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With out a doubt I have found THE most difficult part of this job. Actually, I think the ONLY difficult part.

I've been planning Convention! Actually, I started well before the 2014-2016 administration started: touring hotels, researching facilities online, and finally settling on a location. I hope y'all will all be pleased with the venue. The Hyatt Regency Greenville is located right on Main St., where you will find plenty of places to shop, eat, listen to music, and more. After picking the town, the dates, and the venue, came deciding on programs and guests, as well as schedule. I am excited about the many guests we will have at this celebration of GFWC's 125th Anniversary. So, what was the hard part? Menu planning! I want all of you to know that I have done my best to plan a weekend that is both fun and informative, and that I have done my very best to control your costs as much as possible. I can't wait to celebrate with you, and we have much to celebrate. We can all be proud of the efforts of our GFWC-SC clubwomen.

I hope there are many of you who are planning to go to Memphis for the GFWC Convention 2015! I know I'm excited. Go to www.gfwc.org for information on the convention, and to register.

You will notice several proposed by-laws changes in the magazine. These proposals have been given a great deal of thought, and I hope that each of you will read them carefully. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Finally, I want to remind you to invite me to your events, whether a meeting, membership function, or fundraiser. My goal is to visit every club at least one time, and although I am well on my way, I still need invitations from many of you.

Enjoy your spring!

Caroline

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Ways to support the GFWC-SC General Fund

IS THERE SOMEONE IN YOUR CLUB WHO DESERVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION?

THE ORDER OF THE JESSAMINE gives clubs that opportunity. The Order of the Jessamine is an honorary society comprised of members who have been selected by their club for special recognition. Each club knows what is important to them, and determines their own criteria. Only one member from each club should be selected annually. The Honoree will be recognized in a special presentation during Convention, as well as listed in the June edition of the GFWC-SC Clubwoman magazine.



To bestow this honor, clubs should submit the member's name, reason for distinction, and a \$50.00 contribution in their name to the GFWC-SC Treasurer, Kathie Walker. All proceeds go to benefit the General Fund. The deadline for nominations in the 2015 Class of the Order of the Jessamine is April 1.

DO YOU WANT TO HONOR A FELLOW CLUBWOMAN?

Perhaps there is someone who has made a special difference in your life, or who you think deserves a little extra recognition. She doesn't necessarily have to be in your club. A mentor from another club? A quiet, behind the scenes member, whose efforts need to be praised?



You can recognize this member by adding their name to the GFWC-SC Honor Roll at Headquarters. They will be recognized at Convention, and their names listed in the Convention Program. To honor these ladies, send a \$25 donation in their name to Kathie Walker by April 1.

GFWC 2014-2016 Executive Committee

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HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!

And you can support GFWC-SC at the same time! Advertising opportunities are available for the Convention Program. This is a wonderful opportunity to advertise your business, a vacation rental, or just say thank you to a club member. This opportunity is not limited to club members. Encourage other organizations and businesses to support GFWC.

\$200 - Full page ~ \$125 - Half page ~ \$75 - Quarter page ~ \$40 - Eighth page

The deadline is April 8th for Camera Ready advertising. There will be a \$50/hour charge for all ads that are not camera ready. The deadline is April 1 for these ads.

Email or Mail Ads to: Tonja Ivey

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All proceeds benefit the GFWC-SC General Fund.

Mail Checks to: Kathie Walker, GFWC-SC Treasurer

1485 Greenmoor Road Rock Hill, SC 29732



Janet Prince GFWC-SC First Vice President

Congratulations to the following clubs on recognition of their Club Anniversary at the Winter Warm Up:

> GFWC Foothills Woman's Club 10 Years

GFWC Lowcountry
Junior Woman's Club
5 Years

GFWC-SC Past State Director of Jr. Clubs 5 Years

GFWC York County Woman's Club 5 Years

A Proud Past and a Promising Future with FRIENDS

Happy New Year! Thank you all for submitting your "Rake in New Friends" Membership post card...You have all been very busy welcoming new members into your clubs. Be sure to complete the Seasonal Recruitment Campaign Report that is now available on our website under Resources. Please be sure to submit your reports on time so that your club can be recognized in the Clubwoman Magazine. We are very proud that both the Jr. Woman's Club of Lake Murray and The Woman's Club of Cayce were both included in the January-February edition.

I am pleased to announce that on January 13th we presented the new Chapin Jr. Woman's Club with their GFWC-SC Charter and installed 64 new members! What an exciting evening and a special "Thank You" to the ladies of the Chapin Woman's Club for attending the ceremony and showing their continued support for this new club

As reported in the December Clubwoman, we are trying to put together a video of our Past State President's and 30 year plus members. If you have anyone in your club that would like to be included in the video, please let me know. Or if you want to make the recording and submit it to me the three questions we are asking are:

1. What was GFWC-SC like when you joined? 2. How has GFWC-SC changed? and
3. If you were going to tell your great-great granddaughter why she should be a

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 look forward to seeing you all at Convention in April!

GFWC-SC Clubwoman, what would you say?

