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It was great to see everyone at our GFWC-SC Sparkling Summer Session, August 13. Everyone enjoyed the table displays, posters, and handouts the CSP Chairmen presented during the Program Fair. Our CSP and Advancement Area Chairmen did a fantastic job! Our session included our Presidents Institute with 2nd Vice President, Kaye Jones, Membership update and Disaster Relief Fund report from 1st Vice President, Suzanne Carswell. We received updates and reports from; Tracy Morzuch, Publicity & Public Relations Ch., DeAna Reed-Sharp, Community Impact Program Ch., Meetings & Convention Committee Ch., Dolly McDermott, and Michelle Blackman, Junior Director Elect and Advocates for Children Chairman. Carrie Zimmerman, Treasurer and Junior Advisor provided information about the St. Jude Run/Walk on Sept. 24. We heard from Susan Sanchez, Leadership Chairman, about our 2023 LEADS conference to be held on February 18. Anne Redlus announced our 2023 GFWC-SC Convention in Mount Pleasant, SC at the Indigo Hotel, April 27-29, 2023, Kendall Spillman, 125th Anniversary Ch., told us about special plans being made to celebrate our GFWC-SC 125th Convention Anniversary . Our 3 District Presidents announced dates and information for District Conferences. Lynn Snipes Young spoke to our group about Lowcountry/ Midlands Orphan Relief.



Norma England
GFWC-SC
President

Shelli Pue has agreed to serve again as Director of Junior Clubs. I appreciate Shelli serving GFWC-SC again! I am excited to be working with her. Shelli discussed her Special Projects and Awards.

Now our thoughts turn to fall and a new Club Year. Reminder: November is National Family Caregivers Month. For information, ideas, and activities on National Family Caregivers Month go to www.joincake.com. This month long focus on family caregivers fits with my SC special project, Elder Abuse/ Neglect Awareness & Prevention.

Our CSP and Advancement Area Programs are highlighted in this magazine issue. Chairmen are giving a brief overview and their contact information. There is also a list of Club Presidents and contact information in this issue, plus dates and information on our District Conferences.

Have a wonderful Fall!

In Federation Spirit,

Norma



Hello GFWC-SC ladies,

Welcome to a new club year! I am so optimistic about all that will be accomplished throughout the year. For those of you that were not able to attend the Summer Session, you might be surprised to see this article from me. Well, surprise! I'm back and ready for action.

Our previously installed Director of Junior Clubs, Polly Gathings' special project was "Neighbors Who Care". To honor her efforts I've decided to keep the same special project. We are all neighbors to someone, whether they're right next door or miles down a dirt road. My question to you is, how can we as GFWC-SC be better and more thoughtful neighbors? Over the next two years, let's strive to incorporate random acts of kindness in our communities, with a special emphasis on literacy and financial literacy for our youth. I'll be at each district meeting to provide more details and available resources to help you in your efforts.



Shelli Pue
GFWC-SC
Director of Junior Clubs

In Junior Love,

Shelli

Storytimes

One ending September afternoon,
The trees were accepting their changing.
Accepting yet waiting while knowing
That green was waning in favor of golding.

And while waiting, they began talking, again,
Telling stories of us.

Stories of those walking beneath and
Of those climbing above,
Of those leaning upon them to secure the way,
Of those discovering a fallen branch
Left wayside for those wandering.

Of those gathering falling leaves,
Shaping them into wonder,
Carrying them along the carpeted paths,
Where the changing, golding trees are ever presiding.

So many stories, again,
but most importantly,
The Trees are telling stories of those understanding,
That while waiting, accepting, changing, and knowing,
Trees are always telling stories.

Janet R. Smalley
GFWC-SC Poet Laureate



How good it was to see so many of you at our Sparkling Summer Session. I am excited to serve as your Membership Chair for 2022-2024. If we've learned anything as a result of the last two years, it's the importance of staying connected. With that in mind, I have several things to share:

Soon we will be rolling out a new **MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER**. Look for the Pineapple Post to arrive in your inbox before too long. In the meantime, if you have member news or events to share, or ideas for something for us to address in the newsletter, please email me suzannegcarswell@gmail.com. I'd like to share your club's fundraisers, let our members know when one of us is struggling and needs help, or has something extra special to share. We will have some monthly technology information, other membership information, and keep you up to date on upcoming events. The idea is to help your clubs get the word out on your events and simply to just stay connected.



Suzanne Carswell
GFWC-SC
First Vice President

**MEMBERSHIP "SPARKLE AND SHINE"
RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN**

Join GFWC clubs nationwide in our popular membership recruitment campaign

June, July, and August



RETENTION
"Pearls - Strengthening Relationships"

Report due September 1

September, October, and November



RECRUITMENT
"Ruby - Share Your Passion!"

