jo Ann Bolchoz. Winners were drawn for the President's Travel Fund Baskets.

Installation of the 2014-2016 GFWC-SC Officers was conducted by Jolene Bryant, GFWC-SC Past President. Rachael Fulmer pinned Katie Jones Moydell as Director of Junior Clubs for 2014-2016 and she offered remarks. The passing of the GFWC-SC President's Pin Ceremony was held and Caroline Mahaffey gave her 2014-2016 GFWC-SC President's Message.

Having no further business, President Jo Ann Bolchoz adjourned the convention at 10:55 p.m.

Juliet Casper

Sandra Terry GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year



Sandra Terry is an amazing, creative woman, spending immeasurable amounts of time in service as a member of Sand River Woman's Club. She is responsible for the club yearbooks and tallying of individual volunteer hours for reporting. Sandra serves on the Education Committee and is devoted to improving the lives of others through education and providing enriching opportunities in the arts for children in the Aiken community. Sandra's leadership in projects during 2013 included chairing: the **Antiques in the Heart of Aiken** four day event to benefit the Aiken Center for the Arts. She coordinated the efforts of 150 volunteers, raised more than \$54,000 for scholarships and the operations of the Arts Center and volunteered more than 250 hours; the **Festival of Trees** five day event raising \$15,000 for the Aiken Symphony Guild youth programs where she volunteered over 120 hours; the **Youth Concerto Competition** for the Aiken Symphony Guild volunteering 70 hours contacting music teachers, accepting applications from music students and arranging the competitions; **Aiken Symphony Guild's project of bringing the Augusta Symphony Orchestra to the USC-Aiken Etheridge Center** for performances for fifth-grade students from Aiken and Edgefield counties where 2,450 students participated in the project and she volunteered over 40 hours; she volunteered 50 hours to the **Bookcases n' Books** project where bookcases and educational materials were placed in all new Habitat for Humanity homes in the area with articles and pictures appearing in local newspaper and establishing the **Little Free Library Program** to help with the problem of illiteracy volunteering over 100 hours. She and her husband Dennis built and painted little houses, filled them with books for all ages and placed them in low economic neighborhoods. The concept is simple: take a book and leave a book. Sandra also participated in other club projects such as Meals on Wheels, Helping Hands, Cumbee Center-Women's Shelter; Gentlemen's Cash Bash fundraiser and as volunteer for the Paws in Action Campaign. The Terrys chose Aiken for their retirement home about 8 years ago. Sandra and Dennis have lovingly restored one of Aiken's fine historic homes and enjoy being involved in downtown activities. Sandra is an accomplished knitter and gifted painter. The Sand River Woman's Club and GFWC-SC are truly blessed to have such a creative, innovative and inspiring clubwoman serving in the Palmetto State and Aiken community.

Ashlan Prince GFWC-SC Juniorette Volunteer of the Year



Ashlan Prince is a charter member of the Three Rivers Juniorette Club which was federated on January 2, 2013. She has served as the club's first Recording Secretary and as a member of the By-Laws Committee. During 2013, Ashlan has participated in celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday at B-C Grammar Elementary by reading to the children; collected teddy bears for the Palmetto Children's Hospital; donated to Lexington Relay for Life; participated in the GFWC Pillow Case Project decorating two pillow cases and donating them to Palmetto Place Children's Shelter; and participated in the Woman's Club of the Midlands "Frazzled vs. Dazzled" workshop providing information on the Juniorette Club.

Ashlan has been a strong supporter of the Three Rivers Juniorette Club since the beginning and has demonstrated what it means to give back to her community.

She is a Junior at South Carolina Connections Academy, a member of the Calhoun Sporting Clay Team, a member of the National Quarter Horse Association and the Palmetto Paint Horse Association. Ashlan is the daughter of Janet and Gary Prince and lives in West Columbia. GFWC-SC congratulates Ashlan and wishes her great success in all future endeavors.

Sue Burgess
GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction



Sue Burgess was honored as the GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction at the GFWC-SC Convention in April. Sue began her journey into the General Federation of Woman's Club of South Carolina in the 1970's. She was instrumental in forming the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club and has served in many leadership capacities throughout the years.

