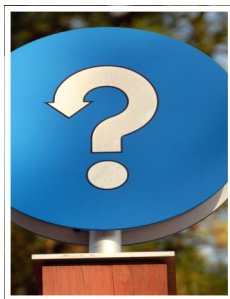


# Woman's Club of the Midlands

2022-2024: APRIL 2024



## DID YOU KNOW

On April 24, 1890, the GFWC constitution was ratified, and 63 clubs officially formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs. With nearly 3,000 clubs and 60,000 members worldwide. Every year, Federation Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on where we have been as an organization and look forward to what we will accomplish in the future.

*"It occurred to them that union is strength. Then they began to reach out toward each other."*

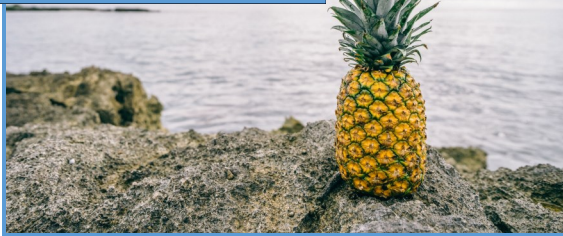
This quote from GFWC clubwoman and author Julia Ward Howe in 1889 is still relevant today.

Happy 134 Years!!!

(source: GFWC North Carolina)

**"April is the sweetest month of the year, the mellow season of rebirth and renewal."**

— Mary Sojourner



## GFWC-SC

**President's Symbol—The Pineapple; Stand Tall, Wear a Crown. Be Tough on the outside & Sweet on the inside.**

### Annual Convention

**The dates for Convention are April 19-20, 2024. It will be held in Convention and WCOM is helping. Registration Thursday (DeAna, Linda, Susan), and Saturday Morning (volunteers). Reigster to attend by April 11.**



## *Living the Volunteer Spirit*

*Susan Lee—President*

*DeAna Sharpe—Advisor*

*Linda Wagster—First Vice President*

*Jennifer Couch—Second Vice President*

*Carol Berenbrok—Third Vice President*

*Elizabeth Saulter -Secretary*

*<please let Elizabeth know if you cannot make a meeting>*

*Jennifer Loveday—Treasurer*

*FaceBook: GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands*

## Happy Birthday

April Birthdays

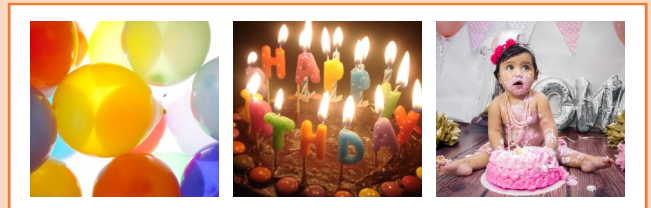
No April Birthdays



## Happy Birthday

May Birthdays

May 5—Jackie Boland/Cyndi Rayburn



### FUNDRAISING

We have a new date for our shopping event with Gifts Galore and More. Please join us on May 2.. And invite your family and friends.

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 6:30pm;  
location: Community Center, 754 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169

**NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION**

## REMINDERS

Committees contacts: Nancy Ellisor, Education and Libraries; Lisa Duvall, Civic Engagement and Outreach; Carol Berenbrok/Mary Jean Burroughs, Health and Wellness

For April:

- Books/magazines for our Little Libraries
- **BINGO Date—April 27, 10:30 am; Jenny Lynn Assisted Living**



## WCOM In Action

In the last month, we delivered our donation—through the GFWC South Carolina Progress Foundation Grant—to PAALS for the naming of two puppies. We had a wonderful meeting welcoming our newest member, Cyndi, formally. We also collected snacks for Fisher House, named our puppies—Zane and Faith—and we put together conference emergency bags for GFWC SC State Convention. Way to go, Ladies! Thanks for all you do!!





# GFWC WCOM TECHNOLOGY CENTRAL

## Want to follow along with GFWC:

Facebook:

**GFWC Woman's Club of the Midlands (Our new page—like and follow)**

GFWC - South Carolina: Official page of GFWC-SC

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

GFWC-SC Girlfriends Book Club

GFWC-SC Upstate District

GFWC-SC Coastal District

GFWC SC Midlands District

GFWC SC Juniors

GFWC: Official page for GFWC International

GFWC ESO Book Club

GFWC Advancements and Program Forum: Official page for Public Relations and Communications, Leadership, and Membership Advancement at international level

Instagram:

@gfwcsc: Official GFWC-SC Instagram page

@gfwcscmidlands: Official GFWC-SC Midlands Instagram page

## TECH/PROTECTING YOURSELF

### Protecting yourself from cybercrime

**Opt For Automatic Software Updates**—To help protect their devices from cybercrime, consumers should make sure to turn on automatic updates for all software, especially for frequently used browsers and apps.

**Stay Skeptical**—Maintain a healthy degree of skepticism about everything you receive from digital sources, whether it's via email, a text message, chat messages or even a good old-fashioned telephone call. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

**Never Reuse Passwords**—Use unique passwords for every website. Otherwise, if one website is compromised, the same credentials could be used to authenticate to other services.

**Confirm All Communications**—Do not send out your private information, and always confirm the identity of anyone you are chatting with or emailing.

**Stay Away From Links And Attachments**—The majority of successful cybercrimes begin when curiosity or a sense of urgency entices an average consumer to enter personal data or click on a link that downloads malware. Besides having a security suite on your devices, the simplest way to avoid being a target is to stay away from links and attachments that go directly to spoofed websites, ask for your data or request passwords.

## TECHNOLOGY FOCUSED UPDATES

The GFWC Clubwoman Magazine Winter 2023 edition is available online.

The GFWC-SC Clubwoman Magazine March 2024 edition is available online.

If you need help accessing any of this information on the web pages, please reach out. I'm always happy to help where I can.

# Dates to Remember\*

WCOM Meeting  
April 11, 2024

GFWC-SC Convention  
(Midlands)  
April 18-22, 2024

GFWC Federation Day  
April 24, 2024

WCOM Meeting  
May 9, 2024

GFWC Annual  
Convention  
Chicago, IL  
June 28-July 2, 2024

GFWC Southern Region  
Conference  
Greenville, SC  
October 3-6, 2024

## \*Legend

WCOM

Midlands District

GFWC-SC

Southern Region

GFWC