Report due December 1

December, January, and February



MENTORING
"Emerald - Harmonious Connections"

Report due March 1

March, April, and May



RECOGNITION
"Diamond - Shine Bright"

Report due June 1

At the beginning of the 2020 club year, GFWC South Carolina's total membership number stood at 1,101. By the second year of the Pandemic we had lost to attrition over 50 members and membership stood at 1,049. Today, we are back with a membership of 1,064 and growing. I am challenging each and every club to help us meet a challenge: to grow our state membership by 10% by the end of the 2022-2024 administration. That's a total new membership of 106 by May 2024, or 53 new members each year. We can do this! We can do this if we invite our friends, neighbors and acquaintances to membership events, fundraisers, meetings and club socials and if we federate new clubs ... General, Junior and Juniorette. We can do this by wearing our GFWC gear when traveling and having our 'elevator speech' ready to go (look for something on that in the new newsletter)! We can do this if we share the LOVE of GFWC South Carolina.

And to celebrate your success, please submit: **GFWC's SPARKLE AND SHINE RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN REPORT**. It's a fillable form that is available through the membership portal or by contacting me. It can be filled out online and submitted via email directly to GFWC@GFWC.org.

(Please copy First Vice President Suzanne Carswell suzannecarswell@gmail.com)

See the GFWC Club Manual and the membership portal for more information on Membership, Recruitment, Retention and Orientation of members.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES have been scheduled. Upstate District: September 11, Midlands District September 25 and Coastal District October 1. Please plan to attend your conference. It's a great way to meet other members of your district and you are bound to come away with lots of new information, inspiration and project ideas.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES: If your club is going to be celebrating a major anniversary this year, please let me know. You'll want to fill out the CLUB ANNIVERSARY ORDER FORM and send it to GFWC to obtain a certificate signed by international president Deb Strahanoski. Advertise this milestone on social media, your local publications and your website.

GFWC-SC's **WOMEN IN BUSINESS DIRECTORY** is being revamped. Please look for the form at GFWC-SC.org/More/Presidents Packet and send your information in. Help our members support your business!

Don't forget, I am here to serve YOU. Reach out if I can help you in any way. I'd love to visit your club, attend a fundraiser or membership event and get to know each of you better. Remember to SHARE THE LOVE OF GFWC ... because GFWC-SC Members Matter!

In Federation Love,

Suzanne

DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE

The news reports of the devastation from the flooding in Kentucky have been heartbreaking. The DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE approved sending a total donation of \$500 to aid the affected members of GFWC Kentucky. At Summer Session on August 13, individual members and clubs added to that total with their generous donations of another \$455, with more pledged. The funds will be sent in \$25 and \$50 Visa gift cards, per GFWC Kentucky's recommendation. GFWC Kentucky will be distributing the cards directly to their affected members on August 27. Thank you to all the individuals and clubs who have so generously donated to both the Disaster Relief Fund and to individual relief efforts. Your donations make a significant impact in what we can do as a state federation to help our GFWC sisters in times of crisis.

Suzanne Carswell

1st Vice President/Disater Relief Chair



Hello ladies!

I hope you've had a wonderful summer and have managed to stay cool in the process! It's hard to believe September and football are right around the corner. Your administration has been working hard all summer and looking forward to our clubs getting their new club year started!

Program Council met Friday, August 12 and approved the following NEW AWARDS!

President's Special Program Awards:

Stand Tall Award: Awarded to the Club in each category (General, Junior, Juniette) submitting a report for the best overall project/projects in the area of Elder Abuse/Neglect Awareness & Prevention. This award focuses on fundraising, in-kind support, and volunteering.

Wear a Crown: Awarded to the Club in each category (General, Junior, Juniette) that contributes the most money to **Project Lifesaver**.

Tech Tidbits: Awarded to the Club in each category (General, Junior, Juniette) for the best overall project promoting technology assistance and computer training for/with Club members.

Junior Director Special Program Awards:

Polly's Good Neighbor Award

Awarded to the club that best displays random acts of kindness in the community.

Gabrielle's Neighborhood Literacy Award

Awarded to the club that best displays random acts of kindness toward literacy advancement for the youth including financial literacy.

Neighborly Love Award

Awarded to clubs that use collaborative efforts in their participation of the Director of Junior Clubs Special Project, Neighbors Who Care.

And Announcing...The all-new President's Award of Excellence Award!

The 2nd Vice President and the Director of Junior Clubs will submit to the GFWC-SC President the winning Cup Award reports in each General and Junior Category. The GFWC-SC President will then choose an overall Best of the BEST winner for the President's Award of Excellence. This award rewards and recognizes outstanding projects and reporting for work done in the community by their club. This award will be a Silver Certificate as well as a \$100 monetary award.

