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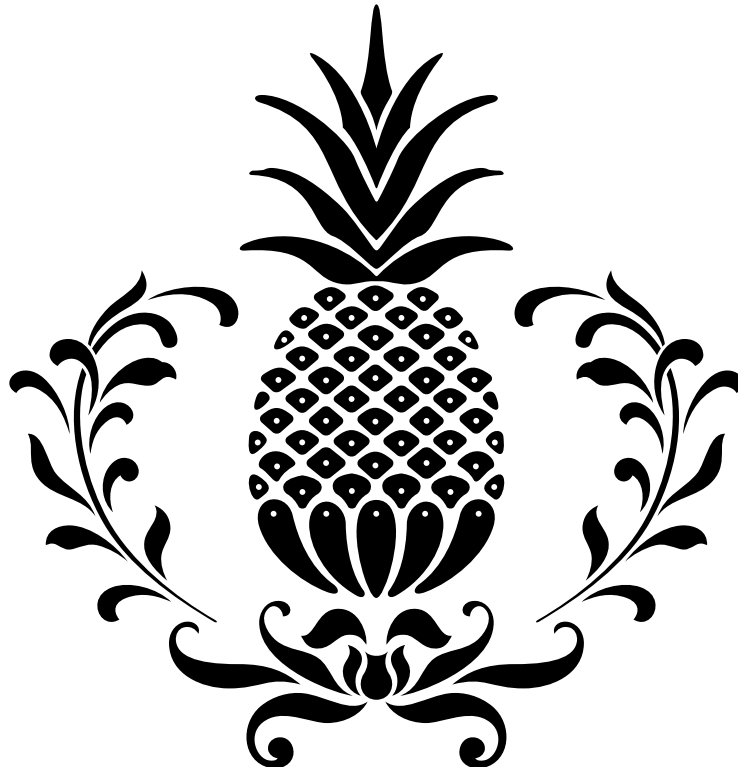
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Greetings GFWC-SC! March marks a new season of the year, Spring! This new season means a transition to new and exciting activities for our clubs, and I cannot wait to watch us spring into action.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. I have shared project suggestions from Children's Trust of SC web site (scchildren.org). One of which is to sponsor an awareness walk that encourages the club members to "walk for prevention." Another is to sponsor a stroller parade where club members and families decorate strollers or wagons and walk around a local park. Others include: planting a garden to show you are planting the seeds for children to grow up happy, healthy and safe, host a movie night in a local park, and GFWC-SC special project is to plant pinwheel gardens or create a bouquet to display in a local business, park or school. These project ideas are just a few ways club members can raise awareness of child abuse prevention. I cannot wait to see what our clubs do this month, and be sure to share pictures of your projects on social media!

Spring is also a time we get to celebrate GFWC-SC! The Call to Convention page includes the important details you will need to plan a great weekend in Rock Hill. The Upstate Woman's Club members are busy preparing for a Convention you will not soon forget! Can't wait to celebrate with you all! Save the date, the 2022 GFWC Annual Convention, Catch the Volunteer Spirit and Let the Good Times Roll, will be held June 25-28 in New Orleans. The official Call to Convention will be available March 1 on the GFWC web site. A gala to celebrate Marian St Clair is planned for June 27. This event is special for our South Carolina members, and you will not want to miss it!

Let's celebrate together the 2020-2022 Administration!

In Federation Spirit,

Kristin

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It's official... spring is in the air! March possesses a very unique dose of hope. It's something special about knowing that this month brings an awareness of newness, life, and fragrant beauty. If you're anything like me you get hit with the annual bug of Spring Fever, with symptoms of anxiousness to be out and about. Although we have so much to look forward to, especially GFWC-SC Convention, we cannot fast forward before looking back at all of the accomplishments that have been made during the winter.

As always, the Juniors of South Carolina have continued to rock it! We've supported the annual Headquarters Stocking Extravaganza, attended Winter Board in record numbers, and tackled and survived reporting season. Most of all we enjoyed every moment of living the volunteer spirit.

I am so looking forward to being able to award and recognize the ongoing efforts of our Juniors during the convention in April. In true Junior fashion, we are asking all clubs and members that are able, to donate bags for our Purse Auction that will be held on Junior Fun Night. Juniors expect an invitation to attend a Junior Board meeting. Details to come.

I can't believe how fast time has gone while serving as your state Director of Junior Clubs. Thank you all so much so allowing me the opportunity to grow in leadership and serve in this capacity.