She has helped raise money for the American Heart Association, March of Dimes and even helped start a new library and community center for her home town. In addition to serving her club, she has also served our state in many different capacities from Literacy Chairperson, to education chairman, to state nominating committee. In addition to her club work, she has had a very successful career in real estate and has received numerous awards such as the Realtor Image Award and the Distinguished Service Award from the South Carolina Realtors.

To her club members she is a compassionate, loving friend and even when facing challenges of her own, she encourages her club to step up and to be strong leaders in their club and in their community regardless of the circumstances or challenges in their own lives.

Sue helped start the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club with three goals in mind that are still the same today: community service, leadership and individual growth of its members. Congratulations Sue!!!

Marilyn Hatley
GFWC-SC Jennie Award Honoree



Marilyn Hatley has served as Mayor of the city of North Myrtle Beach since 2001. Prior to becoming Mayor she served as a City Council member for five years. As Mayor she formed the Coastal Alliance. She has served on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Municipal Association, serves as chair of the Horry County League of Cities, and serves on the Executive Board for the American Red Cross. She is a founder and director of Coastal Carolina National Bank. Marilyn began her woman's club service in 1974 as the 1st Vice President of the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club. This was the year the club was federated. She served as President in 1979. Under Marilyn guidance in the 70's the club raised \$100,000 for the American Heart

Association. In 2008, as Mayor and clubwoman, she introduced an opportunity and need for the club to assist the North Myrtle Beach Public Safety Department's Victims Advocate Officer. The club helped organize materials for neighborhood watch groups, worked with school programs, DARE, Shop with a Cop and National Night Out. This became the club's two year community service project which was chosen as one of eight across the nation to present the success of the program at the GFWC 2011 Southern Regional Conference. Marilyn is a graduate of the Beaux's Art College of Cosmetology, she is a certified cosmetology teacher, the owner of Visible Designs, Inc. Beauty Salon for 37 years and is presently the President of DMAC Enterprises, LLC. She studied classical piano for 10 years competing on the local, state and national levels. Marilyn is married to David. They have one son and one beautiful granddaughter, Amelia. She has been actively involved for many years in community service through her work in the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club and takes every opportunity possible to recognize the contributions of her club, GFWC-SC and GFWC.

News from GFWC-SC Headquarters

"Thank You" to everyone who joined the "1511 Society" for 2014! Through your donations, we were able to raise \$1,300 to be used on maintenance and repairs of our GFWC-SC Headquarters, the Sims-Stackhouse Mansion. Congratulations to Ann Martin of St. Andrews Woman's Club who was the lucky winner in the May 1 drawing for a \$100 VISA gift card!



We would again like to express our appreciation for statewide support of the 2nd annual "Christmas Stocking Extravaganza" held on December 3, 2013, at Headquarters. Everyone enjoyed an evening of holiday fun and helped to raise more than \$8,000 most of which will be used for much needed replacement windows in one of the apartments. We are already planning for the 2014 Extravaganza on December 2 and hope that clubs and individuals are thinking about the stockings they will create for the silent auction. Following is a list of the fabulous stockings and their donors for 2013:

- "Beach Lover" - Linda Floyd, St. Andrews Woman's Club
- "A Downton Abbey Christmas" - Aiken's Woman's Club & Woman's Club of West Columbia
- "Baby's First Christmas" - The Woman's Club of Charleston
- "HO! HO! HO!" - Chapin Woman's Club
- "Literacy First" - Lexington Woman's Club
- "Lovely Lady" - GFWC Jubilee Club
- "Classic Fashion Accessory" - The Woman's Club of Columbia;
- "Kitty's Christmas" - Jan Hadwin, Palmetto Woman's Club
- "Happy! Happy! Happy! His & Her's" - York County Woman's Club;
- "All Things Gamecock", "'Read, Write & Play" and "I Was Good This Year!" - Princa Wright, Palmetto Woman's Club
- "Cars" and "A Princess at Christmas" - Linda Windham, Palmetto Woman's Club
- "Palmettos" - The Palmetto Woman's Club;
- "Christmas Diva" - St. George Woman's Club
- "Smooch Your Pooch" - Jr. Woman's Club of the Upstate
- "Wrapping It Up At Christmas" - Jr. Woman's Club of Lake Murray
- "Indulge Your Wild Side" - GFWC-SC Past Presidents
- "Joyful Cooking" - Woman's Club of Cayce
- "Pamper & Celebrate Self, Family and Friends" - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
- "The Gardner" - Lake Murray Irmo Woman's Club
- "Coffee and Tea Time" - Woman's Club of Fort Mill
- "Asian Holiday" - International Issues CSP, St. Andrews Woman's Club
- "The Cool School Stocking" - Education CSP, St. Andrews Woman's Club
- "Baubles (and Bubbles) Are A Girl's Best Friend" - Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia
- "Let It Snow" - Home Pest Control & Kay McClanahan
- "Christmas Is Where The HeART Is!" Arts CSP, St. Andrews Woman's Club

Watch for details about the 2014 Extravaganza this summer.

The Headquarters Committee

Ann Malpass Chairman

Celebrating 50 Years

This year marks a milestone for Lexington Woman's Club and their member Bobbie Sox as she celebrates 50 years of membership and service to the Lexington Woman's Club. Bobbie is currently chairman of the GFWC- SC Bylaws and Standing Rules committee and has held this position for approximately 10 years. She has also held bylaws and standing rules positions with Friends of the Lexington Main Library and Friends of the Lexington Museum. Bobbie has been married to her husband, Frank Sox, for 55 years and they have 2 children Kim Sox and Jon Sox. Bobbie is office administrator for the Eye Center in Columbia, SC and is a member of Lexington Baptist Church where she sings in the choir and plays the hand bells.

Lexington Woman's Club Charity Golf Tournament



Sand River Woman's Club Celebrates 30 Years



(Left to Right): Sand River Woman's Club President Gail Ebner, Aiken City Mayor Fred Cavanaugh, and charter members Jean Schwalbert and Becky Robbins, both of whom have been members continuously for the club's entire 30 years.



(Left to Right): Charter members Sue Hayes, Jean Schwalbert, Becky Robbins, Pat Lumans, and Ginnie Samsel the First President of Sand River Woman's Club



(Left to Right): First President of Sand River Woman's Club Ginnie Samsel, and continuous members since charter Becky Robbins, President 1988-90 and Jean Schwalbert, President 1998-2000.

GFWC-SC Convention Highlights



To view pictures from convention, go to www.prettypictures.net. Purchases of convention pictures help support Mental Health America of South Carolina.



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It is so humbling to be writing as your GFWC-SC President. And exciting! To think that GFWC is in its 125th year. To paraphrase a line from an old commercial...We've come a long way ladies!

Unfortunately, we have a long way to go. Wouldn't it be great if we solved the worlds problems and evolved in to a social club? If you heard my speech, you know I have an idea about how to make that happen. I firmly believe that by solving the mental health issues in our country, we solve most of the societal problems.

We will be working with Mental Health America (MHA) of SC to raise awareness of mental health issues, as well as to learn to recognize signs of some of the issues affecting so many in our society. A representative of MHA will be at Summer Board, and will be bringing a surprise guest along.

Summer Board is going to be a bit different this year. We are relieving the districts of the burden of hosting and will be enjoying a delicious working lunch. There will be speakers from MHA and the SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse (SC-CADVASA), learn a little about the inner workings of GFWC-SC, as well as have our Presidents's Institute and Program Fair. I think you will find it well worth it.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead you on what I hope is an exciting, meaningful journey.

Caroline

GFWC-SC Presidential Address to Convention

I have two goals while giving my speech tonight. The first is to stay on script, and the second is to not cry. We all know that staying on script is going to be difficult for me, and if we can set the start to right now, I may be able to not cry. I admit to being just a tad nervous, and I don't mean because I'm standing to speak in front of all of you, including my children, who, believe it or not, have actually never heard me speak publicly. I'm nervous, anxious, because of the enormity of the task ahead. It is not my task, it is our task.

GFWC is entering its 125 year. 125 years of service. 125 years of making a difference. GFWC South Carolina has a strong history of service: building parks, libraries, women's and children's shelters, funding smiles, canine companions and heart health, to name just a few. Our legacy is an impressive one. But we can not rest on our laurels. We must continue on the path of progress through action, advocacy, and spreading awareness. Crystal Williamson, will you stand for a minute please, so everyone can get a good look at you?

Crystal is going to be the chairperson for our Signature Project, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. Although I'm sure all of you participate in this project to some extent, we will be placing special emphasis on our Signature Project During this administration.

In addition to your club's established programs, we will be working with The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, or SCCADVASA. They will be able to provide us with resources, including information and speakers. In fact, someone from SCCADVASA will be at Summer Board. Crystal will be covering more of this tomorrow.

We all know that South Carolina has the terrible distinction of consistently being ranked first in instances of domestic violence. But did you know that over 80% of victims of domestic violence suffer from some sort of mental disorder?

Trudie, would you please stand for a minute? Trudie Heemsoth has agreed to chair my special project on mental health awareness. It was not by accident that I asked, well begged, best friends to chair these two areas. They are intertwined in such a way that to fix the first, you must fix the second. It is my hope that in an attempt to bring respectability to mental health issues, the ladies of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will also make huge strides in reducing the number of domestic violence cases in South Carolina. That is not to say that ALL of our work in bringing respectability to the subject of mental health will be in the area of domestic violence.

That is only part of the plan. Mental health issues affect countless other areas of all of our lives. Now, let me be clear. I loved my mother, and love my father, and I always knew I was loved. In fact, growing up in Simpsonville surrounded by relatives, I thought everyone loved me. I was lucky. So please understand that I share my story, with my father's permission, not to bash my parents, or embarrass anyone, but to illustrate how mental health issues affect us all. It was no secret that Daddy "had a little drinking problem". I didn't know that was all that unusual. Heck, some of my best friends' fathers did too. Daddy is an intelligent, successful, well respected man in the community, who served on numerous boards, and even in public office. A man of very few words, whose opinions were respected, and whose voice was heard. Hard working, an over achiever, with little tolerance for ineptitude and absolutely no patience. A man of influence. But like many of his relatives, Daddy was, IS, an alcoholic, even though he hasn't had a drink in over 25 years. His drinking has taken a toll on his physical and mental health, and definitely was a huge factor in my life.

My mother. WELL. She was a brilliant, beautiful lady. A talented performer who could sing, dance and act. An artist who designed and made her own clothes, and who sketched floor plans for fun. A Girl Scout Leader, a church choir director, a PTA mom, a real community organizer, a dutiful wife and attentive mother. And, my children would say, hands down the best GAMMA. If my father had little tolerance for ineptitude, she had none. I believe she was hardest on herself, though, and this often led to extreme stress and anxiety. Valium did wonders. I once told Mama that I was going to put up a billboard in town, with pictures of various family members, and the caption...MENTAL ILLNESS RUNS IN MY FAMILY. WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. MAYBE ON YA DADDY'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY. Mama didn't see stress and anxiety as mental health issues. Mama went to her grave denying anyone had mental health, much less an issue with it. People were "peculiar", or "nervous", but nothing more, bless their heart.

I think we are all a bit guilty of that attitude. "Not in MY family." "Oh, you know teenage girls, they just get emotional" "She's just going through a tough spell". "He is just a little troubled." All expressions to deal with situations with which we are uncomfortable. I'm not going to ask for a show of hands, but can any of us honestly say that mental health issues don't affect us? One in four adults live with a diagnosable, treatable mental health disorder. Some are simply more obvious than others. Homelessness. Most who truly live on the streets suffer from mental health issues. Yes, we see them as alcoholics and drug addicts, but we need to understand addiction and try to manage it. What puts some alcoholics and addicts on the streets, and what allows others to work in ivory towers, rule the corporate world, get elected to political office, or create the great masterpiece? Eating disorders. These manifest in behaviors that affect the body, but often stem from a need to control some aspect of our life, when all else may seem out of control.

Our military. Veterans returning from deployment face serious issues related to mental health. Numbers indicate that every 80 minutes, every 80 minutes, a veteran commits suicide, and these numbers are believed to be low. Every thirty six hours, someone on activity duty attempts suicide.

