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In the interest of time at Convention, I abbreviated the President's Report. Please find it below in its entirety. It is indeed an honor to report my activities while serving as your GFWC South Carolina President over the last year.

I have traveled across the state to attend district and club meetings, installing officers, presenting Charters of Federation, participating in fundraising activities and club projects. Sadly, I have also visited the sick and attended funerals and memorial services.

I had the pleasure of attending GFWC International Convention in Arizona, and what a privilege to carry the Flag of South Carolina as JoAnn Bolchoz escorted Marian St. Clair in the opening ceremony. Equally humbling was escorting Marian out of the Installation of GFWC International Officers. As President of the host state, I represented you as our own Jackie Boland presented the Southern Region Conference in Pawley's Island. I traveled to Maryland to attend the GFWC Board of Directors meeting.

As your President, I attended a rally at the State House, met with Attorney General Alan Wilson, spoke before the SC Senate Judiciary Sub Committee on Domestic Violence, met with State Senators and Representatives, spoke at a press conference in the Capitol Building, and attended a luncheon sponsored by the SC Women's Legislative Caucus.

I presented my goals and objectives to you when we began this term together. They were 1) to increasingly effect positive change in our lives, as well as in the lives of others 2) to raise the public's awareness of our organization, and the causes we support 3) to increase our membership with strong, engaged, active leaders. And 4) to be fiscally responsible and improve our financial position.

With 951 projects, 50,786.1 volunteer hours, \$144,435.23 In Kind Donations, and \$354,988.27 in cash donations, I feel we are well on our way, and I thank you for your efforts.

I am excited about the year to come.

Caroline

Inspiration

All of us here today have been awed and inspired by women who seem to us braver, smarter, more accomplished than we; perhaps a friend, a sister, a fellow club member. We will hear this weekend of and from women who have made an impact – in the lives of other women, of other people and even in our nation and the world. And we think to ourselves, if only I could be smart enough or brave enough or strong enough to be one ‘those women!’

But As Anne Frank wrote, “Everyone has inside of her a piece of good news. The good news is that you don’t know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!”

So consider this, paraphrased from Marianne Williamson:

Our deepest fear may not be that we are inadequate.
 Our deepest fear may actually be that we are powerful beyond measure.
 Perhaps it is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.
 We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant?
 Who am I to be gorgeous?
 Who am I to be talented, fabulous?

Actually, who are you NOT to be?
 You are a child of GOD!
 Your playing small does not serve the world.
 There is nothing enlightened about shrinking
 so that other people won’t feel insecure around you.
 We are all meant to shine, as children do.
 We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.
 It’s not just in some of us, it is in each and every one of us.
 And as we let our own lights shine,
 we unconsciously give those we encounter
 permission to do the same.

When we give ourselves permission to shine – we become who we always wished we could be. We each become one of ‘those women’.

Suzanne Carswell 4/24/2015

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 2014-2016
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Janet Prince
GFWC-SC
President-elect

What a wonderful time we had reconnecting and making new friends at Convention in Greenville. Thank you so much to Norma England, and the North Central District Clubs, and Carrie Zimmerman, and the Northwestern District Clubs for all of your hard work and planning to ensure all a fabulous time! Convention was a great time of celebrating and recognizing all of the wonderful work you all do throughout the year. We also had the opportunity to charter another new club while at convention. The newly formed GFWC-SC LEADS Club received its charter and is excited to work with our GFWC-SC State LEADS Training each year. The GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry was presented their charter on March 19 with 39 new members! Several members from the St. George

Women's Guild were present to show their support of this new club and to welcome them to the Southern District!

I cannot believe we are coming to the close of another great club year. Please don't forget that even in the summer time you can share about your club and GFWC-SC with prospective members. If your club has a summer social this would be a great time to invite a friend and let them see why you love GFWC-SC! Club President's please don't forget to send me your "Grow with New Friends" postcard by June 1.

If you have any ideas that you would like to share about recruiting and retaining members please call on me anytime at 803-665-9667.

I wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you at Summer Board in July!

Love,

Janet

***Congratulations to Deb Peabody of the
GFWC Women's Club Greenville
for receiving her "Star Recruiter"
Pin for recruiting ten new members!***

***Congratulations to the
following clubs on
recognition of their
Club Anniversary at the
GFWC-SC State Convention***

15 Years

Walhalla Junior Woman's Club

40 Years

Woman's Club of Wagener
Aiken Woman's Club
Clinton Federated Woman's Club

50 Years

Aiken Jr. Woman's Club

60 Years

The Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
The Woman's Club of the Midlands
Belvedere Woman's Club

80 Year

Woman's Study Club of Ridge Spring

***Welcome New GFWC-SC
Members!***

Chapin Woman's Club

Linda Hochstetler
Wilma Stamm
Brenda Blythe

GFWC Women's Club of Greenville

Marion Atkins
Kathleen Barton
Jackie Broome
Judy Calmes
Betty Coffey
Gwen Crosland
Abbie Freeman
Lynn Gilreath
Lena Horton
Alice Latimer
Dorothy Lind
Meg McCravy
Pat McDonald
Nikki Powell
Susan Sullivan



Net Gain Clubs

GFWC-SC Past President's Club
St. Andrews Woman's Club
Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
Jr. Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Lexington Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Cayce
GFWC York County Woman's Club
GFWC Renaissance Woman's Club
Upstate Woman's Club
Golden Strip Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Greenville
Hillcrest Juniette Club
Walhalla Woman's Club
Once-A-Week Club
Charleston Jr. Woman's Club
Aiken Junior Woman's Club
Aiken Woman's Club

Honor Clubs

St. George Woman's Club
Walhalla Woman's Club
GFWC Jubilee Club
Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
Woman's Club of the Midlands
GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club
Sand River Woman's Club
Aiken Woman's Club
Upstate Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Fort Mill
Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
Palmetto Woman's Club
GFWC York County Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Charleston
Woman's Club of Cayce
Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Woman's Club of Easley
Lexington Woman's Club
St. Andrews Woman's Club
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Chapin Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Greenville
Jr. Woman's Club of Lake Murray
Seneca Jr. Woman's Club
Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club
Grand Strand Junior Women's Club
Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia

GFWC-SC LEADS Graduates and LEADS Team

The GFWC-SC 2015 LEADS Graduates were recognized on Saturday evening of Convention. Ten ladies from across the state attending the first full day LEADS Training for GFWC-SC on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Woman's Club of Cayce Clubhouse. It was a full day of learning about our great organization. Participants were given a copy of their LEADS Class photo as a memento of the day.





