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Appreciation

The key to our success rests in people like you, who embody the spirit of greatness by saying, "Yes I can, and so can you!"

Thanks for your inspiring dedication and tremendous example to the world. It shows that a group of women can and are changing our world one community at a time.

Now that our work (of this administration) is finished, I say good bye with a sad yet grateful heart.

I want to thank you for your dedication, and being there from the very start. Words cannot convey my gratitude for your tremendous contribution to the work we had to do.

I need you to know that I love each and every one of you. The memories I have made will never be replaced.

With gratitude in my heart for your contribution to every cause, I wanted to thank you in a special way as I give each of you a personal round of applause.

The credit for all of our good deeds firmly rests with our dedicated GFWC-SC volunteers. Thank you!

Thank you so much for all of your hard work and to bear witness to your passion was an unexpected perk.

I never could have asked for a more dedicated volunteers and words cannot express how grateful I am to have known you all along.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you and for you for the last two years. I assure you that the privilege has been mine. Thank you. I have had a wonderful time.

Thank you.

Take Time Awards

**General:**
- Cat I  GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman’s Club
- Cat II  Woman’s Society of Batesburg~Leesville
- Cat III  Sand River Woman’s Club

**Junior:**
- Cat I  Seneca Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II  Easley Junior Woman’s Club

**Juniorettes:**
- Hillcrest High Juniorettes
“Seven of the best darn women in the South serving you for the last 2 years.”

The Astrology Signs of a Volunteer say that...

Tammy Garland—November 18th: You are a determined, sharp-witted person with strong desires and attainable ideals. Others naturally admire you for your strength of character and backbone. Although you are a natural leader, you are also a humanitarian. You need channels for your strong desires and your need for self-expression. Never afraid of an obstacle along your path, you are gutsy, dynamic, resourceful, and you rise to a challenge.

Laurie O’Kelly—February 15: Your personal magnetism is great, and your need for loving, harmonious, and balanced surroundings perhaps greater. You are creative and usually good at writing or other expressive arts, and you also have a strong business sense. Forgiving and tolerant, few people so easily accept others for exactly who they are.

Jo Ann Bolchoz—January 5: Extremely hard-working, you put your heart into whatever it is that you do, and you simply won't skimp. While you don't always aim high, simply because you are generally very busy working hard, you are likely to eventually get there! As a partner, you are very loyal, caring, and protective, and you value close partnerships greatly. You are extremely giving, and this is second nature to you.

ShirLee Alfors—September 8: You are not only creative, you are able to channel your vision into practical avenues of expression. Your mind is always busy, and if you're not using it productively, you are given to worrying and overanalyzing. Overall, however, you are hopeful and fresh, and have a wonderful spin on life that intrigues others.

Linda Rodgers—January 3: You are playful, clever, and have a fabulous sense of humor. Youthful all of your life, while you respect age and seniority. It's up to you how you choose to use your cleverness! Many of you are quite spiritual in your beliefs in your adult life. Freedom and independence are extremely important to you.

Caroline Brown—November 7: You have a mysterious aura about you, although others sense that you are determined, opinionated, and strong nevertheless, which you are. You have a strong interest in politics or religion, but you don't necessarily adhere to tradition. Your views are progressive and you think outside of the box. You are a visionary who is especially sensitive to injustices. On a personal level, you often feel misunderstood.

Jackie Boland—May 5: Down to earth, practical, and responsible, you are a hard worker (some might say a workaholic!) with a strong will. A calm and capable aura surrounds you. Security and stability are what you crave most, and while you are generally very practical, you set your sights high.

Marian St. Clair—April 16: You expect to work for what you want in life, and are always aware of your responsibilities. Nevertheless, you are playful and sometimes mischievous. You are straightforward in your dealings with others. You value honesty and integrity in others. A confident and friendly manner sometimes hides a tendency to worry a lot about your future. You are an independent thinker.

...they took their time and served you well.
At the beginning of this administration I was asked by Missi McCoy, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, to set several goals. I set two goals: to form a new Junior Club and to improve communication between our clubs. The first goal was realized by the formation of the GFWC-SC Low-country Junior Women’s Club which was established in the fall of 2008. I am proudest of the result of the second goal. Before I began my tenure as GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs, I contacted each individual club president. I introduced myself and personally invited them to attend the upcoming Junior Luncheon which was held on the Saturday of the State Convention. By getting in touch with the presidents, I was able to get good contact information which enabled me to send them packets. The packets were filled with information I had received from the GFWC International Conventions, GFWC Board Meetings and GFWC Regional Conferences. In addition, I sent the GFWC-SC Junior Board members and Junior Club Presidents postcards from the convention sites keeping them abreast of what was happening at the various meetings. I implemented the use of the social utility, FACEBOOK, as an additional method of communicating between the state Junior Clubs because more organizations are using this technology as an advertising tool for their projects and fundraisers. I feel that my biggest accomplishment in strengthening the communication was having all ten clubs report on their 2009 activities.

The theme I chose was “It’s Not Easy Being Green”. It focused on Resource Conservation. The Juniors of South Carolina came up with creative projects. Two projects stand out because one was socially oriented and the other scientific in nature. The Easley Junior Women’s Club collaborated with their local middle school to collect 2,292 shoes for third world countries and The Seneca Junior Women’s Club kept track of the number of items recycled in one year by their members. I was also impressed that all ten junior clubs selected the option to use e-mail to submit their reports, thus conserving paper.

On a personal level, being GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs has been both an honor and a growing experience. It has allowed me to go places in the United States that I may never have had the opportunity to visit. It has allowed me to meet and be inspired by outstanding clubwomen from around the nation who are focusing on the same or similar issues we have in our own state. This position has also given me the chance to build interpersonal skills by networking and by doing presentations. “Walking in the Footsteps of Giants” was, in my opinion, the most meaningful presentation I made. It was given during the GFWC-SC District Meetings. I learned how our organization got its start on the State and National levels. Most importantly, I learned that by working together locally and nationally we have pushed through legislation that has improved life for others such as the Children’s Bureau and the 1st Federal Child Labor Law. Learning about our history inspired me, and I hope others, to continue to build on the foundations laid by our GFWC pioneering social workers of the late 1800’s, to surmount the obstacles that we must work to overcome now and in the ensuring years.

