

# SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

## THE LATEST NEWS

### WELCOME SPRING

#### GFWC-SCR Calendar of Events

##### 2023 SCR Conference Meeting

October 19-21 SCR Albuquerque, NM

**2023 GFWC International Convention** June 9-12 GFWC International Louisville, KY

#### *Did You Know?*

May 14th is **Mother's Day!** Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It was first celebrated in the US in 1907, when Anna Jarvis held a service of worship at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna started her campaign for a national holiday to commemorate Mothers after her own mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. It wasn't until 1914 that it became a federal holiday.

#### Additional Standing Rule

To be voted on at the next SCR meeting.

##### XIII. Officers' Pins:

GFWC SCR officers' pins (purchased in 2023) shall be passed to respective elected officers-president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer and appointed positions-parliamentarian and corresponding secretary at the end of each 2 year administration at the installation of new administration.

#### Meet the GFWC of Texas President

##### Billie Williams

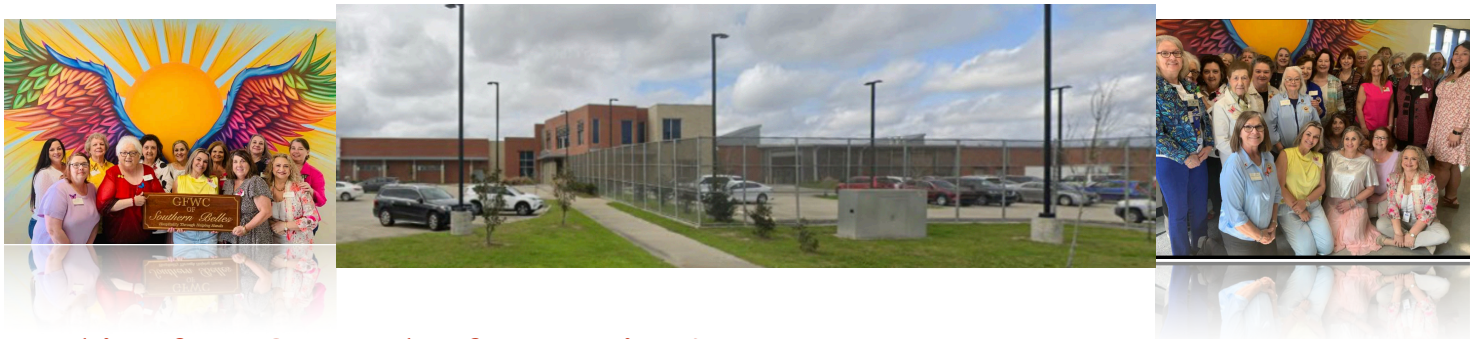


Billie Williams may be short in stature but she's a powerhouse of fun & getting things done. Billie's State of Texas Theme/**Project** is to Protect the Pollinators, all types from the "Bees's Knees to the Bat's Wings and Beyond". Without the pollinators we would not exist!

Billie loves to travel, do needlework and read, her favorite genre is historical detective novels like those by Agatha Christie & Arthur Conan Doyle. She likes listening to all types of music from classic country and rock & roll to opera and show tunes. Billie has been in GFWC since 2008 and is a member of the Liberty Coterie Club (Coterie is from the medieval French meaning "a group of like-minded friends". Thank you Billie for your leadership.

## ***GFWC of Louisiana, District 3 Annual Meeting***

Was held on March 11, 2023 at the Lafourche Parish Correctional Complex and the theme was Metamorphosis. It was hosted by GFWC of Southern Belles in Thibodaux. One of the Southern Belles, Captain Karla Beck, PhD, is an assistant warden at the Complex. She spoke about her mission and passion for helping those who have made a wrong turn in life get back on track. Those who are housed there, it is a prison without bars, are encouraged to continue their education, learn life and occupational skills and so much more. It houses both men and women but in separate buildings. The Belles have provided lessons to ladies about to emerge back into society on how to dress for and conduct themselves for a job interview. They also asked the ladies for their sizes and provided appropriate clothing and makeup for the interview. There is so much more that this forward thinking facility provides for the citizens of Lafourche Parish thanks to Sheriff Craig Weber. There was no charge for the use of the classroom where the meeting was held and a guided tour of the complex was given after the meeting.



## **Looking for a Great Idea for a Project?**

Then check out the Top Ten Projects for previous years. These are found in the Member Portal under Resources >T. These are the programs and projects selected as the Top projects by the GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, and Advancement Plan Chairmen. The lists were comprised from the State Award Entries and Club Creativity Award Entries submitted by state chairmen. So, check it out and discover a project that your state or club might want to get on board with!

## **It's Spring!**

What a great time to get out and do a project for nature! It can be a community cleanup or plant a garden of any kind. Don't forget the honey bees. Without them our world would exist no more. So plant some flowers that they love and don't spray pesticides. There are all kinds of natural pesticides like garlic. This is what they use on the gardens at Buckingham Palace. Maybe give out packets of flower seeds at a community event with the club name on it. This would be good advertising and good for Mother Nature. Please let me know what your club is doing for this type of project and send pictures so that I can put it in the next SCR Newsletter.



## ABOUT JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

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(Information for this article is from the resource entitled "The History of Junior Membership" which was gathered at GFWC Woman's History and Research Center in Washington, D.C. The resource provides more details and a list of each past- Director of Junior Clubs and their administrative accomplishments.). This can be found in the Membership Portal under My Digital Library >Resources >W >WHRC >History of Junior Membership.

The history of Junior membership in Federation goes back to the 1890s when leaders saw the need to have young women in the organization and to give them the ability to gain and the experience of leadership roles. This need for getting younger women into and involved in GFWC is still evident today as clubs experience shrinking membership.

Junior Clubs were first federated in 1895 starting up on the east and west coasts in particular. There were over 7,500 young women holding membership in Junior groups throughout the states in 1924. By 1930, Juniors representing 33 states attended the GFWC Convention in Denver, Colorado. The Junior Pledge, written by Mrs. Helen Cheney Kimberly, was adopted as the National Junior Pledge.

GFWC adopted the first four bylaws for Junior clubwomen in Detroit in 1935. This made Juniors a legally recognized part of the larger organization. "By 1944, all states but five were listed as having Junior state leaders. This is the same year GFWC abandoned any stand on the age limit, leaving this entirely up to the states."

Juniors received official recognition in 1952, when a Bylaw revision placed a Junior representative on the GFWC Executive Committee with the title "Director of Junior Clubs" which continues to this day. The first elected GFWC Director of Junior Clubs was Millie Crom who served in the 1952-1954 administration. Katie Moydell is the current Director.

In South Central Region, the only state with a Director of Junior Clubs is Louisiana. Louisiana has four Junior clubs with 60 members and one Juniorette Club with 39 members. Many regions throughout Federation have vibrant Junior memberships. As with other clubs, Ideas for projects are recommended in GFWC resources particularly through Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children and with Affiliate organizations such as Operation Smile, March of Dimes, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, United Nations Foundation Shot@Life Campaign, and UNICEF USA. As the Junior Pledge states, we should be "living each day, trying to accomplish something, Not merely to exist."

By Sandra Dunbar | GFWC of Louisiana Director of Junior Clubs



We have new SCR Pins for sale!

GET'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT!

We received our new South Central Region Pins last week. The cost is \$15.00 for the pin and if you would like it mailed to you it will be another \$5.00 for a total of \$20.00. Attached is a form if you would like to purchase your pin ahead of time.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 for \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of pins

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 for \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of pins to be mailed

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GFWC Clubwoman Magazine is available to share Submitting Articles with anyone. Down load it from the member portal and send it on to your club members or anyone interested in GFWC. What a great way to show others who we are and what we do.

This newsletter is looking for a few good articles! Anyone who would like to submit what ever your club, district or state is doing for a project or other news that you would like to share please submit it. Pictures would be wonderful!!! I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you.

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