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Spring is in the air and that means state convention is just around the corner. I hope you will all join us April 27, and 28 in Columbia at the Embassy Suites for a weekend of friendship, celebration and fun. Registration and details are in this issue. **Rooms must be reserved by April 5** to get the \$99 per night rate. Call 1-800-EMBASSY and identify yourself as being with the GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMENS' CLUB OF SC ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Friday luncheon will be a celebration of Girlfriends Who Care and I'm working on "treats" for our members to remind us to take care of ourselves. Arrive early, you don't want to miss the luncheon! Friday evening will be fun-filled so dress in your favorite decade and enjoy the junior bag auction. If you attended last year's Friday dinner and junior auction, you know there will be lots of laughter! I can't wait to see this year's "ditty bag". The election of officers will be Saturday morning and Saturday evening we will install the new officers and recognize several outstanding club-women.

Remember to invite the officers and your district president to club meetings and upcoming events. We want to visit with you.

I can't wait to see you in April and celebrate your accomplishments!! Have a fabulous spring!

Laurie

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Ways to support the GFWC-SC General Fund

Order of the Jessamine

The Order of the Jessamine is a GFWC-SC honorary society comprised of members who have been elected by their club for special recognition at the annual state convention. Criteria for election is at the discretion of the club and may be revised annually. The honoree will be distinguished at convention in a special presentation and will be listed in the next Clubwoman Magazine as a member of the Order of the Jessamine, Class of 2012. Honorees may be elected to more than one Class. To bestow the distinction, clubs may submit one name annually with a fifty dollar (\$50) contribution to the GFWC-SC Treasurer. All proceeds shall benefit the GFWC-SC General Fund.



GFWC-SC Honor Roll

Honor someone in your life with a \$25 donation to the GFWC-SC Honor Roll. Honorees will be listed in the convention program and added to the Honor Roll book at HQ. Make checks payable to GFWC-SC and send to Linda Rodgers, 116 Rustcraft Drive, Greer, SC 29651. All proceeds benefit the GFWC-SC Endowment Fund.



Business Opportunity

Do you own a business? Would you or someone you know like to advertise their business in the Greenville Convention Program? Ads in the Columbia convention program are available at the following rates:

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

Ads must be camera-ready or our printer will charge \$50 per hour to prepare it.

Deadline for Ads is April 15th.

Email or Mail Ads to: Tonja Ivey
115-C Library Hill Lane
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All proceeds benefit the GFWC-SC General Fund.

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GFWC-SC President-elect Jo Ann Bolchoz

Hi Girlfriends, it was great seeing so many of you at the Leadership Seminar and Winter Board in January. It has been a pleasure to serve you, the membership, as First Vice President/President-elect and Membership Chair during this administration. I have enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you and I look forward to working with all of you during the 2012-14 administration. But now, it is time to celebrate your successes and congratulate you for your many volunteer hours and dollars given to varied projects in your communities, GFWC-SC and GFWC. Please help with the celebration by following these guidelines:

Happy Easter

- Send me and your District President the **Rating Sheet**, postmarked by **March 15**.
- Send the **names of deceased club members** to Chaplain, Jolene Bryant at 206 Phillips Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29307 or email her at brya3872@bellsouth.net.
- Polish any **state** silver you won at convention last year (**not district silver**) and bring it to convention or get it to someone to bring by **10:00 AM on Friday morning of convention**.
- Send me the names of **25 year and/or 50 year service members by April 1, 2012**. Clubs are responsible for payment of the 25 year pins and GFWC-SC pays for the 50 year service pins. I will place the order for these pins the first week of April, 2012 for presentation at convention. Clubs can reimburse me at convention for the 25 year pins ordered.
- Send me your club listing for **the Star Recruiter Program by April 1, 2012**. Remember this information is cumulative for the number of members recruited by each club member since June, 2000. I will place the order for star recruiter pins/star attachments the first week in April, 2012 to Gail McCormick at GFWC for presentation at convention.
- Submit your **club nominations** for GFWC-SC Volunteer of the Year, Woman of Distinction, Juniorette of the Year, Junior Clubwoman of Achievement, Class of 2012 Order of the Jessamine and Honor Roll Honorees to the respective individuals as identified in the December, 2011 Clubwoman. We have many deserving clubwomen. Please take this opportunity to recognize them for their achievements.
- Club Presidents please submit the **Club President Directory Form** to Kaye Jones, 1380 Railfence Drive, Columbia, SC 29212. **This form is due by April 15, 2012**. As soon as your club has elected officers for 2012-14 please submit the form. Installation of the officers is not required prior to submission. This form is in the President's Packet or you can obtain one from our website: www.gfwc-sc.org. Click on Member Information and then Forms and Documents.
- Reserve your room now for convention. Your Co-Hosts—Western & Central Districts are working hard with their plans for a fun-filled weekend. **This is your time to shine – lets plan to celebrate together!**