I would like to introduce my husband, Patrick Brown and my parents, Richard and Meri Dame. They are the people that made sure that my children, Michael and Jonathan, got to school, daycare and extra-curricular activities while I was out of town on club business! Without their love and encouragement, the last four years would have been very difficult. I would like to thank Tammy for her leadership. The energy and love that she shows for GFWC and GFWC-SC has been inspirational. It has been a pleasure working with her. I am thankful that Michele Hood has been my director-elect for the last two years. I appreciate all the support and friendship she has given me and I am very excited about her upcoming administration. Finally, I would like to thank all the South Carolina club members for their kindness and expressions of friendship. The experience of being the GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs over the last two years has been extraordinary and I look forward to continuing our work together in the years to come.

Thank you,

~Caroline

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Claudia Spearman

GFWC-SC Junior Woman of Achievement

The Junior Clubwoman nominated for the Carol Vann Rowland and Susan Vann Hayes Junior Clubwoman of Achievement Award portrays enthusiasm for community service which has radiated the members of her club as well as her colleagues at work, her family and her friends at church and in her community. She has formed life-long bonds with so many people through her zest to improve the lives of those in need.

Claudia Spearman of the Seneca Junior Women’s Club has been a GFWC member for almost a decade. She has been very active in every committee and is always eager to advise younger members of the Executive Board when asked. A memorable contribution to the club was during her recent term as president she implemented the theme “Pay It Forward”. This started at her installation and continued through each meeting with gifts for each of her members to give back to their community. These items included potted flowers, picture frames, lunch boxes, seed packets, packets of children’s items, and even her Christmas Bonus divided into envelopes for each member to give back to someone in need. She has been inspiring to all of her club members with her empathy for others. She discretely paid an electric bill for one family whose father had been out of work.

In addition to her club work, Claudia has been very active in her community by teaming up with her work to help raise money for relief in Haiti. She is active in her church’s youth and children’s group, and teaches Sunday school. She is currently acting as President for the South Carolina Apple Festival which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and serves on the City of Westminster Tree Board.

Claudia Spearman has given of herself in so many ways. She is available at a moment’s notice and is willing to do anything for anyone. She is flexible and a true team player. She has a gift of seeing the positive in every situation and in every person, is able to recognize the strengths of others, and is an excellent motivator of those individuals. She is always prepared, well organized and dependable. Because of her obvious love for others, her club friends are all inspired to do more as she has exemplified what true dedication to her community means and are proud to know her...
These are the clubs receiving department program awards from the work completed in the year of 2009.

**Aiken Woman’s Club**

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Junior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1st: Woman’s Club of the Midlands
- Cat III 1st: Lake Murray-Irmo Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Aiken Woman’s Club

**Juniorette:**
- Cat I 1st: Seneca Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Easley Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: St. Andrews Woman’s Club

**Resource Conservation**

**Nuts About Projects Award: Aiken Woman’s Club**

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Senior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1st: Woman’s Club of the Midlands
- Cat III 1st: Lake Murray-Irmo Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Aiken Woman’s Club

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Seneca Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Easley Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: St. Andrews Woman’s Club

**Education – Focus on Literacy**

**Nuts About Projects Award: Lake Murray-Irmo Woman’s Club**

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Senior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1st: Woman’s Club of the Midlands
- Cat III 1st: Lake Murray-Irmo Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Aiken Woman’s Club

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Seneca Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Easley Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: St. Andrews Woman’s Club

**Public Affairs – Focus on Community Safety**

**Nuts About Projects Award: St. Andrews Woman’s Club**

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Senior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1st: Woman’s Club of the Midlands
- Cat III 1st: Lake Murray-Irmo Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Aiken Woman’s Club

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Seneca Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Easley Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: St. Andrews Woman’s Club

**International Affairs – Reaching Out Internationally**

**Nuts About Projects Award: J. R. Woman’s Club of Lexington**

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Woman’s Club of the Midlands
- Cat II 1st: Sand River Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: St. Andrews Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Seneca Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Aiken Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: St. Andrews Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

**Public Affairs – Citizenship in Action**

**Nuts About Projects Award: St. George Women’s Guild**

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Senior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1st: Woman’s Club of the Midlands
- Cat III 1st: Lake Murray-Irmo Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Aiken Woman’s Club

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Seneca Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Easley Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: St. Andrews Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

**Home Life – Helping Hands**

**Nuts About Projects Award: Upstate Woman’s Club**

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Saxe Gotha Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: GFWC Foothills Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: Senior Woman’s Club of Batesburg-Leesville
- Cat II 1st: Woman’s Club of Cayce

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Seneca Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Easley Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Charleston Junior Woman’s Club

**Public Affairs – Community In Action**

**Nuts About Projects Award: Batesburg-Leesville**

**Category:** Saxe Gotha Woman’s Club

**Category II**: Woman’s Society of Batesburg-Leesville

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Aiken Jr. Woman’s Club
**Legislation & Public Policy**

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Woman’s Club of the Midlands
- Cat II 1st: Woman’s Society of Batesburg-Leesville
- Cat III 1st: Woman’s Club of Cayce

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club

*GFWC Junior Special Project—Advocates For Children*

**Overall Winner:** Seneca Junior Woman’s Club

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: North East Columbia Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Seneca Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Lexington Junior Woman’s Club

*Domestic Violence Awareness*

**Overall Winner:** North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Junior Woman’s of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1st: Sand River Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Seneca Jr. Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Aiken Junior Woman’s Club

*Fundraising*

**Overall Winner:** Junior Woman’s Club of Lexington

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Junior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1st: Sand River Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: St. Andrews Woman’s Club

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Grand Strand Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Aiken Junior Woman’s Club

*Leadership*

**Overall Winner:** Charleston Federation of Women’s Clubs

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Charleston Federation of Women’s Clubs
- Cat II 1st: Sand River Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: Woman’s Society of Batesburg-Leesville

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Seneca Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Easley Junior Woman’s Club

