

# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

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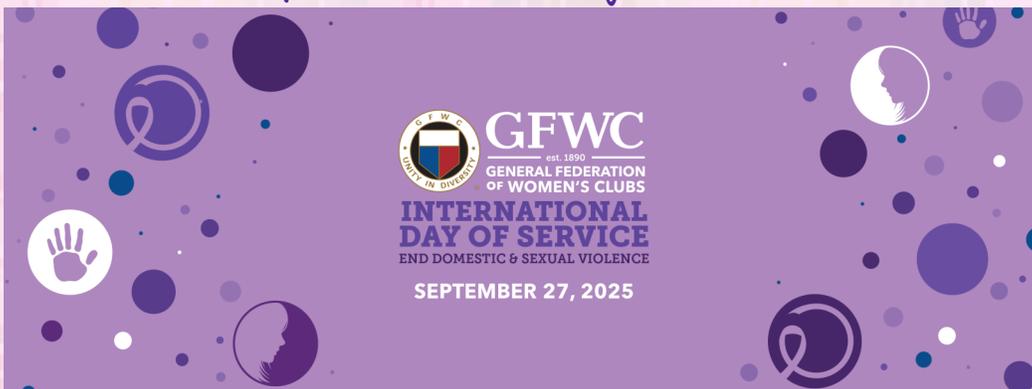
## Hello!

I continue to be amazed by our club and the way our members have such big hearts for helping others! The way everyone jumps in to help with whatever needs to get done truly speaks volumes for the spirit of the Woman's Club of the Midlands. Whether it's breaking down and putting away tables and chairs after our meetings, selling doughnut cards or buying gifts for fundraising, working on our many projects, reading to kids at our adopted 3rd-grade classroom, checking in with club sisters through calls, texts, cards and visits, spending time purchasing and donating requested items, driving around to fill up various little free libraries, and the many, many other activities done by our club members, I know we can always count on each other to truly represent GFWC well. And that makes me so happy; I hope it makes each of you happy, too!

Speaking of the 3rd-graders at Oak Grove Elementary, we will be presenting to Mr. Couch a nice box of books and other fun items to use to teach his class about bees and how important they are to the ecology. This was made possible both

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## *It's Not Too Early To Start Planning!*



The Club Year's almost over, but we still have lots to do! At our May meeting, we will be planning for next year. So bring any ideas you have to discuss.

One topic that will be a priority is the GFWC International Day of Service in September. Since we "hit the ground running" in the fall, we have to start planning now. We will be talking more at the May meeting, but in the meantime, go to [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org) for more info!

*Living the Volunteer Spirit*



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*Next Club Meeting*

Thursday, April 10th  
6:30 pm

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

*What to Bring*

Your March Service/Donation  
Worksheets  
Optional Donations for Little  
Libraries & MOR

### DID YOU KNOW. . .

That as the Woman's Club of the Midlands celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year, part of that will be the induction



of New Members at our April meeting. GFWC would not exist without its members, and the WCOM has a unique blend of women who are vital to what we do. We are excited to welcome new members who join us with our mission of helping others! If you'd like to know more about the importance of membership in GFWC, please go to [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org) and click on the Membership tab. To find out about becoming a part of the WCOM, check out our website at [gfwcwcom.org](http://gfwcwcom.org), or just ask any of us. We are happy to share the advantages of becoming one of our club sisters!

### Don't Miss Our Spring Shopping Event

at

### Gifts Galore & So Much More!

Wednesday, April 30th

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm\*

170 Corley Mill Rd, Lexington SC



One trip will get you ready for Mother's Day, graduation, and upcoming summer weddings and baby showers. For each purchase, Gifts Galore will generously donate a part of their proceeds to WCOM to help us keep serving our communities!



*\*You may shop earlier in the day, just be sure to mention the Woman's Club of the Midlands when you check out.*

## IT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING TO SIMPLY BEE KIND



### USO Project

Tuesday, May 20th at 12:30 pm

Columbia Metropolitan Airport

(meet right inside at front of airport)



We will be delivering items to the USO at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport for the service men and women who are coming through on their ways to/from deployments.

The Health and Wellness Committee will be shopping for items that morning with the money our club voted to donate for this. If you'd like to help with the shopping, contact Gale Gantt

OPTIONAL: We were given a list of "most wanted/used" items. If you'd like to donate any of these, please bring them to the April and May meetings. This is totally optional, and will be added to what our club is already buying.

**GRANOLA BARS**

**INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED PASTRIES**

**LANCE CRACKERS**

**POSTAGE STAMPS**

**INSTANT NOODLE CUPS**

**BLANK CARDS\***

**HONEY BUNS**

*\*(for them to mail to family/friends: especially Mother's Day, Father's Day, or any holiday, thank you, hello, or blank cards they can use to send notes to people.)*

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through a grant we received from the SCFWC Progress Foundation and from our own WCOM funds. Pictures to come soon, but I think you'll be as excited as I am for the way the WCOM is a part of bee education and conservation.



The Krispy Kreme Fundraiser was a huge success! We ended up selling a total of 126 cards which gave our club \$1,512.00 to continue our mission of promoting community service, education and leadership. Thank you to everyone who sold and/or

bought cards. Kudos to Jennifer Loveday, who sold a whopping total of 38! Go grab a cup of coffee and a Krispy Kreme to celebrate, Jennifer.

You don't want to miss this month's meeting. We will have an induction service for our new members, we will

recognize some member anniversaries, we will celebrate our club's 70th Anniversary, and word is that there may just be cake. . .

It's also time for Clubwoman of the Year nominations. Mary Jean, our 2nd VP/Membership Chair will give info at the meeting.

Can't wait to see everyone at this month's meeting on the 10th. In

the meantime, keep BEEing Kind!

~ Linda Wagster

## What's Coming Up?

### WCOM CLUB MEETINGS

Thursday, April 10th @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 8th @ 6:30 pm

Location: 754 "B" Ave., West Columbia

### GFWC Federation Day

April 24th - Wear Blue!

### GFWC-SC Convention

April 25th—27th, 2025

Rock Hill, SC

All members of are encouraged to attend. Registration info is in the March GFWC-SC Clubwoman Magazine.

### GFWC Annual Convention

June 6th-9th, 2025

Atlanta, GA

For more detailed information and/or to register, go to [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org) (Registration closes April 30th.)

Visit our Woman's Club of the Midlands Website at:

[www.gfwcwcom.org](http://www.gfwcwcom.org)