The Janet Prince Membership Award has been retired and a new award was approved the **Janet Prince GFWC-SC LEADS Grows New Leaders Award** This certificate will be awarded to each club in all club categories that sponsors a club member to attend the GFWC-SC LEADS Training each year. This includes paying for their registration fee and any other expenses associated with their attending.

Some changes are coming in 2022...all forms will be on the GFWC-SC website! All 2022 updated forms/information will be available there as of September 1. We will have a Reporting Workshop via Zoom in the fall and another at Winter Board closer to Report writing time.

Don't forget to check out the GFWC-SC and GFWC websites – there is lots of information there. I look forward to working with each of you!

In Federation Love,

Kaye



Kaye Jones

GFWC-SC

Second Vice President



Shannon Smith
GFWC-SC
 Secretary

I hope everyone is having a safe and cool summer! I enjoyed seeing so many of you at our Summer Board Meeting. If you missed it, please plan to attend your upcoming District meetings to up with what GFWC SC has planned.

If you give a report at any of our meetings, please make sure to give me a copy so it can be included in the meeting minutes.

I hope you are planning to attend the Southern Region Conference in Jekyll Island on October 20-23. It will be a GREAT time!! See y'all soon!!

Hello fellow GFWC-SC women!

I am so excited to be serving as GFWC-SC Treasurer this administration. Below are some important dates to remember and guidelines to follow for TAX purposes, applying for fundraising and the Progress Foundation!

GFWC-SC Annual Dues: Annual dues shall be paid to GFWC-SC Treasurer on or before the first day of November. Clubs must pay their dues by Nov 1st in order to earn points on the rating sheet and to be eligible to apply for a grant from GFWC-SC Progress Foundation.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Per Member</u>
General Clubs	\$ 27
Junior Clubs	\$ 31
Members at Large	\$ 27
Heritage Clubs	\$ 16
Juniorette Clubs	\$ 11



Carrie Zimmerman
GFWC-SC
 Treasurer

IRS Tax or Informational Return Filing. You are required to file an annual return of your income and expenses with the IRS. Small tax-exempt organizations with gross receipts ≤ \$50,000 can file an electronic notice. The 990-N or E-Postcard filing is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after close of your tax year.

<u>Ending date of Tax Year</u>	<u>Return Due Date</u>
Dec 31	May 15
Nov 30	April 15
Oct 31	Mar 15
Sept 30	Feb 15
Aug 31	Jan 15
July 31	Dec 15
June 30	Nov 15
May 31	Oct 15
April 30	Sept 15
Mar 31	Aug 15
Feb 28/29	July 15
Jan 31	June 15

Secretary of State Registration or Exemption:
 The Registration Statement for a Charitable Organization or 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. Please see [http://www.sos.sc.gov/ Public Charities/PublicCharitiesInfo](http://www.sos.sc.gov/PublicCharities/PublicCharitiesInfo).

Secretary of State Financial Report: Unless you have registered with the Secretary of State's Office for an Ex-emption – your club may either submit the Secretary of State's Annual Financial Report Form or the IRS Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-PF. Please see http://www.sos.sc.gov/PublicCharities/PublicCharities_Info.

*Remember I can be reached by email, czim22@gmail.com , snail mail, 605 White Oak Farms Rd., Tamasee, SC. 29686 or phone (864) 710-5851.

In Federation Love, *Carrie*

S. C. F. W. Progress Foundation

Clubs did much better this year sending in their final reports by June. The grace period to comply has ended so clubs that receive grants must get their final reports in on time. The only exception is a project that involves scholarships but you must notify Jan Hadwin, Treasurer, if that is the case.

Please note all the deadlines if you want to apply for a Progress Foundation grant. You must pay club dues by November 1st, postmark the application by November 15th, acknowledge receipt of the grant by April 15th, and submit the final report by June 1st.

Clubs must have a project lined up and provide the information required in the application. Don't wait until the last minute to check the application for all the required information such as estimates, preparations, volunteer hours, and an itemized list of the cost of materials. If you wait until the last minute to fill out the application, you might not have time to collect the required information.

If you have any questions, contact Jan Hadwin (janetwh@aol.com) for assistance.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Herring

Chairman, Progress Foundation
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District Conferences - 2022

Upstate District - **Sunday, September 11, 2:30-4:30,**
Riverbend Condominium Clubhouse
925 Cleveland St., Greenville, SC

Midlands District - **Sunday, September 25, 2:30-4:30 p.m.**
Woman's Club of Cayce Clubhouse
701 Oakland Avenue, Cayce, SC

Coastal District - **Saturday, October 1, 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**
Lowcountry Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
10 Simmonsville Road, Bluffton, SC

Community Service Programs, Advancement Plans and Special Projects

Arts and Culture CSP

The dollars and cents of Arts and Culture for the GFWC Club year ending 2021 will astound you.