Membership Matters—Today, Tomorrow and Beyond

As of February 1, 2012 we have **1326 club members**. 974 members in General Clubs, 312 members in Junior Clubs, 38 members in Juniorette Clubs and 2 Members-at-Large. **Remember you can still submit dues for new members to Linda Rodgers through early April**. A note of information, when your club submits dues to GFWC-SC in November, the dues component being remitted to GFWC in February is for the January 1 until December 31 calendar year. So, if you have new club members for whom you have not remitted dues, please do so now so they may enjoy the benefits of belonging by receiving materials through next December with this payment of dues. Remember membership is an ongoing all seasons club project.

**Now please join me in welcoming our newest "Girlfriends" to GFWC-SC and GFWC
Thank you for your Gift of Membership!**

Welcome to our two new junior clubs - **the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Upstate** with Chrissy Dobbins as Club President and the **GFWC Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray** with Jill Jackson Holt as Club President.

Chapin Woman's Club

Staci Gregg
Charlotte Jordan
Susan Taffoni
Lee Matthews
Debbie Zimmerman

Woman's Club of the Midlands

Becky Shealy Melissa Kerr
Tina Fiorey

St. Andrews Woman's Club

Cindy Carroll Dina McPherson
Sarah Sheely Nora Whitley

Upstate Woman's Club

Mary DuPuy

Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray

Sarah Bennett Sara Bonne
Megan Heyward Jill Holt
Sarah Jackson Leslie Phillips
Kara Powell April Stutts
Jennifer White

Woman's Club of Cayce

Pammie Eades

Junior Woman's Club of the Upstate

Mary DuPuy Chrissy Dobbins
Tracy Toothman Julie Ledbetter
Marsha Mays Lauren Kozak
Leslie Poole Sybli Crain
Katie Lavender

Woman's Club of Charleston

Aileen Hock Nell Lassig
Betty McMichael Betty Salmon
Patricia Day
Ruth Elizabeth Taylor

Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Gail Soares Pam Farmer
Ann Barrett Betty Hedstrom

Lexington Woman's Club

Chris Faulk Susan Hardy

Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Allie Avila	Anne Black	Stephanie Butcher	Angela Carnaggio	Lorraine Cayrio
Tesha Davis	Stewart Davis	Stacey Dillon	Dalia Dinkins	Tanya Gary
Tina Groves	Amber Harres	Julia Harris	Tammy Hegler	Rebekah Horne
Courtney Jones	Beverly Lee	Shannon Lyon	Lindsey Moulder	Robyn Neville
Jennifer Patterson	Kimberly Peagler	Shelli Pue	Staci Quenneville	Samantha Reed
Katie Riddle	Chelsey Ruff	Suzanne Smith	Hannah Stair	Whitney Warr
Tatiana Titus	Teresa Tidwell-Smith	Whitney Williams		

Thank you to our Membership Recruiters

These ladies names have been entered in the records for the \$100 Membership Recruitment Award to be presented at the 2012 GFWC-SC Convention and the GFWC Star Recruiter Program.