In Junior Love,

Shelli



Shelli Pue
GFWC-SC

Director of Junior Clubs



Polly Gathings
GFWC-SC

Director-elect of Junior Clubs Keep up the great work ladies!

In Junior Love,

Polly

Hello fellow GFWC-SC sisters! Spring is upon us and it is such an exciting time. For me, it's a refreshing season that brings lots of positive energy. The sun shines brightly upon us and I always savor time in the great outdoors enjoying the warm air! There is certainly a lot to look forward to!

First, I thank you for all you do for your clubs and our communities. The ladies of my home club, the Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray, recently did the Lake Murray Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics. What a great way to make a splash and support those in our community. Kudos to everyone who took the plunge!

I want to extend my thanks to my fellow GFWC-SC leaders too, especially Shelli Pue! Her incredible energy and desire to give back is truly inspiring! I am thankful for her leadership and for her help as a mentor to me.

I can't believe that the time for the 124th Annual Convention is almost here! I am looking forward to seeing all of your faces, celebrating what we've accomplished and making some exciting plans for the future. Also, a big congrats to everyone for doing a wonderful job with reports! I have really enjoyed reading each and every one! You really put a lot of heart and soul into all of your work and it doesn't go unnoticed!

I'd like to close with a quote from Margaret Mead. She said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."



Norma England
GFWC-SC
President-elect

March brings thoughts of springtime. We love seeing new flowers appear in the spring. In South Carolina, we already have springtime flowers blooming. We always need to add new plants to existing ones in our gardens. Many of our clubs have added “new member flowers” this year. New members add fresh color with new ideas, new energy, and new friendships. Seasoned members support club projects, mentor, and guide. The new member flowers and the existing member flowers come together to make a lovely bouquet.

The Spring Recruitment Report for new members recruited during March, April, and May is due June 1st. (The form is on the GFWC and GFWC-SC websites) The Theme for Spring Recruitment is Hats Off to Recognition. First, I take my hat off to all the clubs who have recruited new members this year and sent in reports. Then I want to remind you that spring is the time to make plans to recognize members for years of service, contributions and dedication. New members are essential to a club, but we should never forget the importance of retaining and recognizing existing members. GFWC has Membership Anniversary pins for years of service in 5 year increments from 5 to 70 years. Contact me if you would like to order pins for your members. Also please send me an email with the club members’ names, number of years of membership and club name so we may recognize those who have been members for 25-70 years (5 year increments) who have not received pins. We would like to honor them at our convention. Spring is a great time to recognize an outstanding club member for service to the club. March is Women’s History Month. Take time to recognize Club members responsible for establishing your club,

who have raised money to keep the club going, or worked on projects to make a difference in your community. Remember the GFWC-SC Honor Roll and Order of the Jessamine to honor outstanding club members during our GFWC-SC Convention. The GFWC website has great ideas on ways to recognize and retain members. I also want to remind each club to submit an applications for the Woman of Distinction Award and Volunteer of the Year Award. These awards honor outstanding members and will be presented at our convention on April 30. Information on these awards is in the December Clubwoman Magazine and on our website.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our convention in Rock Hill, April 29-May 1.

In Federation Spirit,

Norma

The start of a new year is an excellent time for your club to review your bylaws and amend any that are out of date.

Here are some relevant parts of your bylaws to review:

Purpose of your club - does your purpose statement still accurately reflect what your club does - and doesn’t - do? Your 401(c)(3) status is dependent upon your organization’s purpose so make sure this is still accurate. Consult a lawyer if you have any questions regarding your purpose. Meetings - have you added information to your bylaws regarding how your club functions during an emergency - our covid pandemic proved the need for this to be included. Some things to include are who makes decisions regarding holding meetings remotely, what remote platform will be utilized, and how will discussions, questions, elections, and voting be handled when meeting remotely.

How your club runs - what has changed with your club but not reflected in your bylaws? Looks at membership, dues, officer duties, fundraising, committees, and more. And don’t forget your Standing Rules! All of these are vital to the success of your club.

I know reading bylaws is not fun but they are there for an important reason. Encourage your club members to consult them and by all means, amend them when necessary.

Looking forward to seeing you all at convention!