There were 6,615 donated projects; with 310,569.75 volunteer hours; \$848,000.13 and in-kind donations of \$580,555.80. A lot of money and a lot of time spent collecting art supplies for schools, attending museum openings, having paint parties, attending plays, observing Youth Art Month and wine and food tastings. There is no end to what Clubwomen can do when faced with challenges in providing The Arts to those who have never seen a live play or an art exhibit. Please refer to the GFWC guidelines for suggestions for your club in the Arts and Culture CSP. Most of all, meet the needs of YOUR community in these areas. Funding is being cut in our schools in the areas of Art and Music. Volunteers do and can make a difference.

The big change in Arts and Culture this year is that the GFWC-SC Scrapbook Contest is suspended for the 2022-2024 club year. Let us hear from you if you want the Scrapbook Contest back at Convention. The Scrapbook is a history of your club year and probably could fall under Women's History. We are suggest that if clubs want to do a scrapbook, they be judged on a District Level during the 2022 - 2024 year. Also, in the Photography Contest entries can be submitted digitally and winners will be sent in accordance with GFWC guidelines from Convention winners.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions concerning Arts and Culture. I can be reached by phone or email.

I have been a member of GFWC-SC since 1974 when I joined the St. Andrews Woman's Club. I have served GFWC-SC as Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Education Department Chairman, Fundraising Chairman, Progress Foundation, and CLUBWOMAN Editor. I was named as Honorary Lifetime Member in 1993 when I moved to North Carolina. I am also a member of the GFWC Lowcountry League, serve as Coastal District Secretary Treasurer, and serve on Headquarters Committee. I am settling in to my new home in the Lowcountry amid many cousins and aunts. Come by to visit when you are in the area.

Your Friend in Federation,

Dianne McIntosh McCarty,
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Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP

The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program reminds us that we are a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community—locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. Volunteering is one of the best ways to put civic duty into action and it is often the first step in building a stronger connection to community, but there are other ways to contribute, such as advocating, fundraising or donating, and problem solving. The possibilities are endless. We advocate because there is a need, we volunteer because we are needed.



As we head into Fall and the Thanksgiving season, the 2022-2024 Community Initiative for Civic Engagment encourages clubs to focus on giving thanks and advocating for the essential workers in the community. Essential workers iin the community include many fields of work not only medical care providers and first responders, but also the many 911 dispatchers, teachers, civil service employees, farmers, truckers, utility workers, pharmacy providers, bank employers, delivery services, sanitation employees, and military personnel as examples.

This initiative is exciting because there are so many ways to thank these essential workers, privately or publicly. Its a great way to make them feel as essential part of our communities and spread the work about your club. Find ways to say thanks throughout the year as either individual projects or adding this component to existing projects. I can't wait to read all of the reports on this initiative!

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Chairman: Pamme Eades
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Education and Libraries CSP

Greetings,

I hope you all enjoyed the "hot" summer and are now ready to roll up your sleeves and bring some SPARKLE to your Public Library.



Education and Libraries CSP, Community Connection Initiative provides many opportunities to be creative in supporting your local librarian. September is Library Sign-UP week. I am certain your club will find ways

to support this initiative. The last week of September 26-30, librarians will acknowledge the importance of open and free access to information. Visit the Banned Book website for event ideas and a list of restricted books. Planning ahead, take note of the Anti-bullying Campaign in October.

I encourage each Education and Libraries CSP Chairperson to become familiar with all of the program/event suggestions to be effective in your local libraries, schools, senior facilities, day care programs, civic groups and veterans groups. Please go to www.GFWC.ORG and read the Club Manual specific to this CSP. Also, check out www.GFWC-SC.ORG. The list is long, varied, and certain to pique your interest.

ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) Honor Society is open to all GFWC members. I encourage all Education & Libraries, CSP Chairpersons to review materials available for this reading program at www.GFWC.ORG and also check out the Facebook page for GFWC 2022-2024 ESO Book Club. What a great way to learn, share and grow with your club mates. A great social opportunity as well!

I look forward to working with you all during this tenure '22-'24. So much to do, so many opportunities, so much to accomplish. Unleash your creativity and enthusiasm, "the sky is the limit". Together let's make it SPARKLE, "Live the volunteer spirit."

Phyllis M. Sippel, Ph.D.
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Environment CSP

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children"
Chief Seattle

Challenge Project: Live Sustainably – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Learn how reducing, reusing, and recycling can help you, your community, and the environment by saving money, energy, and natural resources. The most effective way to reduce is to plan. Think before you shop and bring reusable bags, purchase products made with recycled content, and buying only what you need to reduce waste, and reduce water usage. Your club can make a big difference! A few ideas for your club

Shoes	Soles4Souls-DFW Drop Boxes
Aluminum Cans	Fire Department
Newspapers/Towels	Animal Shelters
Building Materials	Habitat for Humanity
Corks	Whole Foods-Cork Forest Conservation Alliance
Used oral care waste; Toothbrushes, brush heads, toothpaste tubes, mouthwash containers, floss, floss picks	Crest and Oral B- Recycle on Us, go to oralb.com and download your free shipping label once you have a full box

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Health and Wellness CSP

Allison McGee, Health and Wellness Chairman
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The Health and Wellness CSP aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of disease awareness and prevention, nutrition, and physical and emotional health. "The primary difference between health and wellness is that health is the goal and wellness is the active process of achieving it." - Sydney Lapped, MS, RDN. The GFWC Community Connection Initiative for Health and Wellness is "Physical Fitness, Give that Glimmer and Glow." Regardless of age, abilities, ethnicity, shape, or size, everyone can experience the benefits of physical activity. Clubs are encouraged to plan projects that will promote physical activity for any age group.



Why focus on fitness?

19.3% of the nation's children aged two to 19 are obese.

The risk of heart disease and stroke can be reduced with moderate-intensity aerobic activity.

A regular fitness regimen can also reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes and several cancers.

As we age, physical activity can slow the loss of bone density, reduce the risk of falling, and help with arthritis and other rheumatic conditions affecting the joints.

Physical activity helps keep our minds sharp, reduces the risk of depression and anxiety, and helps us sleep better.

Suggested Project Ideas:

Disease Awareness and Prevention

- Support and/or sponsor immunization programs at home and abroad.
- Share information about the early signs and symptoms of diabetes in children and adults.
- Provide care items for cancer patients.
- Post and/or share information on the safe disposal of unwanted medications.

Nutrition

- Share information with club and community about making wise food choices.
- Host a community Wellness Fair that provides health recipes and handouts on nutrition.
- Hold a "healthy food drive."
- Volunteer with Meals on Wheels.

Physical and Emotional Health

- Integrate physical fitness activities during club meetings.
- Send notes or cards to residents of nursing homes to boost their emotional well-being.
- Host a community thank you reception for caregivers.
- Work with local schools to implement the Presidential Youth Fitness Program in their curriculum.
- Support Special Olympics.
- Plan a fitness trail in your community.
- Partner with a sports store to provide fitness equipment for a senior center or nursing home.

To access more Health & Wellness CSP information, go to the 2022 – 2024 Club Manual on the GFWC website.

Let's Get Fit Within our Communities!

GFWC-SC ESO GOALS 2022

1. Add 10 new members from different clubs
2. Research and implement a



reading service project for SC readers who have limited access to books

3. Communicate monthly with GFWC-SC ESO members via Facebook, email or SC Club Woman Magazine
4. Organize and conduct 2 ESO events to be done virtually or at a GFWC- SC event

GFWC-South Carolina ESO Co-Chairmen

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Communications and Public Relations Advancement Area

Clubwomen are encouraged to follow the GFWC-SC Facebook and Instagram Accounts: (all are written as seen on Facebook) as information will be shared through these platforms on a regular basis. Please follow the state level social media accounts, your district level, and your club.



Facebook:

GFWC - South Carolina: Official Facebook page of GFWC-SC

GFWC of South Carolina Headquarters: official page of GFWC-SC Headquarters

Gfwc-SC Upstate District

Gfwc-SC Coastal District

GFWC SC Midlands District

Gfwc SC Juniors

Instagram:

@gfwcsc: Official GFWC-SC Instagram page

@gfwcscmidlands: Official GFWC-SC Midlands Instagram page

@gfwcwcjuniors1820: Official GFWC-SC Juniors Instagram page

@gfwcschq: Official GFWC-SC Headquarters
Instagram page

Tech Tidbits: Awarded to the Club in each category (General, Junior, Juniorette) for the best overall project promoting technology assistance and computer training for/with Club members. This report will take into account time spent helping members become technologically savvy. Club are encouraged to have members assist each other. Special recognition will be given to Clubs that reach out and work with other Clubs to upgrade computer skills. Award will be judged by GFWC-SC Communications and Public Relations Chairman, Tracy Morzuch and GFWC-SC President Norma England.

Suggestions for Success: Have several club members to work with other club members; please do not have 1 person responsible for the task.

