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State picture at GFWC Convention in Milwaukee, WI







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Happy Fall! I love the cooler weather! With the cooler temperatures comes the start of the new club year. I recently returned from the GFWC Fall Board Meeting in Seattle, Washington where we received updates on GFWC projects and had courageous conversations. The newest GFWC endorsed fundraiser is the Women's Bean Project. Learn more at www.womensbeanproject.com Also, the USO is now a GFWC Partner in Public Issues. And,

we learned that some clubs were not using the correct GFWC emblem and were disqualified from the web site and newsletter competitions this past spring. Please make sure you are only using the GFWC emblems that are currently available for download at GFWC.org.

The American Mural Project (AMP), a GFWC Arts Partner, is still collecting old watches for the mural project. Read about the details in this issue on page 15.

Two new clubs are in the process of federating this fall: GFWC-SC Three Rivers Juniorettes and the GFWC Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray. It's not too late to get a new club started. After all, don't you think every community deserves a woman's club?

Have you visited the GFWC Marketplace lately? There's a new GFWC bumper sticker available for purchase along with many emblematic items and leadership materials.

Please remember to invite your State Officers to your club events. We love to visit and want every club to be visited by a State Officer this administration. I hope you have a fabulous club year and I look forward to seeing you soon.

In federation love, Laurie

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GFWC 2011 Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin

South Carolina won the following awards in Milwaukee:

Conservation Partnership
International Outreach Collaboration
Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention
Membership

Honorable Mention Publicity Book Contest – GFWC WC of Rock Hill Newsletter Contest – GFWC Junior WC of Columbia A Year in Pictures: February – Emily Pusser, Junior WC of Charleston Paula Cutler Award for Operation Smile

















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Happy Anniversary

Woman's Club of West Columbia 105 Years

Woman's Club of Easley 85 Years

Woman's Club of Fort Mill 60 Years

Chapin Woman's Club 40 Years



Membership Matters Today, Tomorrow, & Beyond



Our Goal: 1,500 Members By February, 2012

Thank you to our District Presidents, special others and our Hostess Clubs for making the District Conferences so special. But most of all thank you, to our Girlfriends, who attended the district conferences. After all, you are the reason we visit the districts. The food, fellowship and exchange of information was exceptional and many memories were shared and will be cherished.

As your club prepares recruiting events for the seasonal recruitment campaigns, please remember that women like to be asked and they want to hear how joining the club gives them the opportunity to reach their own personal goals. Share with them what programs and projects the club offers; how the club improves the community; and the benefits of belonging. Plan a club program around: "Why did you join?; Why do you stay?. Use the findings to plan the club's recruitment and retention campaigns. Also remember the GFWC Brochure and Trifold are available from GFWC. These tools are vital public relations and recruitment tools for your club and provide an overview of GFWC program areas, accomplishments, and the work we do. The Mini Tri-fold provides a business card-sized summary of GFWC, which members can keep in their wallets to distribute wherever they go. Both are available for purchase through the GFWC Marketplace at www.GFWC.org/Marketplace.

Recruitment is essential but do not overlook the very important need to retain members. CONTENT and HAPPY members are the club's BEST recruiters. Clubs need to place members first and meet member expectations. Club leaders should be willing to ask for input on meeting times, what kind of programs and projects are enjoyable or have no appeal, and other suggestions. Asking for and implementing the suggestions of the members keeps the club happy, strong and growing.

While each of our clubs seem unique, we really are all women looking to make a positive difference in our communities. Let's share the privilege of membership with our neighbors, family and friends. Recruiters should consider inviting a prospective member who is five years younger than themselves and if that recruit invites a member five years younger then we have diversified our membership. Change your strategy! Change your results! Remember to reach out aggressively and act on opportunities.

The June, July, August Seasonal Recruitment Campaign report is due to GFWC and your postcard with the names of new members and their recruiter/sponsor to me by September 1. These forms were provided in the President's Packet at the District Conferences. If you need the forms email me at jbolchoz@comcast.net or call 843-556-1606.



