

# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

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## Hello!



Our club just never ceases to amaze me. The generosity of our members and their willingness to serve blesses not only me, but our community and world!

In October, we joined forces with Curtis Fink of God Speed Ministries to prepare donated clothes to be taken to Hurricane Helene victims. We also voted as a club to give a donation to Samaritan's Purse to help with the relief effort. And individually, we gave of our hearts, prayers, energy, and resources to aid those who suffered in this tragedy.

We continue to collect donations of books

for our Free Libraries both in a local laundromat and at a community park. And we voted to have Jennifer Couch as our official WCOM "drop-off person" for Midlands Orphan Relief.

Our club is thinking outside the box with many planned projects and activities! From a Bingo event at an assisted living facility to a cool coffee fundraiser to collecting items for a high school hygiene closet, we are busy-busy, and loving every minute of it.

We chose a unique idea for to apply for the Progress Foundation Grant. More on that to come, but just know it includes bees!

At our October meeting, we voted to embrace Oak Grove Elementary as "our school" for this year. We also adopted Mr. Couch's 3rd Grade Class, and have several projects planned with them.

Our club is growing more each month, with yet another new member and nine guests at our last meeting. This is exciting for us as we get to share our visions for the WCOM, and our new members help us reach out even further!

Come join us on November 12th to see what we're all about!

~ Linda Wagster



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### Next Club Meeting

Thursday, November 14th  
6:30 pm

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

### What to Bring

- ◆ A Friend!
- ◆ Items for Swansea HS Hygiene Closet (see pg 2)

*Living the Volunteer Spirit*

Say Hello to Our  
Newest Member!  
**Lesa Sox**

We welcome you to  
the WCOM!



**OUR HEART  
FOR  
TEENS**

The Woman's Club  
of the Midlands is  
supporting the  
Swansea High  
School Beta Club  
with their Hygiene

Closet Project. Please bring any of the  
following items to our November & December  
meetings to donate:

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Hair Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Bar Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Floss
- Mouthwash

**Happy Birthday!**



**Carol Berenbrok**  
November 12

**Renee Yenny Watts**  
November 22

**Shannon Caldwell-Smith**  
November 22

**Linda Wagster**  
November 26

*\*Don't forget to keep a log/record of your hours spent for club meetings, projects, duties and functions, as well as donations made to WCOM or GFWC sponsored collections. These numbers will be used at our January reporting session.*



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Renee, Shannon, Linda B., Mary Jean, Gale, Cyndi, Linda W. and Lesa came out on October 3rd to help Curtis Fink with God Speed Ministries prepare clothes to take to the victims of Hurricane Helene