Chapin Woman's Club

Renee Holstein
Linda Hill
Diana Powers
Gloria Black

Woman's Club of the Midlands

Jackie Boland Linda Ham

St. Andrews Woman's Club

Francis Hill Kim Hite
Susan Smith Susan Swails

Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Norma England Rhonda Garriss
Geri Rinehart

Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray

Judy Clark

Lexington Woman's Club

Dottie Sistare Tanya Hudson
Vickie Lefler Trilvia Hutto

Upstate Woman's Club

Caroline Richardson Mahaffey

Woman's Club of Charleston

Ginny Foreman Maureen Grayson
Pat Ezell Dottie Coleman
Patricia Wheeler Anne Yarborough

Woman's Club of Cayce

Angela Hoyle

Junior Woman's Club of the Upstate

Meg Hawes Linda Rodgers

Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Stephanie Blackmon	Marie Dieckmann	Neel Lesesne	Mary S. Dameron	Sarah Jackson
Kelly Jordan	Liz Kelsey Maynard	Jamie Muldrow	Jessica Garrett	Tiffany Holman
Amanda Barnes	Lofton DuBose	Rachel Grant		

Girlfriends, thank you for your time and dedication to federation.
Congratulations on your successful club year. I look forward to seeing you all at convention!

Jo Ann



Michele Hood
GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs

WOW!!! Reporting season for GFWC!!! The juniors have been busy in 2011. I have enjoyed reading all the reports I have received from the junior clubs around South Carolina. I can't wait to share some of the wonderful things we have been doing at Convention.

Speaking of convention, I hope to see all of you April 27th and 28th in Columbia for our state convention. That is when we will give out awards and have some fun with our GFWC-SC girlfriends. On Friday night, we will have the Junior bag auction like we did last year. Please bring something to auction off from your club. The money raised is for the Director of Junior Clubs travel fund. Also, at the Junior Luncheon on Saturday, we will be electing a Junior Director Elect. Please forward me the information on the candidate(s) so we can get the approval in to the elections committee so we can vote.

I look forward to see all of you in Columbia the end of April.

Michele Hood

Caroline Mahaffey
GFWC-SC Second Vice President

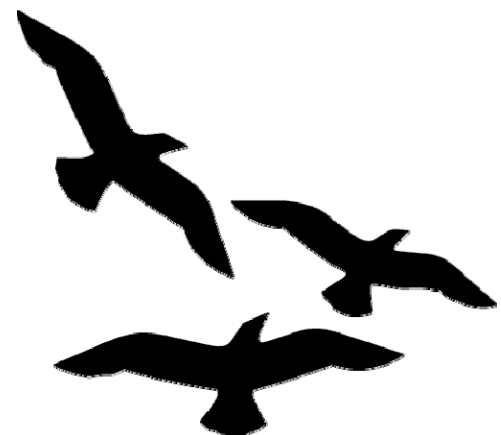
As I write this, I am surrounded by envelopes filled with reports, and they are still coming! What an awesome read. Girlfriends, you have all done a terrific job in your communities and your club officers have done a wonderful job in recording and reporting your work. Don't forget that there are a couple more opportunities to shine: the Photography Contest and the Scrapbook Contest. Check the December Clubwoman and the President's Packet for the requirements.



The Way

The way of hope is not to wait.
The path there leads to darkness.
Birds invite the dawn in song.
Their hearts breathe with belief of light.
They abandon the tree to visit the sun.
And soaring, they pull us all to Heaven.