In Federation Love,

Kaye



Kaye Jones
GFWC-SC
Secretary



Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC
Second Vice President

Congratulations and thank you to all who sent reports on your club's 2021 activities! Your reports have been received and have been sent on to our state chairs for judging. A special thank you goes out to our GFWC-SC Community Service Project, Advancement Area, Special Project and Contest chairs for your willingness to serve and time dedicated to judging and compiling our state reports.

A reminder that State/District Award submissions are due March 15 and I encourage each club to submit. Criteria and where to send information on all possible awards may be found in the December 2021 Clubwoman magazine. The magazine is also available online at GFWC-SC.org under news and publications. Don't forget the GFWC and GFWC-SC Writing Contests, Drama, Photography and Scrapbook contest. Contribution Sheets and Rating Sheets are due March 15 as well.

Please remember to honor outstanding club members by nominating a special member for Volunteer of the Year and Woman of Distinction. Each club has at least one member who is worthy of this recognition and I encourage you to send in your nominations.

There are many things that were highlights of my job as 2nd Vice President and Dean of Departments: obviously, reading your reports and learning of the many volunteer hours expended, the creative ideas put into action, the always impressive amounts of money donated, and the wonderful work our South Carolina federation has done to benefit our communities is always especially meaningful. But on a personal level, having the opportunity to get to know so many of you in the process has been my greatest pleasure. I hope to see many of you in April at our convention in Rock Hill and to personally hand you your club's well-deserved awards.

Thank you for the opportunity and trust you've shown me in allowing me to serve as your 2nd Vice President. It has truly been an honor and a privilege.

In Federation Love,

Suzanne

Did you know that the Chinese New Year, 2022, is the Year of the Tiger? The year is known as the year of the Water Tiger and will bring a confident and authoritative energy to all. Tigers are aggressive, tenacious, ambitious, competitive, and strong. GFWC women alike can be described as Tigers.

These past couple of months I have been busy with collecting dues, filing raffle documents, tax documents and paying our dues to GFWC. Thank you to all clubs that have turned in their dues! GFWC-SC is amazing! Many clubs met the November 1, 2021 deadline to be eligible for the Progress Foundation grant in 2022. Great job!

A simple but important reminder is to not forget your taxes, Secretary of State Raffle and Secretary of State Registration are due 3 and 1/2 months after your club year end. For those on a calendar year that means they are due April 15th. Get those important documents submitted!

We hope that using EventBrite for convention payment has made it easier for many of you to register for our GFWCSC events. It is a great tool and allows our members to choose to use a credit card instead of paper check. Now, if you still feel more comfortable paying by check, that is fine, no judgement!

We look forward to seeing you smiling face at our GFWC-SC convention for 2022 in Rock Hill, SC!

Happy Spring!

In Federation Love,

Carrie



Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC
Treasurer



In Loving Memory

St. Andrews Woman’s Club is mourning the loss of faithful club member Linda Champion Floyd. Linda was a member of SAWC for over forty years and a member of Aiken Junior Woman’s Club prior to moving to Columbia. Whether it was faithfully volunteering in club projects, at the annual GFWC SC Christmas Stocking Extravaganza or in all areas of her church, Linda brought great wisdom, energy and spirit to each activity of which she was a part. Linda truly exhibited the volunteer spirit of a GFWC clubwoman. Whenever and wherever there was a need, she was always the first to volunteer. This was true even during her hard-fought battle with cancer as she kept woman’s club projects in mind by donating to all SAWC causes. Linda Floyd will be greatly missed.

Informing Ease

Seeking Silence
Shoving aside the Noise.
Why listen?
 Because it Lingers.
It lingers
 Because we listen.
Measure the Message.
 With a quiet mind.
 With an open heart.
Now listen.
 As the noise fades away.
 As the echoes end.

Janet R. Smalley
GFWC-SC Poet Laureate

“All That Jazz” Gala Banquet

GFWC South Carolina is thrilled to have the opportunity to host the “All That Jazz” Gala Banquet on June 27 at the GFWC Convention in New Orleans! For decorations, we plan to showcase our “southern style and grace” by ornamenting the tables with groups of blue & white vases, boxes, ginger jars, and other objects. If you have something that we can “borrow,” we would love to have each SC club represented. Please bring as many items as you would like to share (name taped to the bottom) to the GFWC SC Convention and we will do our best to take care of each item and return them to you at Summer Board.

(No family heirlooms or precious pieces please, in case of breakage.)