Katie Moydell
GFWC-SC
 Director of
 Junior Clubs

I hope everyone has had a chance to recover from convention! It was a busy but great weekend spent with our fellow clubwomen. We had a lot of business to cover and had fun while doing it. Norma England and Carrie Zimmerman did a fabulous job as co-chairs, great job ladies!

The Juniors had a productive luncheon that included a presentation from Kate Mayer, executive director of Blue Tent Inc. This is a great organization based in the upstate that provides children in the foster system a chance to attend summer camp like a "normal" kid. It was an informative and fun presentation and the Seneca Juniors made the cutest smores themed centerpieces. I think we can all agree we would love to have Kate a

clubwoman!

During this lunch, the Juniors decided that it would be beneficial to meet this summer to determine what we can do to become a stronger board. Club presidents- please keep an eye out for information from me regarding this meeting. I am so excited to be working with this group of women and look forward to the future!

Besides the Junior meeting, Summer Board will be here before you know it. Please put July 25th on your calendar for this meeting! This is a great way for new club presidents to get introduced to state level functions. All members are welcome so bring a friend! If you have any questions about this meeting, do not hesitate to ask.

Installations are starting to take place- please send me the names and contact information of your new club presidents. If any current presidents are not getting communication from me, please let me know asap. I depend heavily on e-mail but don't always have the correct addresses.

I am honored to be serving as your Director of Junior Clubs and look forward to the coming years. One of my main goals is to grow the relationships between the Juniors and Generals but more importantly between the Junior clubs. We are all working towards the same goal and can offer each other encouragement, ideas and support. Thank you for everything you do and I look forward to representing you in Memphis!

In Junior Love!

Katie

**Junior Silver Certificate
 Award Winners**

2014 Bobbie Lowe Award
 Seneca Junior Woman's Club

2014 Mary Plyler Memorial Award
 Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

2014 Jan W. Hadwin Award
 Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

2014 Beth Broome Silver Award
 Seneca Junior Woman's Club

2014 Elizabeth Prince Gouge Award
 Charleston Junior Woman's Club

2014 Ann Borriss Memorial Award
 Chapin Junior Woman's Club

2014 Augusta Wolff Award
 Seneca Junior Woman's Club

**2014 Susan Abelkop
 Membership Award**
 Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

2014 Junior Spirit Award
 Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

2014 Junior Cup I
 Seneca Junior Woman's Club

2014 Junior Cup II
 Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Feeding Our Future Award

Category I
 Walhalla Junior Woman's Club

Category II
 Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club

Congratulations to all of the clubs and members that were recognized with awards at our state convention in Greenville. I know that chairmen enjoyed reading your reports, and we hope that more clubs send in reports for 2015. I will be sharing some tips for reporting at our Summer Board meeting in July. In addition, I will be sharing information that I gather at the GFWC Convention held in Memphis in June. I know that the reporting process can be time-consuming and at times frustrating. I welcome suggestions to improve this process.



Juliet Casper
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President

One common mistake that the chairmen and I saw with the club reports was the inclusion of a member's individual work as club work. For example to illustrate this point is volunteering at a local school. Under Education, it would not be appropriate to report that one member volunteers in her own child's classroom. This activity would occur with or without the club's support. On the other hand, here is an appropriate club project to report under Education: the club partners with a local school to provide volunteers on a weekly basis in the classrooms selected by the principal. This activity would not occur without the club's support. When in doubt about a project or activity, just email the chairmen or myself. We want to make this a simple process, but also accurately reflect the impact our members have had in their community, state, and country.

See you at Summer Board.

Club and District Rating Sheet Awards

Category I - Myrtis Flanagan Award	Woman's Club of the Midlands
Category II - Jean T. Kight Award	GFWC York County Woman's Club
Category III - Lovonia V. Hendrix Award	St. Andrews Woman's Club
Juniorette - Mary S. Smith Award	NONE
Mrs. John R. Wolff Award	St. Andrews Woman's Club
2nd Place District - Lovonia Hendrix Award	North Central District
1st Place District - Past President's Cup	Midlands District

Contribution Sheet Awards

Keith Unger Memorial Award	Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
Jan W. Hadwin Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment	Palmetto Woman's Club
Stackhouse Headquarters	Woman's Society of Batesburg Leesville
Princa M. Wright Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment	Palmetto Woman's Club
Janet B. Agnew Award	Woman's Society of Batesburg Leesville
Clubwoman Magazine Award	Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

GFWC Advancement Awards and Reports
Communication & Identity

<i>Category I (1-15)</i>	2nd Walhalla Woman's Club
<i>Category II (16-29)</i>	1st Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
<i>Category III (29+)</i>	2nd Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
<i>Junior Category I</i>	1st GFWC York County Woman's Club
<i>Junior Category II</i>	2nd North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
<i>Juniorette</i>	1st Woman's Club of Rock Hill
	2nd Seneca Junior Woman's Club
	1st Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray
	2nd none
	1st none
	1st none

Creativity Award
Newsletter Award

Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray
General - Woman's Club of Cayce
Junior - Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Media Campaign
Website Award

Fundraising

Category I (1-15)

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

Category II (16-29)

2nd Woman's Club of Fort Mill
1st Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

Category III (29+)

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

Junior Category I

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

Junior Category II

2nd None
1st Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club

Juniorette

none

Creativity Award

Woman's Club of Cayce

Rebecca Robins Award

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club and Grand Strand Junior's

Leadership

Category I (1-15)

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

Category II (16-29)

2nd Fort Mill Woman's Club
1st GFWC York County Woman's Club

Category III (29+)

2nd Sand River Woman's Club
1st North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Junior Category I

2nd Seneca Junior Woman's Club
1st Walhalla Junior Woman's Club

Junior Category II

2nd NONE
1st Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Juniorette

No Entry

Creativity Award

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Perry Ann Renwick Silver Award

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club and GSJWC

Leadership Silver Award

St. Andrews Woman's Club

Membership Awards

Category I (1-15)

2nd Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
1st Walhalla Woman's Club

Category II (16-29)

2nd GFWC of York County
1st Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Category III (29+)

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

Junior Category I

2nd Seneca Junion Woman's Club
1st Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

Junior Category II

2nd NONE
1st Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Juniorette

1st NONE

Creativity Award

Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

Charter Presentation/ Recognition of New Clubs

GFWC Women's League of the Low Country
GFWC-SC LEADS Club
Chapin Junior Woman's Club