*Membership*

**Overall Winner:** Junior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Junior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1st: Upstate Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: Lexington Woman’s Club

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Easley Junior Woman’s Club

*Communications & Public Relations*

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Junior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- Cat II 1st: Upstate Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: St. Andrews Woman’s Club

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Aiken Junior Woman’s Club

*Women’s History & Resource Center*

**Overall Winner:** Easley Junior Woman’s Club

**General:**
- Cat I 1st: Northeast Columbia Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Walhalla Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st: Woman’s Club of Cayce

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st: Seneca Jr. Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st: Easley Jr. Woman’s Club

*Community Improvement Contest*

**1st Place:** Aiken Junior Woman’s Club
**2nd Place:** North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
**3rd Place:** Junior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

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Creativity Awarded at Convention

**Yearbook**

**General:**
- Cat I 1st Woman’s Club of West Columbia
- Cat II 1st Woman’s Society of Batesburg–Leesville
  2nd Palmetto Woman’s Club
- Cat III 1st St. Andrews Woman’s Club
- Tie 1st Aiken Woman’s Club
  2nd Lexington Woman’s Club

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st Junior Woman’s Club of Lexington
- Cat II 1st Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club

**Scrapbook**

**General:**
- Cat I 1st Tuesday Afternoon Book Club
  2nd Northeast Columbia Women’s Club
- Cat II 1st Upstate Woman’s Club
  2nd Junior Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- Cat III 1st Aiken Woman’s Club
  2nd Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

**Junior:**
- Cat I 1st Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club
- Cat II 1st Easley Junior Woman’s Club
- Juniorettes: 1st Hillcrest Juniorettes

**Creative Arts-Photography:**

**Natural History:**
- 1st Emily Pusser
  Charleston Junior Woman’s Club
- 2nd Emily Pusser
  Charleston Junior Woman’s Club

**Scenic:**
- 1st Charlotte Daniels
  Aiken Woman’s Club
- 2nd Laura Howell
  Northeast Columbia Woman’s Club

**Feature:**
- 1st Emily Pusser
  Charleston Junior Woman’s Club
- 2nd Emily Pusser
  Charleston Junior Woman’s Club

**Volunteers in Action:**
- 1st Emily Pusser
  Charleston Junior Woman’s Club
- 2nd Emily Pusser
  Charleston Junior Woman’s Club

**A Year In Pictures Calendar Contest:**
- 1st Laura Howell
  Northeast Woman’s Club

**Great States Contest-Best Overall Picture Representative of SC:**
- 1st Emily Pusser ~ “Marina”

**Individual Creative Writing Awards:**

**Poetry:**
- 1st Melanie Pendarvis
  Poem: “Tribute for Mother-in-Law’s 80th Birthday”
  St. George Women’s Guild
- 2nd Linda Grant
  Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
  Poem: “The Basket Woman”

**Nancy Ann Morris Rivers Drama Award:**
- Virginia Baxley
  Tuesday Afternoon Book Club
  Humorous Play: “Momentous Decision”

**Frances B. Hair Award (Best Short Story):**
- Williesha Lakin
  Junior Woman’s Club of Columbia
  Short Story: “Love According to Plan”

**Emma R. Lipscomb Award (Best Overall Entry):**
- Williesha Lakin
  Junior Woman’s Club of Columbia
  Wonderful Short Story: “Love According to Plan”

**Youth Creative Writing Awards:**

**Youth Short Story:**
- Category II Grades 4-6
  1st Place Aaron Moran
  “Crash Landing”
  Sponsored by: Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club

**Youth Poetry:**
- Category II Grades 4-6
  1st Place Kendal Gilmore Agnew
  “It Was a Windy Day”
  Sponsored by: GFWC-SC Jubilee Club
  2nd Place Aaron Moran
  “My Friend Rachel”
  Sponsored by: Walhalla Woman’s Club
2009 Clubs Net Gain

Awards

North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club
Chapin WC

GFWC Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
Lexington Woman's Club
Woman's Club of the Midlands
Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
GFWC-Jubilee Club
Hilcrest High Juniorettes
Upstate Woman's Club
Easley Junior Women's Club
Once A Week Club
Seneca Junior Woman's Club
Walhalla Junior Woman's Club
Walhalla Woman's Club
GFWC Lowcountry Junior Woman's Club
The Charleston Federation of Women's Clubs
Monetta Woman's Study Club
Sand River Woman's Club

GFWC-SC Scholarship Recipients

Taylor Thompson - Upstate Woman's Club
Victoria Ferguson - GFWC Jubilee Club
Allyssa Verdone - Fort Mill Woman's Club

Jennifer Galloway - Seneca Junior Woman's Club
Kara Wylie - Foothills Woman's Club
Stacey Holden - Walhalla Woman's Club

Alyssa Moore - Walhalla Junior Woman's Club
Kelly Cooper - Winnsboro Woman's Club
Lyle Goff - Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville
Charlotte Fussell - Sand River Women's Club
Shelby Scott - Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill
Aiken Woman’s Club GFWC-SC is proud to present Charlette Daniels as our 2009 Volunteer of the Year. Charlette is very active and involved in the Aiken Woman’s Club. In 2009 she supported all, and participated in most of the club’s programs and projects of Aiken Woman’s Club. In addition, Charlette is very involved in her church and in the Aiken community.

Charlette has been a member of Aiken Woman’s Club for eight years. For the last five years, she has served as Third Vice President. In 2009 she also co-chaired the Education Department, and served as chairman of one of the Sunshine Committees. She attended the monthly board meetings, in addition to the monthly general meetings. She co-hosted one general meeting, and co-hosted one board meeting.

As Third Vice-President, Charlette’s responsibility is to report the GFWC-SC Department and Special Projects/Standing Committee Reports. Aiken Woman’s Club uses a point sheet system to report the projects, volunteer hours, and dollars invested in our woman’s club activities. Charlette revised this point sheet and made it available on-line for our computer savvy members in 2009. She also comes early to meetings to help new members prepare their point sheets. Charlette maintains the Sunshine and Sunshine Committee reports in the point sheets. The information on the sheets is compiled for use in completing the GFWC-SC Reports. Charlette writes the narratives and submits the data as required on the GFWC Report Form. In 2009 Aiken Woman’s Club participated in 57 projects with 4,823 volunteer hours, and donated $12,509. This reporting resulted in many awards at State Convention and Western District Summer Board meeting.