Lexington Woman’s Club 38th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Register Online



www.lexwc.org



Monday, March 28, 2022
Country Club Of Lexington
1066 Barr Road
Lexington, SC

2020-2022 Jennie Award winner– Anne Redlus

The Jennie Award is the only national honor bestowed by GFWC that recognizes individual members for personal excellence and achievements and for extraordinary contributions to their clubs, communities, and families. The 2020-2022 Jennie Award winner for GFWC-SC is Anne Redlus, the founding member of the GFWC Woman’s League of the Lowcountry!

Anne’s club had a difficult time including all of her accomplishments in the limited number of pages allowed in the nomination, but they did a great job communicating how much they believed Anne deserved the award and how proud they were of their “mentor, role model and cheerleader” as they described her.

Briefly, Anne began her GFWC journey and fell in love with the organization when she attended her first Junior meeting in Mt. Holly, New Jersey in 1975. After 39 years of devoted service to GFWC in New Jersey and on the international level, including serving as State President 2008-2010 and serving as GFWC Home Life Chairman 2010-2012 and International Outreach Chairman 2012-2014, Anne and her husband Howard, moved to Bluffton SC in 2014. Because there was no GFWC club nearby, Anne reached out to SC State and District leaders for assistance in starting a new club. Due to her diligence in advertising, inviting and enticing neighbors and residents in the area, 38 interested ladies came to the first “introductory” meeting. On March 15, 2015, the GFWC Woman’s League of the Lowcountry was chartered, and Anne served as President for the first three years while simultaneously holding positions at the State and District level.

Anne has held a state position or office almost every year since joining her first GFWC club in 1975, and she has continued her devotion to and involvement with GFWC since moving to South Carolina by serving as District President, GFWC Jennie Award Chairman and as one of the 2020-2022 President’s Assistants.

A few of the many activities Anne has been involved with, led, or even started in her club, church and community are: Canine Companions for Independence (she has raised 5 puppies!) St. Jude’s Walk (collecting over \$9000); Operation Smile (sewing countless numbers of surgical gowns and “no-no” arm bands); Military Women’s Veterans Tea; Church Soup Kitchen, Bridge of Hope for homeless women, Christmas Stockings for the Military; Red Cedar Elementary School Cereal Drive Guinness World Record; Annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale (from 1986 to present); GED Education and Scholarship; Backpack Buddies, Family Promise; transporting seniors to doctor appointments and grocery shopping; and tutoring in Agape after-school program.

Anne has been married to her husband Howard Redlus for 51 years, and they are the parents of Mark, Leigh, and Eric, and grandparents of Katherine and Elizabeth. She is a retired Speech Therapist and worked as a bookkeeper in her husband’s Veterinary practice in New Jersey. She was recently elected as an elder in her church, Low Country Presbyterian Church.

GFWC-SC is proud to name Anne Redlus our 2020-2022 Jennie Award Winner and even prouder she was named one of the two Jennie finalists at Southern Region Conference in Orlando!

GFWC Jennie Award Presentation



September 16, 2021

“Outstanding Commitment to Club, Community and Family”



Please join us for our **Second Annual Mother's Day Event**

"Plants Under the Pergola"

Enjoy Indoor/ Outdoor / Vegetable Plants, Pots, Garden items, Jewelry, and Unique gifts for sale.

Bountiful theme baskets will be raffled for \$5.00 per ticket and \$20.00 for 5 tickets! **You don't have to be present to win!**

Host: York County Woman's Club

When: Saturday, April 30, 2022

Where: The Historic Home of
Judy Holroyd
471 Lakeside Drive
Country Club Estates
Rock Hill, SC

Time: 9am to 4pm

Contact: Peggy 908-451-0936

OR mbodner@comporium.net



Proceeds will provide scholarships to children of veterans in York County.

We THANK YOU for your support!

Like us on Facebook [GFWC-York County Woman's Club](#)

****This Activity is part of the Come-See-Me Festival!****

Environment CSP, Chair Darlene Rittel

Kermit the Frog said, "It's not easy being **GREEN.**" However, in many cases it IS EASY to be ecofriendly, environmentally conscientious or 'green.' IT'S SO EASY to use refillable tote grocery bags instead of single use plastic bags. IT'S SO EASY to be a role model for good practices by not littering and by enjoying and appreciating nature and natural habitats. IT'S SO EASY to toss various items in appropriate recycle receptacles. IT'S SO EASY...IT'S SO EASY.

