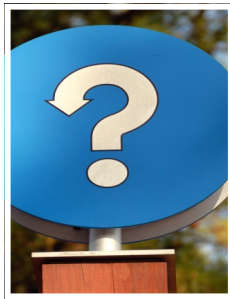
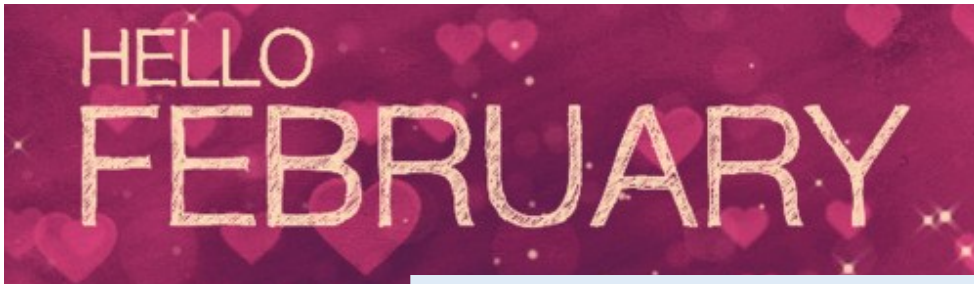


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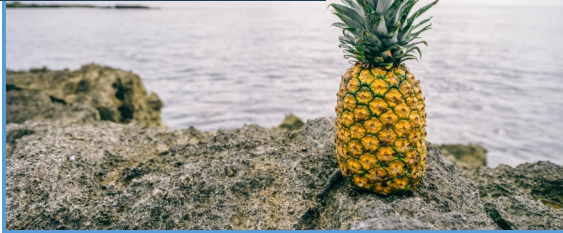
DID YOU KNOW

Success for Survivors Scholarship

As part of the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention, the GFWC *Success For Survivors Scholarship* was created in 2012 to lend a helping hand to those impacted by intimate partner violence who are pursuing higher education. The scholarship aims to provide survivors with a means to achieve both financial and personal independence. Since its inception, GFWC has awarded more than \$97,500 in scholarship funds.

“Late February days; and now, at last, might you have thought that winter’s woe was past; so fair the sky was and so soft the air.” -

William Morris



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—We will man the registration desk on Saturday and put together emergency kits for the convention bag.



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

February Birthdays

No February Birthdays



Happy Birthday

March Birthdays

March 4—Robinlee Speakmon

March 26—Susan Lee

March 28—Patricia Williams

March 31—Mary Jean Burroughs



CLUB REPORTING

WCOM Club reports for GFWC SC were all filed by January 31, 2024. Next up is Midlands District Reports which are due on March 15, 2024.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 6:30pm; location Community Center, 754 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169

REMINDERS

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

For January:

- Books/magazines for our Little Libraries
- Little Debbie Snacks for the Valentine's Day Dance at Glenforest School

WCOM In Action

In the last month, we had a wonderful meeting and filled out Valentine's Day cards to be delivered to a senior citizen living center. We also learned of the benefits and hug—did you know a person needs 12 hugs a day?

We also had great attendance at the GFWC-SC Winter Board and earned the Marian St. Clair attendance award. 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

Use Smart Home Devices Smartly

Some unsecured smart home devices may bring you unexpected headaches, such as unauthorized access to unsecured IP cameras.

- A useful cyber security tip here is to choose secured IP cameras from reliable manufacturers. These IP cameras only open access to registered users and feature advanced encryption, like SSL encryption, WPA2-AES encryption and SSL-TLS enabled, making sure that live view cannot be accessed by cybercriminals.

Keep Software Up To Date

Most malicious software takes advantage of bugs to attack your computers and other smart devices. In fact, smart device manufacturers are among the first people that find out potential risks to their products. Normally, they will launch patches and ask users to update from time to time.

- With patches downloaded, your software, computers or other devices are ready to fix bugs and as a result, avoiding cyberattacks.

Don't Use Simple Password

"123456" or "abc123" is by no means safe passwords.

- Make sure that your password is complex enough with at least 8 characters and multiple combination like both uppercase and lowercase letters.
- In addition, you can add some special characters in your password like @, #, &, *, etc. This is vital to protect your account since it piles up efforts for cybercriminals to solve your password.

TECHNOLOGY FOCUSED UPDATES

The GFWC Clubwoman Magazine Fall 2023 edition is available online.

The GFWC-SC Clubwoman Magazine December 2023 edition is available online/December Pineapple Post edition is available.

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 CEO Meeting
February 6, 2024

WCOM Meeting
February 8, 2024

LEADS-SC
February 17, 2024

WCOM Executive Meeting
March 7, 2024

WCOM Meeting
March 14, 2024

WCOM Executive Meeting
April 5, 2024

WCOM CEO Meeting
April 9, 2024

WCOM Meeting
April 11, 2024

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

GFWC Federation Day
April 24, 2024

GFWC Federation Day
SC Celebration—Focus
on Leadership
April 24, 2024

WCOM Executive Meeting
May 2, 2024

WCOM CEO Meeting
May 6, 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
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