As co-chairman of the Education Department it was Charlette’s responsibility to organize and solicit volunteers for the Aiken County Public Library Summer Reading Program. Approximately 800 children register for the Summer Reading Program. Charlette assists in the registration for the program and also in verifying that the children meet the required reading goals to receive a personalized signed certificate.

Another of the Education Department projects is the collection of Labels for Education. Charlette collects the labels from club members and distributes them to Aiken County Schools. The schools can exchange them for classroom and playground equipment.

Charlette volunteered to organize the sale of luminaries for Relay for Life. These luminaries are either in memory of someone who has lost their battle with cancer or in honor of someone who has beaten the odds. Rain was in the forecast for May 15, 2009, the day of the Relay for Life Walk at Aiken High School. It had been raining all week and the ground was very wet. Charlette and her husband, Frank, collected and placed sand inside her pick-up. Charlette then waited until the very last minute to place the bags along the track at Aiken High School. Aiken Woman’s Club Members purchased 49 luminary bags, for a total of $495.

Charlette also supported the Tri-Development Center of Aiken County by purchasing and donating goods to motivational/behavioral reward store. Tri-Development is a center that provides services and employment opportunities to individuals with disabilities.

In January the Aiken Woman’s Club sponsored an International Dinner. The dinner is held to increase the club members’ knowledge of various cultures and international concerns. For the 2009 project, the International Department chose the Mwandi Mission Hospital Infant Formula Project. A meal of soup and salad was served. Members donated as if they were paying for a meal at a restaurant. Charlette prepared a crock-pot of wild rice and mushroom soup. A total of $367 was collected and donated to the Mwandi project.

Charlette also brought non-perishable food to the October general meeting for World Food Day. One hundred pounds of food items and $145 in cash were collected. All were donated to the Golden Harvest Food Bank.

Aiken Woman’s Club has sponsored a Very Special Arts Festival in conjunction with the Special Olympic Spring Games for the last twenty-three years. In 2009, the event was held at Aiken High School. This festival offers hands-on art experience for approximately 500 Aiken area students and adults with disabilities. Charlette worked, with the help of her grandson, Daniel, setting up tents, serving hot dogs, water, and, juices, and replenishing condiment supplies as needed. She also helped with clean-up and the transportation of extra supplies and equipment to storage.

For the past three years the Conservation Department has hosted a pet shower for the SPCA. A list of items needed by the SPCA is supplied by the Aiken Woman’s Club. Charlette donated money to help with the cause.

The Aiken Woman’s Club supports the Cumbee Center in Aiken. The Cumbee Center is a safe haven for victims of domestic violence and rape. Charlette donated new sweat suits and under garments to the Cumbee Center.

The Aiken Woman’s Club main fund raiser is a “Sample and Share Luncheon. Each member prepares three dishes of two different recipes and a cookbook is published with all of the recipes. In 2009 it was the sixteenth year for the luncheon. The theme was “Serving up Service”. Charlette helped collate the cookbooks and also provided lunch one day for the members doing the major collaboration. She provided items for table decorations, sold tickets, prepared food, and assisted with set-up and clean-up. Her primary role in the luncheon (besides preparing food) was to model in the Fashion Show, modeling clothing from Stein Mart. Woman’s Club members modeled outfits they had selected as guests enjoyed their lunch. Charlette also contributed items for three gift baskets for which luncheon guests had an opportunity to purchase tickets. A total of $4,746 was raised at the luncheon, and an additional $669 from the gift baskets. This money is used for donations by Aiken Woman’s Club to local, national and international charities.

The Aiken Woman’s Club also sells Uncle Al’s Pecan Products. Charlette sold over $400 worth of the various products. An overall profit of $396 was gained by this fund raiser.

The Aiken Woman’s Club Social Committee provided social events for its members. Charlette attended a summer luncheon held at Hounds Lake Country Club and also a Bunco game held at the home of a member.

The Aiken Woman’s Club Sunshine Committee is divided into six teams. These teams take turns providing meals and other needs for our members. Charlette was chairman of one of these teams, and helped in organizing and preparing meals as needed. Charlette also sent many encouragements, birthday and sympathy cards to members.

The President of the District is a member of the Aiken Woman’s Club. Charlette served as a member of the nominating committee for the Summer Western District Conference. Charlette also assisted the President with set-up and clean-up at the Western District Summer Conference.

Charlette has attended Mount Beulah Baptist Church for many years. In addition to Sunday school and regular attendance at worship services she volunteers in other activities in her congregation.

The Mount Beulah Baptist Church has an annual Community Festival. The Festival is free to the community and includes games and rides for the children and gospel music and drawing, and free drinks, hot dogs, popcorn and other treats for the adults. The sign-up for summer Bible school is also held at this time. Charlette helps with the organization of the festival, picks up food items and along with her husband, daughters, and grandchildren, cooks and serves hot dogs and drinks.

Mount Beulah Baptist Church is undertaking a major building project. A new church to accommodate approximately 600 members is being built. Some work can only be performed by licensed contractors. Church members and volunteer labor are being utilized for the work not performed by contractors. Charlette volunteers as a gofer, prepares meals and helps where possible in the actual construction and clean-up at the building site.

Mount Beulah Baptist Church members support and operate a food bank for the needy and elderly in our community. Charlette volunteers as a food bank worker, and also picks-up the food items from the Golden Harvest Food Bank and stocks the shelves when the need arises.

A Lottie Moon Missionary offering was collected from the members at Christmas. The Mount Beulah goal was $1,000. Each Sunday in the month of December children collected money from the members and purchased an ornament for the Christmas tree. Mount Beulah collected the money from the children and helped with the tree decoration.