Legislation & Public Policy

<i>Category I (1-15)</i>	1st Walhalla Woman's Club
<i>Category II (16-29)</i>	NONE
<i>Category III (29+)</i>	2nd North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
	1st Woman's Club of Rock Hill
<i>Junior Category I</i>	1st Seneca Jr. Woman's Club
<i>Junior Category II</i>	NONE
<i>Juniorette</i>	NONE
Creative Award Entry	Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Silver Legislation Award	Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Women's History & Resource Center

<i>Category I (1-15)</i>	2nd Walhalla Woman's Club
	1st Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill
<i>Category II (16-29)</i>	2nd - No Entry
	1st - No Entry
<i>Category III (29+)</i>	2nd - Sand River Woman's Club
	1st - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
<i>Junior Category I</i>	2nd - Jr. WC of Lake Murray
	1st - Seneca Jr. Woman's Club
<i>Junior Category II</i>	No Entry
<i>Juniorette</i>	No Entry
Creative Award Entry	North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Community Service Programs

Education

<i>Category I (1-15)</i>	2nd - St. George Woman's Club
	1st - Jr. Woman's Club of Rock Hill
<i>Category II (16-29)</i>	2nd - Sand River Woman's Club
	1st - Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
<i>Category III (29+)</i>	2nd - Lexington Woman's Club
	1st - Woman's Club of Rock Hill
<i>Junior Category I</i>	2nd - Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club
	1st - Seneca Jr. Woman's Club
<i>Junior Category II</i>	2nd - Grand Strand Jr. Woman's Club
	1st - Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia
<i>Juniorette</i>	NONE
Creativity Award	Sand Rivers Woman's Club
Marie J. Hammond Silver Award	Sand Rivers Woman's Club
Debbie Alexander Adult Education Award	Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Home Life

Category I (1-15)

2nd - GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club

Category II (16-29)

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

Category III (29+)

2nd - Aiken Woman's Club

Junior Category I

1st - GFWC York County

Junior Category II

2nd North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

1st - Sand River Woman's Club

Juniorette

2nd - Jr. Woman's Club of Lake Murray

1st Walhalla Junior Woman's Club

2nd Grand Strand Jr. Woman's Club

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia

NONE

Creativity Award

Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Junior Club Breast Cancer Awareness Silver Award

NONE

General Club Breast Cancer Awareness Silver Award

Lexington Woman's Club

Mrs. John R Wolff/SAFE-A-LIFE Awards

Community Service Programs

Conservation

Category I (1-15)

2nd Walhalla Woman's Club

Category II (16-29)

1st Saxa Gotha Woman's Club

Category III (29+)

2nd Lake Murray Irmo Woman's Club

1st Aiken Woman's Club

Junior Category I

2nd St. Andrews Woman's Club

1st Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Junior Category II

2nd Seneca Jr. Woman's Club

1st Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

Juniorette

2nd Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia

1st Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club

No Entry

Creativity Award

Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Arts

Category I (1-15)

2nd St. George Women's Guild

Category II (16-29)

1st Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill

2nd Aiken Woman's Club

Category III (29+)

1st Women's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Junior Category I

2nd Woman's Club of Rock Hill

1st North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Junior Category II

2nd Walhalla Junior Woman's Club

1st Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

2nd NONE

1st Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Creativity Award

Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Writing Contest

GFWC Youth Writing Competition

- Category 2: Grades 3-5 1st Woman's Club of Fort Mill for "Lilly and the Tiger"
by Madeleine Sikes
- Category 4: Grades 9-12 2nd Woman's Club of Rock Hill for "My Mom" by Brittany Griffin
1st Woman's Club of Rock Hill for "The Box" by Rose Catherine Jones

GFWC Writing Contests

- Short Story 1st Aiken Woman's Club for "My Shoes" by Billie Chartier
Poetry 2nd Aiken Woman's Club for "My Teacher" by Billie Chartier
1st GFWC York County for "Reporting" by Linda Grant
1st Woman's Club of Rock Hill for "Happiness" by Joyce Vajda
1st Junior Woman's Club of Columbia for "Looking Back While Looking
Forward" by Mary Shannon Dameron
- Prose 1st Junior Woman's Club of Columbia for "Installation Service"
by Neel Lesesne

GFWC Individual Creative Writing Awards

- Prayers
Club Installations
Song Lyrics
Emma R. Lipscomb Memorial Award No Entry
Frances B. Hair Award Aiken Woman's Club for "My Shoes" by Billie Chartier
Nancy Ann Morris Rivers Drama Award No Entry

Photography

- Living Things* 2nd Jenni Tonkin
1st Beth Taylor
- Scenes* 2nd Beth Taylor
1st Jenni Tonkin
- Volunteers in Action* 1st Darlene Griffin
- Still Life* 2nd Jenni Tonkin
1st Jenni Tonkin

Scrapbook Award

- Category I (1-15)* 1st Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- Category II (16-29)* 1st Aiken Woman's Club
- Category III (29+)* 2nd St. Andrew Woman's Club
1st The Woman's Club of Rock Hill
- Junior Category I* 1st Walhalla Junior Woman's Club
- Junior Category II* 1st Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
- "Best of Show"** Aiken Woman's Club

Yearbook Award

- Category I (1-15)* 1st Woman's Club of West Columbia
- Category II (16-29)* 2nd Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
1st Palmetto Woman's Club
- Category III (29+)* 2nd North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
1st St. Andrews Woman's Club
- Junior Category I* 1st Seneca Junior Woman's Club
- Junior Category II* 1st Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
- Juniorette* No Entry

President's Special Project Awards

Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly Award

Best General Club Sand River Woman's Club

Best Junior Club No entries

Carolina Satyr Butterfly Award

Best General Club Sand River Woman's Club

Best Junior Club No entries

Appalachian Brown Award

Best General Club North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Best Junior Club Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

President's Project Award

Category I

3rd Place Caterpillar: GFWC Jubilee Club

2nd Place Cocoon: Woman's Club of the Midlands

1st Place Butterfly: St. George Woman's Guild

Category II

3rd Place Caterpillar: No entries

2nd Place Cocoon: GFWC- York County Woman's Club

1st Place Butterfly: Woman's Club of Fort Mill

Category III

3rd Place Caterpillar: No entries

2nd Place Cocoon: North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

1st Place Butterfly: Sand River Woman's Club

Junior I

3rd Place Caterpillar: No entries

2nd Place Cocoon: No entries

Junior II

1st Place Butterfly: No entries

3rd Place Caterpillar: No entries

2nd Place Cocoon: No entries

1st Place Butterfly: No entries

Endowment Fund Award

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Progress Foundation Silver Award