Meet their technology skills where they are

Track your hours for the award

Partner with other clubs/clubwomen to help grow your skills

Monthly technology tips will be included in 1st Vice-President's Pineapple Post Newsletter

Please message with club events so I can promote on Facebook and Instagram.

Tracy Morzuch, Chairman
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(803) 984-3018

Fundraising and Development Advancement Area

Until we experienced the Covid 19 pandemic few of us gave thought to how dependent we were on social events in our fundraising efforts. Our traditional Teas, Bake Sales and Game Nights were no longer possible and it seemed as if everything went virtual practically overnight. Although things are slowly getting back to normal many are still hesitant to return to the ways of pre-pandemic times.



Whatever you decide regarding social distancing there are a few steps to follow when planning fundraising activities. Begin your fundraising process by gathering club members together for a brainstorming session. Discuss pros and cons, then make your choice and design as many ways as you can to put fun into your fundraisers.

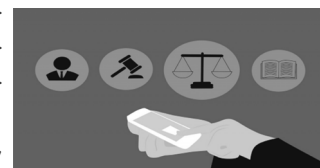
1. Research and follow the applicable laws. Charitable fundraising is regulated in most states.
2. Appoint a capable Fundraising and Development Chairman
3. Set Goals and Objectives.
4. Plan all aspects of your Fundraising and Development Program.
5. Evaluate your efforts and show appreciation to the community.
6. CELEBRATE! You earned it.

Questions or need input? Contact me or the GFWC Fundraising & Development Chairman, Jeanette T. Wells gfwc.jtw@gmail.com We are eager to provide help.

Rika Castaldo, Chairman
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Legislation and Public Policy Advancement Area

"Knowing your numbers" is not only important in your health management, but for effectively reaching out to the people, you elect. Whether it is on the local community, county, state house, or US/Congressional level, knowing who to call for what and where to find their numbers is the main member educational goal for South Carolina GFWC public policy advancement.



GFWC Goals in general:

- Encourage participation in the GFWC Legislative Action Center (LAC) Go to <http://www.gfwc.org>
- Click on the "Public Policy" Tab, then the link for "Take Action". Opt in by clicking on the boxes and you will be notified about important legislation.
- Educate members in how to be most effective in reaching out to their own legislators and building those relationships.
- Mobilize our members to raise a united voice to advocate for GFWC state and national priorities.
- Establish the GFWC name as a brand that lawmakers and the community recognize.

If circumstances allow, stay tuned for plans to have a GFWC Legislation Day at the SC State House in the

spring of 2023.

Lil Hayes -GFWC-SC Legislation and Public Policy Advancement Chairman
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Leadership Advancement Area

I am thrilled to serve as you Leadership Chairman for the 2022-2024 Administration and continue to build on the excellent programming already established. The strength of our future is the heart of our leadership - and working with our members to continue to develop their leadership skills is vital to our success.

Leadership, Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) is a fantastic way to begin the leadership journey and we will continue to use this as the platform to deliver training for members throughout the State. I challenge each club to nominate and sponsor at least one participant at attend this seminar. This is the same request we have made for the last two years. **The first LEADS for this administration will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2023.** Additionally, I will continue to explore opportunities to deliver content throughout the year. I look forward to working with each of you. Please reach out to me if you have questions or need additional application forms.

I will also be coordinating with Susan Gettys to find out how I can support the international goals. You can also mark your calendars for 2024 ---**LEADS 2024 will be on February 17, 2024.**



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Leadership Tips for Everyone

As we begin the new club year, I wanted to remind you of some things you can include in that dreaded project, Annual Reporting. Everyone in your club handles some leadership duties without even knowing it. So, to help you as you get going, I wanted to provide you with the following ideas that can be reported under the Leadership Advancement area. This is not a complete list, but I hope it gives you an idea how we are all a part of leadership. (Don't forget to add the things you do to your calendar or your club notebook)

Leadership duties that can be reported:

- Preparing for a meeting and having an agenda
- Reviewing your clubs By-Laws
- Conduct an orientation for your new officers
- Did you attend the GFWC-SC Convention? What about the GFWC Convention or our Southern Region Meeting? Don't forget your District Meeting? These can all be reported under Leadership.
- Attending our State LEADS program.
- Holding a group meeting to prepare your reports

Also, I wanted you to know you can reach out to me anytime you have a Leadership question. Are you wanting to start a Mentor program to help new members in your club? This a great way to help them understand what it means to be a member of GFWC. If you are interested in having Mentors in your club and don't know where to start, please reach out to me.

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Women's History and Resource Center Advancement Plan

2022-2024 Emphasis:

Encourage member participation in diverse club and community projects developed to **PRESERVE** the past, **PROMOTE** the present and **INSPIRE** the future.