Charlette worked as a Procurement Specialist for the County of Aiken for 15 years. She retired from the Savannah River Diversification Initiative, (SRDII) in 2003. Her responsibilities as Program Manager were to audit and report the activities of small businesses that were granted monies from the Department of Energy, in their efforts to compensate for the downsizing at the Savannah River Site. Her husband of 51 years, Frank retired from Kimberly-Clark in 1998. Since her retirement she has spent her time with her husband, three daughters and her six grandchildren. Charlette and her husband like to travel, and garden. They love to can, freeze or pickle the vegetables that they grow. Charlette’s children are grown professional women, and her grandchildren are also grown. Charlette and her husband live in the country about 17 miles from Aiken. The children and grandchildren love to come and visit, cook out and just enjoy the country. That is how she spends her time apart from her volunteering. As the story goes, she wonders how she ever had time to work.
GFWC-SC Woman of Distinction
Trudie Bolin Heemsoth

Trudie has been an active clubwoman and member of the Woman’s Club of Fort Mill since 1971. She has held every office in the club and served two terms as President. Trudie was the GFWC-SC North Central District President for the 2006-2008 Administration.

She is Director of the Fort Mill Area Council an arm of the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce. In this role, she currently supervises two offices in Fort Mill and Tega Cay. As a member of the Fort Mill Area Council, she has planned and hosted countless events for the Chamber for up to 150 participants.

As if her full-time employment and family obligations are not testament enough, Trudie has defined the standard for women in her community for many years and serves as a role model in numerous areas. She was the first woman to be elected to public office in Fort Mill in 1980 when she was elected to her first term on the Fort Mill School Board. She was subsequently re-elected and served on the Board until 1994. As a school board member, Trudie completed six years of school board training and ultimately reached Level 6, the highest tier of qualifying training. She was faced with making many decisions which were often unpopular with parents. Notably, she was Chair of the Sex Education Committee when sex education was not an acceptable part of any school curriculum. She also worked to keep school board seats “at large” because there was not and still is not an area of Fort Mill considered a minority.

Currently, she is a member of the Move Fort Mill Forward organization working to revitalize downtown Fort Mill. She is a tireless advocate for the Boys & Girls Club and can be found monthly catering their birthday parties. While working for Belk Store Services in Charlotte, she served as a volunteer for eight years with the Belk Good Neighbor Program. This program was started by John and Tom Belk to help families in need. Trudie’s main role, for this worthwhile endeavor, was to organize and facilitate gift buying and wrapping during Christmas, interviewing families in need and delivering gifts and food collected from several organizations.

Trudie is a member of St. John’s United Methodist Church. She has served as an active member teaching Sunday School for 20 years to kindergarten and first graders. She has served on too many church committees to list. She is active in all aspects of the church and is a well-respected member of her church community.

Her volunteer work is impressive and has continued for many years. To wit:
- Board of Directors for the Speech and Hearing of York County since 2004.
- Board of Directors for Boys and Girls Club since 1995.
- Board of Directors for York County Gamecocks since 1998.
- Board of Directors for the upper YMCA since 2003.
- Secretary for the Fort Mill Rotary Club for 2007-2008.

For her dedication to the Rotary Club and its service to the community, she was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award in 2009.

Trudie’s humanitarian contributions are rolled into her multi-faceted participation as an active volunteer and her service to so many worthwhile projects and organizations for the entire Fort Mill community and beyond. Her dedication and free gift of her time is truly remarkable. She is a “Woman of Distinction” in all aspects of her life.
The 112th Annual Convention for the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of South Carolina was held April 23 – 24, 2010 at the Columbia Marriott, Columbia, South Carolina. President, Tammy Garland, called the meeting to order at 11:50 am. Invocation was given by Jolene Bryant, GFWC-SC Chaplin. The Irmo High School Air Force Junior ROTC presented the colors and five flight veterans were honored. National Anthem was sung by Peggy Aun. Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Kristin Fields, Central District President. South Carolina Pledge was lead by Juliet Casper, North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club. Collect for Clubwoman was lead by Libby Love, North Central District President. National Pledge of Junior Clubwomen was lead by Michele Hood, Director-elect of Junior Clubs. Welcome was given by Cherie Netles. Response was given by Misty Konow, Courtesy Coordinator. Julia Hoyle, Northwestern District President, introduced the GFWS-SC Past Presidents, Officers and members serving GFWC Board of Directors. Charlotte Wymer, Credential Committee Co-chairman, presented the preliminary credential report a voting strength of 108, non-voting of 49, with 13 guests, for a total attending 157. Maribeth Kowalski read the rules and procedures and moved they be adapted as presented. The motion passed. The convention program was presented by Jackie Boland with corrections and the convention voted to accept it as the official program of the convention. Darlene Rittel, Western District President, offered grace and lunch was served. GFWS-SC First Vice President and Membership Chairman, Laurie O’Kelly, recognized first time attendees to the convention and honor clubs awards were delayed. Laurie O’Kelly, GFWS-SC First Vice President, Jo Ann Bolchoz, GFWS-SC Second Vice President, and Linda Rodgers, GFWS-SC Treasurer, presided over the presentation of Rating Sheets and Contribution Sheet Silver Awards and Certificates along with Special Projects and Committees Awards and Certificates. The presentation of the Honor Roll was delayed. The convention recessed at 2:40 p.m. until the Arts Banquet at 7:00 p.m. April 23, 2010. The convention resumed at 7:20 p.m. Following dinner, awards and certificates were given for Arts in the Community, Creative Arts and the Conservation Department. Convention was in recess until the business session on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