Love,

Janet

Chapin Jr. Woman's Club Club President – Lisa Minges Charter Members



Shannon Allonier Peggy Aun Carol Beckett Melissa Bianco Mia Bingenheimer Susan Boland Renee Bosco Tina Bryant Katey Budzynski Sally Bueno Natalie Byrd Karen Busby Andrea Christiansen Lori Calhoun Ginger Cline **Denise Connolly** Cindy Cooper Cindy Cope Kristen Dashiell Missy Earley Caroline Fogle

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Welcome to our newest members of GFWC-SC!

Aiken Woman's Club

Linda Lee recruited by Rachel Pirkle Carole Padfield recruited by Rachel Pirkle Bea Peyser recruited by Helen Randall

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Megan Edwards recruited by Toni Phillips Kowena Suckstorf recruited by Sue Erway Suzanne Crouch recruited by Jo Moore

Sand River Woman's Club

Vicki Bukovitz recruited Marcia Quinn Ulla Ringle recruited by Kristin Brown Darlene Rittel recruited by Becky Robbins Trish Sucher recruited by Carole Paveglio

Jr. Woman's Club of Lake Murray

Lorraine Carter recruited by April Stutts
Sara Delk recruited by April Stutts & Sara Bonner
Megan Young recruited by Elizabeth Wyatt
Alicia Barnes John
Kristen Nettles recruited by Sara Malatesta
Whitney Hooper recruited by Sara Malatesta
Meredith Martinez recruited by April Stutts

Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Kathy Sandish recruited by Kim Fox

Woman's Club of Easley

Jan Bickle recruited by Shirley Reese Marcia Humbest recruited by Phalba Jeanes Cindi McMillen recruited by Phalba Jeanes

Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club

Leann Angel Betty Hirsch Cathy Matson Sandra Smith Lisa Musselman Kathryn Kelley

The Woman's Club of Cayce

Carol Dalton
Mary Ann Dowd
Thelma Glover
Doris Harvey
Linda Long
Sue Sexton
Sherree Thompson



Katie Moydell **GFWC-SC** Director of Junior Clubs

How many of you saw the Super Bowl commercial about running, fighting, throwing etc. "Like a Girl"? Anyone reading these reports would know that if I said someone "Volunteers Like a Girl," it would be a big compliment! Thank you to all of the clubs who submitted their reports to me. It was great to read about all of the awesome things you ladies are doing for your community!

I would like to extend a special thank you to Michelle Hood, Debbie Alexander and Julia Hoyle for judging our Junior Cup reports. All Junior Cup reports were reviewed with club names "blacked-out" to ensure fair judging. These ladies are all past Directors of Junior Clubs for GFWC-SC and I know they were pleased to see our Juniors are still hard at work!

Our Annual Convention is coming up and I'm looking forward to seeing you all there. Club presidents, please let me know how many members from your club are planning to attend this event. We have a community service project planned for Friday morning and I would like to have an idea of how many people will be able to participate. I also have a couple of fun things planned for the Juniors so be ready to have some fun, act a little silly and get to know each other better.

As always I thank you ladies for all that you do. I am in awe of how time, talent and treasure is given so freely by the women in our state. Now let's get out there and change the world- Like a Girl!

In Junior and GF Love! Katie

As I write. I am receiving reports from our clubs, and I am so impressed with the volunteer hours, dollars donated and in kind donations of our members. A big shoutout goes to the Walhalla Woman's Club, the first club to submit their reports. I know that the reporting process can be challenging, and at times, frustrating. I have answered many great questions and will incorporate the answers in next year's reporting workshop. Just a reminder that there are additional state awards and contests with March 15th filing date.

As you may know, March is National Women's History Month. National Women's History Month can trace its roots back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn't until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week to be commemorated the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. The National Women's History Project has selected as this year's theme, "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives". 2015 is also the 35th anniversary of the Women's History Movement and the National Women's History Project. I hope your club will consider remembering its own history during Second Vice President the month of March and share that history with your community (send an article to



Juliet Casper **GFWC-SC**

the newspaper or post on your website or facebook page). Maybe view the online exhibit in GFWC's Women History and Resource Center online, http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Womens History and Resource Center.asp. Or, check out the videos and biographies of important women posted at http://www.history.com/topics/wom- ens-history. Share a link on your facebook or website. And tell me about it. I like to recognize the clubs that actually read Clubwoman and heed the call to take action.

"You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own."

-Michelle Obama, American First Lady

Let's be courageous together! See you in Greenville in April!



Kristin Fields GFWC-SC Recording Secretary

I have found a great wealth of information regarding GFWC through the News and Notes articles sent directly to my email box each Saturday morning. If you have not signed up go to **GFWC@GFWC.org** and register. It is simple to signup! Enjoy the spring weather.

I hope to see you at Convention in Greenville.

"Gotcha's" - IRS Filing & SC Secretary of State Registration

1. Timing:

IRS Timing: The 990-N or E-Postcard filing is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year (5 ½ months after the close of your club's fiscal year). For example, if your tax year ended on December 31, the e-Postcard is due May 15 of the following year. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the next business day.

