GFWC-SC 2017 Convention Plans

Dear GFWC-SC Clubwomen,

I am happy to share with you the plans for our GFWC-SC 2017 Convention. I think it is going to be an exciting weekend and one that you will return from refreshed and re-energized for GFWC-SC!

Our 2017 Convention is not going to be as "Award Driven" as it has been in the past. When you arrive, you will receive an award booklet listing the winners of our CSP and Advancement Areas. Our CSP and Advancement Chairmen will share with you which club project was forwarded to GFWC for the Club Creativity Award Entry and why. Opportunties for club photos with certificates will be immediately following the close of the Saturday Morning Session.

All Silver Certificate Awards **will be** presented throughout the Convention, as well as the individual awards. We are doing this in an effort to allow you more time to visit and exchange ideas with your club sisters from other areas of the state.

We have built in FREE Time throughout the weekend and have held your registration total cost to $127 – that includes your registration and four meals! So grab your girlfriends and plan your getaway to beautiful Pawley's Island for our 2017 GFWC-SC State Convention!!!

Final details for the weekend and the **"Official Call"**will be in your March 2017 Clubwoman Magazine!

Happy New Year!

Janet

Janet Prince, President
GFWC-SC

The Litchfield Company
VACATION RENTALS

PLANS FOR THE
119TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

APRIL 27-30, 2017

THE LITCHFIELD COMPANY VACATION RENTALS
PAWLEY'S ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

HOSTESS DISTRICTS: EASTERN AND SOUTHERN

CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS
JANINE LAWSON AND JAN STONE

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Convention at The Litchfield Company Vacation Rentals, 14276 Ocean Highway, Pawley's Island, South Carolina 29585, April 27-30, 2017. Our special guests will be Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, Authors Mary Alice Monroe and Kristy Harvey, Christina Jackson, Executive Director of Sea Haven for Youth, and we have tentatively planned a special demonstration by the "Center for Birds of Prey". Also in attendance will be our own Marian St. Clair, GFWC First Vice President who represents our great state in Washington, D.C. All clubwomen are invited and encouraged to attend to celebrate a successful year of community service and to recognize our outstanding clubwomen.

Room Reservation Deadline is March 15, 2017

March 15 is the deadline for room reservations and can be made by calling 1-888-734-8228. Please be sure to state our group name when calling – GFWC-SC. Room rates are Summer House One Bedroom (can accommodate four): $108.32 and Seaside Two Bedroom Condo (can accommodate eight): $176.82. Rates are per night and include taxes and fees. All rooms require a guaranteed ONE (1) night's deposit, including tax.

Advance Registration and Meal Reservations Required

April 14 is the deadline for Registration and Meal Reservations. The advance registration fee is $15 per person. Late registration or on-site registration is $20 per person. Please complete the Registration/Meal Reservation Form included here for each person attending and send along with check for the total amount due made payable to GFWC-SC. We ask if you have retained a name badge holder from a prior convention to please bring it with you and receive a ticket for a special prize drawing.

Convention Attire & Other Information

Friday attire during the day is resort/sporty/casual. Friday evening will start outside for cocktails so wear your favorite resort evening attire. We will have the always popular "It's In The Bag" Junior Travel Fund Auction throughout the evening. So Junior's be sure and remember to bring your entries for the auction. Saturday is GFWC-SC/GFWC/Club attire day. Our Saturday morning business meeting will flow right into a celebration of our Junior's and the great contributions they make to GFWC-SC. Then you will be free for an afternoon of shopping and networking with your club friends from across the state. Saturday evening we will end our convention in our after five attire. The evening will include a new twist on our 50/50 and of course Drawings for the Basket Auction to benefit the GFWC-SC President's Travel Fund.

GFWC-SC 2017 Convention Menu

Friday Opening Session Lunch

Salad Sampler
Chicken & Tuna Salad, Assorted Wraps/Rolls, Tossed Salad with Dressings, Marinated Cucumber Tomato Salad, Bagged Chips, Cookies & Brownies, Coffee, Tea and Water $19.00

Friday Evening Dinner

Shrimp & Grits or Bruschetta Chicken with side and vegetable
Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea and Water $36.00

Saturday Morning Brunch

Quiche Lorraine, Fresh Fruit, Home Fries, Bacon, Coffee, Tea and Water $15.00

Saturday Evening Dinner

Prime Rib or Bourbon Pork Loin with side and vegetable
Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Season Spring Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Water $42.00