The convention reconvened at 9:15 a.m. Saturday. Chaplain, Jolene Bryant, lead the Memorial Service of Remembrance and Honor. Officers’ reports were given by GFWS-SC Director of Junior Clubs, Caroline Brown, GFWS-SC Linda Rodgers, GFWS-SC Recording Secretary ShirLee Alfors, GFWS-SC Second Vice President Jo Ann Bolchoz, GFWS-SC First Vice President Laurie O’Kelly. GFWS-SC President Tammy Garland honored GFWS-SC Pioneering Woman of 2010. The report from the Executive Board and Board of Directors was given by GFWS-SC Recording Secretary ShirLee Alfors. It was moved that the Financial Fact Finding Committee, consisting of a member from each of the eight districts, the Finance Committee Chairman and the GFWS-SC President and GFWS-SC Treasurer, ex-officio report at the 2011 Winter Board meeting with recommendations to be voted upon at the 2011 State convention, and the Finance Committee Chairman serve as chairman of this committee. The motion passed. It was moved that during this convention donations be taken for the GFWS-SC Scholarship 2010, the donations to be given as part of this year’s scholarship. The motion passed. Linda Ham, Chairman of GFWS-SC Board of Trustees Endowment Fund, moved that we take $360.70 from the GFWS-SC general fund to be added to the accrued interest on the principal. This would bring the total to $2,000.00 for the President’s Travel Fund for 2010. The motion passed. Janet Agnew, Chairman of GFWS-SC Progress Foundation, gave her report. Misty Konow, GFWS-SC Scholarship Chairman gave her report. Princa Wright, Chairman Headquarters Committee gave her report. Jan Hadwin treasurer for the Headquarters Committee moved adoption of the budget for this committee, the motion passed. In accordance with GFWS-SC By-laws, at 11:00 a.m. elections were held. Charlotte Wyner, Co-Chairman of the Credentials Committee gave the credentials report indicating a voting strength of 107. Sue Burgess, Chairman, presented the Elections Committee report. She moved the confirmation of district elections of the GFWS-SC 2010-2012 Elections Committee as presented in the in program. The motion passed. Sue Burgess moved for confirmation of GFWS-SC Headquarters Committee as presented in the program. The motion passed. Sue Burgess moved for confirmation of the GFWS-SC Trustees of Progress Foundation as presented in the program. The motion passed. Sue Burgess moved for confirmation of the GFWS-SC Board of Trustees in the program with the addition of Eastern District Sandy Kelly, North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club. The motion passed. Sue Burgess moved for confirmation of the GFWS-SC Scholarship Committee as presented in the program with the addition of Northern District – Laura Palmer, Palmetto Junior Woman’s Club. The motion passed. Sue Burgess moved for confirmation of the District President’s as presented in the convention program. The motion passed. Sue Burgess moved for confirmation of Rachel Meehan, Junior Director-Elect. The motion passed. The GFWS-SC officers were presented and the vote was taken by ballot. Jan Hadwin as treasurer for GFWS-SC Headquarters Committee asked members for continuing support of Sims-Stackhouse Endowment. Kaye Jones, Chairman of Budget and Finance presented the GFWS-SC 2010-2011 Budget. Kaye Jones moved for adoption of the budget. The motion passed. Bobbie Sox, Chairman of Bylaws Committee, departments were changed to Community Service Programs and the Corresponding Secretary will be changed to: Special Assistant to the President. The committee did not receive any proposed amendments to the Bylaws. Laurie O’Kelly and JoAnn Bolchoz presented department awards. GFWS-SC President Tammy Garland announced GFWS-SC President Laurie O’Kelly and GFWS-SC Director of Junior Clubs, Michele Hood were confirmed for their offices. The results of the election as follows with 91 ballots: First Vice President, Jo Ann Bolchoz 87, Second Vice President, ShirLee Alfors 36 and Caroline Mahaffey 55, Secretary Janet Prince 88. Treasurer Linda Rodgers 88. Jackie Boland gave announcements. The convention was in recess.

At 7:00 p.m. the convention reconvened. Juniorettes, Britten Bowman and Bailey Arheart reported on events in the GFWS-SC’s only Juniorette Club. Janet Smalley, GFWS-SC Poet Laureate presented grace. President-elect, Laurie O’Kelly, Second Vice President, Jo Ann Bolchoz and Director of Junior Clubs, Caroline Brown presented district, outstanding club and individual awards. Melanie Branhant and Karen Kaylor gave the invitation to the 2011 GFWS-SC convention to be held in Greenville, SC. Charlotte Wyner presented the final credentials committee report. Winners were drawn for the donation baskets.

The installation of officers was given by Gail Elfert. The pinning of Director of Junior Clubs, followed and Michele Hood gave remarks. The passing of the GFWS-SC President’s Pin and Laurie O’Kelly gave remarks. The convention adjourned at 9:55 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 2010.
The Genius Volunteer Test ~ 2010 GFWC-SC Convention Program

This test is to gauge your mental flexibility and creativity. These are all qualities of good volunteers. It has been found that very few people can solve more than half of the brain teasers on the first day. Many have reported getting answers long after the test has been set aside. If you listened very close during convention then, I am sure you picked up on more than a few answers because you were among fellow geniuses.

Scoring: 1-5 is average, 6-11 somewhat intelligent, 12-18 intelligent, and 19+ GENIUS

Example: 16=O in a P        Answer: 16 Ounces in a Pound

1. 26=L of the A
2. 7=D of the W
3. 1001=A N
4. 12=S of the Z
5. 54=C in a D (with J)
6. 9=P in the S S
7. 88=P K
8. 13=S on the A F
9. 32=D at which W F
10. 18=H on a G C
11. 90=D in a R A
12. 8=S on a S S
13. 3=B M (S H T R)
14. 4=Q in a G
15. 24=H in a D
16. 1=W on a U
17. 5=D in a Z C
18. 57=H V
19. 11=P on a F B T
20. 1000=W that a P is W
21. 29=D in F in a L Y
22. 64=S on a C B
23. 40=D & N of the G F
24. 76=T in the B P
25. 50=W to L Y L
26. 99=B of B on the W

Answers:

Genius
We all know that you are a genius.
Why did you even look?