I could go on, but I've probably depressed everyone enough for one evening. I firmly believe that to fix the problems of the world, we have to start with mental health. Because of this, I'm excited to be working with Mental Health America of South Carolina. Like us, MHA is a national organization with state and local chapters. They have a variety of programs, appropriate for all sorts of audiences. Someone from MHA will be at Summer Board as well, helping us with a project, and bringing a surprise guest!

Trudie will be going over this in more detail tomorrow. Speaking of Summer Board. I hope you will all plan to be there. It is going to be the weekend of July 25 and 26. You will get details in the June Clubwoman. Dates for all of the Board meetings and conventions are available online, and will be presented to the club presidents tomorrow. I can't wait for us to get started working together! Katie has a terrific project, and I'm excited to have her as Junior Director.

GFWC-SC Presidential Address to Convention (Continued)

I am so privileged to be standing before you. It has been a long, interesting, to me at least, path. I'm sure I will leave some important people and events out, so I ask for forgiveness before hand. I would love to be able to thank a friend named Kim who in 1985 invited me to a meeting of the Greenville Junior Woman's Club, but I've long since lost touch after she moved away. Without knowing it, she probably made the single biggest difference in my life. As William Thackeray said in the opening lines of VANITY FAIR " are not there little chapters in everyone's life that seem to be nothing, yet effect all the rest of the history?" My friend Kim was one such chapter.

Debbie Alexander. She was Junior Director when I was but a young Clubwoman, attending my first End of the Year club banquet. I was so impressed. Here was someone who had a child, worked, and yet was able to handle traveling the state, being a leader. What a terrific role model. Jackie Boland. She couldn't be here tonight, but she was Junior Director when I first began to think of starting a club in Simpsonville. She made the trip to Simpsonville one evening to talk to me, explain what I needed to do. She took a wrong turn on the way. I've since learned not to rely on Jackie's navigational skills, but she can certainly be followed when it comes to matters of GFWC. She is a true leader. Later, the group decided to be a General, rather than a Junior Club, but I've always appreciated Jackie's guidance.

Jolene Bryant. She was district president when we finally got the required 10 people to federate the Upstate Woman's Club. Anything I needed, she said. I just had to ask. I've been asking, and she has been guiding ever since. Sometimes, I don't even have to ask for that "guidance." It was Miss Jolene who first asked me about becoming a state officer. Jolene, along with Janet Agnew and Lavonia Hendrix have served as my unofficial advisors for a very long time. Miss Lavonia introduced herself to me the first time I attended a State Convention, asking who I was. She is from Simpsonville, and she and my father had gone to high school together. I have appreciated her guidance and support over the last 25 years. Miss Lavonia, I am honored that you made the trip, and are here tonight.

Marian St. Clair. Marian honored me by asking me to fill an unexpired term as Northern District President. It gave me an entirely different perspective of GFWC, and of the responsibilities and opportunities involved in leadership.

Sylvia Ayers. Sylvia didn't ask. She told me to seek office. Sylvia, thank you for your confidence in me, your support, your mentoring, and your friendship. We won't talk about the rest. Pat Estep, Sue Burgess, and Lynn Cleckler. What a trio. Regular room mates, supporters, marathon shoppers and fashion police. "Do you have a jacket to wear with that? You can't wear that color. You need a slip with that." All while I was trying my hardest to get Lynn dressed! And Sue, as only Sue could be, after I became 2nd Vice President, said "Congratulations. Now just don't screw it up and embarrass us all." What do you say to that? Michelle Hood. Defender. Girl friend. And supplier of cokes.

My club members. Dorothy Boyd, whose name wasn't on our club charter, but traveled with me to Columbia to receive it, and is as close to a founding member of the Upstate Woman's Club as any of us. Dorothy, who as club president, refused to accept my resignation as a club member when life became too overwhelming. Elise Romano. Elise overnight became a best friend by being there when I desperately needed one. And to all of the ladies of the Upstate Woman's Club, would you please stand? These ladies have stood beside, in front and behind me over the last 20 plus years. You've saved me more times than I can count. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You epitomize what it means to be Clubwomen. They, along with the entire Northern District, led by Meg Hawes, have planned a reception for after the meeting adjourns. Would all the ladies of the Northern District please stand? Thank you for everything.