Check GFWC.org to access the Women's History and Resource Center Advancement Plan for information about the Resource Center. The GFWC Women's History and Resource Center manages the organizational archives of GFWC, related special collections, and a complementary research library.

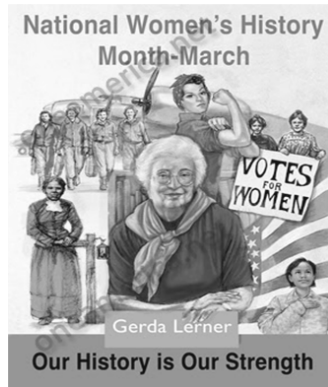
Ideas for your club:

- Appoint a WHRC Chairman.
- Collect documents, materials, and artifacts of your club and find an appropriate storage facility for them.

- Write your own club history.
- Observe Women’s History Month in March.
- Present a “Woman of Distinction” Award to a club or community member who exhibits outstanding service.
- Share information from the Research Center to your club for ideas, projects and fundraisers.
- Sign up to receive the WHRC Newsletter which is published several times each year.
- Become a Friend of the WHRC as a member, or as a club.
- Purchase a WHRC Heritage Pin.
- Report what you do to your GFWC-SC Chairman to be shared with other clubs and GFWC. What we do today, is tomorrow’s history!

Goals: Learn the history of GFWC and apply this knowledge to community service projects you are planning today.

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GFWC Signature Project: Domestic and Sexual Violence and Awareness and Prevention

I am so honored to be continuing my 2020-2022 position as Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman for the 2022-2024 administration.

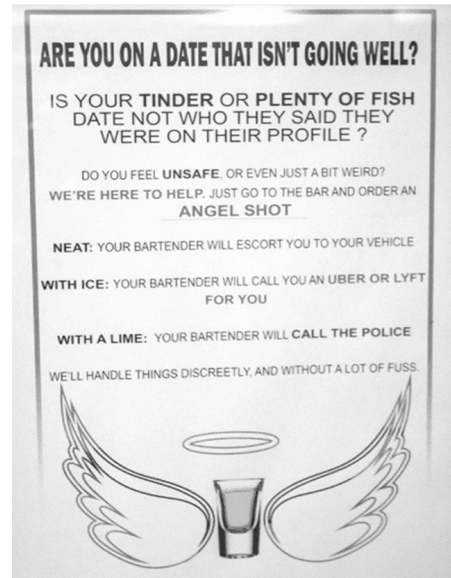
You may remember that my last focus was Human Trafficking. This administration I would like to focus on Dating Assault and Abuse.

I would like to challenge South Carolina Clubwomen to go into bars and restaurants in your areas and educate the staff about the Angel Shot, and to post a notice similar to this in every woman’s bathroom as well as posting behind the bar for the staff. One woman saved from assault and abuse is a win for all

women.

I am excited to see the wonderful work done by you in the next 2 years. Please do not hesitate to email, call or text me with any questions.

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GFWC Junior’s Special Project: Advocates For Children

Hello fellow GFWC-SC Clubwomen,

It is my honor to share more information with you about the Junior’s Special Program: Advocates for Children. ALL clubs (Women’s, Junior, Juniorette, International Affiliate) are encouraged to complete a project in this category, at any time during your club year. This special program encourages child advocacy and projects that will assist and protect children in crisis, including those experiencing child abuse, cyberbullying, depression, foster care, homelessness, human trafficking, life-threatening illness, etc



Project ideas & examples:

- Contact local children’s homes or Title 1 schools in SC and ask for their needs list. Host an event/drive to raise funds or collect items to fulfill this list
- Spend time adding “sparkle” to a local children’s area- such as a flower garden at a local park, a

mural on a wall in a doctor's office or at a Child Advocacy Center

- Work with your city, county, or state to have the fourth week in October recognized as Advocates for Children Week. Send a copy of the proclamation to Juniors' Special Program Chairman Katie Robey at kdrobey@robeybaur.org
- Engage with advocacy groups in your area that support children's physical and/or mental health (example: SC Children's Trust)
- Juice Box Challenge: Challenge clubs to donate at least one juice box per member to their local Child Advocacy Centers (CAC). Juice boxes help CAC staff build rapport with children as they discuss difficult issues.
- The emphasis for Advocates for Children Week (October 22nd- 29th, 2022) this year will be to promote a collection of personal hygiene items, clothing, and blankets to local organizations for children removed from homes due to unsafe conditions.

I look forward to seeing what your clubs do to support tomorrow's future, our children.

In Junior Love,
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GFWC: Advocates for Children

GFWC-South Carolina President's Special Project: Elder Abuse/Neglect Awareness and Prevention

I am pleased to serve as your GFWC-SC President Special Project Chairman. GFWC has chosen Domestic and Sexual Violence and Prevention as the Signature Program and under that umbrella our President has selected ELDER ABUSE as the state focus.