Welcome to our Newest Girlfriends <u>Chapin Woman's Club</u>

Mandy McCathern Mary Jarrells Gloria Black
Marilyn Knowles Mary Ellen Carpeta Edythe Jacobs
Diane Fraizier Diane Bowman Carol Tyler
Susan Nanney Naysa Walker

Thank You Membership Recruiters Chapin Woman's Club

Sue Casebeer Georgie Fulmer Diana Powers
Karen Farrell M. Sue Keener Wanda Burleson
Gail Kleinhanzi

Woman's Club of Rock Hill

Ellen Mayes Marlene Milstead Joyce Vajda

Woodmont Juniorettes

Meg Hawes

Junior Woman's Club of Columbia

Amanda Barnes Angela Ciuca Kelley Connell
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Around the Districts



Woman's Club of Easley receives certificate for 85 years of club work.



Chapin Woman's Club celebrated their 40th anniversary this summer!



Wiliesha Lakin receiving Newsletter Contest Award Jr Woman's Club of Columbia Newsletter Chair



Ann Fornwald and Darlene Rittel Western District Conference



Eastern District Conference



New club - GFWC-SC Three Rivers Juniorettes



Woman's Club of West Columbia celebrates 105 years.

CENTRAL DISTRICT - Peggy Aun



The Central District Conference, "Girlfriends Brunch" was held Saturday, July 30 at the state GFWC-SC headquarters. The following ladies were elected to GFWC-SC offices:

2012-2014 Central District President - **Beth Taylor** 2012-2014 State Elections Committee - **Tonja Ivey** 2012-2014 Alternate to State Elections Committee - **Laura Howell** Trustees of Progress Foundation - **Katie Jones**

We congratulate these ladies and thank them for their service!

We had wonderful attendance at our conference! I want to thank all the ladies that took time out of their Saturday morning to join us. And, thanks to the state officers for their very informative presentations.

EASTERN DISTRICT - Juliet Casper

The Eastern District Conference was held Sunday, July 31, 2011 at 1:30 p.m., at Tilghman Hall at The Surf Club. Sandy Kealey presented the State Officers and gave a brief overview of their positions. Juliet Casper introduced members from the Grand Strand Junior Woman's Club and North Myrtle Beach Woman's club that were in attendance. Members and Guest enjoyed a wonderful buffet. Thanks to the GFWC-SC Officers for their informative presentations.



Elections for the 2012-2014 club years were conducted by Juliet Casper.

District President - Sarah Thomas State Election Committee - Brenda Tarkenton Alternate Elections Committee - Susan Causey

Juliet Casper, District President will keep the theme for the district the same and for the Feeding our Souls requested the club work to raise money for delegates to attend convention.

Thank you to all the ladies for attending conference.



MIDLANDS DISTRICT - Meredith Fields



The Midlands District Conference was held Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in the Hospitality Room. We enjoyed seeing and hearing the informative reports from our State Officers.

Elections for the 2012-2014 club years.

District President - Judy Soltis
State Election Committee - Lynn Cleckler
Alternate Elections Committee - Dot Mathias
Progress Foundation - Kaye Gerald
Board of Trustees - Susie Childress

Thanks to all of you who attended the district conference.



NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT - Karen Kaylor

The North Central District met in Winnsboro for their Summer Conference on July 29. All 5 clubs in the District were represented at the meeting with 22 attendees and 5 State Officers. The Winnsboro Woman's Club generously hosted the meeting in their club house. They provided dinner and clever table favors, and their hospitality was greatly appreciated.

Laurie O'Kelly, Jo Ann Bolchoz, Caroline Mahaffey, Janet Prince and Michelle Hood presented programs that were informative and educational to all members. Their input was appreciated as well as an opportunity for club members to have a chance to talk individually with them.



New officers were elected for 2012: Kathie Walker - **District President** Misty Konow - **State Election Committee** Shirlee Alfors - **Alternate**

Sylvia Ayers - Board of Trustees of GFWC-SC Progress Foundation

District Silver Award was presented to the GFWC-York County for the best overall project. They contributed \$5000 to the 178th Engineering Battalion of the National Guard for their family assistance program following their return from Afghanistan. The North Central District Clubs are looking forward to our upcoming year with many activities planned.

