

# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2024

## You're invited WCOM Christmas party!

There will be fun games, trivia, ring toss, wrapping contest and gift exchange.

Please bring a wrapped gift that cost less than \$10.00 and your favorite appetizer.

December 12, 2024

6:30

754 B Ave, West Columbia



**HAPPY  
JOYOUS  
HOLIDAY  
GREETINGS!**

It's that special time of year again, when the air is crisp and the lights are twinkly and Christmas music is everywhere and Publix commercials make us cry. For many people, it's the "most wonderful time of the year," yet for

others the days between Thanksgiving and New Year's are long and difficult. So let's not forget to share our blessings with others. Whether it's a donation or a hug or a meal or a gift or a shoulder to lean on or homemade cookies or a word of encouragement and hope, we all have something to share.

Thanks for having generous hearts! Just recently, our club collected items for the Swansea High School Beta Club's Hygiene Closet project. A group of us took the donation to the school, and suffice it to say it was us who received the blessing!

That's what I love about GFWC, and specifically the Woman's Club of the Midlands. We learn that together, we can use what God has given *each* of us to *collectively* make a difference to others. What we may not be able to accomplish individually, as a group God can use us beyond our own expectations.

The biggest treasures I've been given through being a part of the WCOM are the friendships I've made. Working together with WCOM is not only productive, it's fun!

Please join us for our December Meeting & Christmas Social, then come participate in Wreaths across America with our club. We have many more projects planned for the new year and I can't wait to see them come to fruition.

Love you all! Merry Christmas!

~LINDA WAGSTER



**WREATHS  
— across —  
AMERICA**

Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
Saturday, December 14th at Noon



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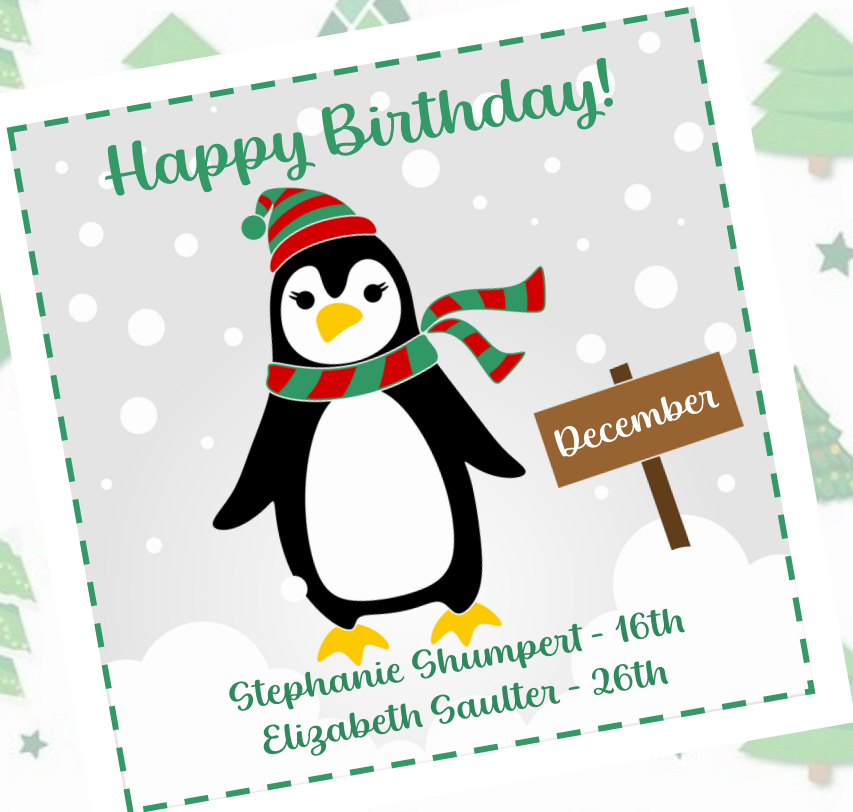
*Next Club Meeting*  
Thursday, December 12th  
6:30 pm

West Cola. Community Center  
754 "B" Ave, West Columbia

### *What to Bring*

- ◆ Items for Free Clinic (pg 2)
- ◆ An appetizer to share
- ◆ \$10 (max) wrapped gift

*Living the Volunteer Spirit*



## LIST OF ITEMS FOR FREE CLINIC

The Health & Wellness Committee is collecting the following items for the Free Clinic project. You may bring any of these the December & January club meetings.

**FOR CLINIC:**

- Hand Sanitizer
- Hand Soap
- Clorox Wipes

**FOR INDIVIDUAL PATIENT BAGS:**

- Socks
- Gloves
- Hats
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Body Wash or Soap



**DID YOU KNOW THAT EACH YEAR, GFWC HOSTS A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE FOR ITS MEMBERS?**

Our national headquarters is a beautiful historic home in Washington DC. If you ever get a chance, it's a wonderful opportunity to tour the festively decorated house and see our women's history and resource center. If you can't make it this year, plan now for next December 10th. See [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org) for more info!

### BREAKING NEWS:



Welcome New Members!  
Our club is growing by leaps and bounds, and we couldn't be happier to embrace our three new club sisters!

**Donna Zeigler**  
**Kathy Minshew**  
**Allie Hayes**

Come grow with us in the  
Woman's Club of the Midlands!

**(p) Update on Our PAALS Pups**



We received a progress report on the two service dogs we named last year, thanks to a donation we gave via The Progress Foundation grant to PAALS.

Zane is a big gentle giant, loves people, and adores his toys. He is extremely smart and his favorite learned cue is "Target!"

Faith is quiet, strong and confident. She is intelligent and is ahead of schedule for her grade. Her favorite cue is "Home," "Hug," or "Lap!"

Thank you to PAALS representative Mackenzie Powell for providing us with this info on our "adopted" dogs. Aren't they precious?



# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

WCOM DONATES ITEMS TO HELP

SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL'S

BETA CLUB WITH THEIR

HYGIENE CLOSET PROJECT

FOR STUDENTS!



WCOM Members with Swansea HS Staff & Students on donation drop-off day, November 20, 2024.



Some of the items donated, including soap, deodorant, feminine products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc.



**THANK YOU TO THE  
STAFF & STUDENTS  
FOR THE WARM RECEPTION  
AND FOR THE GOOD  
WORK YOU'RE DOING!**



## GFWC-South Carolina Events

**GFWC-SC WINTER BOARD** Saturday, January 11, 2025 @ 10:00am

All GFWC members are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$28.52 (\$25 + fees)  
For information and to register, see the December Clubwoman Magazine.  
(gfwc-sc.org → More → News & Publications → Clubwoman Magazines -  
Find Out More → December 2024



**LEADS** Saturday, February 8, 2025 • Cost is \$35

Info and Registration (due by Jan. 25) can be found in the December Clubwoman Magazine. This is a very informative and educational for all club members, but especially those who are new to GFWC or want to learn more about leadership.



**Merry  
Christmas!**

&

**Happy  
Hanukkah!**



*from the  
Woman's Club of  
The Midlands!*