Woman's Club of West Columbia

Kate T. Davis Memorial Award

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Community Service Programs

International Outreach

Category I (1-15)

2nd Woman's Club of the Midlands

1st Walhalla Woman's Club

Category II (16-29)

2nd Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

1st Aiken Woman's Club

Category III (29+)

2nd St. Andrews Woman's Club

1st Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Junior Category I

2nd Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

1st Seneca Jr. Woman's Club

Junior Category II

2nd No Entry

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia

Juniorette

No Entry

Creativity Award

Walhalla Woman's Club

Public Issues

Category I (1-15)

2nd St. George Women's Guild

1st Walhalla Woman's Club

Category II (16-29)

2nd GFWC York County Woman's Club

1st Aiken Woman's Club

Category III (29+)

2nd Sand River Woman's Club

1st North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Junior Category I

2nd Walhalla Jr. Woman's Club

1st Seneca Jr. Woman's Club

Junior Category II

2nd None

1st Jr. Woman's Club of Columbia

Juniorette

No Entry

Creativity Award

Aiken Woman's Club

Lexington Woman's Club Public Affairs Silver Award

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

GFWC Signature Project*Category I (1-15)*2nd Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
1st GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman's Club*Category II (16-29)*2nd Walhalla Woman's Club
1st GFWC York County Woman's Club*Category III (29+)*2nd St. Andrews Woman's Club
1st North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club*Junior Category I*2nd Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club
1st Seneca Junior Woman's Club*Junior Category II*

2nd No Entry

*Juniorette*1st Easley Junior Woman's Club
No Entry**Creativity Award**

GFWC York County Woman's Club

GFWC Juniors Special Project*Category I (1-15)*2nd Saxe Gotha Woman's Club
1st Walhalla Woman's Club*Category II (16-29)*

1st Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

Category III (29+)

1st North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Junior Category I

2nd Seneca Junior Woman's Club

Junior Category II

1st Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray

2nd Chapin Junior Woman's Club

Juniorette

1st Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

NONE

District Awards**Howie Stackhouse Award**

Midlands District

Nancy Boozer Award

NONE

Virginia Welch Award

Woman's Society of Batesburg Leesville

Ruby H. McManus Sims-Stackhouse Endowment Award

Central District

Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award

Central District

Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award

St. Andrews Woman's Club

Program Council Awards*Category I*

Woman's Club of the Midlands

Category II

Aiken Woman's Club

Category III

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Individual Awards & Recognition**Honor Roll Honorees**

Lexington Woman's Club

Carolyn Mathias

Upstate Woman's Club

Caroline Mahaffey

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Anne Parker

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Debbie Ritter

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Kathy Heagen

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Peggy Opitz

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Sue Erway

Order of the Jessamine

Lexington Woman's Club

Linda Smith

Jubilee Club

Jolene Bryant

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Joyce Thomas

Juniorette of the Year

No Entry

Jr. Clubwoman of Achievement Award

Michele Hood

GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year

Anne Parker

GWC-SC Woman of Distinction

Sylvia Ayers



Kathie Walker
GFWC-SC
Treasurer

Lesson Learned – Admission Taxes

We received some information from one of the clubs in our federation regarding the “close call” they had with the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) on admission taxes. The club has graciously allowed me to share their story as a lesson learned for all of us!


Back in October, 2014 the club received a letter from a collection agency basically stating that they owed the South Carolina Department of Revenue approximately \$7,000 and they had 30 days to dispute the debt and they needed to “pay up”. There really wasn’t even any information as to the reason the debt was owed. They quickly contacted the SCDOR and discovered that the real cause of the problem was back in 2009 (before most of the current club members had even joined!) an application for an Admissions Tax License for their fundraising events was filed instead of an Application for Admissions Tax Exemption. The Admissions Tax License requires you to pay admissions taxes. Since this club was a non profit 501(c)(3) organization, they were not required to pay Admission Taxes. Apparently the club’s board, at that time, eventually realized that they were not required to pay the admissions tax to the SCDOR. However, they did not recall the application for Admissions Tax and did not submit an Application for Exemption from that tax. The SCDOR was looking for the tax dollars owed from that submission.

The club very wisely consulted an attorney who assisted them in navigating the complicated SCDOR policies and statutes. As a result, the new application that they filed with SCDOR for Admissions Tax Exemption was accepted and processed. The club stated that this whole ordeal was a lengthy process. They had to go back each year to 2009 listing all income from each fundraising event, number of ticket sales, vendor invoices, the amount donated to each charity and show that it was donated in a timely fashion to be within the exemption statute.

Since most of our clubs change officer’s every year or every two years, we really need to be careful about passing along important information. Do not ignore correspondence from government agencies. If you don’t understand it, call the agency and ask questions. It’s easier to get information than you think.


Thankfully, this club is no longer in collections for over \$7,000 on back Admissions Tax filings. They kept good records and dealt with the issue promptly and professionally. If your club’s tax exempt status is in good standing (you have filed your Federal Informational or Tax Returns and registered with the SC Secretary of State), you need not apply for an Admissions Tax License, but it is recommended that an organization apply for and obtain an Admissions Tax Exemption certificate prior to the event. The application for an exemption certificate is Form L-2068 and can be obtained from the SCDOR website.

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In Loving Memory
Jolene Bryant, Northern District



“Miss Jolene” was a member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) and served as the South Carolina state president from 2000-2002. She was a member of the GFWC Jubilee Club for over 30 years, and was currently serving as the president. During the course of her over 30 years, Jolene served her club by holding every office (except treasurer). She also served the State as Northern District president prior to being elected as a member of the executive committee. At the completion of her administration, and at the urging of her daughter, she led the Past Presidents’ effort to type and publish a history of GFWC-SC. Many of you have purchased copies of this book. The summary of her presidency, in her own words, as it is printed in the history book, reads:

“2000-2002 Jolene Bryant The GFWC theme was “Unity in Diversity” and the GFWC President’s special project was the Community Improvement Program. The GFWC-SC theme was “Service To Others” and my special project was Operation Smile. The GFWC-SC club members made this a successful project by making hospital gowns, quilts, and smile bags. They collected items for the smile bags and office supplies. They made monetary donations for surgeries and sutures. Their efforts in the project resulted in \$36,000+ being given to Operation Smile. A piece of GFWC-SC history occurred during the 2000-2002 Administration. The Junior Director, Laura Bryant Palmer, was also my daughter. We were the first mother\daughter team to serve as GFWC-SC President and Junior Director in the same administration. We were also the first GFWC-SC President and Junior Director of the 21st century. GFWC-SC federated two new clubs during my administration. They were the Sandy Run Woman’s Club and the Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club. Three important changes occurred during 2000-2002. The first was the creation of the Convention\Special Meetings Bank Account. This account will be used each year to deposit monies received for the meals and tours of the annual Convention. It will also be used when GFWC-SC hosts Southern Region Conference. The second was the Headquarters Account, which allows the Headquarters Committee Chairman to pay the repair bills. The income for this account comes from the apartment rents. The third was the creation of the state position, Junior Director Elect. GFWC President, Shelby Hamlett, GFWC President Elect, Judy Lutz, and GFWC Leadership Chairman, Bert Alberti visited GFWC-SC during 2000-2002. We were pleased to have them as guests at our annual Conventions and Summer Board Meeting. The Juniors of GFWC-SC participated in the GFWC “Advocates For Children” project and in the state project “If You Help One Child, You Have Made A Difference”. They were recognized as “heroes” by Governor Jim Hodges and awarded a certificate for their work on behalf of the children of South Carolina. The Federation won five national awards at the 2002 GFWC Convention. It was an honor and privilege to be the representative of GFWC-SC during the 2000-2002 Administration.”

Miss Jolene was very pleased with the work the clubs of the state did for her Operation Smile special project. She wore her “Smile Dress” at International convention, where she accepted a national award on behalf of the state, with much pride.

Miss Jolene was currently serving as the GFWC-SC chaplain, as well as the chaplain for the Southern Region. She received the Woman of Distinction Award from the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of South Carolina in 2012 and the Order of the Jasmine in 2015.

GFWC-SC CONVENTION REMARKS **Marian St.Clair, GFWC Second Vice-President**

Thank you, President Mahaffey, for allowing me to make a few remarks regarding my endorsement for the office of GFWC First Vice-President.

Good morning!

Women know communication is fundamental to human connection, as well as the key to personal and collective success. In the General Federation of Women's Clubs, we even ask each other to "put away all pretense, and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice." Why? Because to live earnestly and fully we must communicate earnestly and fully, especially among friends.

So I want you to know, right from the start, that in 1989, as a young mother in a new community, I didn't join St. Andrew's Woman's Club to become a volunteer or a leader of the group. I joined because I wanted to make friends. And in some respects, though certainly not all, it's the reason why I'm still a member.

In our lives, we all have a number of roles. Some of mine include wife, mother, writer, gardener, volunteer, and best of all, grandmother. Each role comes with a different set of expectations, demands, and responsibilities, as well as unique joys and benefits. I have no doubt that my many GFWC friends have helped me in all the roles I fill in life, but they've done more too, because it is clubwomen who taught me grow in civic responsibility and encouraged me to reach out to others in ways that I would have never thought possible.

Simply put, there is nothing we do in life as women that cultivates empowerment and strength of purpose like serving those in need. And though GFWC members are of diverse faiths, I think we can all appreciate these wise words from the book of Luke: "Give and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap."

"Living the volunteer spirit" is not giving when there is extra, or helping when it's easy. "Living the volunteer spirit" is an ongoing commitment and plan for making communities stronger, smarter, healthier, happier, and more inclusive and productive for every citizen. It's empowering ourselves and others, as John Quincy Adams so eloquently said, "to dream more, to do more, to learn more, and to become more."

Serving GFWC, first as Treasurer, then as Secretary, and now as Second Vice-President, has been challenging but fulfilling. I want to assure you that I've given each position my full attention, not just to do the work at hand, but to be an active and productive member of the Executive Committee. Your support and faith in my ability is essential to my success and I thank you with a full and grateful heart.

In my journey as a clubwoman, there have been many times I've questioned my reasons for doing what I do. It's not always easy, and it's not always convenient, to be a volunteer or volunteer leader. But on days like today, when we gather together to support each other, share ideas and information, smile at our accomplishments, and love on each other a little bit, I never question the value of the time and effort I put into being a clubwoman.

Women have always had the desire to make the world a better place. It's part of who we are, and thank goodness, thank God, for our compassion. It's no secret that together, with our varied talents and skills, we accomplish more than we could alone. But the beauty of our Federation, of GFWC, is that we are also simply friends who care. We care about each other, our communities, and those among us who struggle under the harshest of circumstances.

I've been so happy to share this weekend with you. I want to thank the convention chairman and sponsoring clubs from North Central District and Northwestern District for everything they've done so far to make our time together special.

But most of all, I want to thank you for sharing your stories with me and inspiring me this weekend. Your example encourages me to raise the bar in my own life and gives me the courage and confidence to do good things for others. So thank you for sharing, once again, the blessings of friends who care.

In closing, I'd like to ask you to remember one thing. Yes, GFWC needs more members, but there are also women who need GFWC. There are lots of others, just like us, and different from us, who need the empowerment of public service and the gifts and blessings we share with one another.

Wherever and whenever I travel on behalf of GFWC, I want you to know I carry you with me in my thoughts and prayers. And I wish you much luck in your club work in the months to come, as you continue your work, "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

Minutes from the 117th General Federation of Women's Clubs of SC Convention

April 24-26, 2015, Greenville, South Carolina

The 117th Annual Convention for the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina was held April 24 - 26, 2015, in Greenville, South Carolina. President Caroline Mahaffey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Inspiration and grace were given by Suzanne Carswell, Chapin Woman's Club. The Greenville County Fire Chiefs Honor Guard presented the colors. Janet Smalley, GFWC-SC Federation Day Chair, introduced Clarka Wickcliffe, Miss Greenville prior to her singing the National Anthem. Pledge of Allegiance and South Carolina Pledge was led by Lynn Shore, GFWC Greenville Women's Club. "Collect for Clubwomen" and National Pledge of Junior Clubwomen was led by Lovonia Hendrix, Past President and Past Junior Director. Sylvia Ayers, Protocol Chairman, introduced the GFWC-SC Past Presidents and GFWC-SC Executive Committee. Caroline Mahaffey, GFWC-SC President delivered a brief welcome.

Following lunch, Elizabeth Herring, Credentials Committee Chairman, presented the preliminary credentials report which showed a voting strength of 96, non-voting of 14, for a total attending 110. Lynn Cleckler, Parliamentary Advisor, 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 introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Crystal Ball O'Connor and Ann Malpass, Woman's Club of Cayce gave the response. Caroline Mahaffey, GFWC-SC President introduced our second guest speaker, Esther Wagner, Palmetto Pride representative. The response was given by Kaye Gerrald, Conservation Chairman. Proclamations were read by Michele Hood, President's Special Assistant. Marian St. Clair, GFWC Second Vice President, and Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC First Vice President, provided greetings from GFWC.

