

# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2024



**Wow!** We hit the ground running at our September meeting! So proud of our club and the plans we have for the coming year. It's amazing what a group of women who have a common goal of serving others can accomplish. I hope you're as excited as I am about seeing our club in action this year. If you missed the meeting, here are some highlights:

- ◆ Our speaker, Julie Giglio, from Midlands Orphan Relief gave us so much helpful information on their organization and how we can help. Please go to [midlandsorphanrelief.org](http://midlandsorphanrelief.org) to learn more.
- ◆ Our GFWC National Day of Service Project was chosen. Actually, we did two. See pg. 3, for all the scoop.
- ◆ We made plans to once again host a Valentine's Day Dance at Glenforest School. This is always a favorite, both for the students and for us.
- ◆ Plans are in progress for another Bingo day at Jenni-Lynn Assisted Living. We had a blast last time and look forward to returning.
- ◆ FUNdraisers are beginning!  
Our partnership with [The Coffee Platoon](#) is live.  
Our first [Gifts Galore Shopping Event](#) of the year is October 24.  
(Details on page 2 for both.)
- ◆ So much more is being planned. Come see what we are doing.  
Can't wait for our next meeting on October 10th! ~Linda Wagster



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## MIDLANDS DISTRICT MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13  
2 PM - 4 PM

Chandeliers  
508 Gervais Street  
Columbia, SC 29201



Please bring bubbles to donate to Camp Cole

Parking behind the building

Don't Forget!  
Your  
Annual Member  
DUES  
*must* be paid by the  
October 10th Meeting!  
\$45 - New Members  
\$40 - Returning  
Members



### *Next Club Meeting*

Thursday, October 10th  
6:30 pm

Speaker: Jo Walker (pg. 3)  
West Cola. Community Center  
754 "B" Ave, West Columbia

### *What to Bring*

- ◆ A Friend!
- ◆ Annual Dues
- ◆ Ideas for Projects for Progress Foundation Grant

*Living the Volunteer Spirit*



# FUNDRAISERS!

Two ways to help the WCOM raise money while shopping for great merchandise! Join us October 24th at Gifts Galore and shop all year long with The Coffee Platoon.

## One-Day Fundraiser



Join GFWC's Woman's Group of The Midlands for a fundraising event and get a head start on the holiday shopping!

**Date:** October 24, 2024  
**Time:** 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM\*  
**Where:** Gifts Galore  
 170 Corley Mill Rd  
 Lexington, SC 29072

Can't make it between 4:00-7:00 PM on October 24<sup>th</sup>? That's ok! Go anytime during the day and mention the Woman's Club of The Midlands.

\*A percentage of each purchase will be donated to the Woman's Club of the Midlands

## Year-Long Fundraiser



ONLINE  
**COFFEE FUNDRAISER**

PROCEEDS SUPPORTING

**GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF MIDLANDS**

**FREE SHIPPING DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS**

[www.thecoffeeplatoonfundraising.com/fundraising/gfwc-womans-club-of-the-midlands](http://www.thecoffeeplatoonfundraising.com/fundraising/gfwc-womans-club-of-the-midlands)

**\$12**  
12 oz. Bags

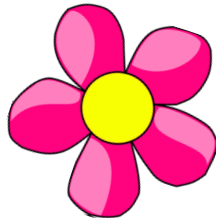
**\$5**  
From each purchase goes directly to the organization

**\$12**  
12 KCUPS

**SCAN FOR MORE INFO**

Welcome to  
 Our Newest Member  
**Shannon Caldwell Smith**

We are excited to have you join our family!



**DID YOU KNOW THAT October is Domestic Violence Awareness month?**

The GFWC Signature Program is *Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention*. Learn more about the different areas of this abuse at [GFWC.org](http://GFWC.org). If you or someone you know is a victim of any of these, there is



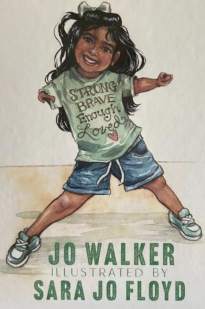
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
 DeAna Reed-Sharpe  
 October 14  
 Lisa Duvall  
 October 26

help available. One immediate resource is the National Domestic Violence Hotline at [thehotline.org/](http://thehotline.org/) or by calling 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or texting "START" to 88788. Don't hesitate to reach out to one of these resources or to a trusted friend or family member. It could be a lifesaving move.

# SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER MEETING:

ANGEL IN DISGUISE

## JO WALKER



*Jo is the author of Angel in Disguise and Forever Ours. She will talk about her family's journey in adopting her daughter. She will*

*have books available to purchase; \$20.00 each or 2 for \$35.00. Pay cash, check or Venmo.*

**Jo Walker@Kingdom-Investors**

# We ROCKED the GFWC NDS!

In addition to collecting 633 lbs. of food and \$220 for [Harvest Hope Food Bank](#), we also gathered at Providence

Presbyterian Church to prepare 24 casseroles to be delivered to those in need through their [Holy Casseroley Program](#).

What fun we had while helping eradicate hunger in our community. A heartfelt THANK YOU to every single person who donated, collected, delivered, chopped, stirred, poured, and helped in any way, not matter how big or small. Every single effort made a difference!

Enjoy these pictures showing the WCOM in action.

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