Jo Ann. You are leaving huge shoes to fill, with your fabulous, inspiring projects, your hard work, your dedication. I will forever be grateful for your friendship and your guidance, and I'm counting on your continued guidance over the next two years. We all thank you for a fantastic job.

I am thankful for my parents, Jeff and Florence Richardson. Daddy, who taught that with privilege comes responsibility, and Mama who never turned away from someone in need. Both were always ready to take a stand, adopt a cause.

For all their faults, they were kind, loving, supportive parents who set the bar very high. Last, I want to introduce you to my friends and family. Many of you know Rob. Unofficial booster. Thanks for the heavy lifting, for the companionship on long, late rides, and for supporting and participating in many of my pet projects.

My children. Tonja Ivey has prepared a slide show so that you can get a better look, as well as check out the ones who are not here tonight. Katherine, my oldest, and her partner Ron. They are in New Orleans. Katherine puts her artistic talents to work repurposing furniture, and works as a data collector for an investment company. Michael lives in D.C., where he works as a Communications Director for a Florida Congressman. Annie is here tonight with her husband, Harry. They just bought their first home in Atlanta, where Harry is an attorney and Annie is a school counselor. Mary Elaine has been entertaining us this evening. She also lives in Atlanta, where she teaches music as well as plays in a band, I Want Whisky. That's the band's name, you all know I don't drink. Rebecca, was in a wedding today, so she and her husband Mike couldn't be here tonight. They just bought their first home in Augusta, where Mike is stationed at Fort Gordon. We think he is a spy. Rebecca is responsible for most of these pictures. Sarah Margaret is my youngest daughter. She is here with her significant other, Ryan Mundy. Sarah Margaret lives in Mauldin, and works at Sticky Fingers. Richard is my 6 foot 2 baby boy. He moved back in with me after I fell last fall, and is working at Chophouse 47. Each are my favorite. Just ask them.

Through all of my years of service with GFWC, they've never complained, out loud anyway, of the time and money I've spent, the trips I've taken, or the events in their own lives that I've missed. Thank you SWEETIES for making it possible for me to participate, for knowing how important my time with woman's club is. I hope I've shown you the importance of participation, and that you can make a difference. I love you.

And thank you, GFWC girlfriends for this privilege, and for choosing to be here tonight. I'm proud to call you all my friends.



Janet Prince
GFWC-SC
First Vice President

I cannot express how excited I am to be your 1st Vice President. I will be working closely with the district presidents' to help build our membership by growing our current clubs and planting new ones. I look forward to visiting with you all in the places you serve. I want to hear your thoughts and ideas on how you feel we can grow GFWC-SC over the next two years! Please mark your calendars now to attend your District Conference listed below and I look forward to seeing you all at Summer Board! Love,

Janet

District Conferences

August 9th
 North Central -- 10:30 a.m. -- Woman's Club of Rock Hill Clubhouse
 Midlands -- 10:00 a.m. -- Woman's Club of Cayce Clubhouse
 Central -- 2:00 p.m.

August 23rd
 Eastern District -- 10:00 a.m. -- Surf Club
 Western District -- 1:00 p.m.

September 7th
 Northwestern District -- 2:00 p.m.

September 20th
 Northern District --

October 14th -- to be confirmed
 Southern District - Hosted by Woman's Club of Summerville

“Be brave enough to start a conversation that matters.” This quote from Margaret Wheatley embodies what I see as the goal for GFWC-SC members in the 2014-2016 Administration. If you attended our annual convention, you know that a few of the conversations that I’d like to get started involve pushing for Equal Pay for Equal Work, tackling the Domestic Violence problem in our state, and increasing participation by women in our political system. We have a voice and we need to use it.

There will be a Program Council meeting on Friday, July 25 at Zorba’s Greek Restaurant, 6169 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, South Carolina. The Program Council is composed of the Dean of Community Service Programs (me), the District Presidents, Community Service Programs Chairwomen, the Junior Community Service Program Chairwomen, and Special Committees Chairwomen. According to the GFWC-SC By-laws, Article VII Section 4, “the duties of the Council shall be to plan and coordinate the programs of the Federation in compliance with the objectives set forth by the Board of Directors and to provide materials for the use of member clubs. The Program Council shall approve all awards relating to programs, and then submit a recommendation to the Board of Directors.” If any members of the Program Council that have matters that need to be brought before the Council, please send me that information no later than July 1, 2014, either by email (jcasper@newbylaw.com) or by fax (843-449-9419) or by mail (P.O. Box 808, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578).