Juliet Casper, GFWC-SC Second Vice President and Dean of Departments presided over the presentation of GFWC Advancement Awards and Reports. Kaye Gerrald, Conservation Chairman, presented the Conservation Awards. Announcements were made by Michele Hood, President's Special Assistant. Throughout the meeting "Federation Minutes" were shared.

President, Caroline Mahaffey, recessed the convention at 4:04 PM until the "SC Celebrates GFWC'S 125th" Banquet at 7:05 p.m.

The convention resumed at 7:05 p.m. Janet Agnew Past President, and Past GFWC-Southern Region President, offered grace. Janet Smalley, GFWC-SC Federation Day Chair, presented our entertainment, the sounds of Sweet Potato Pie Kids. The Junior Auction "Junior Goodies" was held throughout the evening. "Federation Minutes" were shared during the banquet. Following dinner, greetings were given from Jackie Boland, GFWC-Southern Region President. Janet Prince, GFWC-SC First Vice President presented Membership and Rating Sheet Awards. Honor Clubs and Net Gain Club ribbons were also presented with the assistance of the District Presidents. Club Anniversaries were announced. Janet Prince, GFWC-SC First Vice President and Membership Chairman, presented GFWC-SC LEADS Club with their Charter. Mary Vann, Women's History and Resource Center Chairman, presented the awards. Sylvia Ayers, protocol Chairman, presented her report. Janet Smalley, GFWC-SC Federation Day Chair, presented her report. Melanie Branham, Website Chairman, presented the Website Award; Joyce Thomas, Communication and Identity Chairman, presented the Communication and Identity Awards; Brenda Tarkenton, on behalf of Sandy Kealey, presented the Yearbook Award. The Public Policy and Legislation Awards were presented by Ellen Mayes, Legislation and Public Policy Chairman. Juliet Casper, GFWC-SC Second Vice President presided over the awards and certificates presented by: Neel Lesesne, Arts Chairman, Gail Elfert, on behalf of Aimee Liddle, Scrapbook Chairman, Gail Elfert, Chairman, Photography Contest; Ann Fornwald, Chairman, Writing Contest Awards. Kelli Burnett, Public Issues, Chairman, presented the Public Issues and Lexington Woman's Club Public Affairs Awards. The GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention award was presented by Crystal Williamson, Chairman. Trudie Heemsoth and Crystal Williamson, Chairmen, presented the President's Special Project Awards: Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly and Carolina Satyr Butterfly. Anne Redlus, GFWC Home Life Chairman introduced keynote speaker, Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC First Vice President. Leslie Phillips, Fundraising Chairman announced the winner of the 50/50 fundraising for the General Fund.

Michele Hood, President's Special Assistant made the announcements.

Convention was recessed at 11:16 p.m. until the business session on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

President Caroline Mahaffey reconvened the convention at 9:52 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Laurie O'Kelly, Past
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President provided inspiration. Reports from Boards of Trustees were given. Michele Hood, Chairman of the Trustees of GFWC-SC Endowment Fund; Sylvia Ayers, Chairman of the Trustees of Progress Foundation and Sylvia Ayers, on behalf of Lois Black, Chairman of the Trustees of GFWC-SC Scholarship.

Kristin Fields, GFWC-SC Secretary gave the GFWC-SC Board of Directors Report and shared correspondence received. Reports from Standing Committees were given. Sue Burgess, Resolutions Committee Chairman, reported that resolutions, as printed in the Call, were passed. Ann Malpass, Chairman of the Headquarters Committee, gave the Headquarters Report. Jan Hadwin presented the Headquarters Budget for 2015-2016 which was adopted as presented. Linda Grant, Chairman Budget & Finance, presented the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget. The 2015-2016 Budget was adopted as corrected. Bobbie Sox, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, moved the adoption of the proposed amendments to Articles V, VII, IX, XI, and XIII of the Bylaws (attached). The motion was approved. The proposed changes to Articles VI and XIII, Section 5 were reverted back to committee for further discussion.

In accordance with GFWC-SC Bylaws, at 11:00 a.m. elections were held. The second Credentials Report was given by Elizabeth Herring, Credentials Committee Chairman, showing a voting strength 91, non-voting 18, and total attending 109. GFWC-SC Secretary Kristin Fields read the Rules of Elections. Laurie O’Kelly, Chairman of the Elections Committee gave the Elections Committee Report. President Caroline Mahaffey presided over the Elections, Confirmations and Nominations. A vote was taken to confirm the District Elections for the following: GFWC-SC Board of Trustees of Progress Foundation, GFWC-SC Board of Trustees and GFWC-SC Trustees of Scholarship Committee. GFWC-SC Secretary Kristin Fields read the letter of endorsement from the St. Andrews Woman’s Club and the recommendation from the GFWC-SC Board of Directors to nominate Marian St. Clair as a candidate for GFWC First Vice President. The convention body voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation.

Caroline Mahaffey, GFWC-SC President, presented our keynote speaker, Marian St. Clair, GFWC Second Vice President. Shelli Pue, GFWC Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children, award was presented. Katie Moydell, Director of Junior Clubs, presented GFWC-SC Junior Special Project “Feeding Our Future” awards. The Community Service Program Award was presented by: Tina Winkler, Education Chairman. Kathie Walker, GFWC-SC Treasurer, presided over the presentation of Contribution Sheet Silver Award Certificates. Shelli Pue, President’s Special Project Award, Chairman, presented the Appalachian Brown Award. Juliet Casper, GFWC-SC Second Vice President presented the International Outreach Awards.

District reports were given by the District Presidents: Kaye Hunke, Central; Brenda Tarkenton, Eastern; Sara Bonner, on behalf of Jill Holt, Midlands; Norma England, North Central; Laura Palmer, Northern; Carrie Zimmerman, Northwestern; Jan Stone, Charleston Junior Woman’s Club, on behalf of Carol Ross, Southern District; Billie Chartier, Western. Reports from the GFWC-SC Officers’ were given: GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Katie Moydell, GFWC-SC Treasurer Kathie Walker, GFWC-SC Secretary, Kristin Fields, GFWC-SC Second Vice President Juliet Casper, GFWC-SC First Vice President, Janet Prince, and GFWC-SC President Caroline Mahaffey. Michele Hood gave announcements.

The convention recessed at 12:55 PM until the “Don’t Stop the Celebration” Banquet.