NORTHERN DISTRICT - Meg Hawes



The Northern District Conference hosted by the Jubilee Club was held on July 23, 2011, in Spartanburg at the Piedmont Club. Meg Hawes presented the Past Presidents of GFWC-SC present: Janet Agnew, Lovonia Hendrix, and Jolene Bryant. She presented the GFWC-SC Officers present: Michele Hood, Director of Junior Clubs; Janet Prince, Recording Secretary; Caroline Mahaffey, Second Vice President; Jo Ann Bolchoz, President-elect; and Laurie O'Kelly, President. She then introduced the Clubs present at the meeting which included: GFWC Palmetto Junior Woman's Club, GFWC Jubilee Club, Spartanburg Woman's Club and Upstate Woman's Club.

The GFWC-SC State Officer reports were very informative and enjoy by everyone. The Northern District Nominating Committee Chairman, Jolene Bryant presented the following

report to the members: District President 2012-2014, Meg Hawes; State Elections Committee 2012-2014, Lovonia Hendrix; Alternate to State Elections Committee 2012-2014, Mary Vann; Board of Trustees of GFWC-SC 2012-2015, Laura Palmer; Board of Trustees of the GFWC-SC Scholarship 2012-2015, Mendy Haver. The report was moved for adoption by Lovonia Hendrix and seconded by Caroline Mahaffey. Motion carried.

In additional business, Jubilee Club presented a motion that Summer Board meetings change to be held in one day at a central location and include a 30 minute district meeting in the program time of that meeting, as opposed to this format one year of an administration and then the second year having each District hold separate meetings where the state officer travel to attend multiple individual meetings. Northern District members held a vote and the motion carried with 8 for, and only one opposed. The motion will be presented to the program council at the 2012 Winter Board meeting by the Northern District.

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NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT - Melanie Branhan



"Hey y'all" to all my girlfriends in our beautiful Northwestern corner of the state! Thanks to all of you that attended our "Cupcakes, Coffee and Conversation" district conference at Easley Presbyterian Church in July. We had a great turnout and we really enjoyed seeing and hearing from all of our lovely state officers about what is going on in SC. Congratulations to Heidi Roach of the Easley JWC for being

elected as our 2012-2014 Northwestern District President! We are so thrilled to have you in this position, Heidi. We also elected Carrie Zimmerman of Walhalla JWC to serve on the State Elections Committee (Valerie Chappel of Walhalla JWC as her alternate) and Judy Edwards of the Woman's Club of Easley to serve on the GFWC-SC Trustees of the Scholarship Fund. Thank you to these ladies for giving so generously of themselves and their time. In addition, we gave out some gorgeous silver to commemorate all of the wonderful works that were accomplished by our Northwestern Woman's Clubs this past year (see the awards list in this magazine). And we must-n't forget the yummy "Girlfriend" cupcakes!

As we start up our new year (or as we are finishing up the last half of our year), please take a moment to read this inspiring poem that I love. I hope you all have an amazing year of fundraising, volunteering, and continuing to build your Woman's Club friendships. Don't forget to invite me to your parties and events!



PROMISE YOURSELF

Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel like there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living person you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, and too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

The Optimist Creed From The Optimist International

SOUTHERN DISTRICT - Melissa Smith

The Southern district "Sizzling Summer Conference" was held on Sat., July 30, at the Otranto Branch Public Library Meeting Room at 2:00 pm. Five clubs were represented, and 6 state officers were present. Southern District President Melissa Smith welcomed the visiting state officers, and club members from district clubs. Michele Hood, Low-country Juniors President, was the host. Refreshments were served, and the introductions and pledges were done. Southern District Member replacements were nominated and voted upon to fill vacancies for the 2012- 2014 term:



Member, GFWC-SC Board of Trustees- Michele Hood Southern District President – Melissa Smith Member, GFWC-SC Scholarship committee- Brenda Rickenbaker Member for State Nominating Committee- Caroline Brown Alternate- Brenda Taylor



WESTERN DISTRICT - Darlene Rittel

The Western District Summer Conference was held on July 22, 2011 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aiken. Upon arrival, attendees were invited to create their own 'wild' sundaes using toppings such as kudzu blossom, scuppernong, quince and wild plum jellies. This was a prelude into a presentation of *Aiken's Wild Read* by Judy Cross. She reviewed the purpose and outlined the scheduled activities of this project to attendees. A representative from each of the seven clubs shared information about literacy projects. GFWC-SC officers provided updates and resources to attendees relevant to all levels and functions of federation.

The special focus of the Western District President is LITERACY. President Rittel has visited all of the seven clubs in the district and has discussed information about the GFWC Educa-

tion Community Service Program with members. Statistics and facts about the debilitating effects of illiteracy have been noted; including: increased probability of abuse and incarceration, poor job opportunities, reduced civic involvement, and increased employer costs/decreased job productivity due to safety and health issues.

Her club, Aiken Woman's Club, in partnership with the Aiken Public Library is developing a community-wide reading event. It is called *Aiken's Wild Read!* and will consist of a month of related, creative activities for all ages across the county to stimulate reading and to highlight an awareness of the significance of literacy in our lives. This project stems from data, guidelines, and resources of The Big Read program from the National Endowment for the Arts (www.neabigread.org). During the month of October, all activities will center on the novel, The Call of the Wild by Jack London to foster a unified point for discussions among families, co-workers, students and all readers. Related books will be used for younger readers and/or for expanded reading. More details may be found at www.aikenwomansclub.org.

New officers were elected for 2012:

District President – **Ann Fornwald**State Elections Committee – **Pat Sauls**Alternate to State Elections Committee – **Suzanne Kneece**



District Silver Awards

Central	District
Somerset Silver Award - St. Andrews Women's Club	Palmetto Club Award - Palmetto Woman's Club
Central District Award - St. Andrews Woman's Club	Judy Keating International Award - St. Andrews Women's Club
Debbie P. Alexander Award - Junior Woman's Club of Columbia	Ethel M. Wismer Memorial Award - Junior Woman's Club of Columbia
Eastern	District
The Ruth Fairfield Memorial Award - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club	Sue Burgess Education Award - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Pat Estep Community Service Award - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club	Mrs. Rufus H. Cain Award - North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Midlands	District
Becky M. Clark Silver Award - Woman's Society of Batesburg- Leesville	Ruby Crook Silver Award - The Woman's Club of Cayce
Junior WC of Lexington Silver Award - Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club	Connie B. McFarland Silver Award - Lexington Woman's Club
Christie C. Addy Education Award - Saxe-Gotha Woman's Club	Midlands Conservation Award - Woman's Society of Batesburg Leesville
Pamela Abikhaled Community Improvement Award - The Woman's Club of Cayce	Annie Laurie George Silver Award - No Entries
Midlands District President's Spirit Award - Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club	Lexington WC Legislation Award - No Entries
Midlands District Conference Attendance Award - The Woman's Club of the Midlands	Mabel J. Bonnette Award - Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club
North Centr	ral District
North Central Project Award - GFWC York County	North Central District Award I - Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
North Central District II - Woman's Club of Rock Hiill	Perry W. Carthcart Arts Award - Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Northern	District
Northern District Award - Upstate Woman's Club	Northern District Photography Award - Upstate Woman's Club
Jolene W. Bryant Award - GFWC Jubilee Club	Mary Renfro Memorial Award - Upstate Woman's Club
Spartanburg Council of Federated Wome	n's Clubs Award - GFWC Jubilee Club
Northweste	rn District
Once-A-Week Club Award - Seneca Junior Woman's Club	Northwestern District Cup - Easley Junior Woman's Club
The Walhalla Jr. WC Community Spirit Award - Walhalla Woman's Club	Making Time for Others Silver Award - Easley Junior Woman's Club
Northwestern District Easley Jr. WC Arts Award - Walhalla Woman's Club	Beulah Higgins Conference Attendance Award - Golden Corner Woman's Society
Southern	District
Myrt Riggs Award - St. George Women's Guild	Southern District Award - St. George Women's Guild
Jean L. Pearce Award - St. George Women's Guild	Virginia Baxley Silver Award - Charleston Junior Woman's Club
Charleston Jr. WC Community Improvement Program Award - No Entries	Jo Ann T. Bolchoz Award - Woman's Club of Charleston
Brenda Kiser Silver Award - No awards	Sissy Welch Award - Woman's Club of Charleston
	Annie Utsey Award - St. George Woman's Guild
Western	District
Sissy Brodie Award - Aiken Junior Woman's Club	Peggy All Award - Aiken Junior Woman's Club
Joan Marine Award - Aiken Woman's Club	Western District Conference Attendance Award - Belvedere Woman's Club
Betty Thomason Award - Aiken Woman's Club	Ginnie Samsel Award—Aiken Woman's Club
District President Special Interest Recognition Certificate - Sand River Woman's Club	