Janet R. Smalley. GFWC-SC Poet Laureate



Candidates for 2012-2014 GFWC-SC Offices

First Vice President-Caroline Mahaffey
First Vice President-Lois Black

Second Vice President-Janet Prince

Recording Secretary-Juliet Casper

Treasurer-Kristin Fields

Confirmations of District Elections

District Presidents

Central District-Beth Taylor
Midlands District-Judy Soltis
Northern District-Meg Hawes
Southern District-Melissa Smith

Eastern District-Sarah Thomas
North Central District-Kathie Walker
Northwestern District-Heidi Roach
Western District-Ann Fornwald

GFWC-SC Scholarship Trustees

Northern-Mendy Haver **Northwestern**-Judy Edwards **Southern**-Brenda Rickenbacker

GFWC-SC Board of Trustees

Midlands-Susie Childress **Northern**-Laura Palmer **Southern**-Michele Hood

GFWC-SC Trustees of Progress Foundation

Central-Katie Jones **Midlands**-Kaye Gerald **North Central**-Sylvia Ayers

GFWC-SC 2012-2014 Elections Committee

Nominee

Central-Tonja Ivey
Eastern-Brenda Tarkenton
Midlands-Lynn Clecker
North Central-Misty Konow
Northern-Jolene Bryant
Northwestern-Carrie Zimmerman
Southern-Caroline Brown
Western-Pat Sauls

Alternate

Laura Howell
Susan Causey
Dot Mathias
Shirlee Alfors
Mary Vann
Valeri Chappel
Brenda Taylor
Suzanne Kneece

Elections/Confirmations shall be held at 11:00AM on Saturday, April 28. GFWC-SC Bylaws 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.

Caroline Richardson Mahaffey started her Federation experience with the Greenville Junior Woman's Club in 1986, when she was recognized as Most Outstanding New Club Member. She served as Points Chair, then Home Life Chair, and was named Most Valuable Chairman. Caroline then served as Club Treasurer and Secretary, and represented the district on the GFWC-SC Board of Trustees before leaving GJWC to federate the Upstate Woman's Club. Caroline served as UWC's first president, and is currently serving in that role again.

Since founding UWC, Caroline has served on the state level as Chairman for several departments, and represented the Northern District on the GFWC-SC Progress Foundation. While serving as Northern District President, Caroline was the recipient of the Howie Stackhouse Award once and the Nancy Boozer Award twice in recognition of her work in gaining and federating the most new clubs of any of the district presidents. She was the state's first Juniorette Coordinator. In addition to representing GFWC-SC as the L.E.A.D.S. candidate in Cleveland in 2009, she has represented UWC and GFWC-SC at five other GFWC International Conventions and six Southern Region Conferences.

Caroline is a divorced mother of seven children, and lives in Simpsonville. She is broker-in-charge and owner of Jeff Richardson Company, a third generation family real estate business. Caroline is lifelong member of Simpsonville First Baptist Church; is a member of the Simpsonville Kiwanis; and serves on the Board of Directors of the Simpsonville Chamber of Commerce and the Champions for Children - a fund-raising arm of Connie Maxwell Children's Home. She is currently chairman of Simpsonville 2020, an advisory committee, and chairman of the Simpsonville Planning Commission.



**Caroline
Richardson
Mahaffey**
Candidate for
First Vice President



Lois Black
 Candidate for
 First Vice President

Lois Black has served the Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville in all club officer and chairmen positions and as Club President for 18 years. She was voted as Woman of the Year by her club six times. She has served in the following positions for GFWC-SC: GFWC-SC Corresponding Secretary: Midlands District President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer: 14 consecutive terms as a State Department Chairman - United Nations, Conservation, Arts, Home Life and Scrapbook. She attends all GFWC-SC conferences and conventions. She was the 2006 and 2009 GFWC-SC Jennie Award Recipient and the GFWC-SC 2007 Volunteer of the Year and the GFWC-SC 2007 Woman of Distinction.

Community

- Elected twice as the Batesburg Business Association Chairman, and Member of the Year,
- Elected as the Batesburg-Leesville Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board as well as served two three year terms on the board
- Served on the Community Master Plan committee
- A graduate of the Lexington County Leadership Council
- Chairman of Community Historical Train Depot and Community Park Restoration and Historic community founders burial ground restoration
- Served as Miss Panther chairman
- Served as Miss SCPF Beauty Pageant
- Host Chef for the local Relay for Life fundraiser
- Founder of the local annual BBA Flower & Garden Show
- Chaired a professional bull riding competition, several local chili cook-offs, and wine tasting events, all for community improvement project

Other Service Awards

Received the Beta Sigma Phi South Carolina State Alpha Omega Award and Voted Girl of the Year four years

Employment

Co-Owner, Black's Tire Service, Inc.

