

# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

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## Hello!

February is Heart Month—both literally (Heart Health) and figuratively (Valentine's). So I will take this opportunity to say I love, love, LOVE our club! And I think the rest of you do as well, because you display it over and over and over with your kindness, compassion, willingness to serve, and encouragement for each other.

This was perfectly displayed this past Saturday, when we had 18 of our 25 members show up for a service project. Wow! That is 72% of a club of busy women, on a Saturday! And the ones who couldn't be there were missed, but had very important reasons why they weren't. So kudos to the entire WCOM for simply being amazing. You are each and every one appreciated.

This month, we will continue to spread our love by hosting a Valentine's Dance for the kids at Glenforest School. It will be our third year, and we are excited to go back. It's not only fun for the students, it's a huge blessing for us as well.

We are also looking forward to having Khaleek Chapman from the Free Medical Clinic of Columbia as our speaker at the club meeting on the 13th. We will present to them the 60 bags that we assembled at the above mentioned project. We filled them with toiletries and other necessities, but hope the recipients will feel the love that was put into them as well.

Reading and literacy is a big passion of the WCOM. Our club members faithfully bring books and magazines to the meetings to donate to various little free libraries that we support. On Page 3, you will see this in action as two of our members spent their spare time refilling the libraries. Thanks, ladies!

February 20th is National Leadership Day. [GFWC](#) is proud to promote leadership in women, and one of the tools is our annual [LEADS](#), which stands for Leadership, Education And Development Seminar. The WCOM is proud to be sending 7 of our members this year to [GFWC-SC LEADS](#) on February 8th. We can't wait to hear about their experiences.

Our Membership Outreach Committee successfully transcended into its second 6-month term. This is a special commitment volunteers take on to ensure that each member of the club feels included and loved. Now THAT'S a great way to celebrate Heart Month!

Can't wait to see you all again! ~ Linda Wagster



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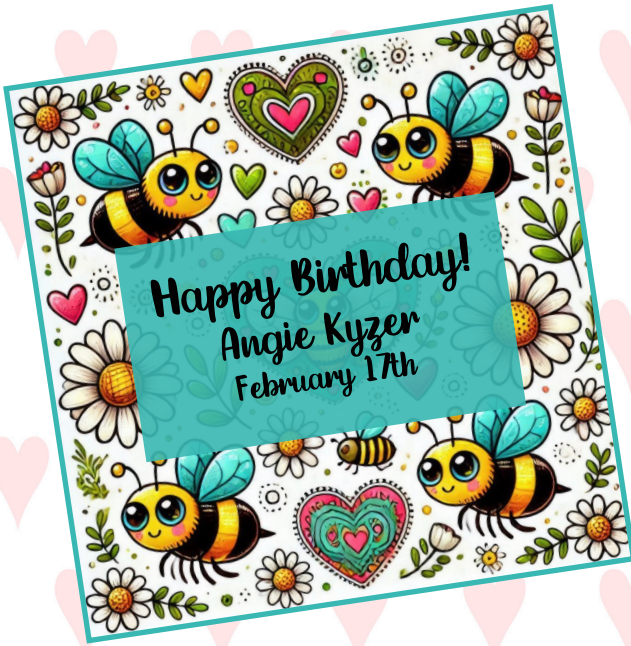
### Next Club Meeting

Thursday, February 13th  
6:30 pm  
West Cola. Community Center  
754 "B" Ave, West Columbia

### What to Bring

- ◆ A Friend!
- ◆ January Reporting Worksheet
- ◆ Completed Free Clinic Bags  
(if you took one with you)

*Living the Volunteer Spirit*



## Valentine's Dance at Glenforest School

Friday, February 7th

Set-up Time: 10:30 am Arrive for Dance: 1:00 pm

1041 Harbor Drive, West Columbia



*Looking forward to a great time with the students and staff at Glenforest! Be ready to mingle, boogie, and have lots of laughs. Any members who didn't sign up but would like to come help are welcome.*



The WCOM always welcomes visitors to our meetings to learn more about who we are and what we do. If you have a heart for volunteering, come check us out!

Learn more at [gfwcwcom.org](http://gfwcwcom.org)

or on our Facebook page at

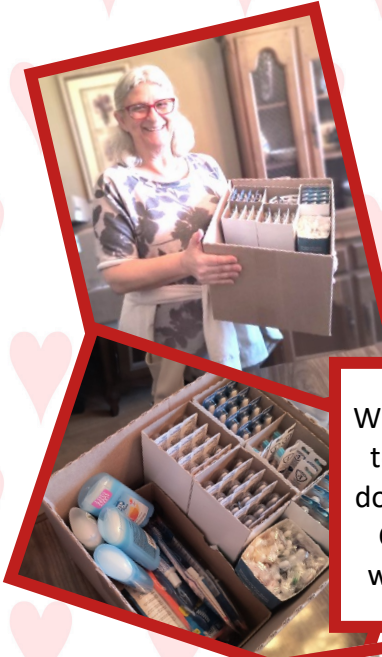
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### DID YOU KNOW . . .

That as a member of GFWC, you are invited to register (free of charge) for the **GFWC Learning Gateway Series Webinars**? There are a variety of topics such as "Heart Health Awareness Month" and "The Role Storytelling Plays in Advancing a Brand and Building Membership" in February. These webinars promise to be interesting and useful, not just in your GFWC role, but in many areas of your life. To learn more and register, go to <https://www.gfwc.org/events/>

# Woman's Club of the Midlands in Action!



WCOM got together to pack bags of toiletries and other necessities to donate to the Free Medical Clinic of Columbia. We have a great time working together to serve others!



WCOM Club Sisters Jennifer C. and Allie H. used donated books by our club to refill local free libraries recently. We love to encourage and enable all ages to read!