Caroline Mahaffey

GFWC-SC Second Vice President



One of the rewards of being a member of GFWC is that I get to go places I might not otherwise go. This summer was no exception – from convention in Milwaukee to District Conferences in my own state. I had a blast! I really appreciate all of the efforts made by the District Presidents and Host clubs to make the meetings so enjoyable, entertaining and educational. I hope you found them to be the same.

I hope you have reviewed the President's Packets, visited www.gfwc.org and www.gfwc.org and have begun planning for another terrific year of club work! Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help with the planning, or answer questions about programs – either collaboration or partnerships.

And please, invite me to visit your club!

Michele Hood

GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I know I did. With National Convention in Milwaukee, WI and 2 weekends of Summer District Conferences, and a National Board meeting in Seattle, WA the end of August, I am pooped! What wonderful information we learned at the Summer District Conferences. The most important from all of the executive board was the importance of the national and State websites, GFWC.org and GFWC-SC.org. For information on anything and everything you want to know about the organization, reporting, or extras (just to name a few), check out the websites, both of them.



How exciting for a new club year! I am sure ya'll are excited also. As most of you know, my Special Project is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention. Please take a moment to look at the information for the Safe Teen Act, Stop Abuse for Every Teen (SAFE Teen) Act. The information can be found on the GFWC website. This Act recognizes the severity of teen dating violence throughout the country and allows schools to use existing federal funding for prevention and education. This bill does not call for monetary or budgetary considerations. If this Act is passed, it will:

- •Expressly authorize schools to use existing grant funding for teen dating violence prevention;
- •Highlight teen dating violence prevention as part of the comprehensive, community prevention program, Safe Schools, Healthy Students, that already funds prevention activities:
- •Support better teen dating violence data to understand the scope of the problem;
- •Support promising practices to further replicate, refine, and test prevention models.

I ask you if you would please contact your local senator and legislator so we can get this act passed in the US Congress.

Hope each of you have a wonderful Club year. See you soon!!

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Please update your address book for Junior Director-elect Rachael Fulmer. Her new email is Rachael.Fulmer@yahoo.com.

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No Matter

How many times I stare at the photographs my exhausted college roommate, smiling, crying and holding her just-born daughter,
two giggling sisters, wearing homemade Easter dresses

two giggling sisters, wearing homemade Easter dresses and

wide-brimmed hats with ribbons, my father, touching the face of my mother as his eyes say goodbye, my son, lathered with his first birthday cake...then 17 years later, pulling on his graduation robe;

They do not breathe. Pieces of another day.

I can spread the pictures about me on the kitchen table,

put them in order, label the flipsides
with names, events and dates.

Choosing, I can look, touch, and talk to them.

But never do they tell the story of

being present, there - behind the camera, living the time.

And now, No Matter.

I have the photos and no camera and no subjects and no time,

Just memory on paper.

Janet R. Smalley, GFWC-SC Poet

Jennie June Award Winner

Congratulations to Jan Hadwin for being selected as the Jennie June Award recipient for South Carolina. Jan is a member of Palmetto Woman's Club and has been a member of GFWC for over 50 years. She is devoted to federation, family and improving her community. She will represent SC at the Southern Region Conference in Tampa, Florida in October.