Note: Vegetarian Option available for all meals

Preliminary Agenda for GFWC-SC Convention
April 27 - 30, 2017

Thursday, April 27, 2017

7:00 p.m.	Past President's Dinner
8:30 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting in the President's Room

Friday, April 28, 2017

10:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
	By 12:00 p.m. turn in all photos and scrapbooks for judging
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Opening of Convention and Luncheon
	FREE TIME
6:00 p.m.	Reception/Cash Bar - Outside - Center for Birds of Prey Demonstration
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Dinner and Awards

Note: We will have a private book signing for both Mary Alice Monroe and Kristy Harvey

Saturday, April 29, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Convention in Session/Brunch
	Business Meeting
	Elections
	Recognition of Juniors
1:30 p.m.	Photo Opportunity with State President and Director of Junior Clubs for 1st and 2nd place CSP/Advancement Area Winners
	FREE TIME
6:15 p.m.	Reception/Cash Bar - Outside Webster's
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Dinner and Awards

Sunday, April 30, 2017

9:00 a.m.	Memorial Service

GFWC-SC 2017 Convention Speakers

Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Serving as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs will be the highlight of Jolie Frankfurth's nineteen years of community service with the General Federation of Women's Clubs. As a member of the GFWC Board of Directors, Jolie has served as GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs, GFWC Communications and Public Relations Committee, GFWC Strategic Planning Committee, and most recently, GFWC Director-Elect of Junior Clubs.

Few GFWC members can attest to being an integral part of the GFWC at all three levels of membership, but Jolie has been the Advisor of GFWC New Tampa Juniorette Club for the past five years, and she has held many positions, including president, of both GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa and GFWC New Tampa Junior Woman's Club. In 2008, Jolie was honored as the GFWC Jennie Award winner and GFWC's Empowering Women of the Present.

Jolie is a graduate of the University of South Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She realizes that her 20 years of teaching experience helps members of GFWC when working with club members in the areas of leadership training and membership retention and recruitment. Jolie has taught Business Communications, Business Management, Forms Design, Keyboarding, and Word Processing at the community college level. She also has trained adult students in the technology areas of Desktop Publishing/Design and in other specific software programs.

If you "friend" her on Facebook you will see that she loves to fish, paddle board, and travel. Although she spent her young life traveling as part of a military family, her own family has lived in Tampa, Florida since her marriage to Tom, almost 24 years ago. Both of their children are in college, leaving time for Jolie's Federation life and travel.

As GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, Jolie's vision is for members of GFWC to choose to commit, to work hard, to focus on the big picture of community service and to be resilient in their efforts to making individual communities a better place. Jolie will strive for each State Federation to pursue membership in all three levels —the key to making GFWC's future brighter and stronger.

Welcome to the Lowcountry!

The Turtle Lady and Best Selling Author, Mary Alice Monroe, discusses how nature inspires her writing.

New York Times bestselling author Mary Alice Monroe found her true calling in environmental fiction when she moved to coastal South Carolina. Already a successful author, she was captivated by the beauty and fragility of her new home. Her experiences living in the midst of a habitat that was quickly changing gave her a strong and important focus for her novels.

Mary Alice Monroe writes richly textured books that delve into the complexities of interpersonal relationships and the parallels between the land and life. Monroe's novels are published worldwide. With the same heart of conservation, Monroe has written two children's picture books as well.

Her novels have achieved many lists, including the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and SIBA. She has received numerous awards, including several Readers' Choice Awards; the 2014 SC Book Festival Award for Excellence in Writing; the 2015 SW Florida Book Festival Distinguished Author Award; RT Lifetime Achievement Award; and the 2008 South Carolina Center for the Book Award for Writing.

Monroe was also featured at the National Festival of the Book. In 2011, her novel *The Butterfly's Daughter* won the International Book Award for Green Fiction. It was also selected as a finalist for the 2012 Book of the Year by the Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance (SIBA).

Monroe lives with her family on a barrier island outside Charleston, South Carolina. She is an active conservationist and serves on the Board of the South Carolina Aquarium, The Leatherback Trust, and Charleston Literacy Volunteers. She is a frequent speaker at book festivals, conferences, and private events. Monroe is also a frequent contributor to magazines and blogs.

Kristy Harvey "Designing Women for the Millennium"

Kristy Woodson Harvey is the bestselling author of *Dear Carolina* (Berkley/Penguin Random House, 2015), *Lies and Other Acts of Love* (Berkley/Penguin Random House, 2016) and the forthcoming Peachtree Bluff Series, beginning with *Slightly South of Simple* (Gallery/Simon & Schuster, 2017). *Dear Carolina* was long-listed for the Pat Conroy Southern Book Prize, has been optioned for film and has appeared on numerous "must-read" lists. *Lies and Other Acts of Love* was a *Romantic Times* top pick, a Southern Booksellers Okra Pick and was chosen to be a part of the 2017 Trio display, an integration of story, art and song, which will spend the year traveling the country.

She blogs with her mom daily on Design Chic, the inaugural member of *Traditional Home's* design blogger hall of fame, about how creating a beautiful home can be the catalyst for creating a beautiful life and loves connecting with readers at kristywoodsonharvey.com.

Harvey is a Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's school of journalism and holds a master's in English from East Carolina University, with a concentration in multicultural and transnational literature. Her writing has appeared in numerous publications and websites, including *Southern Living*, *Domino*, Houzz and *Our State*. She lives in North Carolina with her husband and four-year-old son where she is working on her next novel.

Christina Jackson, Executive Director

Christina Jackson brings over 22 years of experience in the human services field and positive youth development. As a graduate from Coastal Carolina College and the University of South Carolina, she worked with the Horry County Department of Social Services for over ten years and with North Carolina Behavioral Services monitoring services for physically and mentally challenged adults, youth, and children, in various environments. In 2004, Christina joined Sea Haven and became the Executive Director in 2006 where she operates four essential program components. She is a facilitator for the Managing Aggressive Behavior Curriculum and has presented workshops on topics such as Building and Maintaining Organizational Resiliency and Community Collaboration and Engagement. Christina has extensive experience in researching and securing grants by using a proactive approach to grant writing, fiscal management, supervision of employees, and collaborating with community resources. She is a 2014 graduate from the Francis Marion Non-Profit Leadership Institute. "I believe that the simple successes in life are what is most important and we as human beings should never lose hope but instead work harder to lend a hand to those struggling youth who need us."

Center for Birds of Prey - TENTATIVELY

Wild birds are among the world's most illuminating sentinel species. Birds are numerous, conspicuous, diverse, widespread, and particularly sensitive to environmental changes. The status of wild bird populations directly reflects the overall condition of our ecosystem and biodiversity as a whole. Environmental issues that impact wild bird populations often have potential human health implications as well making the study of these populations increasingly relevant and critical to our own sustainability.

Founded out of an acute awareness for the need of an avian conservation center in South Carolina, the Charleston Raptor Center was formally incorporated as a 501(c)3 organization in September 1991. The Center's name was changed to the South Carolina Center for Birds of Prey in 1995 to better reflect an expanded scope of programs and services. With continued growth and reach, the Avian Conservation Center was established in 2004 as an "umbrella" organization to accommodate distinctive educational, medical, scientific and conservation disciplines within the organization. These operating divisions are: the Center for Birds of Prey; the Avian Medical Center; and the South Carolina Oil Spill Treatment Facility.

The Avian Conservation Center's medical clinic operates 365 days a year with support from more than 60 trained and dedicated Volunteer Staff members. This state-of-the-art medical facility treats more than 600 injured birds of prey and shorebirds each year. Since its founding, the Center has admitted over 7,000 birds for treatment and release. The SC Oil Spill Treatment Facility is among the most distinctive facilities housed at the Avian Conservation Center. In 2005 U.S. Fish and Wildlife and South Carolina DNR awarded the Center a $1.8 million grant for the construction of the 3,500 square foot facility, which remains the only permanent oil spill treatment center of its kind on the eastern seaboard. Research and field studies combine with the objectives of the medical and educational programs to support the protection of wild bird populations and their habitat.

The Center has led and participated in groundbreaking scientific research on avian genetics and environmental hazards, including an ongoing study of endangered and threatened species in South Carolina such as the Swallow-tailed kite. The Center's work is well known in connection with environmental threats like the emergence of avian vacuolar myelinopathy (AVM) among eagles and other birds, and poisoning from unregulated landfill substances.

A "citizen science" approach to a number of initiatives allows the public to become active contributors to wildlife conservation and to raise public awareness of vital ecological issues. Citizen-science programs carry the additional bonus of raising public awareness about ecological issues, educating the public about species of concern and their associated habitats, and allowing the public to become actively engaged supporters of wildlife conservation.