



# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER—OCTOBER 2025



This year, the WCOM hit the ground running and hasn't stopped! With the addition of two new members, a very productive club meeting, and amazing participation in our International Day of Service Project, the women in this club never cease

to amaze me. We are blessed with the best of the best!

This month is no less busy. We will vote on bylaws changes at our October meeting, so make sure you **read** the proposed amendments before the meeting. If you have any questions, you can contact the ByLaws Committee at [gfwcwcom@yahoo.com](mailto:gfwcwcom@yahoo.com).

The Progress Foundation Grant is a great opportunity for clubs to receive funds for a special project they anticipate doing. We will accept suggestions and vote on what project we would like to submit an application for at our October meeting. If you have any ideas you'd like to present, please be prepared to give details. On page 2 you will find the categories that are eligible.

Hopefully you have on your "running shoes" because we have a lot to do! See you Thursday, can't wait.

*In Federation Love. Linda Wagster*

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We're excited to  
have you join us!



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***Next Club Meeting***

Thursday, October 9th  
6:30 pm  
West Columbia  
Community Center  
754 "B" Ave.  
West Columbia

What To Bring:  
\*Dues

\*Ideas for Progress  
Foundation Grant  
\*A Smile & A Positive  
Attitude!

*Living the Volunteer Spirit*

## GFWC-SC MIDLANDS DISTRICT MEETING

We had a great turnout for the District Meeting on September 21st, and Shelli Pue did a wonderful job with her presentation. It was good to hear updates from the



other clubs in the Midlands We had elections for the 2026-28 term, and *\*drum roll\** Congratulations to **Susan Lee**, who was elected as GFWC-SC Midlands District President for the



next term!

The WCOM won 2 District Awards for 2024: The *Midlands District President's Spirit Award* and the *Boineau/Brodie/Clarke Silver Project Award*.

It was a great afternoon to catch up with our GFWC-SC Midlands sisters!



DEE DEE REED-SHARPE  
OCTOBER 14TH

LISA DUVALL  
OCTOBER 26TH

Have you joined GFWC's **ESO** yet?  
If you love to **read**, check it out!  
Contact **Carol Berenbrok** for more info!

## PROGRESS FOUNDATION GRANT ALLOWABLE PURPOSES

The following are the "categories" for Progress Foundation Projects, taken from the actual Grant application form. For clarification, question #5 reads:

*"5. How does this project promote the purpose of the Progress Foundation?"*

If you present a suggestion for a Progress Foundation project at our meeting, please make sure to have details about the project, as well as amount of grant requested and which purpose (at right) it falls under.

Thanks! Looking forward to hearing great ideas!

Clarification of question #5 – Purposes allowable for Progress Foundation grants are:

- (a) Promotion of libraries
- (b) Family counseling
- (c) Health education and child welfare
- (d) Promotion of scout troops, parks, playgrounds, teen recreation facilities
- (e) Education, prevention, and rehabilitation of juvenile drug use
- (f) Assistance to the handicapped
- (g) Education/Scholarships
- (h) Aid to cancer prevention and cures
- (i) Aid to prevent child abuse and neglect
- (j) Aid in the preservation of historic landmarks and buildings
- (k) Aid to the mentally challenged
- (l) Education in the field of international relations
- (m) Veterans (military) affairs, aid, and assistance i.e., the USO, canine assistance
- (n) Support children with life-threatening diseases
- (o) Support for children abducted by human traffickers
- (p) Elder abuse awareness and prevention

\*\* No funding can be given for a project that is supported by County, State, or the Federal Government. (Library books and visual aids are acceptable.)

\*\* No furniture or fixtures.



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GENERAL FEDERATION  
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

**INTERNATIONAL  
DAY OF SERVICE**  
END DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

For our IDS Project, the WCOM chose the Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter to work with. On September 16th, several members took a tour at NKP to learn more about their mission. Then, on September 27th, we spent the evening at the home



hanging out with the teen residents and some of the staff. We wanted to get to know the kids better, to have fun and let them know their community cares about them. We brought sub sandwiches and ice cream sundae supplies. Everyone enjoyed painting pumpkins while getting to know each other. They are some talented teens! Thank you to NKP, and especially to the awesome residents who made us feel so welcome. We hope our presence and our donations blessed you, because you all definitely blessed us!