Research indicates that one in ten older people living independently in the community are affected by abuse in the United States. Elder abuse impacts communities on many levels, from public health to civic participation to economic resources. Signs of elder abuse may be missed by professionals working with older Americans due to a lack of training. We need to support and educate our elder population and their caregivers. Let's do our part in SC and have ALL our clubs participate in this initiative! For more information and ideas visit the Club Manual page 26-27. A few project ideas are:

Distribute Elder Abuse public awareness materials

at local sporting events, concerts, fairs and grocery stores.

Hold a community yard sale at a central location such as a senior center or church with proceeds going to an Elder Abuse support group or community outreach program to help support elders in crisis.

Provide Nursing Homes with support materials.

Resources:

Elder Abuse National Institute on Aging www.nia.nih.gov/health/elder-abuse

National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) www.ncea.acl.gov

Center for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/features/elderabue/index.html

In January, I will give you information on Project Lifesaver. A sneak peak is on page 14 of the June 2022 Clubwoman Magazine. I look forward to working with you all over the next two years.

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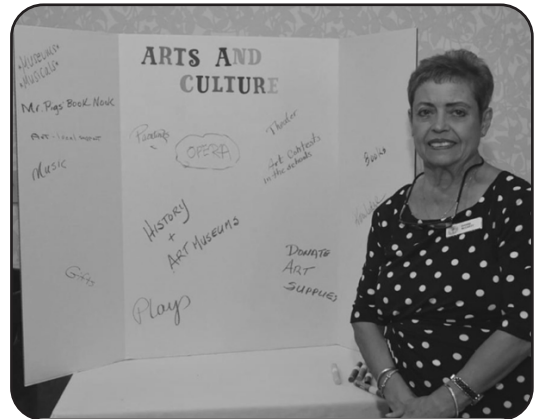
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Sparkling Summer Session



Congratulations to Woman's Club of the Midlands
They were awarded the Jackie Boland Attendance Award
at our Sparkling Summer Session, August 13, 2022





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Why GFWC Friendsgiving?

Friendsgiving is the blend of the words *Friends* and *Thanksgiving*, and it refers to a large meal shared with friends either near or on Thanksgiving. But why should we make this concept of a meal with friends just for Thanksgiving time?

The **GFWC National Event: GFWC Friendsgiving** will help build the GFWC brand in your community: gather and thank leaders, individuals, and businesses who have participated in some way in club projects by their donations of items, time, gift cards, and/or sponsorship; and enlighten potential members to the vast reach of club philanthropy and grassroots volunteer dedication.

Reach out to organizations that have benefited from your hands-on community service and/or In-kind donations and invite them. Think of your local organization contacts your club works with, such as the humane society, domestic violence shelters, after-school programs, food kitchens and pantries, and the list goes on.

Who else to invite? Town/city leaders, local business owners, past club members, co-workers, friends, members from other social groups you belong to, ladies who have attended club events or meetings but never joined, and even the micro-volunteers who assisted your club over the past few years. Pretty much, *EVERYONE* your club members are in contact with could be invited.

The goal is to get together for fun and fellowship. It can be scheduled around any holiday, such as:

- *GFWC Friendsgiving* – Ringing in the New Year with Friends (New Year’s)
- *GFWC Friendsgiving* – Show the Love (Valentine’s Day)
- *GFWC Friendsgiving* – Join us for a “Hoppy” Celebration (Easter)
- *GFWC Friendsgiving* – It’s A Federation Day Friendsgiving
- *GFWC Friendsgiving* – Let the Summer Warm Your Heart (summer months)

The possibilities are endless. GFWC clubs are creative – we encourage you to create your own **GFWC Friendsgiving** event.

All the facets needed to plan a successful event are located in the
GFWC Friendsgiving ~ Box of Gems
located in the F Resources Folder in the Member Portal

GFWC Friendsgiving ~ a wonderful opportunity to be *Thankful* for the community’s support and to BRAG about the good GFWC grassroots volunteering your members participate in while gaining a few new members in the process!

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Reception for GFWC Director Katie Moydell, GFWC-SC Headquarters, September 25

Submit Club Dues by November 1

Application for Progress Foundation Grant—November 15

Stocking Extravaganza Reception, November 29

Winter Board Meeting—January 14, 2023 Double Tree Hotel, Columbia, SC**

GFWC CSP, Advancement Plan and Special Projects reports due February 1, 2023

LEADS training—February 18, 2023 Woman's Club of Cayce Clubhouse

State, District Awards, Rating Sheet, Contribution Sheet due March 15, 2023