VOIE 2012

Janet Prince has now celebrated 10 years of being a GFWC-SC Clubwoman. She started her years of service in September 2001 when she was invited to join the Woman's Club of Cayce. While at the Woman's Club of Cayce, Janet served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and Club President. In April 2008 she was elected GFWC-SC Midlands District President.

After moving from Cayce to West Columbia, Janet joined the Woman's Club of the Midlands in September 2008. She has served as the GFWC-SC Focus on Literacy Department Program Chairman for 2008-2010, and was co-chair of the 2010 GFWC-SC 112th Convention.

Janet has served as the GFWC-SC Recording Secretary for 2010-2012. In 2011, she was selected as the LEADS Candidate for South Carolina and attended the 2011 GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In addition, she serves as the Club Advisor to the newly chartered GFWC-SC Three Rivers Juniorette Club sponsored by the Woman's Club of the Midlands.

Janet is married to Gary Prince and they have two girls, Ashlan, age 14 and Genna, age 9 that she home schools.



Janet Price
Candidate for
Second Vice President

Kristin has been a member of the St. Andrews Woman's Club for 21 years where she has served as President, Treasurer and several various department chairs. She has also served GFWC-SC as Public Policy Chair, Central District President for two administrations, and most recently served as Finance Chair.

Additionally, Kristin has worked in the Private Finance/InterPlan Accounting Department at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SC for 18 years. During her tenure there she has reconciled a variety of cash, receivable, and liability accounts. As a member of management she has overseen InterPlan receivable and liability accounts for over 10 years.

Kristin has been married to Bert Fields for 21 years. She has two children Hunter (18) and Sarah (12). She is a member of St. Andrew's Baptist Church where she serves on the nominating committee and helps with the Girl's in Action program.

On a personal note, Kristin has shown her dedication to the organization through the positions held. She has good eye for details and she enjoys the work she does.



Kristin Fields
Candidate for
Treasurer

Juliet M. Casper is a partner in the law firm of Newby, Sartip, Masel & Casper, LLC, located in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. She received her BA from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana in 1989; her JD from Indiana University School of Law; and her Masters in Library Science from Indiana University. A former legal research instructor and law librarian at Indiana University School of Law, her practice consists of residential and commercial real estate, estate planning and probate, construction litigation, commercial and corporate transactions. She is licensed in both North and South Carolina. The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Juliet for her outstanding customer service by awarding her the prestigious I.C.E (Impeccable Customer Experience) Award on February 21, 2008.

Ms. Casper was invited by club member Linda Jones to be a speaker at the September 2002 meeting of the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club. She enjoyed the meeting so much that she quickly sought membership in the group. In the Spring of 2003 she was inducted as a new member and then asked to serve on the Club's Board as the First Vice President. She served in this capacity from 2004-2006 while Pat Estep was the Club's President. Ms. Casper spearheaded the Club's participation in the first Women Build project for Habitat for Humanity of Horry County. The Club was recognized by then GFWC-SC President Kathy Monahan for the President's Award.

In the Spring of 2006, Ms. Casper became the Vice President of Membership under Club President Leslie Kuznik. Increasing membership became a very important goal, and Ms. Casper worked with the publicity committee to insure that club events and activities were publicized in the local paper. In February of 2007 President Leslie Kuznik resigned from her position in order to care for a newly adopted baby. Ms. Casper then served as Club President from 2007 until the Spring of 2010. The membership of the club grew to its maximum capacity of seventy five under her leadership. The club also received numerous state and district awards for its work.

Currently, Ms. Casper serves the community as the GFWC-SC Eastern District President, the immediate past President of the North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club, a member of the Board of Directors for Sea Haven, a member of the Board of Visitors for the Edwards College of Fine Arts and Humanities at Coastal Carolina University, a member of the School Advisory Board for the North Myrtle Beach Area Schools, and a member of the Grand Strand Masters Swim Team. She is married to Chris Mezenski, and they have one child, Tristan, who is an eighth grader at North Myrtle Beach Middle School.



Juliet Casper
Candidate for
Recording Secretary

VOTE 2012

GFWC-South Carolina proudly endorses Marian St.Clair for the office of GFWC Secretary. A valued member since 1989, Marian's unique talents and skills, coupled with sincerity, compassion, and boundless energy, make her a dedicated and dynamic leader.

Born in Virginia to a military family, Marian lived in various locations, including Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, before studying Liberal Arts at Virginia Tech and moving to South Carolina.

Since her term as South Carolina State President, 2002-2004; Marian has served GFWC on the Bylaws Committee, 2004-2006; as Beautification Chairman, 2006-2008; on the Leadership Committee, 2008-2010; and as Treasurer, 2010-2012. She also assisted with LEADS, presenting the workshop "How to Write a Great Speech," 2003-2009. In her state, Marian is currently Parliamentary Advisor.

Marian is a Master Gardener and Master Naturalist. She works as a freelance garden writer, contributing regular columns to The National Gardening Association and The Greenville News. As a gardening expert, she has been guest of Martha Stewart Radio and local media, and is a frequent presenter at symposia. In 2008, she earned a Gold Award from the Garden Writers Association.

A dedicated community volunteer who relishes hands-on opportunities, Marian has been honored by the Rape Crisis Network, the SC Wildlife Federation, and many others. In 1997, she was distinguished as a GFWC Woman of Achievement.

Married to Tim St. Clair, an attorney and volunteer cycling coach for JDRF Ride to Cure Diabetes, the couple has two grown sons and a new granddaughter.

Personable, professional, and a proven leader, GFWC-SC wholeheartedly recommends Marian St. Clair for your consideration.



Marian St. Clair
Candidate for
GFWC Secretary

121th GFWC Annual International Convention June 13-17, 2012 | Charlotte, NC

Please join us in Charlotte for the 121th GFWC Annual Convention.

GFWC Charlotte Convention information – Full details are at
GFWC.org in Events & Meetings Section.

- Wednesday, June 13 - Opening state night banquet
- Thursday, June 14 – Opening session, workshops, state photo & region banquet
- Friday, June 15 – Business sessions
- Saturday, June 16 – Business sessions, elections and workshops

Hotel Information

The Westin Charlotte
704-375-2600
reference GFWC 2012 Annual Convention.
Deadline May 12.

Club News

Junior Woman's Club of Columbia presents...*Baubles and Bubbles, 2012!!!* Please join us for our annual fundraiser to benefit **Palmetto Place Children's Emergency Shelter**, a temporary home for children 17 and under who are victims of abuse and neglect right here in the Midlands. All proceeds raised go directly to Palmetto Place, a shelter that was founded by JWC 35 years ago. Please attend the best ladies night out that \$35 can buy and help raise money for a great cause! The event takes place on **April 26, 2012** at Embassy Suites near Greystone (in Columbia) from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. GFWC-SC State Convention starts the next day—what a great way to start the weekend! The convention rates apply to Thursday night as well if you attend *Baubles and Bubbles*. You can expect a huge silent auction with many one-of-a-kind items, DJ Pierre to make the dance floor come alive for the fourth year in a row, Shutterbooth to memorialize the night with party attire and almost instant photo booth pictures, and a champagne diamond drop to culminate the event as one lucky guest wins a diamond pendant worth over \$2,000! Tickets for the event are \$35 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and an open wine and beer bar. Champagne glass tickets are \$25 each, \$45 for 2, and \$60 for 3, and can be purchased ahead of time or at the event; each champagne ticket grants you a chance at the diamond pendant and additional fantastic prizes. Please see our website to purchase tickets online (www.jwccolumbia.org) or contact JWC President, Stephanie Blackmon, at stephaniemhatcher@hotmail.com or (803) 236-6699 to purchase tickets directly or inquire about the fundraising event. Remember, diamonds may be a girl's best friend, but these children are our future.