Top 10 Benefits of Belonging to GFWC

- 1. Lifelong friends with women all over the country, the world, your state and in your town, whom you might never have met.
- 2. Opportunities for growth and personal advancement, learning valuable leadership skills, gaining self confidence and learn more about our world.
- 3. Opportunity for Community Service and the satisfaction of working together to help those in need and improve our environment, and our communities.
- 4. A built in "emotional" support system. Women nurture each other and our clubs are like circles of friends always there when we need them.
- 5. Opportunity to say you belong to an international organization of women who has such a proud long history of serving our world, our country and our communities.
- Opportunities to network with other organizations that enjoy working with such an amazing organization of women. They give GFWC clubs educational materials, and readymade club projects and club programs.
- 7. Access to an incredible selection of projects, programs, speakers, emblematic items and a wealth of educational materials all geared to our clubs that are adaptable to our specific needs and are easily located on GFWC's web site or through GFWC's marketplace.
- 8. Providing an opportunity for middle school and high school age girls to learn about volunteering, and to gain self confidence and leadership skills through the GFWC Juniorette program.
- 9. Opportunity to be a part of a fun organization. We have fun doing amazing things for people every day and make history too.
- 10. The ability of your club to work independently on an issue that only applies to your community but with the resources from GFWC to aid in the structure of your project and help getting started.

Our vision for the future continues as it started, as a means of self-education and personal and professional development for women. GFWC Women tend to think big and get big results. Are you proud to be a member? Do you enjoy helping others each and every day and making history along the way? That's what being a GFWC member is about. GFWC – It's a Volunteer Thing!



























GFWC/American Mural **Partnership Program**















Remember to collect old watches to be part of the mural.

Watches should be mailed to:

Sharon Woman's Club PO Box 283 Sharon, Connecticut 06069



You will need to also email the Excel spreadsheet to Kim Hohlfled at Ralph.Hohlfeld@snet.net.



The watch spreadsheet can be found on our web site www.gfwc-sc.org.





















Project Ideas

- Make a Difference Day is October 22. Donate socks to a local shelter. Place a pair of new socks in a ziploc plastic bag and attach the GFWC domestic violence label that can be downloaded at www.gfwc.org. Together we can all make a difference in the lives of domestic violence victims.
- O Host a House Party for Prevent Child Abuse America in October. See www.preventchildabuse.org for details.
- Collect socks for a local shelter to support victims of domestic violence. Remember to download the label for the Ziploc bag at GFWC.org.
- O Plan a swap at your club meetings (books, magazines, recipe books) and donate the books to a cancer center, dialysis center, or a shelter.
- O Host a "senior shower" for a senior center in your community.
- Advertise fundraising events on Craig's List
- O Check out our newest GFWC endorsed fundraiser, The Women's Bean Project at www.womensbeanproject.com.
- O Host a Tailgate party and collect recyclables to encourage recycling.
- Make a donation to the GFWC Library Refurbishment Fund to help rebuild public and public school libraries after natural disasters around the country.

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Save the Dates **Incoming Leaders Training Seminar** Friday, January 6, 2012 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM **Winter Board Meeting** Saturday, January 7, 2012 9:00 AM **SpringHill Suites by Marriott** Downtown Columbia in The Vista 511 Lady Street Room rates King Suite \$99, Queen Suite w/2 beds \$109 Call the hotel directly to reserve your room 803-978-2333 Complimentary deluxe continental breakfast and wireless Internet service

Club News

GFWC-York County Woman's Club is sponsoring a cards party to benefit local veteran's and domestic abuse programs, Wednesday, September 21 from noon to 4 PM at Laurel Creek's Magnolia room. The event features a luncheon, fashion demonstrations from Chico's, and tables for bridge, Mahjong, and other games. Tickets are \$25 per person and will be sold in advance until September 16. Contact Judy, (803-329-0870) or Karen (803-325-1944). Come have fun with us and support worthwhile charities! We are selling tickets for a beautiful hand made Yo-Yo quilt (\$2 each or 6 for \$10). The drawing for this special quilt will be held on November 9, 2011. Proceeds will benefit emergency food needs of local veterans. Contact Regina (803-328-8396) for tickets.