Juliet Casper
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President

I look forward to working with all members of the Program Council, and I hope we start many conversations that matter to the women of South Carolina.

Juliet

I look forward to serving as Secretary in this administration. As a reminder, the club's history is captured in the minutes from each meeting, so be sure to keep a record of all club proceedings, even those that happen over the summer. Hope to see you all at the Summer Board meeting.

Kristin



Kristin Fields
GFWC-SC
Recording Secretary



Kathie Walker
GFWC-SC
Treasurer

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of GFWC -SC for giving me the opportunity to serve as Treasurer for the next two years. I appreciate your confidence in me to learn and carry out the responsibilities of the office. I especially want to thank the women of GFWC-York County for recommending me for the position. During the next two years as Treasurer, I will do my best and I promise I will not let you down!

Kathie

Ladies,

It is hard to believe my term as Director of Junior Clubs has begun! It is such an honor to represent all of you and our beloved Palmetto state! I am looking forward to working with each of you over the next two years!

My junior special project is "Feeding our Future." I encourage you all to look at your community and determine how you can make an impact. For some of you this may be participating in a backpack program. Maybe childhood obesity is an issue and nutritional development could be beneficial. Cooking classes for youth are great life lessons and have been proven to help troubled juveniles. I look forward to see what creative ways you will decide to participate in this project with me.

Provided are some resources:

<http://www.harvesthope.org/child-hunger>

<http://feedingamerica.org/how-we-fight-hunger/programs-and-services/child-hunger.aspx>

<http://www.healthyhandscooking.com>

<http://www.just-for-kids.org/>

I am excited to represent you all at regional and national events! I am even more excited though, to visit you all at your home clubs. Please let me know the dates of your events and I will do my best to be there!

In Junior and GF Love!

Katie



Katie Moydell
GFWC-SC
Director of
Junior Clubs

GFWC –Living a Volunteer Spirit

Daily we labor at our careers, seeking self-fulfillment, satisfying our human fiscal needs.

As a GFWC member, we reach out to others and volunteer without selfish greed.

We're women who are sensitive to the needs in our communities – lack of resources, food or helping those in despair.

As a GFWC woman, we reach out and show them that we CARE.

We reach out and provide education, food, clothing, or just by showing interest and a personal touch.

As a GFWC woman, our reward is the gratitude and hearing a simple “thank you very much”.

We visit the elderly who struggle each day in their discouraging world who are victims of illness and boredom as well.

As a GFWC woman, we volunteer our time to just listen to the stories they have to tell.

We see our young girls influenced and trying to find fulfillment through mixed up messages of poor values, glamour and glitz.

As a GFWC woman, we try to guide them and help them see that dedication to serving others is true fulfillment that lasts and fits.

We work in our respective communities to support the arts, provide advanced education and promote healthy life styles.

As a GFWC woman, we volunteer our time to bring awareness about critical issues such as violence prevention, mentoring at-risk girls and are even rewarded by a few smiles.

If you want to feel like you make a difference in your community or want to volunteer;

As a GFWC member, you will find fulfillment, support, and assistance from your fellow GFWC peers.