2nd Vice-President Caroline Mahaffey came to Rock Hill on January 11 to install new officers for GFWC York County.



Left to right: 1st Vice President-Judy McCardle, Treasurer – Linda Lathan, President– Sylvia Ayers, Caroline Mahaffey, Advisor-Joan Musselwhite, not pictured June Troyan– Secretary

The Woman's Club of Cayce presented the Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter with a check for \$16,000 on February 21, 2012. The proceeds were raised by the club at their annual Elton John Tribute Concert featuring Greg Bickley and his band, Tokoyo Joe.



Seated: Noree Rucker, Jennie Jordan, Gwen Fleming, Ann Diamond
 Standing: Carol Keisler, Hazel Jordan, Pamme Eades, Martha Park, Vickie Lovett, Fran Cornell, Greg Bickley, Julie Sharpe Isom, Laurie O'Kelly, Kaye Hutchinson, Tiffany Jones, Ann Malpass

GFWC-SC Renovations to Headquarters



Headquarters Committee received a grant from the Richland County Conservation Commission last summer. The money was used to help renovate our Headquarters building - the Sims-Stackhouse Mansion. The grant was in the amount of \$14,940 - 20% of which had to be paid either in kind or cash. Volunteer hours were given by Consulting Engineer, Bob Malpass, and members of the Headquarters Committee who monitored the work being done. Work was begun the end of

September and completed just before Thanksgiving.

We were able to complete the following:
Replacement of fascia boards around the outside of the building on the west side, the back, and partial replacement on the east side and the front where rotten wood was found.

Repair and replacement of trough guttering and downspouts around the building. Painting behind the downspouts and additional painting on the back and the west side upper story.

We are very grateful to the Richland County Conservation Commission for the money received to help preserve our Historic building that was built in 1853.



Constitution and Bylaws

The Bylaws Committee did not receive any proposed amendments to the Bylaws. There is one mandatory change to the Bylaws, per GFWC. We need to change any reference of Parliamentarian to Parliamentary Advisor. The Bylaws Committee will make these changes where appropriate, and any other editorial changes if needed, following Convention close. We will submit a copy of the corrected bylaws to the president and the secretary before the summer board meetings.

Bobbie Sox, Chair GFWC-SC Bylaws Committee

Convention Memorial Service

Club presidents whose club has deceased members dating from May 2011--April 2012 need to send the following information:

- A. member's name and several items about their club work
- B. name of club
- C. name of district

to JOLENE BRYANT, 206 PHILLIPS DRIVE, SPARTANBURG 29307, (864-579-2039),
BRYA3872@BELLSOUTH.NET by April 18th.

She needs this information in order to plan the Memorial Service.

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.

Name of Entrant (print) _____ Signature _____
Club _____ District _____

GFWC THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST: (amateurs only)

Categories: ___ Natural History: flowers, animals, insects, etc.
___ Scenic: vistas, landscapes, seascapes, snow scenes, bridges, parks, farmland, etc.
___ Feature: human interest picture including people, events, etc.

GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: _____ (amateurs only)

THIS RELEASE FORM MUST BE ATTACHED SECURELY TO EVERY ENTRY.

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.*

Official Call
The 114th Annual Convention
General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina



April 27 - 29, 2012
Columbia, SC at the Embassy Suites
200 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29210
Room Rates are \$ 99 per night
Reservations must be made by April 5th!

Here's a link to book online:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CAEGSES-GFW-20120426/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Hostess Districts are Central and Western
Convention Co-Chairmen are Peggy Aun and Darlene Rittel

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its One Hundred Fourteenth Annual Convention in Columbia at the Embassy Suites. All club women are invited and encouraged to attend to celebrate a very successful year.

GFWC-SC Convention Registration Form

(April 27 - April 29, 2012)

Send completed form for **EACH ATTENDEE** along with check(s) payable to **GFWC-SC** to:
Elizabeth Herring, 327 Annapolis Road, Lexington, SC 29072, liz.herring@windstream.net

REGISTRATION FEE: Registration for Convention is \$10 per person. (Late registration fee is \$15).