Secretary of State Timing: The Registration Statement for a Charitable Organization, The Application For Registration Exemption, and the Annual Financial Report for a Charitable Organization are all due on an annual basis 4 1/2 months after the close your club's fiscal year.



Kathie Walker GFWC-SC Treasurer

2. Financial Reporting:

In order to file an annual Financial Report with the SC Secretary of State, your club must submit their IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF or the <u>Secretary of State's Annual Financial Report Form</u>. If your club files the **990-N or E-Postcard** – you must complete and file the <u>Secretary of State's Annual Financial Report Form</u> with either your <u>Registration Statement for a Charitable Organization</u> or <u>Application for Registration Exemption</u>. If you fail to do so, your club could be subjected to a \$10 per day fine until you complete the <u>Secretary of State's Annual Financial Report Form</u>.

3. Fund Raisers:

If your club must file the <u>Secretary of State's Annual Financial Report Form</u>, you will need to keep detailed financial records of ALL fundraisers; such as: Gross Receipts, Charitable Contributions, Cash Prizes, Noncash Prizes, Rent/Facility Expenses, Food and Beverage Costs, and other Direct Expenses. It would be wise for club treasurers to familiarize themselves with this form as soon as possible s that you will know what type of information you should be gathering. (http://www.sos.sc.gov/forms/Charities/AnnualFinancialReportForm)

Domestic Violence Resolution

015-020 Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention (formerly "Abused Persons"; Convention 1987; Reviewed 1991; Amended 1995; Amended 1999; Amended 2003; Amended 2007; Amended 2009; Amended 2011; Amended 2013)

WHEREAS, Domestic violence, which includes, but is not limited to physical, emotional, mental, and sexual abuse, continues to increase within our society cutting across race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, age, educational, and socioeconomic lines and can cause emotional distress, physical injury, and death to children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Many victims are forced to remain in dangerous situations because they are deliberately placed into financial dependence by their abuser; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence also includes dating violence, which is defined as the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person in a dating relationship; and

WHEREAS, Lack of dating experience subjects teens to situations where they are less likely to recognize signs and/or symptoms of abuse; and WHEREAS, Young people who witness violence, or are directly victimized by it, endure various emotional ramifications, and are at an increased risk of perpetuating violence in their own relationships; and

WHEREAS, Many state laws and legal remedies only deal with certain areas of abuse and may be applied inconsistently, and there continues to be a need for emergency shelters and counseling services for victims of abuse; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to] support legislation and actively promote programs that: Identify at-risk families and suspected cases of child, spousal, partner, and elder abuse; . Increase awareness of the risks of financial dependence and provide necessary resources to become financially self-sufficient; . Provide emergency aid and shelter for those who are forced to leave violent family settings; . Provide treatment, support, legal aid, and advocacy for victims and rehabilitation for perpetrators of abuse; . Provide public awareness and education programs concerning prevention of abuse; and further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to advocate for dating violence prevention programs in middle and high schools to increase awareness and promote healthy relationships; and

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges Congress to fully fund legislation that supports all victims of domestic violence without discrimination; and further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to enlist the help of hospitals, doctors, clinics, educators, schools, lawyers, law enforcement, churches, counseling services, social service agencies, domestic violence shelters and programs, and clinics in a united effort for prevention of abuse and treatment of abused persons.



GFWC-SC President Caroline Mahaffey(left), next Ellen Mayes, Legislative/ Policy GFWC-SC, Attorney General Alan Wilson, Woman's Club of Rock Hill Home Life Chair, Darlene Griffin.

Statehouse Rally





I am here today representing the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina. GFWC is an international federation of approximately 100,000 women from every state in the Union, as well as affiliate International groups. South Carolina boasts approximately 60 clubs and 1200 members.

For the last 125 years, GFWC members have been vocal advocates for issues related to the improvement of our community, and specifically women's and children's issues.

Our current national signature project is Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. I am here today to offer the support of our 1200 members in the fight to remove the blight of domestic violence in our community. Thank you Senator Hembree for your efforts, as well as those of the rest of the committee.

GFWC-SC Program Council Minutes Saturday, January 10, 2015

The GFWC-SC Program Council met on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at 9:00 AM in Columbia, South Carolina. The Council unanimously approved a recommendation submitted by GFWC-SC First Vice President Janet Prince to add two items to the state's rating sheet for the 2015 reporting year. This recommendation was then unanimously approved by the GFWC-SC Board of Directors that met later that same morning. The additions to the 2015 rating sheet are as follows:

Timely Filed Form 990	-N (e-Postcard), Form 990 or Form 990-EZ with the Internal Revenue Service
(Annual).	5 pts
Timely Registered or f	iled for a Registration Exemption with the South Carolina Secretary of State Office
(Annual).	5 pts

Christmas Stocking Extravaganza Another Hugh Success!