Chapin WC is taking orders for our annual pecan sale fundraiser and expect shipment in early November. For more information, contact Jayne Bradley at 803-932-7660 or bradleykj@hotmail.com. On October 3, our regular meeting will be at the Sims-Stackhouse mansion, 1511 Laurel St. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Harris Pastides, wife of USC's president. All those interested are invited to join us, but because of space, please let us know.

Woman's Club of Rock Hill Hosting 6th Annual Victorian Teas. Friday, Dec. 2 at 1; Saturday, Dec. 3 at 12:30 (Children's Tea with Mrs. Claus); Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4.

Held at Historic Armstrong-Mauldin House, 607 Aiken Avenue, Rock Hill. Cost: \$20 per person Seating is limited - Advance reservations required Checks, MasterCard and Visa accepted. Call Connie, 803-366-9763 for reservations. www.womansclubofrockhill.org

Woman's Club of Fort Mill will host the 6th Taste of the Holidays on Saturday, November 19 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Spratt Building, 115 Main Street, Fort Mill. Taste/sample new recipes for the upcoming holiday meals. Cost is \$15 and includes recipe book containing all of the recipes available for tasting. Silent auction, drawings and door prizes will be given away every 30 minutes. For more information, please call 803-547-5753.

The Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville is hosting a wine tasting and uncorked market November 19, 6:30 - 9:00, tickets are \$15.00 and includes appetizers. Contact Lois Black at 803-532-5469.

Aiken Woman's Club and the Aiken County Public Libraries are working together to sponsor Aiken's Wild Read for October, 2011. The project is based on the guidelines of The Big Read from the National Endowment for the Arts. A month of exciting activities is planned for all ages across the county to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment and to highlight the significance of literacy in our lives. Our main novel is The Call of the Wild by Jack London. We have selected companion books for younger readers. Our Kick-Off will be Saturday, October 1, from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. at the Aiken County Public Library in downtown Aiken. A detailed schedule of events is available at www.aikenwomansclub.org.

Lexington Woman's Club will host their second annual Holiday Fare, Sat. Nov. 5, at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church in Lexington, from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Homemade casseroles, baked goods, dips, gift items, etc. will be available. Proceeds will go toward our Schalorship Fund.

The North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club will host their 19th "Tour of Homes" on December 3, 2011 from 11 am to 4 pm in the North Myrtle Beach Area. Tickets may be purchased in advance at North Myrtle Beach Chamber (843-281-2662) for \$25 and \$30 if purchased on the day of the tour.

38th Annual Irmo Okra Strut, Sept. 23, 6pm - 11pm and Sept. 24, Parade at 9am, festival 10am- 5pm. Irmo Village Shopping Center. **Lake Murray - Irmo Woman's club** will be selling fired okra and cookbooks. Hope you see you at The Strut! nanette@travelunlimitedsc.com

The ladies of the **Northeast Columbia Women's Club** are making tie blankets for the local sheriff's department at their October 3rd meeting. They are also planning a PACK THE PICKUP food drive in November that will benefit their local food bank. **The Northeast Columbia Women's Club** recently sponsored its fourth annual FREE Women's Self Defense Class. They also sponsor a teen class for young females ages 14 through 18 each Spring.

Aiken Junior Woman's Club is hosting S.H.O.P. on November 3rd from 6:00-9:00 at the Aiken County Municipal Building in downtown Aiken. This fundraiser will feature a silent auction and the ability to purchase items from a selection of local vendors, including artist Jim Harrison! Contact the club at ajwcshop@gmail.com for more information or ticket requests! This is a Ladies Night Out event whose proceeds will go towards the City of Aiken's planned Special Needs/Handicap playground.





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GFWC Southern Region Annual Meeting Call

GFWC VOLUNTEERS

Setting Sail for the Treasure!

Dear GFWC Members.

I am delighted to issue this official CALL to the GFWC Southern Region Annual Meeting to be held October 28 – 30, 2011, in Tampa, Florida. I encourage you to plan now and attend this very important GFWC meeting!

GFWC State Presidents are responsible for issuing issue this CALL to their membership. It is important that all members receive this invitation to attend our Annual Meeting so feel free to share this with all GFWC members in our GFWC Southern Region.

