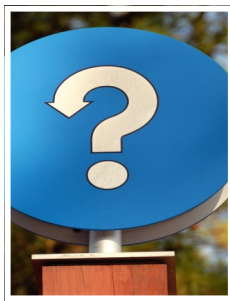


Woman's Club of the Midlands

2022-2024: JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year



DID YOU KNOW

The 126th GFWC-SC Annual Convention will be held from April 19-20, 2024 in Columbia. Close to home, it is a great opportunity to see what is happening at the state level. I hope you will all make plans to join in this celebration, business meeting and fellowship with our club sisters across the state. More details to follow soon but feel free to add this to your calendar today.

"I love beginnings. If I were in charge of calendars, every day would be January 1." – Jerry Spinelli



GFWC-SC

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

Winter Board

Winter Board is coming up on January 13. The event will be held in Columbia and is a half day session. Look forward to seeing you all there.



Living the Volunteer Spirit

Susan Lee—President

DeAna Sharpe—Advisor

Linda Wagster—First Vice President

*Jennifer Couch—Second Vice President
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Carol Berenbrok—Third Vice President

Elizabeth Saulter –Secretary

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

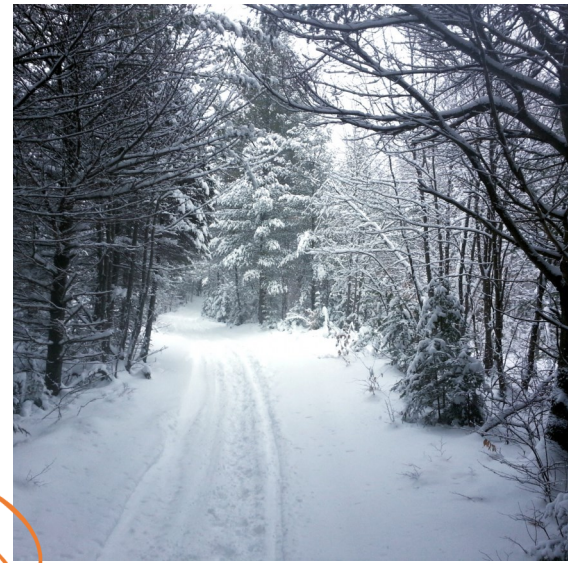
Jennifer Loveday—Treasurer

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Happy Birthday

January Birthdays

No January Birthdays



Happy Birthday

February Birthdays

No February Birthdays



CLUB REPORTING

This month we will prepare our reporting to have it in to State Leadership in early February. If you haven't completed your reporting forms, please send them to Susan as soon as you can.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 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
- Bring in a pack of Valentine's Day cards/stickers if you have them, we will be signing cards for local senior center

WCOM In Action

In the last month, we had a wonderful Christmas party with a short business meeting followed by cookie exchange, 2 crafts, collection of gifts for a family in need and 2 individual seniors. Two members of the club also went to the Holiday Open House at the GFWC Headquarters in Washington D.C, support the Rock Hill Woman's Club at their Victorian Tea, and made impactful contribution to the USO. 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 Executive Meeting
January 4, 2024

WCOM Meeting
January 11, 2024

GFWC-SC Winter Board
Double Tree Hotel
Columbia, SC
January 13, 2024

WCOM Executive Meeting
February 1, 2024

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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