

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2024



... And we're off! September is an exciting month, because it's when we officially start meeting again after a summer break. But many of us have been busy with GFWC activities over the summer, including Summer Board, meetings, and our New Member Outreach Social that was held

in August. A big Thank You to Mary Jean Burroughs and her helpers for putting on our (Iced) Tea! It was such fun socializing, eating goodies, sampling new teas, and working on the puzzles. I think we all had missed each other! Looking forward to a new club year with exciting projects being planned.

I have had some really meaningful conversations with a few of you recently, and although you may not have realized it, they impacted me greatly. I have done some re-thinking of how I want to approach my role as Club President, and I will share this at our first meeting. I think (hope) you'll be pleased!

I can't wait 'til September 12th! In the meantime, here are a few reminders I want to share:

- **NEW CLUB YEAR = DUES "DUE"**—This year I am asking that you bring your GFWC annual dues in person to either the September or October meeting. You may bring cash (exact amount) or a check made payable to "The Woman's Club of the Midlands", and give to our Treasurer, Susan Lee. The dues are \$40.00 for returning members and \$45.00 for new members.
- **GFWC NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE** is Saturday, September 28th. We will decide at the September meeting the exact project we are going to do. Bring any ideas you have relating helping our community in regards to hunger and food insecurity.
- **PROGRESS FOUNDATION IDEAS**—We will begin discussing if we want to apply for the Progress Foundation Grant this year, and what project we



want to pursue.

- **GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!** If you have a friend or family member who is curious about just what we do as the WCOM, invite them to a meeting! We would love for them visit, and even join us!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

~ Linda Wagster



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Our new Membership Outreach Committee has been using the summer to get into the groove of sending cards, texts, and reaching out through phone calls and visits with our club sisters. Hope it has been as fun for you as it has been for each of us!



Next Club Meeting
Thursday, September 12th
6:30 pm
"B" Ave. Community Center

What to Bring

- ♦ A Friend!
- ♦ Ideas for Projects for: National Day of Service & Progress Foundation Grant

Living the Volunteer Spirit



And oh Lord, God, let us forget not to be kind.

Check your calendars!

FOR A COFFEE DATE WITH LINDA W. BEGINNING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23 THRU OCTOBER 3.



Time for Dues!

Please remember that your annual membership dues must be paid by the October Club Meeting (10-10-24). Dues are \$40.00 for returning members and \$45.00 for new members. A check made payable to the *Woman's Club of the Midlands*, or cash in the exact amount, can be given to our Treasurer, Susan Lee, at the September or October meeting. If you cannot make either meeting, a check may be mailed to Susan, postmarked before October 10th, (see address in your WCOM Manual,)



DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PROGRESS FOUNDATION?

In 1951, Mr & Mrs. T.B. Stackhouse, along with 26

Founders, began the Progress Foundation with donations of \$1,000 each. Today, interest from that initial investment is divided into grants and generously given to GFWC-SC clubs who apply and are approved. These grants are to be used for

special programs or projects of the clubs. What a wonderful insight these Founders had to help clubs accomplish large service goals! The WCOM has appreciated their gifts through the years, and hope to continue with our visions and dreams of helping others. There is a plaque in the foyer of our Headquarters in Columbia listing the names of the original Founders. Check it out next time you're there!

PROGRESS FOUNDATION GRANT:

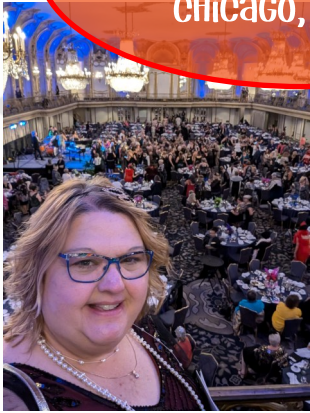
WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE ROLLING AROUND IN YOUR



HEAD? EVERY IDEA WILL BE CONSIDERED BY OUR CLUB, SO DON'T BE SHY. SPEAK UP!

JUST WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO OVER THE SUMMER, YOU ASK?

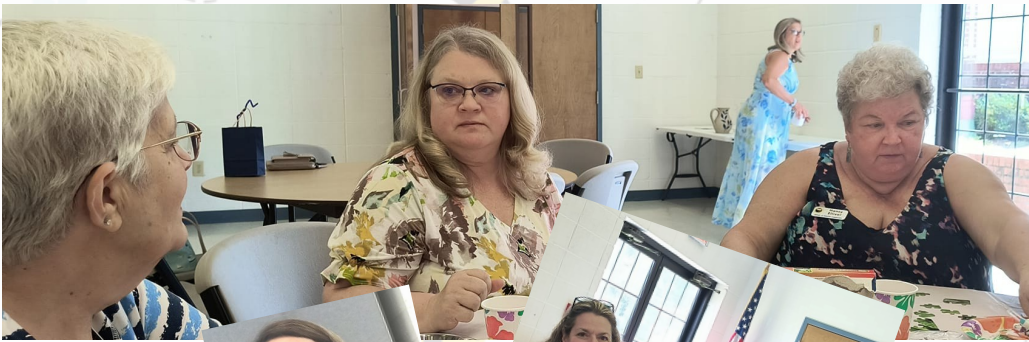
GFWC CONVENTION
JUNE 28-JULY 1, 2024
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Susan Lee represented the WCOM and South Carolina well at our annual GFWC International Convention!



We had a great turnout and lots of fun on back-to-back Saturdays in August. It was great seeing each other, and we can't wait to get our new club year started!



**GFWC-SC
SUMMER BOARD**
AUGUST 10, 2024
COLUMBIA, SC



WCOM Tea
MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL
AUGUST 17, 2024
CAYCE, SC