President Caroline Mahaffey reconvened the convention at 7:04 p.m. Tammy Garland, Past President, provided grace. After dinner, Misty Konow, Leadership Chairman, presented the Leadership Awards and announced that Carrie Zimmerman from the Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club will be the 2015 LEADS Candidate for South Carolina. Janet Prince, GFWC-SC First Vice President presented the GFWC-SC LEADS Class. Leslie Phillips, Fundraising Chairman, presented the Fundraising Award; Community Service Program Reports and Awards were presented: Home Life by Juliet Casper, on behalf of Karen Kaylor, Chairman; 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 Certificates. Our guest, Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC First Vice President shared her closing remarks. Janet Prince, GFWC-SC First Vice President, presented the following District Awards: Howie Stackhouse Award, Virginia (Sissy) Welch Award, Ruby H. McManus Sims-Stackhouse Endowment Award, Emma McIntyre Burton Attendance Award, and Rosemary Rivers Memorial Award. Katie Moydell, GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs presented the Junior Cup Awards. Juliet Casper, GFWC-SC Second Vice President, presented the Program Council Awards.

Individual Awards were presented. Kathie Walker, GFWC-SC Treasurer, announced the Honor Roll Honorees for 2015 and presented the certificates to the Class of 2015 Order of the Jessamine honorees. Katie Moydell, Director of Junior Clubs, presented the Carol Vann Rowland and Susan Vann Haynes Junior Club Woman of Distinction Award to Michele Hood

from the Low Country Juniors Woman's Club; Janet Prince, GFWC-SC First Vice President, presented the GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year Award to Anne Parker from the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club. Juliet Casper, GFWC-SC Second Vice President, presented the GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction Award to Sylvia Ayers from the GFWC York County Woman's Club. Kaye Hunke, Central District President, and Billie Chartier, Western District President, issued the invitation to the 118th GFWC-SC Annual Convention to be held April 21-23, 2016, in Columbia, SC. Leslie Phillips Fundraising Chairman announced the winner of the 50/50 fundraising for the General Fund. Winners were drawn for the General Fund Baskets.

Michele Hood, President's Special Assistant made the announcements.

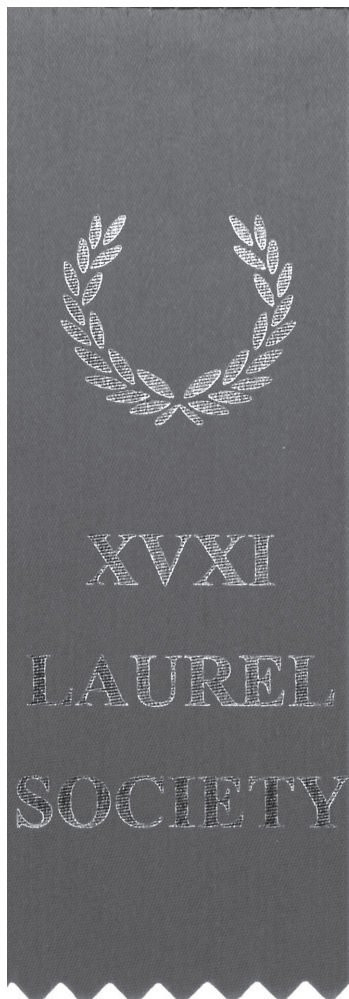
Convention was recessed at 10:25 p.m. until the Memorial Service on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

President Caroline Mahaffey reconvened the convention at 9:00 a.m. After breakfast, Elizabeth Herring, Credentials Committee Chairman, presented the final credentials report and moved for adoption. The motion passed. Special music was provided by Mary Ellen Mahaffey; Edie Melson, GFWC Golden Strip shared her journey as a mother with a son in the military; Randy Harling, Connie Maxwell Director, shared his remarks; Mary Elaine Mahaffey provided additional special music. Marian St. Clair, GFWC Second Vice president presented a Tribute to the late, Jolene Bryant, Past President.

A Memorial Service of Remembrance & Honor was led by Randy Harling with the assistance of the District Presidents.

Having no further business, President Caroline Mahaffey adjourned the convention at 10:38 a.m.

Kristin Fields



1511 Laurel Society – 2015

Janet Agnew
 Monta Avera
 Sylvia Ayers
 Kay Berry
 Jolene Bryant
 Julia Capobianco
 Barbara Cross
 Susan Dox
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 Marian St. Clair
 Susan Swails
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 Beth Taylor
 Mary Vann
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 Barbara Williams
 Carol Ann Williams
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 Princa Wright
 Cayce Woman's Club

Barb Kogut, St. Andrews Woman's Club, was the lucky winner of the \$100 VISA gift card in the May 1 drawing.



GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year

Anne Parker

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

The following is the recognition given to Anne at the GFWC-SC State Convention By First Vice President Janet Prince

Our volunteer of the year has been a clubwoman for just four years but she brings years of volunteer experience to GFWC-SC and the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club. She quickly became very active in her club and has already served two years on the Budget and Finance Committee. She currently serves as Recording Secretary for her club.

Anne participates in all activities of her club and is the first to say "let's get it done!"

In addition to her club work, she serves with several other non-profits in her community. After hearing all that she does you will realize just how fortunate we are to have her as a GFWC-SC member! On top of the countless hours she gives to her clubs projects, she helps with:

North Strand Helping Hands, North Strand Housing Shelter, Bold & Beautiful – which provides wigs for cancer patients, Teen Angels – which helps homeless teens in her area, The American Legion Auxiliary, Blue Star Mothers – where she has served as National Treasurer, Founder of the Grand Strand Blue Star Mothers, Little River Rotary, Veterans Welcome and Resource Center and Wreaths Across America.

In addition to her volunteer work, she is a wife a mother of four and grandmother of twins and is expecting two more grandchildren this year.

Anne volunteered 3135 hours of her time in 2014, which averages out to about 60 hours per week – which is absolutely amazing!

GFWC-SC is thrilled to have Anne Parker of the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club as our 2014 Volunteer of the Year!

Anne was unable to attend, so the members of the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club accepted on her behalf.



GFWC-SC Junior Clubwoman of the Year

Michele Hood

Lowcountry Junior Woman's Club

Michele Hood has been a member of GFWC since 2003 when she started with the Charleston Junior Woman's Club. She held several positions with the club, including Home Life Chair. She was very active in projects the club including Habitat for Humanity and Pet Helpers. She also helped out at the Charleston Animal Society and Crisis Ministry (a homeless shelter in Charleston) during her "free" time.