26. Bottles of beer on the wall
25. Ways to lose your lover
24. Tomatoes in the big plate
23. Days of the months of the year
22. Squares on a chess/checker board
21. Days in February in a leap year
20. Words that a picture is worth
19. Players on a football team
18. Heinz varieties
17. Digits in a zip code
16. Wheels on a unicycle
15. Hours in a day
14. Quarters in a game of quarters in a gallon
13. Words of the ancient world
12. Sidewalks in a stop sign
11. Degrees in a right angle
10. Holes on a golf course
9. Degrees in a full circle
8. Signs of the American Flag
7. Piano keys
6. Planets in the solar system
5. Cards in a deck (with jokers)
4. Signs of the zodiac
3. American Airlines
2. Days of the week
1. Letters in the alphabet
PART A - Check only one

_____ GFWC-SC State Officer
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_____ GFWC-SC Standing Committee Chairman (Finance, Constitution, Credentials, Headquarters)

PART B - Check only one

_____ Club President
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_____ GFWC-SC State Officer

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Total Amount

$3 Summer Board

$10 Program Council Dinner

I will attend:

Program Council Dinner $10

Summer Board $3

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## GFWC-SC General Fund Budget

### 2010 - 2011 Fiscal Year

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### Important Reminder!

Please email Maribeth Kowalski at mbk9802@gmail.com if your address changes. The Post Office is not forwarding the Clubwoman Magazine. Help us save money and trees! Visit our website at www.gfwc-sc.org.
I am so excited to be starting my term as the new Director of Junior Clubs for South Carolina. Who would have thought that when I joined the Charleston Junior Woman’s Club in August of 2003 that I would be standing here today getting ready to start leading the juniors of South Carolina? Definitely not me.

With the Charleston juniors, I served as Home Life Chair, Corresponding Secretary, and Civic Chair. After attending my first GFWC-SC convention in April of 2004, I was hooked. Meeting people from all over the state who love volunteering as much as I do was awesome. In June 2008, I was the LEADS representative for South Carolina. I learned so much about GFWC. Oh, and the number of people under one roof from all over the US who love volunteering was unbelievable. I felt so at home with all these ladies. In the fall of 2008, I started a new junior club in Mt. Pleasant, the GFWC Lowcountry Junior Woman’s Club. We are 7 members strong and already out doing work in our community.

For the next 2 years, my special project will be Awareness for Teen Dating Violence. This is a topic that is close to my heart and keeps with the National Junior Special Project of Advocates for Children. Teenagers often experience violence in dating relationships. In dating violence, one partner tries to maintain power and control over the other through abuse. Dating violence affects all racial, economic and social groups. Most victims are young women, who are also at greater risk for serious injury.

Here are some statistics:
- About one in three high school students have been or will be involved in an abusive relationship.
- In one study, 30 to 50 percent of female high school students reported having already experienced teen dating violence.
- Teen dating violence most often takes place in the home of one of the partners.
- About one in five high school students have been or will be involved in an abusive relationship.

With your help, we can educate teens, male and female, about this danger. Some do not know that it is not okay to be verbally, emotionally, or physically abused.

I am so excited about the next 2 years. We will have so much fun! I can’t wait to see you in Omaha (if you’re going to GFWC National Convention) and at the Summer Board meeting in July. Have a wonderful summer.
Janet Prince

Janet has been a GFWC-SC Clubwoman since 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. Janet served as the GFWC-SC Focus on Literacy Department Program Chairman for 2008-2010. She was co-chair of the 2010 GFWC-SC 112th Convention.

Linda Rodgers

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I believed you. I trusted you. It was the pants that betrayed me. We wore the same. We had to match. And the shoes, Barbara! Goodness gracious, the shoes! Always matching our outfits. Matching us. Then came Weejuns. Buy them, wear them - or be shamed into oblivion.

The Belk's Summer Sale rescued us from the surest Disaster of high school: Showing up at BHP in September - Weejunless.

I lithely slipped into my 6 and ½'s, then we scoured the sale racks for your 8's. I savored the gift of my smaller feet – and loved even more the frantic, friendly urgency of finding Your size. If you had no Weejuns. I had no Weejuns. It was that simple.

When did we Stop calling each other to find out what to wear to school, to the game, to revival, to "cut town," to the Joy Theatre? I don't know when that part ended. But I still have the dress, and the pants and the shoes. And You.

We are the same. We match.

Janet Smalley, GFWC-SC Poet Laureate

Caroline Richardson Mahaffey 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 a lifetime member of Simpsonville First Baptist Church; is a member of the Simpsonville Kiwanis; serves on the Simpsonville Planning Commission; serves on Simpsonville 2020, an advisory committee; and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Simpsonville Chamber of Commerce.

Caroline started her Federation experience with the Greenville Junior Woman's Club twenty four years ago, serving as Points Chair, Home Life Chair, Treasurer and Secretary before leaving to federate the Upstate Woman's Club. She has served several terms as President, advisor and various department and committee chairs.

In addition to serving as state chair for a variety of departments, Caroline has served on the GFWC-SC Progress Foundation, as Northern District President, as District Program Chairman, and as the state's first Juniorette Coordinator. She represented GFWC-SC as the L.E.A.D.S. candidate in Cleveland in 2009.

Program Council

The work of the Federation shall be further carried on by a Program Council. The Program Council shall be composed of the Dean of the Community Service Programs, the District Presidents, Community Service Programs Chairmen, the Junior Community Service Program Chairman, and Special Committees. The duties of the Council shall be to plan and coordinate the programs of the Federation in compliance with the objectives set forth by the Board of Directors and to provide materials for the use of member clubs. The Program Council shall approve all awards relating to programs, and then submit recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall approve all awards relating to programs, and then submit recommendations to the board of directors. The Board of Directors shall approve all awards relating to programs, and then submit recommendations to the board of directors. The Board of Directors shall approve all awards relating to programs, and then submit recommendations to the board of directors. The Board of Directors shall approve all awards relating to programs, and then submit recommendations to the board of directors.

If you are a member of Program Council and have not heard from me by email, please call me at 864-430-6688 or email rrealestcm@aol.com.

Barbara and Me

We wore the same. We had to match, Barbara and Me. One Spring Saturday, we walked to town - to plow through the Ponderous McCall's Pattern Books - Touching and eyeballing and evaluating bolt after bolt of cotton seersucker - Until our Unified Vision emerged - the perfect Easter dresses for the perfect friendship - Green and Orange-Sherbet-colored Striped Seersucker Sleeveless Shifts. Perfection.

My mother sewed them: mine from McCall's Pattern 618, size 18; yours from Pattern 618, size 8.

I was grateful. The stripes were Vertical.