Margaret W. Douglas
GFWC-SC Poet Laureate

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2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR	
Revenues:	
GFWC-SC Dues:	
General & Juniors (\$27)	\$ 29,789.00
Heritage (\$16)	\$ 1,920.00
Juniorettes (\$11)	\$ 330.00
Jr. Travel Fund: \$4/Jr.	\$ 1,000.00
Contributions to the General Fund	\$ 450.00
Convention Registration	\$ 2,250.00
Board or Board of Directors Registration (Winter Board & Summer)	\$ 1,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 875.00
South Carolina Clubwoman Contributions	\$ 350.00
Total Revenues:	\$ 37,964.00
Disbursements:	
GFWC Dues Paid:	
General, Juniors & Heritage (\$15)	\$ 18,330.00
Juniorettes (\$10)	\$ 300.00
Jr. Travel Fund: \$4/Jr.	\$ 1,000.00
Southern Region	\$ 30.00
GFWC Meetings:	
President	\$ 900.00
Director of Jrs.	\$ 900.00
First Vice Pres	\$ 600.00
Second Vice Pres	\$ 600.00
Rec. Sec or Treasurer	\$ -
Outgoing President	\$ 600.00
Outgoing Dir. of Jrs.	\$ 600.00
Incoming Pres. Leadership Orientation (\$300)	\$ -
Incoming Jr. Director Leadership Orientation (\$300)	\$ -
Leads Program Participant	\$ 300.00
GFWC-SC Travel:	
President	\$ 100.00
First Vice Pres	\$ 100.00
Second Vice Pres	\$ 100.00
GFWC-SC Expenses:	
Meetings:	
Convention Expenses	\$ 1,950.00
Board of Directors and Program Council	\$ 300.00
Winter & Summer Board Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Desk Expenses:	
First Vice President	\$ 100.00
Second Vice Pres	\$ 400.00
Miscellaneous (Carry over)	\$ 25.00
Operating Expenses:	
Postage	\$ 250.00
Surety Bond	\$ 100.00
Review of Financial Statements	\$ 1,600.00
Charitable Funds Registration	\$ 50.00
Website	\$ 250.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 730.00
South Carolina Clubwoman	\$ 6,000.00
Special Expenses:	
Past President's Pin	\$ -
Total Disbursements:	\$ 37,215.00
(Over)/under Budget	\$ 749.00
Transfer from Unrestricted Net Assets (per action of Convention body)	\$ -
(Over)/Under Budget After Transfer	\$ 749.00

**GFWC-SC Headquarters Budget
2014-2015**

INCOME

Apartment Rentals	\$ 23,000.00
Outside Rentals	\$ 800.00
Contributions/Grants	\$ 4,000.00
GFWC-SC General Fund Share of Liability Insurance	\$ 730.00
Fund Raisers	\$ 6,000.00
Total Income	\$ 34,530.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Russell Massey Insurance Agency	\$ 7,500.00
Home Pest Control	\$ 500.00
SCE&G & City Water	\$ 11,000.00
Blade & Petal Landscaping	\$ 2,400.00
Home Pest Control Termite Bond Carriage House	\$ 300.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 8,000.00
GFWC-SC 20% of Federation audits	\$ 500.00
AT&T Telephone Mansion	\$ 769.80
Orkin Termite Bond Mansion	\$ 25.00
Stationary & Postage	\$ 100.00
	\$ 31,094.80

Income over Disbursements \$ 3,435.20

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GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee

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gives you one chance!**

Official Call to GFWC-SC Sizzling Summer Session

July 25-26, 2014

Friday, July 25, 2014

Registration 6:30 – 6:50 p.m.

Program Council - 7:00 p.m. – until

Zorba's Restaurant - 6169 Saint Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29212

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Saturday, July 26, 2014

Board of Directors and Sizzling Summer Session

Embassy Suites - 200 Stoneridge Dr., Columbia, SC 29210

Registration 8:45- 9:10 a.m

Board of Directors

9:15- 10:15 a.m.

Sizzling Summer Session

Registration 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(Program Fair 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

\$30.00 includes materials, activities, lunch buffet

Embassy Suites

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NOTE: this is a courtesy hold, with no room guarantee made by GFWC-SC.

GFWC-SC Sizzling Summer Session Registration

Name: _____ Club/District _____

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_____ GFWC-SC Standing Committee Chair

_____ Club President

_____ Club Member

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***GFWC-SC
Convention
Saturday Night
Highlights***



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer Board	July 25 - 26, 2014
Winter Board	January 9 - 10, 2015
Leadership Training	February 28, 2015
GFWC-SC Annual Convention	April 23 - 27, 2015
GFWC-SC Federation Day	April 24, 2015
Summer Board	July 24 -25, 2015
Winter Board	January 8 - 9, 2016
Leadership Training	TBD
GFWC-SC Annual Convention	April 21 - 23, 2016



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