But, when it comes to locating the reporting form for the Palmetto Pride awards, I might have to agree with Kermit. This particular form is rather embedded deeply in the President's Packets online and not easy to find. Although the Feb 1st deadline is past, and hopefully all clubs reported their litter projects for 2021, there is still time to complete the form for this recognition. Please go to gfwc-sc.org, then click on 'more' then select 'Presidents Packet' from drop down menu. Finally scroll all the way down to Palmetto Pride and print/download the form. The awards will be presented at the state convention in April. But please send me a copy of this report by March 1st so that I can reflect the efforts SC clubwomen have made in reducing and combatting litter when I compile my state report. You may email your Palmetto report to me at drittell@gforcecable.com [please watch spelling of my last name] or mail to me at 1009 Kerr Drive, Aiken, SC 29803.

And don't forget to report the DHEC food waste AMBASSADOR program during 2021. Go to www.scdhec.gov/dontwastefoodsc for details. You can include your club approved activities in the CSP report, but then will need to email completed form to DHEC and of course cc me. There is not an award for this activity, but I hope to gather stats from DHEC to put in my report.

IT'S SO EASY to check out the fantastic environmental resources in our state and in our nation with simple google searches. Especially now to get project ideas as we begin a new reporting period. GFWC provides a nice list of organizations in the club manual with a host varied topics. It is well worth your time to peruse these and appreciate the work being done by thousands across the globe. We are aware of Palmetto Pride and DHEC in SC but may wish to further explore their numerous outreach programs, school curriculums, and resources. Project Learning Tree is a national organization with excellent educational activities for children. Our state coordinator is Matt Schnabel in Columbia at the Forestry Commission. Linda Sinclair, a member of Lexington Woman's Club, is a retired Science Coordinator with DOE and encourages all members to check out programs at state parks. Other possibilities include: the Carolina Recycling Association, Teen Science Café's, and the USC Student Ambassador Sustainability program. Feel free to contact me for further details. 1-803-648-0656.

Now, about those aluminum pull tabs. Please continue to collect them until April. Bring them to the State Convention labeled with your name and club. The member with the most tabs will be recognized, but the real winner will be the Ronald McDonald House since the tabs will be sold and funds used to assist in serving families during medical crises.

Constitution & Bylaws

On behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, I want to report that GFWC-SC Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules were updated pursuant to action taken at GFWC-SC Annual Meeting in April 2021, and copies of the updated documents were delivered to the GFWC-SC Executive Committee and to Tonja Ivey for publication on the GFWC-SC website.

Lynn Oleckler, Chairman

HeadQuarters News

COMING SOON..... "1511 Society" Campaign

April 1 - 30
Details to clubs and club members by email.

Progress Foundation Reminder

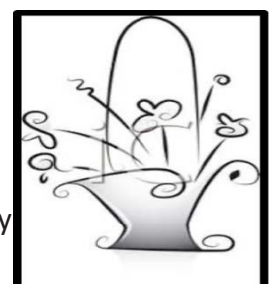
Remember your final letter on the completion of your project is due on April 15, 2022 to:

Jan W. Hadwin
4009 Rockbridge Road
Columbia, S.C. 29206

Failure respond may result in not being considered for a grant next year.

GFWC-SC President's Travel Fund Basket Fundraiser

The GFWC-SC President's Travel Fund Basket Fundraiser is back! We will hold a silent auction Saturday Night! Please consider donating a basket from your club. Baskets can be turned in at Registration. The baskets will be on display Saturday morning for the bidding to begin. Winners will be announced Saturday evening after dinner.



Legislation and Public Policy Advancement Area, Janet Watkins, Chair

Legislation Day Proposed: March 10, 2022

Prefiled Legislation to watch: (abridged copy from scstatehouse.gov)

H. 4517 (Word version) -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO ENACT THE "RACIALLY RESTRICTIVE COVENANT REMOVAL ACT" (Sent to Judiciary)

H. 4521 (Word version) -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO PROVIDE THE LOTTERY COMMISSION LAWFULLY MAY OWN, MARKET, AND REGULATE CERTAIN CASH DEPOSIT-ACTIVATED GAMES OF SKILL MACHINES THAT SKILLED PLAYERS MAY PLAY TO EARN PRIZES (Sent to Judiciary)

H. 4563 (Word version) -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CYBER SEXUAL HARASSMENT, PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND DELINEATE EXCEPTIONS. Judiciary