What a grand and fun time members and guests from throughout the state had at the Stocking Extravaganza on Tuesday night, December 2nd, at the GFWC-SC Headquarters Building at 1511 Laurel Street! The mansion was beautifully decorated for the Holidays and there was much excitement as members and guests participated in



the silent auction, the raffle and door prizes. Guests found the holiday spirit contagious as they enjoyed delicious food, beautifully and cleverly stuffed stockings and wonderful entertain-

ment. Participation was from throughout the state and smiles were everywhere. The Head-quarters Committee would like to thank all clubs and individual club members who gave so generously of their talents, their resources and their time to make this a successful fund raiser for the mansion. The event was co-chaired by Susan Swails and



Barbara Williams but was made possible by the efforts of everyone on the Headquarters Committee. Together with the entire GFWC-SC, we've grown the event each year and even moved some activities outside! Our net proceeds for the 2014 Extravaganza were \$9,127.40. We are looking forward to continuing the event in 2015. Be sure to put December 1, 2015 on your calendar for the next Stocking Extravaganza!

Pictures can be viewed (and purchased) at www.prettypictures.net and a portion of any purchase goes to the maintenance fund. The password is GFWC.

Ann Malpass, Chairman GFWC-SC Headquarters Committee

Membership Recognition



Anna Robinson, Member of WJWC since 2009 Abram Miller Robinson DOB 12/31/14 6 pounds ~ 18.5 inches long



Allison Vickery, Member of WJWC since 2012 Adam Thatcher Vickery DOB 01/16/15 6.9 lbs ~20 inches long



Mary Sommerville, Member of WJWC since 2012 Carter Jacob Somerville DOB 11/03/14 6lbs 5.7 oz ~ 19 inches long

GFWC-SC is planning a party and we need your help!

Marian St. Clair has her eye on the GFWC Presidential position in 2020. If she is elected, our state federation will be responsible for a reception in her honor. Unless someone has a money tree in their backyard, we need to raise a little party money!

GFWC-SC will have a booth at this year's Annual Convention in Memphis TN and we need your ideas of what to sell. No idea is too big or small- just ask that you be creative. Please be advised, these items cannot campaign for Marian. Our favorite ideas will be put into a raffle to win a great prize!

Please submit your ideas to Katie Moydell at KatieMoydell1020@gmail.com. All entries must be submitted by March 15, 2015 to be eligible for the drawing.





SCFWC Progress Foundation Report January 2015

The annual meeting of the SCFWC Progress Foundation Trustees was held on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 2 PM at Headquarters in Columbia. All members were emailed and notified about the meeting. Two Trustee could not attend, one sent her proxy.

The Progress Foundation received applications from 26 clubs, one club hada late postmark and was not eligible to be judged. Grants requested totaled over \$16,000, funds available for them, this year were \$14,000. The Trustees carefully considered the requests and questioned 2 applications, that did not give enough information regarding their project. We gave them the benefit of the doubt and will make changes to the application for the next grant request period.

As clubs are called to receive their check, I will mention the purpose of their request. We ask that you sign for the check and those not present will receive them in the mail. Please remember to send your acknowledgement and any documentation of completion of your project, newspaper articles or letters from charity or individual receiving the monies, as stated in your application. We do appreciate seeing the results of your projects.

Submitted at Winter Warm Up in Columbia, January 10, 2015 Sylvia Ayers Chairman SCFWC Progress Foundation



The Woman's
Club of Cayce
presents money raised from
their Elton John
Tribute Event to
N. K. P.
Children's
Shelter



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Warm Up

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws

BYLAWS

ARTICLE V - DUES AND FINANCE.

CURRENT BYLAWS

Section 2. Annual Dues. Annual dues shall be paid to the Treasurer on or before the first day of February. A list of membership of GFWC-SC shall be compiled by the Treasurer and placed on file at Headquarters. This list shall remain at Headquarters as a permanent record. Any organization failing to pay dues by April 30 shall be dropped from the Treasurer's roll.

PROPOSED BYLAWS

Section 2. Annual Dues. Annual dues shall be paid to the Treasurer on or before the first day of November. A list of membership of GFWC-SC shall be compiled by the Treasurer and placed on file at Headquarters. This list shall remain at Headquarters as a permanent record. Any organization failing to pay dues by February 1 shall be dropped from the Treasurer's roll.

RATIONALE: To set dues due date to meet GFWC guidelines

ARTICLE VI - FUNDS.

CURRENT BYLAWS

Section 6. The Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment shall be invested in any manner approved by the Head-quarters Committee, or its chosen designee, with authority to invest and reinvest. Only the dividends and interest of the Endowment would be used for maintenance, except that during any fiscal year no more than ten per cent of the corpus could be used in an emergency situation.

PROPOSED BYLAWS

Section 6. The Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment shall be invested in any manner approved by the Head-quarters Committee and the GFWC-SC Executive Committee with authority to invest and reinvest. Only the dividends and interest of the Endowment would be used for maintenance, except that during any fiscal year no more than ten per cent of the corpus could be used in an emergency situation.

Rationale: To share the fiduciary responsibility.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

CURRENT BYLAWS

Section 2. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Advisor, and the Director of Junior Clubs. The Parliamentary Advisor and Special Assistant to the President shall be ex-officio members, without vote.

PROPOSED BYLAWS

Section 2. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Advisor, and the Director of Junior Clubs, and Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, ex-officio member without vote. The Parliamentary Advisor and Special Assistant to the President shall be ex-officio members, without vote.

Rationale. To add Director-Elect of Junior Clubs a member without vote to the Executive Committee..

ARTICLE IX - DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PROGRAM COUNCIL AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

CURRENT BYLAWS

Section 1. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the call of the President or three (3) members of the Committee. The Executive Committee shall transact any emergency matters between sessions of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall approve the minutes of Conventions, Board meetings, and Board of Directors meetings.

PROPOSED BYLAWS

Section 1. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the call of the President or three (3) members of the Committee, but no less than once per quarter. The Executive Committee shall transact any emergency matters between sessions of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall approve the minutes of Conventions, Executive Committee Meetings, and Board of Directors meetings.

Rationale. To strengthen communication and clarity between the members of the Executive Committee and to the membership.

ARTICLE XI – NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VACANCIES CURRENT BYLAWS

Section 1. Nominations. All officers shall be elected biennially in even numbered years. To be eligible for office, a candidate (1) must be an active member in good standing of a club in direct membership; (2) has been a GFWC-SC member for three or more years; (3) has served as either a club president, District President, or GFWC-SC Chairman; (4) is a legal resident of South Carolina. The Elections Committee shall meet in January and shall have ready a complete list of nominees for the office of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Junior Clubs, Director-elect of Junior Clubs, eight District Presidents, and other various offices to be filled, to be made a part of the Call to Convention. The nominees for District Presidents shall have been selected and approved by their respective Districts at the previous District Conference. The Committee shall have a list to present to Convention for election. The Special Assistant to the President shall be appointed by the President with whom she shall serve, and shall be installed at the same time as other officers.

PROPOSED BYLAWS

Section 1. Nominations. All officers, with the exception of District Presidents, shall be elected biennially in even numbered years. To be eligible for office, a candidate (1) must be an active member in good standing of a club in direct membership; (2) has been a GFWC-SC member for three or more years; (3) has served as either a club president, District President, or GFWC-SC Chairman; (4) is a legal resident of South Carolina. The Elections Committee shall meet in January and shall have ready a complete list of nominees for the office of President, President-Elect, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Junior Clubs, eight District Presidents, and other various offices to be filled, to be made a part of the Call to Convention. The nominees for District Presidents shall have been selected and approved by their respective Districts at the previous District Conference. The Committee shall have a list to present to Convention for election. The Special Assistant to the President shall be appointed by the President with whom she shall serve, and shall be installed at the same time as other officers.

Rationale: To clarify officers for election. .

ARTICLE XIII - STANDING COMMITTEES

CURRENT BYLAWS

Section 4. The Committee on Resolutions shall consist of three members and shall present all proposed resolutions to the Board of Directors for endorsement.

All Resolutions shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee by December 1. Only emergency resolutions shall be accepted after December 1. The committee shall meet at Winter Board to discuss the proposed resolutions and take any action necessary. Those Resolutions endorsed by the Board of Directors shall be presented by the Chairman to the Convention during the first day and shall be presented the second time for adoption during the second day. Resolutions adopted shall be published in the South Carolina Clubwoman Magazine and be effective for six years unless withdrawn during the interim.

PROPOSED BYLAWS

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Rationale. To make deadlines more consistent.

CURRENT BYLAWS

Section 5: The Headquarters Committee

A. The Headquarters Committee shall consist of six members with two new members appointed at the beginning of each year of the administration. Any vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled by the President for the remainder of the unexpired term. Said members shall serve for a period of three years and shall be ineligible for re-appointment until one year has elapsed since the close of a member's last term of service. Each two years the Committee shall elect from themselves a chairman and secretary to serve for a two-year term. The Committee or its designee, shall have authority to invest and reinvest the Sims-Stackhouse Mansion Endowment funds and authorize expenditures therefrom. Additional duties of the Committee shall be determined by the Executive Committee. A copy of the policies and rules governing this Committee shall be given each member on her appointment. Three members shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman has the responsibility for and signature authority on the GFWC-SC Headquarters Account. The Chairman is responsible for depositing rental checks and paying Headquarters expenditures.

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Rationale. Having appointed members in these positions should provide additional updates, reduce liability, and ensure continuity. Also complies with Article VI – Funds, Section 5 in the Bylaws.

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service will be held at the Sunday morning brunch. Author Edie Melson, Rev. Randy Harling, and Violinist Mary Mahaffey, will be part of the program. GFWC SC Chaplain Jolene Bryant will lead the District Presidents in the Memorial. If your club has lost a member during the past year, please send both your district president and Jolene the member's name, club name, and a little information about them, with emphasis on their GFWC participation. If possible, please send this information by April 1. We understand there may be circumstances that make this difficult. We want to recognize all the friends we have lost.

CLUB PRESIDENTS PLEASE SEND FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT DECEASED CLUB MEMBERS BY APRIL 1ST:

Name of Member Name of club District club is in Several items regarding member's club work.

MAIL OR E-MAIL TO: Jolene Bryant, GFWC-SC Chaplain

206 Phillips Drive Spartanburg, SC 29307 byra3872@gmail.com 864-579-2039

In Loving Memory



Grace Murdoch Jacobi joined Once-a-Week Club in 1990. She was active member for 25 years, even in the last several years she was able to attend meetings, and was a co-hostess for our Holiday meeting for the past several years. She was a very talented lady, helping to put together the place favors each year. Always alert and interested in others, she was our "Amazing Grace". She will be missed.