NAME: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____

EMAIL: _____

(please mark all that apply)

___ GFWC-SC State Officer(including District Presidents)

___ GFWC-SC Past President

___ GFWC-SC Community Service Program Chairman

___ Special Project or Special Committee Chairman;
Special Appointment

___ GFWC-SC Standing Committee Chairman
(Finance, Constitution, Credentials, Headquarters)

___ GFWC-SC Junior Chairman

___ Club President (or appointee)

___ Club Member

___ Guest

MEDICAL INFORMATION/RELEASE

Allergies to food or medication: If yes, please list: _____

Any medication to be taken in case of emergency and where it can be found: _____

Notify in case of emergency: Name _____ Phone (DAY) _____ Evening _____

Authorization for emergency treatment: (signature) _____

Medical Insurance (indicate number) _____

Coverage verification phone number _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS

Deadline April 16 , 2012

Opening Session Lunch (Friday ~11:30) \$19 _____

Friday Evening ~ (7:00) \$ 35 _____

Junior Luncheon (Saturday~1:00) \$19 _____

Saturday Evening Banquet ~ (7:00)

Cowboy Steak \$35 _____

Ponzu Marinated Salmon \$35 _____

Meal prices are inclusive of tax and gratuity.

***Late meal fee is \$5 per meal after
April 16th.**

Registration Fee: \$ 10.00

Meal Total: \$ _____

TOTAL DUE TO GFWC-SC \$ _____

Preliminary Agenda for GFWC-SC CONVENTION

Thursday, April 26

4:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting in the President's room

6:15 pm Baubles and Bubbles (Executive Committee and Past State Presidents)

Friday, April 27

9:30 am Board of Directors Meeting

By 12:00 turn in all photos and scrapbooks to the registration table for judging

11:30 ~ 4:30 Opening of Convention and "Girlfriends Indulge" Luncheon

Honor Roll & Net Gain

Committee Reports

Rating Sheet Awards

Contribution Sheet Awards

Fundraising Awards

Leadership Award

Membership Awards

Public Affairs Award

Women's History & Resource Center Awards

Officers Reports

Girlfriends Who Care Awards

7:00 pm "Groovin' Girlfriends" & Junior Bag Auction – dress in your favorite decade

Creative Arts Awards

Arts Community Service Program Awards

Conservation Community Service Program Awards

Saturday, April 28

9:00 ~ 12:30 Convention in Session

Memorial Service

Constitution and Bylaws

Budget & Finance Committee

Headquarters Committee

Board of Trustees of GFWC-SC Report

Trustees of Progress Foundation

Trustees of Scholarship Committee

11:00 am Elections

Education Community Service Program Awards

Home Life Community Service Program Awards

International Outreach Community Service Program Awards

Public Issues Community Service Program Awards

1:00 pm Junior Luncheon

7:00 pm Banquet "Girlfriends Gala"

Outstanding Club Awards

Individual Awards and Recognitions

Recognition of Class of 2012 Order of the Jessamine

Installation of 2012 – 2014 Officers

Sunday, April 29

8:30 2012 – 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

9:30 2012 – 2014 Board of Directors Meeting (including 2012-13 club presidents)

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Dates to Remember

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| April 5 | Deadline to Reserve Room at Embassy Suites |
| April 15 | Club President Directory Form due to Kaye Jones |
| April 16 | Deadline for Convention Registration |
| April 27-29 | GFWC-SC Convention - Columbia, SC |
| June 13 - 17 | GFWC Convention, Charlotte, NC |
| July 27 | GFWC-SC Program Council |
| July 28 | GFWC-SC Summer Board |

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| January 12 | GFWC-SC Winter Board |
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GFWC-SC Headquarters

Have you joined the 1511 Society this year?
Support HQ with your annual contribution of
\$15.11, \$151.11 or \$1,511.00.