When we bought our fine, new, cotton knit pants to take on vacation to Hunting Island, I was not so blessed by the stripes. Hip Huggers - with Horizontal, Wide, Burgundy, and Orange, and Gold, and Brown Stripes.

Belks in Downtown Anderson served up these fashion icons - just in time for 4th of July.

For weeks, we saved allowances to ransom them from layaway.

My size 18's had "way more" hips to hug – But you said I looked just like A Blonde Cher.
We are off to a great start in South Carolina with new clubs but let’s make it happen! Let’s make it happen.

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Let’s cultivate new members by inviting them to summer socials. If each clubwoman sponsored one new member we could double our membership and that is an achievable goal. By adding new members we add new enthusiasm to our clubs.

We also need to emphasize retention of our clubwomen. Consider calling a member and offering a ride to an event, social or club meeting. Send notes of appreciation to a club member for doing a great job on a project. Send cards to members on their birthdays or who are suffering with an illness. Club members who feel appreciated remain in the club. Many volunteers are lost due to under-utilization rather than burn-out. The secret is to challenge our clubwomen according to their abilities. By involving them in summer socials, if each clubwoman sponsored one new member we could double our membership and that is an achievable goal. By adding new members we add new enthusiasm to our clubs.

We are off to a great start in South Carolina with new clubs but let’s go for it with federating additional new clubs and increasing and retaining our memberships in 2010 and beyond. Let’s cultivate new members.

In the words of Maya Angelou “Ain’t Nothing to It, But to Do It!”

Please join me in welcoming our two new clubs. The Past Junior Directors Club which was federated on May 3, 2010 under Linda Rodgers as President and our newest club, The General Federation of Women’s Clubs of York County federated at the Junior Luncheon at Convention with Linda Rodgers as President.

www.gfwc-sc.org
Jo Ann Bolchoz

Jo Ann Bolchoz has been an active clubwoman in the State of South Carolina for over thirty-five years and a GFWC-SC clubwoman for greater than fifteen years. She began her volunteer activities as an undergraduate student at South Carolina when she served as an officer of her college chapter. She is a member of the Woman’s Club of Charleston and the Charleston Federation of Women’s Clubs. In the Southern District she serves as the 2006-2012 President of the Charleston Federation of Women’s Clubs. She has served as the Education Department Chairman and as Recording Secretary for the Woman’s Club of Charleston and is a past president of the Charleston Exchange Club Auxiliary and the Charleston Federation of Women’s Clubs. She has served on numerous committees in all the clubs.

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I look forward to many friendships formed during this administration. I hope to serve you and hope you will tell me wherever I can help you.

It is an honor to stand before you tonight as your state president. Thank you for bestowing me with this honor and responsibility. I pledge to always work for you and our federation, and I look forward to the next 2 years of club work.

I want to introduce those seated at my table tonight. Husband, David. Our sons Brad, a student at Winthrop. Bryan who is a student at the College of Charleston and his girlfriend Ashton. My sisters, Susan and Nancy. My Friday night girlfriends, Linda Martin and Leslie Zelenka. I love you all. Thank you for celebrating with me tonight.

I have some people I would like to thank:

First, my husband David – He's always there, always supportive. Every time I was asked to take on a leadership role, he would always respond, "Go for it!" I've heard some club women (I won't mention names) say they wait until after elections to tell their husband about their new role. The inside joke is "Have you told your husband yet?"

St. Andrews Woman's Club – I am a member of The BEST woman's club. We work together, we support each other and they have always been more than willing to help with any request from any member, not just me. Their leadership and friendships keep me coming to state meetings and volunteering in our community.

Gail Elfert, thank you for that inspiring installation.

Tonja Ivey, I'm so glad I invited you to join WC. Your help and creativity has been invaluable.

Cathy Dixon and Nancy Schmidt asked if I need any help. Boy, they didn't know what they'd asked. I would still be wrapping and fussing with ribbons if not for the 2 of you.

I also want to thank Tammy Garland for her leadership and her friendship. If more than a week goes by that we haven't talked, something is up. I know it means I need to call and check on her. Her guidance and sharing of information has been invaluable.

Marian St. Clair and Jackie Boland are true friends. They have a multitude of knowledge and have always been extremely helpful. I know when I ask for their advice, I will get a straight answer.

You can't go wrong with friends like these.

Some have asked why I do woman's club. The obvious answer for me is …

It's for the friendships. When you are a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, you have friends all over the US.

Would your friends spring into action, book a flight back to Columbia, drive you to the airport, right in the middle of GFWC Convention in another state (Florida), just so you can be home when your son comes out of surgery?

Or, tell you to be adventurous and buy some clothing other than black.

Or, tell you when you need a bit more lipstick or blush.

Or, better yet, new shoes.

Or, teach you how to hold a more perfect pair of pliers.

Or, tell you to be adventurous and buy some clothing other than black.

Or, another piece of advice: so you can be home when your son comes out of surgery?

Where else will your friends spring into action and book a flight back to another state just to see you?

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GFWC-SC President's Address to Convention

"Girlfriends Who Care"
Hey Girlfriends!

Have a great summer and come visit with your girlfriends at Summer Board on July 31.

I hope you will all join me as we kick off the new administration at Summer Board. The officers will bring lots of information from the GFWC convention on the new Community Service Programs and other GFWC programs. We will also collect canned goods for Harvest Hope Food Bank to replenish the shelves during the summer, when many don’t think about feeding the hungry.

I am planning an action-packed and informative Summer Board, which includes all of our annual business. Our new officers will be installed and introduced to you at the presidential meeting, which begins immediately following the GDHU board meeting. We will be electing the new president, which begins on Saturday morning, July 31, with Summer Board on Sunday, July 2.

I hope you will all join me at Summer Board on July 31.

Laurie O'Kelly
President
GFWC-SC
**Dates to Remember**

- **June 11-15**  
  GFWC Convention, Omaha, NE
- **July 30**  
  Program Council
- **July 31**  
  Summer Board
- **October 29-31**  
  Southern Region Conf., Huntsville, AL
- **January 8**  
  Winter Board

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