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# Celebrate Women

## Ann Landis, GFWC-NC President



We have successfully completed the 2016-2018 administration, and we thank President Dottie Jennings for her unfailing leadership and dedicated focus on strengthening our Federation Legacy.

The April 2018 State Convention begins the new administration. It is this customary changing of officers, chairmen and projects that keeps our federation alive and thriving. We are closing one door and opening another.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. And that's true – no parent does it by herself. A spouse, a partner, friends and the community all play an important part. State presidents don't happen alone either.

In my case, it took two clubs. I began my federation connection with the GFWC North Wilkesboro Woman's Club when I was still young and idealistically looking for a way to make a difference in my community.

GFWC membership filled that need, and so as I continued my journey of life and moved, I found the women of GFWC of Holden Beach, who have just always said "yes".

I know you join me in thanking these two clubs for helping me get to this point and for all they will be doing for our Federation during the next two years! These girls will be my "Girls with Pearls." You can find them at conventions dressed in black, wearing pearls!

The headlines of the past year have shown that women are standing up for themselves and banding together to make things better. GFWC women have been doing this for 128 years.

Our founder Jane Cunningham Crowley formed the General Federation Women's Clubs in 1890 to support women's efforts. GFWC women have a long history of providing educational opportunities, improving working conditions, supporting health care initiatives, offering scholarships and initiating other reforms. Crowley knew the value of women, and she wanted women to be able to flourish in whatever endeavors they chose.

My theme for the 2018-2020 administration is **CELEBRATE WOMEN!**

We are going to celebrate every woman—home-maker, policewoman, office worker and farmer—women who are starting their careers and those who have already made their mark and retired—mothers, grand-

mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces, and girlfriends.

We will be selling special Women Pins. They show groups of women doing the things we do best. The pins are all different. They celebrate our diversity—and our unity of purpose. These pins will travel with me so you will have lots of opportunities to purchase them. The funds raised from this project go to support our Federation. So, purchase a pin and show your support.

Author and Blogger Laura Gontchar says, "Women are heroes." We know that. Even though others may not see it, we sense the greatness in ourselves. We feel it vibrating in others. We choose to embrace this beautiful calling in the incredible gift that is "womanhood."

We celebrate the women of today. Mothers working—teachers preparing our children—nurses and doctors caring for our families—engineers and scientists finding new answers.

We celebrate the women of yesterday. Without their forward thinking, strength of spirit and determination in the face of adversity, where would we be today?

But it is important to focus on the women of tomorrow. How can we help them? What kind of world are we leaving for our future sisters?

Are we building a GFWC of North Carolina that will stand the test of time?

The President's Special Project is **HEALTHY WOMEN**. We have assembled a team of health care "specialists" across the state that will guide our path and keep us focused.

Linda Browne will be the President's Special Project Chairman, and each District will have a leader.

District 1: Jane Carver

District 2: Sharon Wilcox

District 3: Dr. Lori Pappert

District 4: Mary Jo Abernethy

District 5: Sherry Thompson

District 6: Misty Deyo

District 7: Holly Coleman

District 8: Brandy Selos

District 9: Mary Pendill

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# Infinite Horizons

## LeAndra “Nikki” Ratliff , GFWC-NC Director of Junior Clubs & Third Vice-President



I am overjoyed to be serving as the GFWC-NC Director of Junior Clubs. Many thanks to all my Federation friends for their support and kind words as this new administration takes its first steps. I'd also like to thank our Immediate Past Present, Dottie Jennings and Past Director of Junior Clubs, Heather Bolick, for their Focus of Federation during their administration. They provided a solid foundation and renewed pride in our legacy as GFWC-NC. Our newly elected Junior Officers are thrilled to be serving during this term. Angela Moss, of Fuquay Varina JWC and our Director-elect of Junior Clubs will be my right hand and will work hard to boost Membership and Leadership throughout our Federation. Hope Hockaday, of Charlotte JWC and Dean of Community Service Programs is already hard at work reviewing programs and reporting. Our Junior Secretary, Jill Sutphin of the Winston-Salem JWC will be providing assistance and support to our District Junior Directors. Finally, please be sure to keep your social media pages updated and your club newsletters in circulation so that Junior Editor, Jennifer Smith of will have plenty to highlight when reporting on Junior news. Please feel free to reach out to your Junior Officers as we are here to work as a team for GFWC-NC!

The theme for this administration is Thriving Children. We feel strongly about the sense of community and equipping future generations with the tools and support needed to create environments where they can be healthy and successful. Working in our communities to provide programs, advocacy and resources for children to have access to healthy foods, outdoor play, routine medical care and resources for academic success will be our focus. Many clubs are already doing great work in these areas and I hope that we will blaze new trails and create new and stronger partnerships with local agencies to move the needle on the issues that affect children in our state. I hope that through our work, are respective communities will be viewed as charging stations where children “plug in” to receive the support they need to reach their fullest potential.

Bridgett Paschall will be leading the charge and serve as a liaison to clubs to further the theme of this administration. Many of you received the information sheet about my theme during Convention. If you weren't

there, don't worry- this document will be emailed to each Junior Clubwoman and is available on page 15. I look forward to hearing your ideas about collaboration and initiatives that we can add to our toolbox!

Juniors - we're going to be game changers! I can't wait to see all that we accomplish. Let's be amazing!

*Infinite  
horizons  
belong to  
those with  
Infinite  
imagination.*

**-Mehmet Murat ildan**



# Thriving Juniors

## Jenn Smith, Junior Editor



Junior Clubwomen had a great time at the recent 116th GFWC-NC Annual Convention held in Cary. Juniors from across the state came to celebrate their accomplishments, fellowship with Federation friends and gain valuable information from workshop presenters.

If you weren't able to make it, here's what you missed:

Throughout the sessions on Friday and Saturday, Junior Clubs were awarded for their work in their respective communities during the previous year. The Juniors held their Annual Business Friday afternoon and the Junior Installation Banquet on that evening. **Bridgett Paschall** of the **Henderson Junior Woman's Club** was honored as the Outstanding Junior Clubwoman for her going above and beyond for her community and our organization. The recipient of the Junior "Magic" award was **Jennifer Jobe** of the **Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club**. Her club considers her the silent backbone of the club and the one who never gives up!

With much excitement and anticipation, the 2018-2020 GFWC-NC Junior Officers were installed – **LeAndra Ratliff** of the **GFWC-NC Burlington Junior Woman's Club** as Director of Juniors, **Angela Moss** of the **Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club** as Director-elect of Junior Clubs, **Hope Hockaday** of the **GFWC-NC Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte** as Dean of Junior Community Service Programs, **Jill Sutphin** of the **Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club** as Junior Secretary, and **Jenn Smith** of the **Kannapolis Junior Club** as the Junior Editor. These officers are honored to partner with you during this administration.

This summary would not be complete without mentioning the most appreciated Juniors at the Convention– our Pages! This year, **Jill Sutphin** of the Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club did a fantastic job serving as the Chief Page. Ladies serving as Pages for this Convention were: **Mary Frances Gourley**, **Hope Hockaday** and **Jennifer Nelson** of the GFWC-NC Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte; **Jean Woodley** and **Brandy Selios** of the Clayton Junior Woman's Club; **Pam Mediano** of the GFWC-NC Burlington Junior Woman's Club; **Caitlyn Campbell**, **Re-**

**becca Duffy**, **Elizabeth Edwards**, **Angela Moss**, and **Beth Tyler** of the Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club; **Ellen Creasman** and **Sarah Toelkes** of the Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club; **Jenn Smith** of the Kannapolis Junior Woman's Club and **Misty Deyo** of the Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh. A special THANKS to each of these Junior Clubwomen for their service to the GFWC-NC.

A final note – please mark your calendars for the GFWC-NC Summer Meeting on July 14th in Burlington. At this meeting, we will learn about the Community Service Programs and the themes for this administration. There will also be an opportunity to get active with some very special guests so bring some comfortable shoes!

I can't wait to see Junior and General Clubwomen from across the state at this meeting – see you



# Keeping Districts Healthy...

## We all need Vitamin Sea!

Jennifer Richards, GFWC-NC 2nd

Vice-President & Jill Sutphin, GFWC-NC

Junior Secretary

*"We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean. But if the drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something."*

— Mother Teresa

Jill and I are excited about working with the new 2018-2020 GFWC-NC District Presidents and Junior Directors. They are a group of talented leaders and we know that they are going to do amazing things within their Districts. While continuing to focus on our Federation, we are also devoting the next two years to focusing on women and children's health and well-being. We also believe that keeping District's healthy means focusing on the clubs within each District. This administration's leaders are going to focus on promoting leadership, maintaining membership and bringing all the clubs together to Celebrate Women. We need to take care of ourselves so that we can all continue taking care of others in our communities.

Our amazing 2018-2020 GFWC-NC District Leaders:

**District 1** – Jane Carver, District President

**District 2** – Carol Watts, District President  
Mary Caldwell, District Junior Director

**District 3** – Ellen Patterson, District President  
Sara Hebert, District Junior Director

**District 4** – Eva Jackson, District President  
Ellen Creasman, District Junior Director

**District 5** – Margaret Ann Brame, District President  
Kristen Riggan, District Junior Director

**District 6** – Ashley Rain, District President  
Stacy Campbell, District Junior Director

**District 7** – Julie Rigsbee, District President  
Karmen Smith, District Junior Director

**District 8** – Phyllis Broughton, District President



### District 9 -

Blair Sauls, District Junior Director  
Mary Pendill, District President  
Brandee Phelps, District Junior Director

We would like to congratulate all the District Winners from the 116th GFWC-NC Convention... And especially want to offer congratulations to **Noreen Welch of District 9** who received the **District President's Award** and **Bridgette Paschell of District 4** who received the **District Junior Director's award**.

GFWC-NC 2nd Vice President Georgann Athanaelos Sapp and GFWC-NC Junior Secretary, LeAndra Ratliff have done an amazing job leading the District's during our Focus on Federation. Our GFWC-NC Districts are healthy and strong because of your leadership.



### District 1

**Konnaheeta Woman's Club** donated 2 large flower pots and flowers along with a \$200 donation to the Andrews public library for landscaping around their newly renovated front entrance to the library. Clubwoman Jane Blue is also the librarian.



### District 9



**Ahoskie Woman's Club** took a bus trip to the Museum of History in Raleigh to celebrate Federation Day this April. Noreen Hannon shared information on Canine Companions for Independence at their March meeting. CCI provides assistance dogs to enhance the lives of people with disabilities. They

are planning a social during the summer months.



**Ahoskie Junior Woman's Club** presented a monetary scholarship as well as dorm "shower" gifts to a high school senior who will be attending Western Carolina this fall.

**Camden Woman's Club** thanked the Meals on Wheels volunteers in their community. They presented each volunteer with a \$25 gas gift card for all their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Camden County. They had a great time volunteering at the Potato Festival in May. They have a busy summer planned and will be participating in a roadside clean up in June as well as having fun together as a club by taking a road trip to Smithfield, Virginia.

**Edenton Woman's Club** held their orientation meeting in March and are ready for great things to come. They also hosted an Upscale Flea and Garden Pleasures sale to benefit the Edenton Woman's Club Scholarship Program.

**Elizabeth City Woman's Club** donated 20 blankets and 19 toys to the Pasquotank Sheriff's Department and the Pasquotank/Camden EMS.

**Elizabeth City Junior Woman's Club** was excited to attend the Albermarle Area 4-H Livestock show and bid on an animal to support the youth in their community. They won the bid and purchased a hog from a local teen.

**Outer Banks Woman's Club** redecorated room 5 at the Outer Banks Hotline Inc. This room is dedicated to helping victims of human trafficking. This year two of their members are participating in Project Linus. They donated 25 quilts to the Hotline Crisis Intervention and Prevention Center Safe House. Members also had fun participating in the Kill Devil Hills

Trash Attack during Earth Day. In May they packed 1000 reflective bags supporting OBX International Student Outreach. These bags are given to students who come to the Outer Banks and work seasonal jobs.

### **Junior Woman's Club of Perquimans**



**County** volunteer at the Open Door Food Pantry by sorting food donations and packing bags. Even the club-woman's children had a great time participating.







*Don't follow in any footprints, make your own prints. Because, you are the future of tomorrow. -- Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Athlete*

We are honored to serve our GFWC-NC Clubwomen as the 2018-2020 First Vice President and Dean of Junior Community Service Programs! We have a fantastic group of Community Service Program Chairmen, Advancement Chairmen and Special Project Chairmen and have enjoyed getting to know them better. Great ideas and information will be heading your way.

We have chosen "Footprints in Action" as the theme of CSP, Advancement and Special Projects. Our clubwomen leave behind their footprints with the projects and programs they execute throughout North Carolina and beyond. If our projects and programs are effective, those footprints will be everlasting.

We are pleased to introduce the Community Service Program leaders:

- **Arts:** Sandy Cyphers, General & Jean Woodley, Junior
- **Conservation:** Sheila Tyler, General & Pam Mediano, Junior
- **Education:** Hilda Jernigan, General & Bridgett Paschall, Junior
- **Home Life:** Noreen Welch, General & Rebecca Duffy, Junior
- **International Outreach:** Vicki Currin, General & Misty Deyo, Junior
- **Public Issues:** Julie Wolfe, General & Jenna Pulley, Junior

Future issues of the North Carolina Clubwoman will include articles from the different CSPs as well as from the Advancement Chairs and Special Project Chairs. Keep an eye out for informative and useful information from them.

Our newly confirmed leaders are busy preparing for our State Summer Meeting on July 14th in Burlington. We encourage each clubwoman to join us in Burlington to learn and refresh yourself on all the great opportunities there are to serve your communities through Federation work. Why should clubwomen come to the State Summer Meeting? To learn about the new State President's Special Project and the Junior Director's Special Project. To hear about the new and exciting changes to the reporting and award entry process we will be rolling out. There will be something new for everyone! You won't want to miss any of the new updates and programs!

We are excited about the continued work our Clubwomen will accomplish over the next two years. Remember your actions will leave footprints of service in your community.

*"We all leave footprints as we journey through life-- make sure yours are worth following."*  
 – Bob Teague, Journalist





# All Aboard the MemberShip



## Crystal O'Neal, GFWC-NC President-elect & Angela Moss, GFWC-NC Director-elect of Junior Clubs

**Anchors Aweigh!** We are thrilled to welcome you aboard the MemberShip. We hope you ALL will join us because membership is every club member's responsibility. This administration, we will focus on giving you the tools you need to recruit, retain, and engage your members. We also want to help our clubs and districts to introduce new clubs to GFWC-NC. We will work closely with our District Vice Presidents and District Membership Chairmen so that we can most effectively and personally share information – together, we make up your GFWC-NC MemberShip Crew. Here is an overview of what you can expect from us this administration:

- Look for the **MemberShip Matters** section in the Federation Friday email blasts at least monthly. We will share information on how to recruit and retain members, how to avoid common membership issues, and how to access other important resources.

- This Column: **All Aboard the MemberShip** – Be sure to read this article in each North Carolina Clubwoman Magazine. We will highlight membership success stories, District membership activities, along with any tips and tricks we find.

- GFWC Membership/Recruiting Campaign** – Sometime after the GFWC Convention in June, we will learn about the GFWC membership initiatives. Stay tuned for more!

- MemberShip Crew Live** – Look for MemberShip workshops and sessions at your GFWC-NC and District Meetings. Want someone to come talk with your club? Let us know and we will find a crew member to send your way. We're all in this boat together!

- Follow us on Facebook** – Social media is a great way to extend your club's audience reach, to recruit new members, and to celebrate your current members' contributions. Make sure you are following the GFWC of North Carolina on Facebook and share what you like!

### **District Beacon:** District 9

*Donna Harrell, District 9 Vice President and GFWC-NC MemberShip Committee Chairman*

Camden Womans Club holds its Membership Recruitment Social in September of each year. Our club members give a list of prospective members to the membership chairperson and an invitation to join us at a meeting is mailed to the prospective member three to four weeks before the date of the meeting. A follow up call is made to remind them of the meeting a week in advance. This Membership recruitment social is held at the Camden Senior Center in the heart of Camden. The ladies in our club bake delicious desserts of all types, make salads and pastas. The center is decorated to warmly to invite our guests. We play ice breakers that will help everyone remember each other's names. Club officers and members introduce themselves and committee leaders explain about past and upcoming events. We want the guest; to know about the charities we support, and activities projects our club participates in within the community. We share the Benefits of GFWC.

Camden Womans Club has had four new members join since January 1, 2018. We look forward to seeing more women join GFWC and share with them the attributes of GFWC and what we appreciate and admire most about GFWC.

Our members lead by example and we want the new members joining to know the rewarding things that our Club and the GFWC do for people.

The President always has her "Elevator Speech" "polished and ready to go. She is a big recruiter in our club and will always tell you "they won't know if you don't tell them." This lady has never met a stranger and will recruit at work, in church, at local school games and even out eating dinner.

Remember you are GFWC. You can make it grow and keep it growing. Share the wonderful things that GFWC does for you!!!!

# Juniorette Jammer

## Jenn Smith , State Juniorette Advisor



On March 3, 2018, the GFWC-NC Juniorettes celebrated their 56th Annual GFWC-NC Juniorette Jamboree and State Meeting at the GFWC-NC State Arts Festival at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Hickory. The meeting was presided over by GFWC-NC Juniorette President, Mayla Gilliam of Wake Forest High School Juniorettes. Her President's Special Project was Cancer: Awareness, Education and Prevention. Juniorettes enjoyed hearing about St. Baldrick's Foundation and Little Pink Houses of Hope, attending the Hands-On Workshop with the GFWC-NC Clubwomen.

Sadly, there were no applications for State Juniorette Board officers for 2018-2019. We still have all the positions to fill, so please reach out to your Juniorette Clubs and inquire about Juniorettes that may be interested.

During the GFWC-NC Convention, held on April 27-29, Jill Sutphin held a Juniorette Workshop, which gave information on starting a Juniorette Club. Jill read heartwarming statements from Juniorettes about what the club has meant to them and how it has affected their lives. Juniorette awards presented at Convention on Saturday during the afternoon business session were awarded as follows:

The Essie Harris Newsome Scholarship is to honor Mrs. Lark (Essie) Newsome of Star, who served as Chairman of the Juniorette Advisory Committee from 1968-1972. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating Juniorette member. The runner up for the Essie Harris Newsome Scholarship and receiving a \$250 scholarship is **Sydney Keesee from the A.L. Brown Juniorette Club**. The winner for the Essie Harris Newsome Scholarship and the \$500 scholarship is **Carleigh Parrish from the Lumberton Juniorette Club**.

The winner of the Juniorette Award is given to a Junior Club reporting the best overall work with a Juniorette Club. The winner of this award and the Margaret Moore Bonner Tray is the **GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club**.

The **St. Stephens Juniorette Club** is the winner of and received the following awards and honors:

- The Carol Williams Awards for the Best Juniorette Scrapbook
- The Georgann Athanaelos Sapp Award for the Greatest Juniorette Membership Growth

The **GFWC Wake Forest Juniorette Club** is the winner of and receiving honors for the following award:

- The Susan Mills Travel Award

The **Lumberton Juniorette Club** is the winner of and receiving honors for the following awards:

- The Parker Morgan Special Project Award for the Best Juniorette Work with the GFWC-NC Juniorette Presidents Special Project: Cancer: Awareness, Education & Prevention.
- The Barbara S. Lloyd Award for the Best Juniorette Work with Sponsoring Club Award.

The **AL Brown Juniorette Club** is the winner of and receiving honors for the following awards:

- The Sue Griffin Lennon Award for the Best Overall Work in the Arts CSP
- The Essie Harris Newsome Award for the Best Overall Work in the Conservation CSP
- The Ann Lewis Arbes Award for the Best Overall Work in the Education CSP
- The Madeline Anderson Jones Award for the Best Overall Work in the the Home Life CSP
- The Daphne Lee Smith Award for the Best Overall Work in the International Outreach CSP
- The Thelma Barnes Award for the Best Overall Work in the the Public Issues CSP
- The Frances Freeman Hunter Award for the Best Overall Work in Community Service Programs
- The GFWC Emphasis Award for the Best Juniorette Work with GFWC Signature Programs-Domestic Violence

The Best Juniorette work with GFWC Junior Special Project-Advocates for Children) Award and are recognized as an Honor Club.

It has been such an honor to serve as the State Juniorette Chairman and Junior Chairman this administration. It has been a true joy to get to know the outstanding young women on the State Juniorette Board, as they are our future Junior and General Clubwomen.

Jill Sutphin- Juniorette Chairman and Jennifer Smith-Junior Juniorette Chairman

## Celebrate Women, continued

In our President's Special Project, we are going to take care of ourselves so we can take care of others. We will have a major focus on three topics:

1. Walking—According to Harvard Health, just 21 minutes a day can cut your risks of heart disease by 30%.

In addition, this do-anywhere, no-equipment activity has also been shown to reduce the risk of diabetes and cancer, lower blood pressure and cholesterol and keep you mentally sharp.

We will make walking fun...and competitive.

*I am throwing out a challenge to the women of GFWC-NC. Let's walk to the moon. We can do this!*

2. Wellness—Make PREVENTION your priority. There are numerous ways to stay healthy and on top of your health.

Talk to your healthcare provider to set up preventive screenings and well-woman visits. Help others in your community get the screenings they deserve to have. Organize a mobile mammogram vehicle in your community to make early breast cancer detection accessible and convenient for all women.

3. Healthy Eating—Diets rich in fruits and vegetables may reduce the risk of some cancers and other chronic diseases.

Fruits and vegetables also provide essential vitamins and minerals, fiber and other substances that are essential for good health.

Support the food pantries and the back-pack programs in your communities so that all families can eat healthy foods.

We need to look at health and wellness as an investment, not an expense. Good health will become an expense if we do not take the time to invest in it. Our mission is not merely to survive, but to thrive and to do it while showing compassion for others.

For many years I served as a school principal. Every morning, after morning announcements were given on the public-address system to the entire school, I closed with this pledge:

I will act in such a way that I will be proud of myself, and others will be proud of me, too. I came to school to learn, and I will learn. I will have a good day. Think about that pledge – it was a daily affirmation, a way to remind students that they had a choice in how the day transpired.

We each have the same choice to make every day. A small change in the words and the pledge becomes:

I will act in such a way that I will be proud of myself, and others will be proud of me, too.

I joined GFWC of North Carolina to learn and to give of myself and I will learn and give of myself. I will do this to the best of my abilities!

*The decision is ours—yours and mine.*

Let's say "yes" to the promise and build an even better and stronger GFWC of North Carolina.

By doing this, we **"CELEBRATE WOMEN"** by celebrating ourselves, celebrating the women who came before us, and celebrating those yet to be.



*GFWC-NC is calling and I must go*



The collage consists of 25 individual photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion. The photos show members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in various settings: group portraits, individual portraits, and social gatherings. The members are dressed in formal attire, including dresses, blouses, and skirts. Some photos show members standing together, while others show them seated. One photo shows a member presenting a plaque to another member. Another photo shows a group of members posing with a mascot. The photos are set against a white background.

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# GFWC-NC State Summer Meeting

State Summer Meeting

Shiloh Presbyterian Church Burlington, NC

"Celebrate Women & Thriving Children"

Taking Care of Ourselves...

So We Can Take Care of Each Other

District officers and Community Service Program (CSP), chairman, club presidents, club CSP chairman, and ALL clubwoman - mark your calendars! The Summer Meeting will share information for the upcoming year and allow you to be a resource for your district and club, and to inspire enthusiasm for membership in GFWC-NC. Register today!

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9:00 - 9:30 am	Coffee & Registration
9:30 - 11:00am	Opening SPEAKER: Dr. Christina Bowen, Outer Banks Integrative Medicine Special Project Introductions NEW CSP Award Entry Procedures
11:10 - 11:40 am	"All Aboard the MemberShip" Workshops (4)
11:45 - 12:15 pm	"Footprints In Action" Workshops (4)
12:20 - 1:15pm	Lunch - "Let's Move with the Lunch Bunch"
1:20 - 1:50 pm	"Keeping Districts Healthy... We All Need Vitamin SEA!" Workshops (4)
1:55 - 2:15pm	Leadership Passport to Learning Program Sisters of the Seas Passport to FUN

\*Workshop topics to Include:

Community Service Programs  
Membership Advancement Areas  
Fundraising Advancement Areas  
Working with GFWC-NC  
Leadership Advancement Areas  
Domestic Violence  
Advocates for Children  
Club/District Presidents

**Agenda Subject to Change**

Additional information for the meeting will be provided via email

**ARE YOU A FIRST TIME ATTENDEE?** \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION FORM

Form and payment due to Headquarters by

**July 1st, 2018.**

Please fill out one form per attendee.

**Full Name (as to appear on namebadge):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Office/Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration (Includes Lunch) \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free

Registration After July 1st \$40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Lunches are ordered on the number registered by the  
deadline of July 1st. Registration after deadline cannot  
be assured lunch\*

Donation to Legacy Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$19.02 Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COST:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please send payment to:  
GFWC-NC Headquarters  
7474 Creedmoor Rd. #310  
Raleigh, NC 27613  
e-mail HQ@gfwcnc.org

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# GFWC-NC State Summer Meeting

## MEETING LOCATION INFORMATION

Shiloh Presbyterian Church  
2638 Grand Oaks Blvd.  
Burlington, NC 27215

## HOTEL INFORMATION

**Drury Inn & Suites Burlington**  
1767 Glidewell Dr. Burlington, NC 27215

Room Rate \$89.00/night plus taxes  
*Hotel Rate valid until June 25, 2018*

Room Rate includes:

HOT Breakfast

5:30 KickBack

Parking

Wi-Fi

Popcorn & Soda in lobby

Reservations can be made by calling the **1-800-325-0720** and use group name GFWC-NC or 2345354 or by visit

<https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=2345354>

## Speaker: Dr. Christina Bowen



I went to Emory University in Atlanta, GA for my undergraduate degree in NeuroBehavioral Biology. In Atlanta I began to learn about complimentary therapies when dealing with both health prevention and illnesses. I began the process of applying to medical school but

knew that I ultimately wanted to combine allopathic and complimentary therapies in my practice. I completed medical school at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, my internship at Duke University and residency at Carolinas Medical Center. I am board certified in both Family Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. I am a graduate of the Integrative Medicine Fellowship through the University of Arizona.

I am passionate about intentional living! I believe we are learning more and more that we have a choice of how we navigate through our health journey. Discoveries are being made that show us with an integrative approach to our health, we can change our

genetics and improve our health!!! I find this exciting and invigorating!!

Practicing medicine is my vocational passion. Being a wife and mother are my life passions! I say that I am passionate about intentional living because I believe all of my jobs should involve integration of my mind, body and spirit which requires me to be intentional on a daily basis in all areas to ensure we are living our best life now!



## Let's Move with the Lunch Bunch!

This year we will be incorporating a fun activity for clubwomen AND kids! Join us as we get moving with some very special guests.

Wear (or bring) Comfortable shoes!

Please bring a donation of a new book for ages K-5 to the Summer Meetings!





# Corporate Champions for Women & Children

## Bev Lassiter, Chairman



The Corporate Champions for Women & Children's Committee is proud to announce the following as our 2018 Corporate Champion Honorees:

**Duke Energy** is located **all over NC** and donates thousands of dollars in the areas of Arts, STEM, early childhood literacy, and environmental community initiatives. Its employees and retirees actively contribute to various non-profits across NC in areas of education for children.

**Domtar**, was a CCWC Platinum Level partner in 2017, and has a huge presence at its NC headquarters in **Plymouth, NC**. It is an organization, which makes a wide variety of everyday products from sustainable wood fiber and is one of the world's largest producers of a complete line of absorbent hygiene solutions and an innovator in absorbent technology. The Personal Care Division is based in Raleigh, and the company is committed to championing health, dignity and comfort in local communities. Domtar started and led a volunteer effort to package over 10,000 diapers to help support underserved families in the greater Durham area. The "Diaper Bank of North Carolina" received more than 1.5 million diapers last year alone.

**Showmars** was founded in 1982 by a first-generation Greek immigrant George Couchell, affectionately known as "Mr. C", who graduated from Duke University and was also a Naval Officer. He opened his first restaurant in Monroe, NC, and now has locations in many different cities across NC. Mr. C grew up working as a young boy in his family's restaurant in Greece. After immigrating to America, he graduated from college and served in the naval academy. He decided to follow his dream of opening his own restaurant that was unique to the city, combining fast food and formal dining. More than 30 years later, Showmars continues to grow while upholding Mr. C's vision. Through its philanthropic efforts and as a supporter of women and children, Showmars donates thousands of dollars and provides the volunteer force that started and participates with Levine Children's Hospital's 5K and Kid's Fun Run, where all monies are donated to Levine's Partnership for Pediatric Hearts. Showmars is a presenting sponsor of the Receptions for Research: the Greg Olsen Foundation Golf Tournament where proceeds also benefit Levine Children's Hospital. Showmars raised over \$75K for the American Heart Association Go Red for Women Movement; sent children, grades 1-8, to camp at Steve Smith Sr.'s Football ProCamp; and supported WSOC TV's Family Focus program partnering with com-

munity efforts to collect winter coats for kids, thousands of pounds of food donations and school tools. Showmars is a sponsor for Charlotte Soccer Academy and many other efforts in the areas supporting women and children in its employee community outreach. Interestingly enough, Mr. C is related to Georgann Athanaelos Sapp! It is such a small world!

### FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW REGARDING OUR CORPORATE CHAMPIONS EVENT

#### 1. Why was this statewide fundraiser created?

In 2016, after our final annual convention of the year, we realized that our Women of Achievement Awards banquet was not continuing to bring in the funds our Federation needed to adequately promote and support its activities in the state. As WOA Chairman, Bev Lassiter researched for close to a year what we could do in its place to raise more monies for GFWC-NC. After much research and discussion with several Chamber of Commerce organizations and The Foundation of the Carolinas, it was clear that NO ONE has ever recognized Corporations and/or Businesses in NC for their support and involvement with Women's & Children's issues - a large area that aligns itself to the GFWC-NC's mission.

#### 2. Why was Charlotte, NC, selected as the place to hold the CCWC event?

As Chairman, Bev Lassiter asked the EC if she could hold the first event in Charlotte, since this was the place where she was familiar with organizations and community leaders to raise the most funds. Bev also worked with several businesses to receive "In Kind" donated work so that GFWC-NC would not have to use their funds for certain expenses, i.e. design work for Logo, Save the Date & Invitations; wine for reception & dinner; advertising in the Charlotte Observer for 2 months promoting the event and afterwards congratulating the winners; program for the event; and actual CCWC Award and engraved "stands" for the event.

#### 3. When the 2017 CCWC winners were selected, did all the monies raised go back into the Charlotte Community?

Absolutely not. All monies raised from Corporate Partnerships, as well as individual table and ticket buyers, went directly back to GFWC-NC to strengthen our fund-

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# Thriving Children

2018-2020 GFWC-NC Director of Junior Clubs Theme



## Special Activities

Advocates for Children -- October 21-27, 2018

Stamp Out Hunger -- May 12, 2018

Child Abuse Prevention MONTH -- Each year in April



Infinite horizons belong to those  
with infinite imaginations.

- Mehmet Murat ildan

## Community Resources

United Way of NC: [www.unitedwaync.org](http://www.unitedwaync.org)

North Carolina Partnership for Children:

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

Communities in Schools: [www.cisnc.org](http://www.cisnc.org)

Exchange Scan: [www.parentingpath.org](http://www.parentingpath.org)

Prevent Child Abuse NC: [www.preventchildabusenc.org](http://www.preventchildabusenc.org)

Action for Healthy Kids:

[www.actionforhealthykids.org/in-your-state/north-carolina/about](http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/in-your-state/north-carolina/about)

Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC:

<http://www.foodbankcenc.org>

## 2018-2020 GFWC-NC Administration Junior Officers

Director of Junior Clubs -- LeAndra Ratliff

Director-elect of Junior Clubs -- Angela Moss

Dean of CSP -- Hope Hockaday

Junior Secretary -- Jill Sutphin

Junior Editor -- Jenn Smith

Director of Juniors Special Project Chairman - Bridgett Paschall

GFWC Advocates for Children Chairman: Pamela Mediano

## Wellness and Healthy Living:

- Birth to five development
- Physical/Dental and Mental health
- Outdoor play and access to fresh fruits and vegetables

## HEALTHY FOOD



## OUTDOOR PLAY



## EDUCATION:

- Academic Readiness
- Literacy



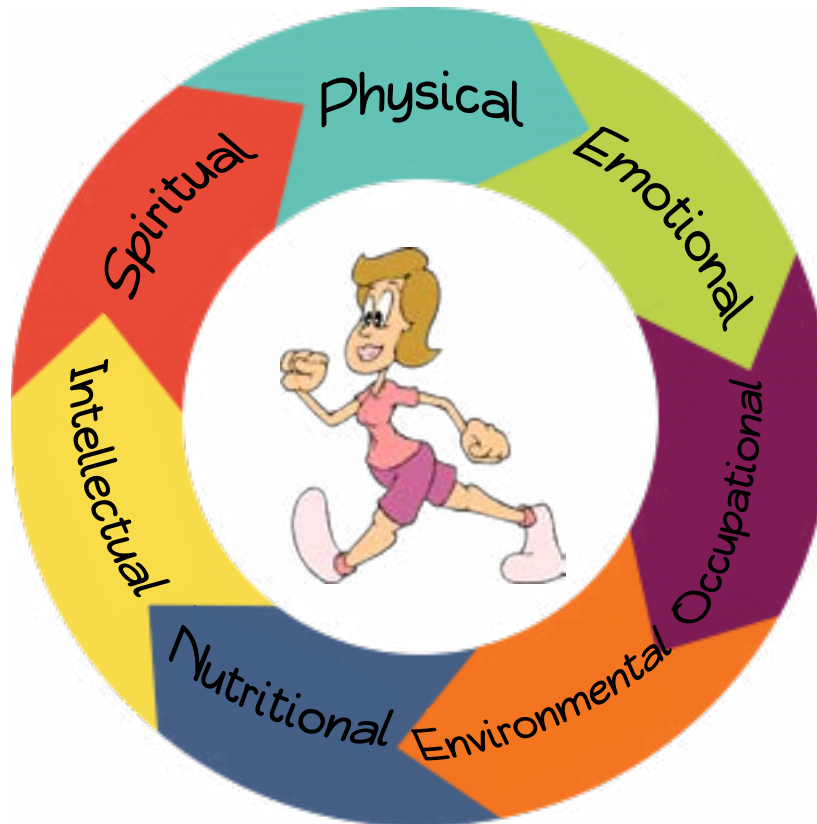
# Celebrate Women

2018-2020 GFWC-NC Administration Theme

## Healthy Women

*Taking Care of Ourselves...*

*So We Can Take Care of Others!*



## Special Activities

**Federation Friday** -- Focus on healthy living tips. Check out the weekly publication for ideas.

**President's Special Project** -- Purchase Women's Pins. The proceeds benefit the General Fund.

**"Girls With Pearls" Society** -- Make a donation to the Legacy Fund and join the Society. You will receive a membership placecard to display at all luncheon and dinner functions.

**President's Treasure Chest** -- Purchase a pearl and mermaid bracelet. A portion of the proceeds helps provide clean drinking water to families in Guatemala.

**Administration Focus** -- Earn your "Leadership Passport to Learning."



# President's Special Project

## Area Themes

### WALKING:

number of steps...



...and counting

President-Elect -- *Crystal O'Neal*  
Director-Elect of Junior Clubs --  
*Angela Moss*



**"All Aboard the MemberSHIP!"**

### WELLNESS:

number of  
wellness  
check-ups and  
preventative  
screenings--medical, dental,  
mammograms, pap smears,  
vaccinations, skin exams,  
colonoscopies ...etc.

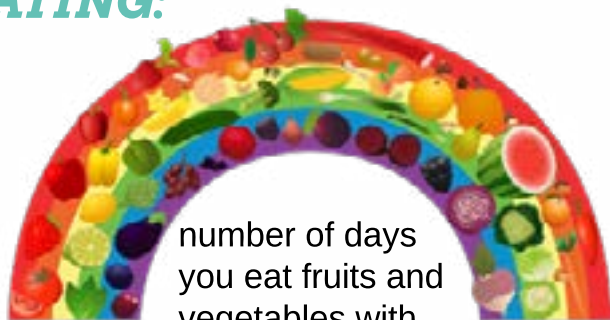


First Vice President -- *Helen Richie*  
Junior Dean of CSPs -- *Hope Hockaday*

**"Footprints in Action"**



### HEALTHY EATING:



number of days  
you eat fruits and  
vegetables with  
emphasis on eating  
a colorful diet

Second Vice President -- *Jennifer Richards*  
Junior Secretary -- *Jill Sutphin*

**"Keeping Districts Healthy...  
We All Need Vitamin SEA!"**



## Junior Magic Award

This year's GFWC-NC Junior "Magic" Award winner provides the 'magic' for her club and best exemplifies the words of the Collect for Clubwomen. She is always calm and thinks before she speaks. She is the person that people go to if they have an issue or need a sounding board and she will look at it from all angles, good and bad. She has never shown herself to be fault-finding or self-seeking in her club and always looks for the positive in how things should be conducted. She is never hasty and always takes time for all things. She is always generous and offers help to others. She meets any task straightforward and unafraid. As a Charter member and founding President of her club, she has seen and realized that little things do create difference.

And with her great heart and willingness to help out wherever needed and never forgets to be kind. As you can see, this award winner easily lives the Collect for Clubwomen each and every day. Volunteering is in her blood as her aunt "NeNe" is a past GFWC-NC and GFWC President. She is married to her wonderful husband Brian and has an awesome son Mac. She serves on her son's school's PTA and Booster Club and works at HanesBrands. She enjoys spending time with her family, riding horses, watching sports, and volunteering. Join me in congratulating **Jennifer Jobe** of District 4 and member of the **Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club**. She is the 2018 GFWC-NC Junior "Magic" Clubwoman and recipient of the the Kim Pfeil Pearce Oak Leaf Bowl.



## Junior Clubwoman of the Year



This year's Junior Clubwoman of the year is described as a dedicated clubwoman, dependable leader, humble, willing to help, and a blessing to all. She has served as her club President and organizes programs and projects. She dedicates many hours to serve her club and always goes above and beyond to help improve her club. She is always brainstorming to come up with ideas to help boost morale of her club and its members. She has served her district as Junior Director and helped organize her District's Arts Festival. At the state level, she served on the GFWC-NC Board of Directors as the Junior Leadership Chairman and as a GFWC LEADS graduate, served on the GFWC-NC LEADS Committee helping with the GFWC-NC LEADS workshop and presenting at the GFWC-NC State Convention. In 2017, she attended and presented at the GFWC-NC Convention, GFWC-NC Summer meeting, and GFWC-NC Fall Conference. She is a talented business woman, an adoring wife, and a mother of three precious children. She lends her talent of photography to help with fundraising for not only her club but

other organizations. Her dedication to the GFWC Federation is remarkable. The Outstanding Junior Clubwoman of the Year and recipient of the Linda G. White Wine Cooler for 2018 is **Bridgett Paschall** of District 5 and the **Henderson Junior Woman's Club**.

## Clubwoman with Heart

This year's winner of the Clubwoman with Heart Award and receiving the Julene Barlow McPaul Tray is **Donna Bivens Harrell** from the **Camden Woman's Club**.

During Donna's seven years in the Camden Woman's Club she has been very active in all projects and she has perfect attendance. Her contagious personality motivates other women to jump in and get involved and to volunteer in the community. She takes time for all members in a kind and gentle way.

Donna is always the first to volunteer and is constantly encouraging others to join in efforts. She has taken her club from a small club to a large one through her recruitment. Under her leadership, her club has become a leader in volunteerism.

She gives at home, work community, state, and this year, even internationally. Right after Hurricane Maria, refugees from Puerto Rico arrived at the Coast Guard base in need of clothes, shoes and food, having just been rescued from their homes leaving everything behind.

Although she was recovering from knee surgery, she organized donations and meals for them. And this is just one example of her kindness.

She lovingly works as a community leader improving life by supporting the arts, preserving natural resources, advancing education, promoting healthy lifestyles, encouraging civic involvement and working toward peace and understanding. Her happy and loving nature is contagious!



# Outstanding Citizenship & Patriotism Award

This clubwoman is a natural volunteer, and by all means a most patriotic, outstanding citizen. This year's winner of the Outstanding Citizenship and Patriotism Award and recipient of the Bryant Citizenship Bowl is **Trenia Marietta from the Camden Woman's Club**.

This clubwoman volunteers with many organizations, and she leads by example. She is active in the Quilts of Valor Club which makes and presents quilts to veterans. She volunteers at the local food bank, the ASPCA, and a variety of local festivals. She is very involved with activities for military families, and is a driving force when it comes to fundraising activities for scholarships for children of military families. For the last seven years she has supported a 9/11 memorial bike ride which draws about 250 police officer participants by driving her van along the route from Ground Zero to the Pentagon to assist riders who have been injured or have flat tires. She is also in charge of the pit stops and lunch stops each day of the ride.

If there was a defining moment during 2017 that proved just how much this clubwoman deserves this award, it came in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. She received a call late in the evening from the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard in Elizabeth City. There was a need for volunteers to comfort 40 Coast Guard families coming in on a C-130 emergency flight at 11:30 p.m., having been evacuated from Puerto Rico. These families were mostly young women, each with two or three children, and some with a family pet. They had survived Hurricane Irma which knocked out power, and then Maria which hit the island even harder. They had gone days without showers, and weeks without a hot meal. They arrived in North Carolina with little more than the clothes on their backs. This clubwoman and a few members of the local Coast Guard Spouse Club welcomed the families that night and helped transport them to a local hotel. She returned the next morning to baby sit with the children while the mothers attended a debriefing. She soon realized that the children had lots of energy, and so she coordinated a picnic for the families. She also turned to Facebook, and quickly coordinated a clothing and toiletries drive. Furthermore, this clubwoman knew she could count on her fellow clubwomen. Members donated clothes, shoes, toys and backpacks. There was a baby that was two days old when it arrived in North Carolina. She and her fellow Woman's Club members bought diapers, formula, and clothes for the baby, and the club also gave \$500 to help feed the families during their temporary stay in North Carolina.

During 2017, this clubwoman contributed to the Federation on the local, district and state level. She served as Vice-President and International Outreach chairman for her club, and was also District International Outreach chairman. She also served on the District Awards and Nominating Committees. She attended GFWC-NC state meetings, invited a speaker from Operation Smile to the State Arts Festival, and made flower pens and chocolate suckers to be sold to raise money for the Legacy Fund.



## Clubwoman of the Year



The GFWC-NC Administration Book states that the GFWC-NC Outstanding Clubwoman of the Year Award and the Minnie Lou Parker Creech Wine Cooler is to be given annually to honor a clubwoman who has given of her time, talents, interest, organizational efforts, and active participation to render outstanding service through the Federation during the previous year in Local, District, State, Community, and Cooperation Areas.

**Lydia Ellis of the GFWC-NC Down East Woman's Club** of District 8 has most certainly met all of the above criteria. She began her club work over 25 years ago and has freely shared her talents and resources to ensure the success of many programs and projects, while participating in Federation activities at the club, district, and state level.

She is described as a dedicated clubwoman, dependable leader, humble, most caring, empathetic friend, and has a passion for service. She sees to it that things get done.

She is a charter member of her club where she serves as President where she organizes club projects including organizing and serving a meal at the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville. She served her district as Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship and Greeson-Johnson Teaching Scholarships Chairman, District Finance Committee, District Arts Festival Chairman and served on the District Board of Directors. At the state level, she served on the GFWC-NC Board of Directors as a member of the GFWC-NC Finance Committee and GFWC-NC Nominating Committee.

GFWC-NC is not the only organization that benefits from this clubwoman's talents and generosity. She is an active member in her church and community serving on various committees and participating in numerous projects and programs. And she gladly and enthusiastically supports her grandchildren's activities. She is their biggest cheerleader!



# Mary K. Whitener Scholarship Winner



Mattie Catherine Mabes began her journey into the world of music when she was still in kindergarten. Ms. Joy Cogswell, Director of the Snyder Baptist Music Academy in Fayetteville, NC was Mattie's first teacher. In a class of other young beginners, Music for Tiny Mozart's, Mattie perfected her first recital piece "The Dinosaur Stomp". She hasn't looked back! Encouraged through her childhood and teen years by several wonderful teachers at the Snyder Baptist Music Academy, Mattie continues her piano studies at the Academy under the instruction of Ms. Anna Bunn.

Piano study can be lonely. It was in high school at Fayetteville Terry Sanford that Mattie discovered the joy of working together with other young musicians. Chris Langdon, the Director of Bands at FTS found a place for the young freshman in the Concert Band and the following year

Mattie became a proud member of the FTS Marching Band playing synthesizer with the front ensemble. She is dedicated to the music program at FTS and has made it a priority to take band every semester.

The golden thread of music weaves its way under, around and into other areas of Mattie's life as well. She is the church pianist and organist at Parkton Baptist Church. The role of Rapunzel in the FTS production of "Into the Woods" is her most recent achievement in musical theater. She also loves to sing and has consistently participated in chorus during both middle and high school. She has been an active member of the Cumberland Oratorio Singers and currently volunteers her time with the Campbelton Youth Choristers.

Mattie is eager to continue her education at Western Carolina University with Professor of Piano, Andrew Adams. She plans to major in Music Education with a concentration in Piano and minor in Musical Theater. She is very honored and grateful to be the recipient of the Mary K. Whitener Scholarship.

## Past President Dottie Jennings Remarks

As we are near the end of the convention, and the conclusion of the 2016-2018 Administration, there are so many that I wish to thank. First, to the members, for your consideration of the changes we've accomplished these past two years. The Executive Committee, the Junior Officers, and the Board of Trustees have been tireless in their efforts to strengthen GFWC of North Carolina. I cannot thank each of you enough. The Executive Committee has been willing to reach, stretch, extend, imagine, and look ahead with passion, energy, and excitement. Thank you for your visions. There are many others that have served in Districts, served on committees, chaired projects, community service programs, and served in membership, leadership, and in a volunteer capacity in your club. I am thankful for all that you've accomplished.

I would also like to thank the President's Assistants – Becky Cade, Faye Hoffman, Catherine Gardner, Sheila Tyler, Cathie Williams, and Caroline Jennings – I thank you for your support. Jill Dedene and Frances Lewis have been invaluable. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you. Thank you for your support and being patient with me – you two could always seem to tell when there was a "teacher work-day" through the gauge of emails! Thank you. It has been a joy to partner with Heather Bolick, Director of Junior Clubs, during the 2016-2018 administration. We've been roommates, cheered while watching football games together – at least a time or two – shared lots of stories, and developed a wonderful friendship.

Thank you, Heather from the bottom of my heart.

I'm a teacher. Teachers develop lesson plans with goals, objectives and ideas for every minute of every day. As a teacher, the "in the middle" or transition times are just as – if not more so at times – important on a daily basis. The transitions move us effectively from one step to the next, hopefully without a bump, from where you've been to where you are going. As I reflect on my teaching profession always looking to modify, change, and adjust, I quickly realized that this administration has essentially been the "transition time" for GFWC of North Carolina.

When we began the administration, we were in a financial situation after the Task Force review and discussions and votes regarding dues. We placed an emphasis to Focus on the Federation to understand, gain knowledge about, and realize more about the organization that we are a part of, as well as our accomplishments among our members, clubs, districts, and the state. At the beginning of the administration, our specific project was to stabilize our organization during this transition time – where have we been and where are we going? This Executive Committee has truly taken it to heart – we've spent much time this administration looking towards the future and making suggestions, offering ideas, and holding retreats to make suggestions for future administrations **in lieu of specific "special" projects of our own.** Our project has been the Focus on Federation.

We also worked to focus on legacy – both with leadership events, which have been held at every meeting, empowering and educating members about GFWC of North Carolina, giving as members and growing in membership, achieving things within communities, clubs, and GFWC of North Carolina, impacting communities, and determining what membership means to you – the legacy. Legacy as well took on a financial impact with a goal of raising \$125,000 during the administration for the Legacy Fund.

During this transition phase, in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, substantial funds were budgeted to come from the legacy fund to balance the budget, which would then reduce the amount IN that fund at the same time we were fundraising FOR it. With those indicators, significant fundraising efforts were utilized in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, with Fundraising in 2017 to instead preserve the legacy fund by increasing fundraising efforts. In 2016-2017, **\$42,218.32** was raised for the Operating Budget.

In 2017, the Inaugural Corporate Champions for Women and Children was held, again a shift in GFWC of North Carolina endeavors to recognize corporations that assist women and children, just like GFWC of North Carolina. Through the work of this committee, **\$62,174.22** was raised and placed in the Corporate Champions for Women and Children's Fund, with policies and procedures put in place and expenses from this fund approved by the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. These funds were raised from corporations and donations.

Fundraising for this fiscal year of 2017-2018 has also been held per the budget, however with the dues increase and budget passed, of a significant reduction in fundraising. However, due to sales of the GFWC-NC bracelet, the silent auction at the Fall Conference, and the Africa Trip, **\$7,110.77** has been raised to date for the current fiscal year.

The Legacy Fund... an investment account for GFWC of North Carolina, had the goal of raising \$125,000 for this administration. In the past, this account supplemented operating costs for a balanced budget, so it was our intent to raise money for this account, balance the budget, and decrease or eliminate the use of the investment funds. With a goal of \$125,000 for this fund for the 2016-2018 administration, due to fundraisers, donations, and incredible support, the Legacy Fund has raised **\$143,679.99** since May 1, 2016 for this account for the future of GFWC of North Carolina.

As **we** placed an emphasis on GFWC of North Carolina with a Focus on Federation...Building our Legacy, I am pleased to announce that not only did we accomplish our goal of \$125,000 for the Legacy Fund,

we have raised for Operating Expenses, the Corporate Champions for Women and Children Event, and the Legacy Fund a total amount of **\$255,183.30** to support GFWC of North Carolina during this two year administration. We are in a successful place for moving our organization forward.

These two years have truly been a **Focus on Federation** in so many different ways, and I think we've had a successful transition, so now on to the next set of plans with goals, objectives, and ideas, and **no more** in transition.

Going forward, I ask that you consider three important things. The first, from our Collect, "Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed" as we continue to work together for GFWC-NC's Legacy. Second, continue to be steadfast with our financial sustainability. Last, expand the diversity of our organization and develop programs that will make it more attractive for women in communities to that GFWC-NC can continue to grow and prosper in North Carolina.

I recently saw this quote on my daughter's computer, which seemed very fitting for this time of transition for GFWC-NC. *"It always seems impossible until it's done."* ~ Nelson Mandela

Serving in this position has been full of wonderful moments – working with likeminded ladies who have a **passion** to serve and help others, to represent GFWC of North Carolina, and to develop **friendships** – to make a **difference**. Thank you for the opportunity to have served as the 2016-2018 GFWC of North Carolina President.



# CCWC, Continued

ing for various areas in the Federation. Areas supported by these funds include promotional areas to strengthen the GFWC-NC name across the state, various scholarship funds, LEADS, women & children's projects, etc. which benefit ALL GFWC-NC Districts. NO MONIES go to ANY of the winning Honorees.

## **4. How were the 2018 Honorees selected?**

The CCWC Committee and a task force were asked to send in suggestions for corporations and/or businesses on a large, medium and small scale to Chairman Bev Lassiter by a deadline. In keeping with the criteria of NOT recognizing non-profit organizations, of the business names provided, most were non-profits and were ineligible. Following additional research to ensure that the Honorees represented a cross-section of businesses working and volunteering across North Carolina and NOT only Charlotte, the chairman was responsible for the final selections with input from the Committee and Officers.

## **5. Why is this event continuing to stay in Charlotte, NC?**

After the first successful CCWC event, the Chairman met with key leadership in the community about moving specific fundraising events to different cities in NC. Several organizations that have similar events such as Junior Achievement tried to move their event from city to city and in doing so, lost the name recognition they were looking for statewide. This caused them to make less money than continuing to hold it the same time each year in the same city. Because of all the "In Kind" donations from area businesses that are continuing to support this event in its 2nd year, and with the fact that we have past Corporate Partnerships returning to support our event, the increase in name recognition for GFWC-NC is HUGE.

## **6. Why is it so important that corporations and businesses know GFWC-NC?**

Because as we become more well known for recognizing Corporations and/or Businesses who do so much for Women's & Children's issues and we honor them, our name becomes synonymous with this ONLY award in North Carolina. For us to discontinue the event allows other women's organizations to take this from us and use as their own.

## **7. Why does GFWC-NC need this fundraising event?**

Due to GFWC-NC's financial situation at the conclusion of the April 2016 Convention, large-scale fundraising was considered a significant need, and one that MUST take place in order for our Federation to survive. Coupled with the 2016-2018 President's Special Project of raising monies for our Federation and the Dues increase passing at the 2017 annual convention, we are now able to use these monies without taking them from other investment areas. We have succeeded in our goal!

## **8. Exactly how much money was raised at the first event in 2017?**

Nearly \$100,000.00 was raised through individual ticket buyers, individual donations, Table Sponsors and Corporate Partnerships and after expenses a total of **\$67,174.22** was invested back into GFWC-NC, which benefits ALL of our members in North Carolina.

## **9. Who exactly attended the event?**

The event in 2017 was attended by many generous clubwomen from across NC as well as area corporations and businesses that purchased large tables, solicited by the CCWC Chairman.

## **10. How can other businesses, large, medium or small, be included for the CCWC Committee to potentially select for 2019?**

Any clubwoman within GFWC-NC's nine Districts is welcome to send in names of corporations/businesses (NOT NON-PROFITS) and their contact information as well as what they do in the area of volunteer community support to the CCWC Chairman Bev Lassiter @ bevlassiter59@gmail.com.

The CCWC Chairman and Committee would WELCOME help and support from Districts 1 through 9 and NEED your input. This event is for ALL GFWC-NC Clubwomen, our Federation and the projects and events that WE support.

## **11. When is the CCWC Event this year?**

The 2018 event will be held on September 13, 2018, at The Ritz Carlton, Charlotte, NC. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a Reception: the Banquet and Awards begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and the evening's activities are complete by 8:30 p.m. An incredible video was produced in conjunction with our in-kind partner WhirlWind Creative and will be available for viewing at our annual convention in Cary, NC, in April of this year. Several pictures from the event are included with this article. Save the Dates will go out in the next few months and it will be on our GFWC-NC website at that time. We are all encouraged to attend, support, volunteer and be a part of this statewide fundraising event. Area hotels will be available if one wants to spend the night. The attire for the event is BUSINESS.

## **12. What should I do if I have read all of the above and still have questions?**

Please feel free at any time to email Bev or any committee member with any questions.

The CCWC Committee invites each GFWC-NC Clubwoman, Club and/or District to support this Statewide Fundraising Event. We are most grateful for the generous support of clubwomen, Clubs, Districts and families that attended in 2017 and it is our hope that even more GFWC-NC Clubwomen will join us in 2018.



# Lucy Bramlette Patterson Award & Scholarship for Excellence in Creative Writing

The Lucy Bramlette Patterson recognitions are given in memory of Mrs. J. Lindsey Patterson (Lucy), the first President of NCFWC (1902-1905). Mrs. Patterson was not only the first NC Federation of Women's Club President but a true literary advocate. She is remembered for her annual award for literary achievement in the state, the Patterson Memorial Cup which was presented from 1905 until 1933 by the North Carolina State Literary and Historical Association. This award was a massive loving cup set with forty-nine precious stones from North Carolina mines. It was retired to the North Carolina Museum of History. It was replaced with the Mayflower Society Cup which was retired in 2002 and replaced by the Ragan Old North State Award Cup.

GFWC-NC has recognized and honored the following authors as the Patterson Award recipients:

2003	Margaret Maron
2004	Haywood Smith
2005	Kaye Gibbons
2006	Suzanne Tate
2007	Hunter Darden
2008	Lynne Hinton
2009	Diane Chamberlain
2010	Ann B. Ross
2011	Pansie Hart Flood
2012	Gloria Houston
2013	Lynn Salsi
2014	Emilia Fuentes
2015	Denise Kiernan
2016	p.m.Terrell
2017	Dr. Gail Hayes
2018	Emily Colin

This award honors a North Carolina published female writer for outstanding creative writing. The recipient must be either a North Carolina native or currently residing in North Carolina. The Lucy Bramlette Patterson Committee will select the award recipient from the nominees submitted by a GFWC-NC Club in good standing. If no nominations are received, the committee will select the award recipient. The award recipient receives an engraved Jefferson Cup in recognition of the honor and will attend and speak at the GFWC-NC annual convention.

Additionally, given in the recipient's honor, is a \$1000 scholarship to Salem College Center for Women Writers which is presented annually to a

North Carolina female rising senior who has participated in creative writing. Salem College selects the scholarship recipient. She will be invited to the GFWC-NC annual convention to be recognized.

Clubs wishing to submit a nomination please attach a 100 word typed narrative listing why this female author should be selected for this award. Send entry to GFWC-NC Headquarters by **June 22nd**. 7474 Creedmoor Road, #310, Raleigh, NC 27613, [hq@gfwcnc.org](mailto:hq@gfwcnc.org) .

Name of Award Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsoring Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Club President \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_



# Honorarium & Memorials

## **Corporate Champions for Women & Children**

- In Memory of Audrey Spain Paschall, Margaret Ann Brame's mother by Bev Lassiter
- In Honor of GFWC-NC Past Presidents by Bev Lassiter

If you or your club are interested in donating an Honorarium or Memorial, please contact Frances Lewis, GFWC-NC Financial Associate at [bookkeeper@gfwcnc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@gfwcnc.org)

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### **GFWC Convention -**

June 22-26, 2018 St.Louis, MO

### **Summer Meeting -**

Shiloh Presbyterian Church July 14, 2018 Burlington, NC

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