Marion Philpott was born in Springfield, Illinois. She was wed to her husband Norman in 1940, and they had 2 children. She and her family moved to Walhalla in 1963, where she became involved in the Paul Hayne Circle and served for a term as President. As an active member of the community, Mrs. Philpott was a homemaker, an accomplished seamstress, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Following her move to Greer in 1999, the Paul Hayne Circle elected to recognize Mrs. Philpott as an Honorary Member. In Greer, Mrs. Philpott remained active in her community, serving with her Sunday school class and as a member of the Young at Heart group. She and her husband of 74 years both went home to be with the Lord within hours of each other on January 16, 2015.

Roddey Anderson Stoudemire was born in Timmonsville, South Carolina and was graduated by Timmonsville High School where she was the recipient of the Betty Crocker Award and was valedictorian of her high school class. She then earned Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Stoudemire worked as an aide in the office of Congressman John L. McMillan. She was married to Julian Lowry Stoudemire where she created a warm, loving home for her husband and children and volunteered extensively in the Walhalla school system and served as a substitute teacher. Additionally, she was a member of the Oconee County Library's Board of Trustees, served as a member of the State Library Board, served on the American Red Cross chapter in Oconee County, and became the first Coordinator for the Tenth Judicial Circuit for the Guardian ad Litem Program in Oconee County. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Mrs. Stoudemire had been a member of the Paul Hayne Circle since 1973 and served in many roles including President. Following her retirement after twenty-one years of service to the State of South Carolina, Mrs. Stoudemire was honored by the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina with a resolution for her service. Her legacy of love and service will long be felt by her family, friends, and community.

Lorraine Johnson Dominey, a founding member and past president of the Woman's Club of Charleston, passed away Tuesday, December 2, 2014. Lorraine was also very active at First Baptist Church of Charleston serving on many committees and establishing a Ministerial Scholarship Fund. She was a past president of the Charleston Exchange Club Auxiliary and a member of the Charleston Federation of Women's Clubs, where she was chosen to the Hall of Fame in 1992 and Woman of the Year in 1999. She is survived by a daughter, Joy Pierce (Terry) and son, Roger Dominey (Kathy).

In Loving Memory

The Chapin Woman's Club mourns the unexpected loss of Karen Weaver after a short illness. She joined CWC in 2007 and for the past seven years was a very active and supportive member. Karen co-chaired our signature fund raiser, The Flamingo Fling, in 2009 and enjoyed participating in the CWC's "Hand & Foot" card group. Karen was currently the liaison with the Meals On Wheels coordinator and compiled a MOW schedule for club members, making sure either a club member or herself was delivering meals to shut-ins on CWC designated days. Karen was a giving person, always volunteering in the Chapin community, and always with a smile for everyone. She was definitely one of our more adventurous members – recently taking a sky dive, participating is a mock air combat mission as a fighter pilot, and getting her motorcycle license! She is survived by her husband, Donald Weaver of Chapin, and daughter, Denice and her family.



A native of Oconee County, Mary Helen Gilmore Westmoreland was born and raised in Walhalla, SC. Upon her high school graduation, she attended Furman where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. Following her education, she and her husband at the time lived in Charleston and Columbia as they started their family. Not long after the birth of her daughter, the young family moved back to Walhalla, where her husband worked as a physician and Mrs. Westmoreland raised her family. Mrs. Westmoreland joined the Paul Hayne Circle in 1954, following in her mother's footsteps. Finding herself single again in the 1970's, Mrs. Westmoreland decided to go back to teaching and worked as an elementary school teacher for 27 years. She also traveled, opened a dress shop with friends, and was instrumental in organizing the restoration of the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. Mrs. Westmoreland was active in the Paul Hayne Circle, the Garden Club, and St. Luke United Methodist Church. In

the 1990's, Mrs. Westmoreland, with a little "set up" from her daughter, was reacquainted with a man she had known from high school, and was blessed with a second marriage. Her strength, faith in God, and Southern charm will always be remembered by those who knew her.

Virginia Adams Hamilton-Hartzog, a founding member of the Woman's Club of Charleston, passed away Monday, November 24, 2014. Virginia lived the volunteer spirit by establishing and serving on area PTA's earning her the name Mrs. PTA, working in many capacities at The Citadel Square Baptist Church, serving as President of the Board of Directors of the Young Women's Christian Association and serving as a member of many service clubs and supporting the arts. She was in the Charleston Federation Women's Hall of Fame and selected by Federation Clubs as Woman of the year. She is survived by her son, Paul "Rusty" M. Hamilton, Jr.; daugher Virginia "Ginny" Hamilton Merritt and step-son, Glenn Hartzog (Jill).

Margaret B. Levander-Porter, a founding and long time active member of the Woman's Club of Charleston, passed away November 6, 2014. The Club was very dear to Margaret's heart the Woman's Club of Charleston wishes to express our gratitude for the generous donation she bequeathed upon her death. Margaret loved flowers and although she did not specify how this gift should be spent, the club will find the perfect location to beautify a place in Charleston with flowers and landscaping in her memory. Margaret was also a very active member of Epworth United Methodiat Church. She is survived by two sons, Alan R. Lavender (Caroline) and William B. Lavender and a granddaughter, Candee Lavender.

YOU CAN BE A WINNER!

GFWC sponsors a number of contests for individual members, clubs, and State Federations. This is in addition to the regular judging in the program and advancement areas.

They include a Newsletter Contest, Photography Contest, Media Campaign Contest, Website Contest, and a Writing Contest. Unless otherwise noted, the deadline for these entries is March 15. The photography contest and the writing contest are limited to amateurs.

The Categories for Photography are:

The World in Pictures

Living Things

Scenes

Still Life

GFWC Volunteers in Action

A Year in Pictures (also known as the Calendar Contest)

All photography entries must be brought to the registration table at Convention, no later than Noon on Friday, April 24.

The Categories for Writing are:

GFWC Member Short Story
GFWC Member Poetry Writing Contest
Youth Short Story Writing Contest
Youth Poetry Writing Contest.

GFWC – SC has age categories for the youth writing competition: K-2; 3-5; 6-8; and 9-12 grades. Writing Entries should be sent to Ann Fornwald, 1466 Moutrie Dr., Aiken, SC 29803 no later than March 15.

Further information on the requirements for these various contests can be found at www.gfwc.grg, or from our state chairmen in these various areas.

GFWC-SC also sponsors a yearbook contest and a scrapbook contest. Scrapbooks must be delivered to the registration table at Convention, no later than Noon, Friday, April 24.

A waiver must be signed for any submissions to these award categories.



CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER

Wit	h my signature I declare that:			
	I have created the submitted work, entitled full copyright. The work has not been published.	shed before.		, and I own the
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GFWC-SC CLUBWOMAN ARTS CONTEST INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORM

RELEASE FORM—INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

The following statement MUST accompany each work submitted in ANY Category. Please copy as needed.

I will not, in any way hold the Arts Department of GFWC-SC or GFWC-SC responsible for damage, fire, loss, or theft of the item I have submitted.

,	Signature District			
GFWC THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTES	ST: (amateurs only)			
Categories: Natural History: flowers, animals, Scenic: vistas, landscapes, seaso Feature: human interest picture in	capes, snow scenes, bridges, parks, farmland, etc.			
GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION PHOTOG	RAPHY CONTEST: (amateurs only)			
ENTRIES MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE RE	ATTACHED SECURELY TO EVERY ENTRY. EGISTRATION AREA BY NOON FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH.			
General Federation of Women's Clubs South Carolina <u>2014-2016</u> Scrapbook Rating Sheet and Release Form				
Club Name:				
President's Name: President's Contact Phone:				
Number of Members: Category:	Email: District:			
General Club: Junior Club:	Juniorette Club:			
Release: I will not, in any way, hold the GFWC-SC Community Service Arts Departm Remitter's Signature:	nent responsible for damage, fire, loss or theft of the item(s) I have submitted:			
Remitter's Name:				

Please complete the information above; DO NOT write in the space below

Judging Criteria:

Category	Available Points	Points Received
Rating/Release Form signed, completed and attached to inside cover?	5	
Scrapbook Cover, Club Name and Current Club Year?	5	
Size is limited to a maximum consisting of 50 pages, front and back with measurements 14 inches wide by 16 inches in height?	5	
Title page includes the club name, district, and number of members?	5	
The Scrapbook follows a distinct theme in accordance with the cover and title pages?	10	`
Each Scrapbook page is numbered accordingly in the right hand corner for right hand pages and in the left hand corner for left hand pages?	5	
Scrapbook includes current Executive Officers list, special appointments, club roster of membership and club projects?	5	
New club members are featured within the scrapbook?	10	
Newspaper and magazine articles must include the date and name of the publication.	5	
Club, civic activities and projects must be described on the pages(s) in which they appear?	10	
Judges overall impression including neatness, originality, effort, etc.	35	
TOTAL SUM:	<u>100</u>	

PRELIMINARY GFWC-SC CONVENTION AGENDA

Schedule is Subject to Change

PLEASE NOTE CONVENTION ADJOURNS SUNDAY AT 11:30 A.M.

Thursday, April 23, 2015

4:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

5:45 p.m. Past Presidents' Dinner (Gather in Lobby by traffic circle)

7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Pre-Convention Gala (Hyatt Atrium)

Friday, April 24, 2015 HAPPY BIRTHDAY GFWC!

9:45 a.m. Tours (Gather in Lobby by traffic circle at 9:30)

1:00 p.m. Opening Luncheon

4:00 p.m. Board of Directors

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Celebration Banquet

Saturday, April 25, 2015

9:00 a.m. Business Session

1:00 p.m. Junior Luncheon

2:45 p.m. Workshop

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Celebration Banquet, part 2

Sunday, April 26, 2015

9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Memorial Service

Please continue to check the website as well as the Facebook Pages, and your e-mail box for updates!