In 2010, Michele started the GFWC Lowcountry Junior Woman's Club in Mt Pleasant in order to get women out in the community who wanted to do more hands on volunteer work. While with this club, she was president and spearheaded many projects, including volunteering for a Feline rescue , Crisis Ministry, and giving talks and presentations to teens about Teen Dating Violence. She continues these projects currently.

Michele was Director of Junior Clubs for South Carolina 2010-2012.

Michele has always been dedicated to GFWC since her first year with the Charleston Juniors. She has attended many meetings and was active on the Board of GFWC-SC as the president's special assistant (2014-2016) and chair for the GFWC Signature Project. She is continuously looking for projects to get involved in and fundraisers to help with in the areas of animals and domestic violence. Michele is always willing to lend a hand and exudes energy, love, and the volunteer spirit in everyday life. To Michele, volunteering is not something to do to fill her time; it is a way of life.



GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction

Sylvia Ayers

GFWC York County Woman's Club

Sylvia Ayers, the 2015 GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction, has been a dedicated Clubwoman for 33 years. She joined the Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill in 1981 and served in many positions for the club before she was elected as North Central District President.

In 1998, she joined Woman's Club of Rock Hill and served on membership, bylaws and rentals committees. She was Arts Department Chairman and Vice-President before serving as the Club President in 2002-2004. She helped to charter a new club, the GFWC York County Woman's Club, in 2010 and served as President 2012-2013.

On the state level, Sylvia served GFWC-SC in the positions of Treasurer, 1st Vice President, President (1994-1996) and Advisor. She has chaired the State Elections Committee, the Focus on Health and the Breast Cancer Awareness component of the state's Home Life Program, the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions committee and currently represents the North Central District on the Progress Foundation, for which she has served as chairperson. In addition, she is the state chairman for the GFWC 125th Anniversary Celebration and State Protocol Chairman. She has served on the GFWC Southern Region Membership, Fundraising, and Protocol Committees. She has co-chaired the Women's History and Resource Center and is currently Chairman of Fundraising for Southern Region. At the national level, Sylvia served on the GFWC Board of Directors for 10 years. She has served as an International Hostess for the GFWC Convention and represented South Carolina on the Membership and the Fundraising committees. She is also President of the Fabulous Faubions, a GFWC national club for past state presidents.

Sylvia is also known as an outstanding community volunteer. She helped organize the Come See Me Festival and worked with the City of Rock Hill's "Empowering the Vision." She was chairman of the Board of Governors for Jubilee, local arts festival, and served on the Arts and Entertainment Committee of the Accommodations Tax and Tourism Commission. She was President of the Fine Arts Association and York County Arts Council in 2000 and was awarded the Ben Ardrey Volunteer of the Year in Arts in 2001. In October 1999, the local news radio station presented her with the "You're the Greatest" award for her contributions to local arts programs. Sylvia is known for promoting the health and welfare of Rock Hill at the YMCA, where she has worked as a certified fitness instructor for over 30 years. Last year she was featured in a video presentation for the Annual Upper Palmetto YMCA to promote its fundraising "Kick-Off" campaign. She has worked with the American Cancer Society for over 20 years as a leader in the Relay for Life campaign for Eastern York County. Sylvia became a leader in cancer education and prevention programs and made breast cancer awareness her Special Project as GFWC-SC State President.

Sylvia is an active church member and served as President of St. Anne's Parent Teacher Organization. She is currently affiliated with St. Philip Neri's Catholic Church where she serves in its woman's club. Her current family life is also rich and fulfilling.

Sylvia and Richard have been married for 52 years and have lived in Rock Hill for 38 years. Their son, Christopher, lives in Massachusetts, but their daughter, Nicole, lives nearby in North Carolina. Sylvia dotes on her three grandchildren, ages 14, 11 and 9, and attends many of their school functions. She proudly claims they are her dearest and greatest accomplishments. Sylvia has made her mark as a clubwoman, a community leader, a wellness advocate, and a doting mother and grandmother.

Highlights from GFWC-SC Convention



**OFFICIAL CALL
GFWC-SOUTH CAROLINA
SIZZLING SUMMER SESSION
SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

EMBASSY SUITES

200 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

9:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Registration
9:30 – 10:00 a.m. - GFWC-SC Program Council
10:15 – 10:45 a.m. – GFWC-SC Board of Directors
11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sizzling Summer Session
Buffet Luncheon and Snack Breaks
Time will be allotted for committees meetings.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Name: _____
Club: _____ District: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

- ___ GFWC-SC State Officer (including District Presidents)
- ___ GFWC-SC Past President
- ___ GFWC-SC Community Service/Special Project Chair
- ___ GFWC-SC Standing Committee Chair
- ___ Club President (or appointee)
- ___ Club Member ___ Member at Large
- ___ Guest

Deadline for Registration: July 15, 2015

Registration Fee (\$6.00) Buffet Luncheon and Snack (\$29.00) Total: \$35.00
Late registration fee after July 15, 2015: \$4.00

Mail registration form and check for \$35.00 per attendee payable to GFWC-SC to:
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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 24-25 Summer Board

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

- North Central - August 8
- Western - August 8
- Midlands - August 15
- Eastern - August 22
- Central - August 23
- Northwestern - September 13
- Northern TBD
- Southern TBD

Green is the Awareness Color for Mental Health, and I’d like to see everyone at Sizzling Summer Session in a bit of the green! Green shoes, green shirt, green slacks...your choice with your business casual attire.

We will be collecting your trash, and swapping it around. Some clubs collect wine corks, others empty toilet paper rolls. Almost anything can be repurposed these days! Please begin posting on Facebook what your club collects, so that others can support your projects.

Well, we are trying to save you some Green. Program Council and the Board of Directors will both meet Saturday morning, and there will be time during the day for committees to meet, in an effort to reduce the time you need to be away from home, and cut down on travel expenses. The Embassy Suites will have a courtesy block of rooms available, and they do serve a complimentary breakfast, but the choice of coming the night before is up to you.

“Reporting” by Linda Grant - Poetry

Reporting

I am so tired of state reports:
The who, when, where and why?
You’d think that the work would be enough
But, no! We quantify.

I guess reports aren’t all that hard
And purpose they do serve.
They make us realized what we’ve done.
And share it with the world.

The work is done to help our town--
And not to garner praise.
Can you believe we worked that hard
And planned that many days?

The report is filled with data.
Narratives aren’t so bad
The pictures and the thank you notes
Made all our members glad.