H. 4522 (Word version) -- Reps. Taylor, G. M. Smith, Fry, Erickson, Huggins, Bradley, Trantham, Kimmons, Thayer, Haddon, Hixon, Forrest, B. Cox, McCabe, Dabney, Morgan, May, Bailey, Long and West: A BILL TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM AWARDED TENURE OR ENTERING EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS OF MORE THAN FIVE YEARS DURATION WITH EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2022; TO TERMINATE EXISTING TENURE PROGRAMS WHEN NO COVERED EMPLOYEES REMAIN EMPLOYED BY THE INSTITUTION; TO PROVIDE BEGINNING WITH THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR ALL FULL-TIME FACULTY AND TENURED FACULTY AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL TEACH AT LEAST TWO UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES IN THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS EACH YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR FACULTY EMPLOYED IN DEPARTMENTS OR SCHOOLS ONLY OFFERING GRADUATE DEGREES; AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RELATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION. (Sent to Ways and Means Committee)

H. 4544 (Word version) -- Rep. Bennett: A BILL TO REQUIRE JURY TRIALS IN DIVORCE AND PRIVATE CHILD CUSTODY ACTIONS; TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; RELATING TO GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN DIVORCE AND PRIVATE CUSTODY ACTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH GUARDIANS AD LITEM TO BE LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW. (Sent to Education and Public Works)

H. 4555 (Word version) -- Reps. May, Burns and Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "PARENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS" BY ADDING CHAPTER 23 TO TITLE 63 SO AS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND DEFINITIONS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN GOVERNMENT INFRINGEMENT ON THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE OF THEIR CHILDREN EXCEPT IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES, TO RESERVE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN THIS STATE AND TO PROVIDE A NONEXHAUSTIVE LIST OF SUCH RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE NOTWITHSTANDING CONTRARY PROVISIONS IN DECLARED STATES OF EMERGENCY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-340, RELATING TO THE AGE OF CONSENT FOR MINORS TO CERTAIN HEALTH CARE SERVICES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF CONSENT TO EIGHTEEN. Education and Public Works

H. 4582 (Word version) -- Rep. White: A BILL TO INSTRUCTIONAL TOPICS REQUIRED IN HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO ALSO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LIFE SKILLS TOPICS, TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE UPON THE NEXT ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO THE SOCIAL STUDIES ACADEMIC STANDARDS BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE BOARD SHALL INTEGRATE THESE TOPICS IN SUCH REVISIONS. (Education and Public Works)

Honor Roll and Order of the Jessamine

With a \$25 donation to GFWC-SC, you can honor a special clubwoman in your club in 2021. Honorees will be listed in the convention program and added to the Honor Roll book at headquarters.

With a \$50 donation to GFWC-SC, you can honor one member of your club with election to the Order of the Jessamine. The honoree will be recognized at convention and featured in the June Clubwoman magazine.

Make checks payable to GFWC-SC and send to Carrie Zimmerman, 605 White Oaks Farms Road, Tamasee, SC 29686.

Due April 1, 2022. All proceeds benefit the GFWC-SC General Fund



Cambria Hotel Rock Hill - University Center
Reservations: 803-324-0004

**Official Call to the
GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
124TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
APRIL 28 – May 1, 2022
CAMBRIA HOTEL – UNIVERSITY CENTER, ROCK HILL
HOST DISTRICT: UPSTATE
CONVENTION CHAIR – DR. MISTY KONOW**

Welcome to Rock Hill!

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its' One Hundred and Twenty Fourth Annual Convention at The Cambria Hotel – University Center, 354 Technology Center Way, Rock Hill, SC 29730, April 28 –May 1, 2022. Our special guests will be our GFWC International President, Marian St. Clair and GFWC Director-elect of Junior Clubs, Katie Moydell; our "Welcome Speaker" Dr. George Hynds, Interim President of Winthrop University; and our Luncheon speaker, Tina Daniel, GFWC Education and Libraries CSP Chair. All clubwomen are invited and encouraged to attend to celebrate a successful year of community service and to recognize our outstanding clubwomen.

Room Reservation Deadline is March 29, 2022

March 29th is the deadline for room reservations and can be made by calling 1-803-324-0004. Please be sure to state our group name when calling – GFWC-SC. Room rates are Standard 2 Queens or 1 King: \$139 plus tax and fees. The hotel is upscale near Winthrop University. It is a stylish hotel restaurant with a rooftop bar. Room luxuries are premium bedding, hardwood floors and spainspired bathroom products and Bluetooth mirrors. Each room includes a refrigerator, microwave and Keurig coffee maker.