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR AT CONVENTION?

Thursday evening pre-convention gala.... Anything from business casual to party attire

Friday morning tour.....GFWC wear

Friday luncheon....GFWC wear

Friday evening.....Black or White or Black and White

Saturday morning.....Business Attire

Saturday evening.....Cocktail

Sunday morning Memorial Service....Church Appropriate.

The Hyatt has extended checkout time until noon so that members may change after the service. Simply inform the front desk that you will need a late check out time.

GFWC-SC is having a PAPER DRIVE!

Please, leave your newspapers at home. We will be collecting paper products for Miracle Hill Shelters during Convention. Bins will be available throughout convention for toilet paper, feminine products and paper towels.

PROMOTE YOUR CLUB

Tables will be available for displaying club memorabilia on Friday night. Bring your old black and white photos, newspaper articles, yearbooks or scrapbooks. Space will be limited, so choose wisely. We will try to accommodate every club.

OFFICIAL CALL 117TH ANNUAL CONVENTION GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

APRIL 23-26, 2015 HYATT REGENCY GREENVILLE 220 N. MAIN ST., GREENVILLE, SC

HOST DISTRICTS: NORTH CENTRAL AND NORTHWESTERN CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS: NORMA ENGLAND AND CARRIE ZIMMERMAN

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convention at the Hyatt Regency, Greenville, SC April 23-26, 2015. April 24 is GFWC's 125th Anniversary, so we will be spending the weekend celebrating our history.

Special Guests will include Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International 1st Vice President, Author Edie Melson, and Rev. Randy Harling,. Miss Greenville USA Clarka Wickliffe will lead us in the National Anthem on Friday. Entertainment will be provided by The Sweet Potato Kids., Mary Elaine Mahaffey, and others. Also in attendance will be Marian St. Clair, GFWC International 2nd Vice President and Jackie Boland, GFWC Southern Region President.

Activities will include a NO COST art show and gala Thursday evening, sponsored by the Upstate Woman's Club, tours of Triune Mercy Center and a Miracle Hill Shelter, workshops, auctions and chances, and finishing with a memorial service. There are some surprise activities in store for the JUNIORS.

The deadline to obtain the room block rate is April 1st. In order to receive the special rate, you must make your reservations by calling the Hyatt Regency Greenville at 864-235-1234. Specify if you want one king or two doubles, to insure you get the space your group needs. The GFWC-SC room rate is \$149.00/night, plus tax and fees. There is an ADDITIONAL CHARGE for parking. Car pool!

Advance Registration is required for Convention, as are Meal Reservations. Please see the Convention Registration Form for all charges, including late registration fees.

Downtown Greenville is known for its walkability, its great restaurants, and fun night life. There are parks, museums, and libraries within a few blocks of the hotel. Come with a group of friends and enjoy yourself!

GFWC-SC CONVENTION REGISTRATION

APRIL 23-26, 2015

Send completed form for EACH attendee, with **check(s) payable to GFWC-SC** to: Elizabeth Herring, 327 Annapolis Rd., Lexington, SC 29072. <u>liz.herring@windstream.net</u> (Please include the DOT between first and last name.) **REGISTRATION FEES**: before April 15: \$15; after April 15: \$20, plus a \$5/meal late fee; after April 22: pay \$25 at door/meal not guaranteed. Registration opens Friday, 8:45 a.m.

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State Officer	Guest	
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Club President or Appointee		
Club Delegate/Voting (one per	ten members/rounded to nearest ten)	
Member-at-Large		
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EVI	ENT AND MEAL RESERVATIONS	
Thursday Preconvention Gala (no		Free
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Friday morning Tour (transportation		\$5.00
Friday Lunch and Opening Session	1:00 p.m. Celebration Banquet 7 p.m. (cash bar 6 p.m.)	\$37.00
Friday Evening 125" Anniversary C	Celebration Banquet 7 p.m. (cash bar 6 p.m.)	\$50.00
Saturday Junior Luncheon 1:00 p.r Saturday Workshop (limited seating		\$36.00
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Please provide a typed list of food allergi	es on a separate sheet, and include with registration.	
Bring an additional copy to convention.		
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Dates to Remember

March 14 ~ Work Day at GFWC-SC Headquarters

1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, SC

We welcome anyone from 10:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.
to help clean the inside of the building.

April 23-27 ~ GFWC-SC Annual Convention
April 24 ~ Federation Day
July 24-25 ~ Summer Board

1511 Society - Annual Membership Drive

It's time to join the "1511 Society" by contributing to the maintenance of the Headquarters Building located at 1511 Laurel Street in Columbia. All individuals or clubs contributing through the month of April will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 VISA card to be drawn on May 1st. Any increment of \$15.11, \$151.10, etc. will be greatly appreciated and is a tax deductible gift.

Mail your contribution to:

GFWC-SC Headquarters 1511 Laurel Street Columbia, SC 29201

Telephone Number _____

Name			
Email _			

GFWC-SC President's Travel Fund Basket Fund Raiser



Please donate a basket from your club.
Baskets will be on display Saturday
morning. Drawings will be held
Saturday after dinner.