In addition to exceptional speakers and guests presented to conference attendees, the agenda will include a number of activities designed to give clubwomen new and upto-date perspectives on timely topics. A leadership workshop will be presented Friday afternoon and will prove to be invaluable. Exciting details on guiding members and promoting and publicizing your clubs will help all members engage in volunteerism at a higher level! Other areas of emphasis include Canine Companions, Prevent Child Abuse America, leadership development, the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness, the GFWC Junior Project: Advocates for Children, LEADS presentation, report of the states, and much, much more! Club presidents will personally engage with GFWC President Carlene Garner in a session planned specifically for you! A great time is promised on the Friday tour of the Keel & Curley Winery that includes wine tasting and lunch.

Ahoy there GFWC members! Plan to set your course for "the treasure" while attending the State Night Banquet on Friday evening at Raymond James Stadium Pirate Ship!!! Come dressed in your best Pirate or cocktail attire. With band and dancing, everyone will return to the Mainsail energized and enthused! Back at the Mainsail, schedule a Fun Night Karaoke experience and share the night with friends from all parts of the south!

Dress for various events will include: Thursday Board Dinner - Business Casual; Friday Tour - GFWC Apparel; Friday Banquet - Pirate attire or Cocktail; Saturday - Business Casual; Saturday Banquet - Formal; Sunday - GFWC Apparel for traveling home.

GFWC International President Carlene Garner and President Elect Mary Ellen Laister along clubwomen from all over Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina will join you in great learning opportunities, shopping with vendors, and fun that features local points of in the Tampa area, where our course is marked for the treasures of GFWC! You will not want to miss one minute of the conference planned by GFWC Florida!

We look forward to seeing you in Tampa for an informative and treasure filled GFWC Southern Region meeting!

Suellen Brazil GFWC Southern Region President

> GFWC Southern Region Annual Meeting; October 28 – 30, 2011 Mainsail Suites Hotel & Conference Center, Tampa, Florida

GFWC Southern Region Conference 2011 hosted by GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs

Mainsail Suites Hotel & Conference Center



October 28 – 30, 2011 Name _____ Address _____ City, State _____ Zip ____ Phone () _____ Email _____ State Federation _____ Please Complete the Following: ☐ GFWC Officer Title _____
☐ Southern Region Officer Title _____

Title _____ ☐ Southern Region Chm. Title ☐ Member □ Booster ☐ GFWC Chairman Title □ Guest Cost Total Registration Fee Full Conference \$10.00 **Registration Fee** One Day Only \$ 5.00 Region Board of Directors Thursday, Oct. 27 \$ 40.00 Dinner & Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 Tour: Keel & Curley Winery – 9-2 \$ 35.00 wine tasting & lunch – 60 maximum Leadership Workshop – 4:00 – 5:00 No Charge State Night Banquet – 7:00 p.m. \$ 55.00 (Load buses hotel front at 6:00 p.m.) Fun Night Karaoke \$10.00 Saturday, Oct. 29 \$ 22.00 Luncheon – 12:30 p.m. Banquet – 7:00 p.m. \$ 40.00 Sunday, Oct. 30 Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. \$ 20.00 **Total Due** Registration, meals, and tour Please mark here if Vegetarian Plate substitute is desired for entrees Deadline for Registration: October 13, 2011 Mail the registration form and check payable to FFWC for the total amount due to : Carolyn Pfeiffer, GFWC SR Registration Chairman, 4304 Hickory Shores Blvd., Gulf Breeze, FL 32563 by October 13. Email – carolynpf@mchsi.com Room Reservations may be made by calling the Mainsail Suites Hotel & Conference Center at 813-243-2600 or via the direct weblink to https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=595800&hoteIID=13844 http://booking.ihotelier.com/istay/istay.jsp?groupID595800&hotelID=13844 Identify yourself as part of the GFWC Southern Region Annual Meeting. The group rate is \$99 plus tax for a one bedroom suite, \$109 plus tax for a two bedroom + 2 bathroom suite, and \$129 plus tax for a triple. Reservations must

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January 7 Winter Board

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February 1 LEADS Application Due to Caroline Brown

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