

# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – MAY 2025

## Greetings!

Wow, what an exciting club year this has been! I am so thankful for all the projects, events, meetings, member growth, and sisterhood that have been a part of our progress this year. Each of you has played an important role in that journey. I am deeply grateful for your friendship and support. I may be partial, but I think the Woman's Club of the Midlands is the BEST woman's club in GFWC!

Mary Jean, Carol, Susan and I just got back from GFWC-SC Convention in Rock Hill, and we had a fabulous time. It was fun dressing up and laughing together. We also heard some good speakers, learned lots of valuable information, and got to participate in the important discussion and vote of a resolution proposed to the GFWC-SC By-laws. And of course, we ate some yummy food!

If you saw our FB page, you know we brought home quite a few awards and acknowledgments for all of the hard work our club did in 2024. These will be

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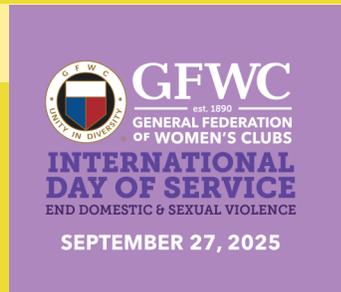
## GFWC International Day of Service

Our club is excited to be participating in the IDS (formerly NDS) again this year, which will focus on ending domestic & sexual violence. If you'd like to see some ideas for projects, please go to [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org). As we started discussing in April, we need to choose one (or more) projects at our May planning meeting so we can get the ball rolling.

Have you considered whether you'd like to be the "go-to" person in charge? This is a great way to stretch your leadership muscles with lots of club support. If you have questions before the meeting, please contact WCOM President, Linda Wagster at [gfwcwcom@yahoo.com](mailto:gfwcwcom@yahoo.com).

Looking forward to participating again this September simultaneously with our GFWC sisters across the U.S. and internationally!

<https://www.gfwc.org/ids/>



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## Next Club Meeting

Thursday, May 8th  
6:30 pm

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

## What to Bring

- Fisher House Donations
- April Service Timesheets
- Optional Donations: USO, MOR, & Little Libraries

*Living the Volunteer Spirit*

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shared at our May meeting.

Speaking of our May meeting, I hope that all of you who are able will be there. It is our planning meeting where we discuss some of our goals for next club year. If you know of a speaker, project, fundraiser, club activity/social, or any other club-related topic you'd like to present, you are encouraged to speak up at the meeting. New ideas are always welcome! And if you have not yet completed

your club survey and mailed it in, please do so as soon as possible. These will help greatly with our planning.

Also, don't forget to turn in your April time/donation sheets. You should have received an emailed copy if you didn't pick up a hardcopy at the last meeting.

Email pictures of your summer activities to [gfwcwm@yahoo.com](mailto:gfwcwm@yahoo.com) so we can share to keep up with everyone. We all need a break by this time of year, but we also miss each other. So send those pics!

I hope you have enjoyed this club year as much as I have. My only regret is that I get so busy leading the meeting that I don't get to socialize as much. And y'all know how much I like to socialize! I've missed getting to know the new members better, and catching up with those whom I've known a long time. Hopefully I can find a way to remedy that in the next club year.

Have a great summer! I will still be sending out a monthly newsletter, but it will be a shorter version. If you have anything the club needs to know about, email to me at [gfwcwm@yahoo.com](mailto:gfwcwm@yahoo.com) and I'll get it in the newsletter.

And as always, "Let us forget not to be kind."



♥ Linda Wagster



  
Happy Bee  
Birthday

Cyndi Rayburn  
May 5th



### Fisher House Project

Friday May 9th ~ 6:00 pm  
6439 Garners Ferry Rd, Bldg 32

*Meet us at the Fisher House for delivery of donations and a quick tour of this wonderful facility. It is a beautiful place where veterans and their families can stay free of charge while receiving treatment at the Dorn VA Hospital.*

*Bring the donations you signed up for to the May meeting. (List was emailed.) If you weren't able to sign up, below are items needed:*

- PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY
- MAYONNAISE
- KETCHUP
- MICROWAVABLE RICE
- TUNA PACKETS W/CRACKERS
- INDIV. WRAPPED CRACKERS, CHIPS, SNACKS
- INDIV. SIZES OF SODAS, JUICES, WATERS
- PLATES, NAPKINS,
- PAPER TOWELS, TOILET TISSUE
- CLOROX WIPES



## USO Project

Tuesday, May 20th ~ 12:30 pm  
Columbia Metropolitan Airport  
*(meet right inside front of airport)*

WCOM 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:

The list at right is of "most wanted" items that can be brought to the May meeting. This is totally optional; it will be added to what our club is buying.

- GRANOLA BARS
- LANCE CRACKERS
- INSTANT NOODLE CUPS
- HONEY BUNS
- WRAPPED PASTRIES
- POSTAGE STAMPS
- BLANK CARDS\*

*\*(Cards 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 & letters.)*



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

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

## What's Coming Up?

### MAY Club Meeting

Thursday, May 8th @ 6:30 pm  
754 "B" Ave., West Columbia

### WCOM Fisher House Project

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### WCOM USO Project

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Columbia Metropolitan Airport

### GFWC Annual Convention

June 6th-9th, 2025  
Atlanta, GA

### Summer Board

Saturday, August 9th  
Hilton Garden Inn, Harbison





# The Woman's Club of the Midlands had a bzzz-y April!



## New Members Induction!

### New Members Inducted

Ann Hampton

Allie Hayes

Angie Kyzer

Kathy Minschew

Stephanie Shumpert

Lesa Sox

Donna Zeigler

(Not present:

Shannon Caldwell-Smith)



## Member Anniversaries!

Nancy Ellisor ~ 40 Years

DeAna Reed-Sharpe ~ 33 Years

Linda Brock ~ 20 Years

Elizabeth Sautter ~ 17 Years

Gale Gantt ~ 5 Years

Susan Lee ~ 5 Years

Jennifer Loveday ~ 5 Years

Patricia Williams ~ 5 Years



## GFWC-SC Convention in Rock Hill!

