

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2025

HAPPY New Year!

2025 is going to
Be a GREAT year for
The Woman's Club
of the Midlands!

HI EVERYONE!

Well, the WCOM is starting the year off right. . .as busy, busy bees! Here's a look at what's coming up:

January 4th ~ 12:30pm-3:30pm (see email for address)

WCOM will help the Big Red Barn "Un-Decorate" from the Holidays! This organization helps active military, veterans, and first responders. To learn more, go to <https://thebigredbarnretreat.org/>

January 9th ~ 6:30pm

WCOM Club Meeting: PLEASE plan to be there, and bring your records of time spent & donations given to GFWC and WCOM.

Also, bring donations (see pg 2) for the Free Clinic

January 11th ~ 10:00am-1:00pm

GFWC-SC Winter Board: Hilton Garden Inn, Columbia/Harbisson. There's still time to register! Go to bottom of home page at gfwc-sc.org for info.

February 1st ~ 11:00am Meet at Carol B's house to assemble bags for the Free Clinic.

February 13th ~ WCOM Club Meeting

February 14th ~ Valentine's Day Dance: Glenforest School. Times/more info to come!

I can't think of a better time to be a part of the Woman's Club of the Midlands. Can't wait to see what 2025 has in store!

~LINDA WAGSTER



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Next Club Meeting

Thursday, January 9th
6:30 pm

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

What to Bring

Items for Free Clinic (pg 2)
Items for Valentine Dance (pg 2)
Your records for reporting

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 to the January club meeting.

FOR CLINIC:

**Hand Sanitizer
Hand Soap
Clorox Wipes**

FOR INDIVIDUAL PATIENT BAGS:

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

Reminder: We will meet on Saturday, February 1st at 11:00am at Carol Berebrok's house to assemble the bags. Please see your club manual for her address.



This year, we will take one of our least favorite, but highly necessary, tasks and turn it into a (fun?) group effort!

As a part of a non-profit organization, each year we report on our volunteer service hours, plus any monetary or material (in-kind) donations.

I hope you all have been keeping up with your hours/donations in 2024. Please

bring your handwritten ledgers, Excel spreadsheets, laptops or phones, calendars, shoeboxes full of chicken scratch notes (we don't judge), or WHATEVER method you've used to track your year with our club!

Instead of a speaker or program this month, we will spend time at the end of the regular business session helping each other fill out forms to be submitted.

In case you are new, these are the kinds of things we need:

- Hours spent (per project) volunteering
- Hours spent at meetings (Club, Committee, State, District, etc.)
- Hours spent preparing for projects or meetings
- Amount of money directly donated to a project (ex. Linda Ham Shoe Fund)
- Amount of money paid for dues and registrations for GFWC
- In-Kind Donations: Amount of money spent on items to donate to WCOM and/or GFWC projects

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*Living
The
Volunteer
Spirit!*

Valentine's Day Dance
Friday, February 14th at Glenforest School

The Education & Libraries Committee is accepting donations at the January & February Club Meetings of Little Debbie Valentine Cakes, DumDum suckers, and SweetTarts for the party.

Information about volunteering to help at the party will be shared at this month's club meeting. We need as many people as possible!



DID YOU KNOW THAT "LEADS" STANDS FOR "LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR?"

GFWC-SC has a LEADS event each year, and it's open to any member of a GFWC club. It is especially helpful for new members and those who want to pursue leadership opportunities in GFWC.

This year, the seminar will be held on Saturday, February 8th at the Cayce Woman's Club Log Cabin. If you are interested in going, the deadline to register is January 25th. Go to gfwc-sc.org for more information.



In December, several of our club members (and some guests) participated in the laying of the wreaths at Fort Jackson



National Cemetery. This event is held each year by "Wreaths Across America. It is a touching memorial for those who served our country.

WCOM was honored to be a part of this special event.

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For most of these items, we will need a PER PROJECT/EVENT amount, not just a yearly total.

By working together, hopefully it will go very smoothly and won't take long. Remember, every number reported is a validation of how we've helped our communities near and far!

**Important: If you are NOT going to be at the January meeting, let Linda know. We will still need your report.*

WE HAD FUN AT OUR



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL!