



GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2026



Oopsy Daisy, it's already April!

How did we get here so fast?? We are excited to welcome a new term in the WCOM with the Installation of New Officers at our April club meeting. An amazing leadership team is in place, and they're ready to get started! We will also have a New Member Induction to "officially" welcome our most recent additions who already feel like old friends. The WCOM

Club Woman of the Year will be announced, as well as some other exciting news. It will be busy, but fun!

Several of our members will be attending the GFWC-SC Convention in a few weeks, and we can't wait to soak in all the information we will receive. Plus, hopefully we'll bring home a few awards. That's always fun!

In May, we will have our usual planning meeting, but in a different location. We will meet at the home of Susan Lee in her beautiful outside setting.

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WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 9th

6:30 pm

West Columbia Community Center
754 "B" Avenue, W. Cola.

Contact the WCOM at:
gfwcwcom@yahoo.com

Visit our website at:
gfwcwcom.org

Linda Wagster—President
Carol Berenbrok—1st VP
Mary Jean Burroughs—2nd VP
Shelby Hoffman—3rd VP
Elizabeth Saulter—Secretary
Susan Lee—Treasurer & Advisor



NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION FOR 2026-28

WITH SPECIAL GUEST, JANET PRINCE

PRESIDENT: SUSAN LEE

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: ELIZABETH SAULTER

SECRETARY: JENNIFER COUGH

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: CAROL BERENBROK

TREASURER: DEANA REED-SHARPE

3RD VICE PRESIDENT: RENEE' YENNY WATTS

ADVISOR: LINDA WAGSTER

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT!



DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT CLUB MEETINGS

For April:

Color A Smile

Colored Pages

(Please note: No more donations needed for Fisher House or Toby's Place.)

Ongoing Projects:

Little Free Libraries

Gently used books & magazines

Midlands Orphan Relief & Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter

Please see their websites for current most needed items.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Fisher House

We will not be going to the Fisher House in May. Hopefully, this can be rescheduled again for the next club year.

Toby's Place

We voted to give the donations we had collected for the Fisher House to Toby's Place. Along with the items we already had for Toby's Place, members donated additional money and we shopped for more books, crayons, pens, snacks and Easter basket treats. We gave all of this to Toby's Place on March 30th so they could use them for Easter and their ongoing mission.

Color A Smile

At the March meeting, we voted to extend the Color A Smile project. You may bring in additional colored pages to the April meeting. If you need more pages, you can download & print them from <https://colorasmile.org/>



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Address & directions will be given later.

As I wrap up my term as your Club President, I want to say what an honor it has been. Our club is a group of exceedingly warm and generous women who work hard, give freely, and love big. I have had a blast fumbling through the meetings, making corny jokes, sending wordy emails, and doing all the "Prez" things. Thank you for your patience, and especially for your words of encouragement. They are all very much appreciated. I love you each and every one, from the bottom of my goofy heart!

Now, I'm looking to passing the reigns to Susan Lee. If you are new in the club, you're in for a treat. She has already proven herself a great leader, and we are blessed that she is willing to serve another term as President.

Can't wait to see you all on the 9th!

With Love, *Linda Wagster*



life is good

Other Upcoming Events

April 9th
Club Meeting

**New Member Inductions
and New Officer Installation**

April 17th - 19th
GFWC-SC State Convention
Myrtle Beach, SC



PROGRESS FOUNDATION PROJECT

ONCE-A-MONTH CRAFT NIGHTS

AT THE NANCY K PERRY CHILDREN'S SHELTER



Linda W. went to NKP on March 26th to introduce the teens and mentors to our plans to come and craft with them once a month. We decorated aprons to wear in the future when we do crafts where our clothes need to be protected. It was fun seeing the different personalities come out through their creativity.



At our April meeting, we will (finally) have the sign up sheet. Each member should commit to at least one Craft Night during the next twelve months. Go ahead and look at your calendars now to see when would be a good month for you. Also, if there are any crafts you like to do and would like to introduce to the NKP kids, or if you have any questions, email these to gfwcwcom@yahoo.com.



USO Tour & Donation Delivery Columbia Metro Airport

Wednesday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m.

We will meet right inside the front of the Airport. WCOM is donating snacks to be paid for with club funds, but if anyone wants to donate items on their own, small individual packaged food items that service people can "grab-n-go" are what is needed. Please bring any items to the April club meeting and/or give to Gale Gantt.



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The Woman's Club of Cayce



HOT FLASH 5K!

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At the Timmerman Trail in Cayce

Register at strictlyrunning.com

Funding assistance provided by the City of Cayce through Hospitality and Accommodation Tax Funds

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! JOIN OUR TEAM FOR THE HOT FLASH 5K!

Save \$5 off the registration fee by joining our team, Woman's Club of the Midlands. You don't have to be a member of the WCOM to participate, so invite family and friends for this fun event!

TO REGISTER:

1. Go to this [link](http://strictlyrunning.com). (strictlyrunning.com)
2. At registration, click on "Add to Existing Group"
3. Find "Woman's Club of the Midlands"
4. For "Captain Name" type in: Linda Wagster