Advance Registration and Meal Reservations Required

April 17 is the deadline for Registration and Meal Reservations. The advance registration fee is \$20 per person. Late registration is \$25 per person. Please complete the Registration/Meal Reservation Form included herein for each person attending. Due to limited capacity and current food limitations we are unable to accept late registrations to walk-ins. Please register early and by April 17. There is a \$5 parking fee per day, charged with each entrance into the lot.

Convention Attire & Other Information

The Upstate District Welcomes you to Rock Hill at Friday's opening ceremonies and luncheon. Business attire (dress or slacks) suggested. Friday evening we'll have fun with our Juniors. It's a Royal Affair, so grab those tiaras and cocktail dresses. The Royal Affair will include the ever-popular Junior Purse Auction. Juniors be sure and remember to bring your entries for the auction. Saturday is Business Casual or GFWC-SC/GFWC/Club attire day. Our Saturday morning business meeting will begin with a light breakfast and the Memorial Service, then we will hold elections for the 2022-2024 Executive Committee and District Officer's. Elections will be held at 11:00 a.m. so be sure you are in the room before the doors are closed!! Plan to spend the afternoon "Exploring the Rock". The Upstate District clubs have shared exciting places to go. Saturday evening, we will end our convention in our formal attire as we celebrate our new officer's. The evening will include announcing the winners of the silent Basket Auction to benefit the GFWCSC President's Travel Fund. There will also be a 50/50 opportunity.

Memorial Service

A memorial service honoring our GFWC-SC club members who have passed away dating from May 2021—April 2022, will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 8:30 a.m. Each District President will participate in the service lighting a candle in memory of members from her district. Club members are encouraged to attend this special service led by our GFWC-SC Chaplain Linda Wagster.

Preliminary Agenda for GFWC-SC Convention April 28 – May 1, 2022

Thursday, April 28, 2022

5:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting in the President's Room
6:30 p.m. Past President's Dinner with Officers and Special Guests

Friday, April 29, 2022

10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
11:00 a.m. Opening of Convention and "Welcome" Luncheon
 Welcome Speaker: Dr. George Hynds, Interim President of Winthrop University
 Luncheon Speaker: Tina Daniel, Ed.D., LPC, GFWC Education and Libraries CSP Chair
 Community Service, Advancement Area & other Awards
 Junior Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Reception – Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. Dinner – "A Royal Affair" ~ Celebrating Our Juniors
 Creative Arts Awards
 President's Special Project Awards
 Director of Junior Special Project Awards
 Junior Awards
 GFWC International Director-elect of Junior Clubs Remarks

Saturday, April 30, 2022

8:30 a.m. "Rise and Shine" Breakfast | Memorial Service
9:00 a.m. Convention in Session | Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. GFWC-SC Elections Committee Report/Confirmations of State & District Elections
 Reports from GFWC-SC Officers | Board of Trustees | Standing Committees | Club Awards
 District Meetings & Awards
6:00 p.m. Reception – Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. Dinner – "Standing Tall with GFWC-SC"
 District Awards
 Individual Awards
 Outstanding Club Awards | CIP Award
 Recognition of 2022 Honor Roll
 Recognition of 2022 Order of the Jessamine
 GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year
 GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction
 GFWC-SC Jennie June Award
 GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs Final Remarks
 GFWC-SC President's Final Remarks
 GFWC International President Remarks
 Installation of 2022-2024 Officers
 Invitation to 2023 Annual Convention
 Adjournment of 124th GFWC-SC Convention
 Reception in Honor of the 2022-2024 Officers

Sunday, May 1, 2022

9:00 a.m. 2022 – 2024 Executive Committee Meeting
9:30 a.m. 2022 – 2024 GFWC-SC Board of Directors Meeting

GFWC-SC 2022 Convention Menu

Friday Opening Session Lunch. (\$27)

Chicken Salad Croissant with chips, fruit and cookie, coffee, tea and water

Friday Evening Dinner (\$40)

A Tour Through Italy Buffet: includes bread, salad and pasta choices, water and tea

Saturday Morning Light Breakfast (\$13)

Rise and Shine Buffet: includes mini muffins/pastries, butter/jelly orange and cranberry juices, coffee and hot teas

Saturday Evening Dinner (\$45)

Three Course Dinner: includes Caesar salad, Seared Flat Iron Steak or Lemon Chicken or Gluten free pasta, Ciabatta bread, Cheesecake Tart, Water and Tea

Please note all menu items are subject to availability, some substitutions may be made.

Convention Service Project

We will be collecting basic school supplies for Pilgrim's Inn Safe Passage and The Palmetto School. Both are nonprofit organizations. Monetary donations are also welcomed.



Report of the GFWC-SC Nominating Committee

Candidates for 2022-2024 GFWC-SC Executive Officers

First Vice President – Suzanne Carswell

Second Vice President – Kaye Jones

Secretary – Kendall Spillman

Secretary – Shannon Smith

Treasurer – Carrie Zimmerman

Confirmations of State and District Elections 2022-2024 GFWC-SC Officers and Executive Committee Members

President – Norma England

Director of Junior Clubs – Polly Gathings

Director Elect of Junior Clubs – Michelle Blackmon

GFWC-SC District Presidents

Coastal District - Anne Redlus

Midlands District – Melanie Matthews

Upstate District - Rhonda Garris

GFWC-SC Board of Trustees

Midlands District: DeAna Sharp-Reed (2022-2024)

Upstate District: Laura Palmer (2022-2024)

Trustees of Progress Foundation

Midlands District: Allison McGee (2022-2025)

Midlands District: Katie Whitten (2022-2025)

Upstate District: Paula Howard Casby (2022-2025)

Trustees for the Scholarship Fund

Coastal District: Juliet Casper (2022-2024)

Midlands District: Courtney Evans (2022-2024)

Midlands: Amy Warren (2022-2024)

Elections/Confirmations shall be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022. GFWC-SC By-laws Article XI – Nominations, Elections and Vacancies provides that additional nominations for GFWC-SC Executive Offices may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured and nominee meets the eligibility criteria set forth in said Article XI.

GFWC-SC 124th Convention Registration Form
Due by Sunday, April 17, 2022

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

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

Credentials Information (check the first one that applies):

- Past President (of GFWC-SC)
- State Officer (including District Presidents)
- State Program Chairman (CSP | Special Project | Special Committee) Name of Program: _____
- Standing Committee Chairman (Finance|Const. & Bylaws|Credentials|Headquarters|Resolutions|Disaster Relief)
- Club President or Appointee (if President absent or credentialed in any of above categories)
- Club Delegate: Voting (convention only -one per ten members, rounded to nearest ten)
- Member-at-Large (Not affiliated with any club)
- Club Member: Non-voting
- Guest

Medical Information in Case of an Emergency

Notify (primary): _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____
Notify (secondary): _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Medicine allergies: _____
Medication|location|instructions in case of emergency: (You are encouraged to keep emergency medications handy.)

Convention Registration

Registration Fee: \$20 \$ _____
Late fee (after 4/17): \$5 \$ _____

Meal Reservations

Friday Opening Session Luncheon: \$27 \$ _____
Friday Evening Dinner Buffett: \$40 \$ _____
Saturday Morning Light Buffett: \$13 \$ _____
Saturday Evening Dinner: \$45 \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

Meal Prices are inclusive of service charge and taxes. Due to food availability at this time, we cannot accept walk-ins.

Please indicate any special dietary needs:

Vegetarian: _____ Gluten Free: _____ Food Allergies: _____

Payment can be made in one of two ways:

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

OR

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

- 1. CLICK THE LINK** - the registration page for state convention 2021 will open
- 2. CLICK GREEN BUTTON "TICKETS"** - A list of registration options will open, select what you would like, after your selection
- 3. CLICK ORANGE BUTTON "CHECKOUT"** - enter your contact and payment information
- 4. CLICK PLACE ORDER BUTTON**
- 5. A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WILL SENT TO YOU**

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

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Dates to Remember

**GFWC Annual Convention, Hilton New Orleans Riverside
New Orleans, Louisiana
June 25-28, 2022**

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

**Dealine State and District Award Entries Due
March 15, 2022**

**Deadline to send names of deceased club members to GFWC-SC Chaplin
April 1, 2022**

**Deadline for sending President's Directory form to GFWC-SC Special Assistant
April 15, 2022**

**GFWC-SC Executive Committee Meeting | Board of Directors | Junior Board Meeting
124th Annual Convention, Rock Hill South Carolina
April 28 - May 1, 2022**

**Deadline to submit articles for Clubwoman Magazine
May 1, 2022**



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