



GFWC-SC 2018 Convention Plans

Celebrating our Past, Present and Future

Dear GFWC-SC Clubwomen,

I am happy to share with you the preliminary plans for our GFWC-SC 2018 Convention. I think it is going to be an exciting weekend and one that you will return from refreshed and re-energized for GFWC-SC!

This years convention will be very exciting because we will be celebrating our 120th Anniversary! We are planning lots of ways to share GFWC-SC history throughout the weekend. We will include the Award Winner's booklet in your Convention Program this year but as last year, you will have an opportunity for club photos with certificates immediately following the close of the Saturday Morning Session.

All Silver Certificate Awards will be presented throughout the Convention, as well as the individual awards. We are doing this in an effort to allow you more time to visit and exchange ideas with your club sisters from other areas of the state.

We have built in FREE Time throughout the weekend and have held your registration total cost to \$139 - that includes your registration and four meals! So grab your girlfriends and make plans to attend our 120th Annual Convention!

Final details for the weekend and the "Official Call" will be in your March 2018 Clubwoman Magazine!

Happy New Year!

Janet

Janet Prince, President
GFWC-SC



**PLANS FOR THE
120TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Celebrating Our Past, Present and Future

APRIL 19 - 22, 2018

**THE HOLIDAY INN & SUITES
COLUMBIA-AIRPORT**

HOSTESS DISTRICTS: MIDLANDS AND NORTHERN

**CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS
PEGGY AUN AND LAURA PALMER**

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina will hold its' One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Convention at The Holiday Inn & Suites Columbia-Airport, 110 McSwain Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169, April 19-22, 2018. Our special guests will be our GFWC-SC Past President's and GFWC-SC Past Directors of Junior Clubs; our "Welcome Speaker" Lexington County Sherriff Jay Koon, Friday luncheon speaker author Geanna Culbertson, and a representative from Lighthouse for Life will speak at our Saturday brunch. All clubwomen are invited and encouraged to attend to celebrate a successful year of community service and to recognize our outstanding clubwomen.

Room Reservation Deadline is April 5, 2018

April 5th is the deadline for room reservations and can be made by calling 1-803-391-4000. Please be sure to state our group name when calling - GFWC-SC. Room rates are Standard 2 Queens or 1 King: \$123.32. Rate is per night and include taxes and fees. All rooms require a guaranteed ONE (1) night's deposit, including tax.

Advance Registration and Meal Reservations Required

April 6 is the deadline for Registration and Meal Reservations. The advance registration fee is \$15 per person. Late registration or on-site registration is \$20 per person. We ask if you have retained a name badge holder from a prior convention to please bring it with you and receive a ticket for a special prize drawing. The Registration Form will be in your March Clubwoman.

Convention Attire & Other Information

Friday opening ceremonies and luncheon will be a Hat & Glove event. Friday evening we will be celebrating GFWC-SC through the decades, so wear your favorite decade dress. The Junior Fun Night will include the "It's In The Bag" Junior Travel Fund Auction and some fun dancing and singing Karoke style...so bring your dancing shoes! Junior's be sure and remember to bring your entries for the auction. Saturday is Business Casual or GFWC-SC/GFWC/Club attire day. Our Saturday morning business meeting will include the election of the 2018-2020 Executive Committee and District Officer's. Elections will be held at 11:00 a.m. so be sure you are in the room before the doors are closed!! We will enjoy brunch and a celebration of our Juniors and the great contributions they make to GFWC-SC. Then you will be free for an afternoon of shopping and networking with your club friends from across the state. Saturday evening we will end our convention in our formal attire as we celebrate our new officer's. The evening will include our 50/50 and of course Drawings for the Basket Auction to benefit the GFWC-SC President's Travel Fund.

GFWC-SC 2018 Convention Menu

Friday Opening Session Lunch

Salad Bar and Potato Bar
Coffee, Tea and Water
Chef's Choice Dessert \$28.00

Friday Evening Dinner

Stuffed Pork or Lemon Parmesan Chicken
Chef choice of two sides and dessert, Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea and Water \$34.00

Saturday Morning Brunch

The Grand Breakfast Buffett - Scrambled eggs, Smoked Bacon & Sausage, Breakfast Potatoes
Seasonal Sliced and Whole Fruits, Assorted Breakfast Breads, Coffee, Tea & Water \$22.00

Saturday Evening Dinner

Blackened Prime Rib or Mahi & Shrimp
Chef choice of two sides, Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea and Water \$40.00

Note: Vegetarian Option available for all meals

Preliminary Agenda for GFWC-SC Convention April 19 - 22, 2018

Thursday, April 19, 2018

6:00 p.m. Past President's Dinner (Location TBD)
8:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting in the President's Room

Friday, April 20, 2018

10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
By 12:00 p.m. turn in all photos and scrapbooks for judging
11:00 a.m. Opening of Convention and Luncheon
FREE TIME
6:00 p.m. Reception/Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards
9:30 p.m. Junior Fun Night

Saturday, April 21, 2018

8:30 a.m. Convention in Session
Memorial Service
Business Meeting
2018-2020 Elections
Recognition of Juniors
Photo Opportunity with State President and Director of Junior Clubs
for 1st and 2nd place CSP/Advancement Area Winners
FREE TIME
5:45 p.m. Reception/Cash Bar

6:30 p.m.

Dinner and Awards

Installation of 2018-2020 Officers

Adjournment of the 120th Annual Convention

Reception in honor of the GFWC-SC 2018-2020 Officers

Hosted by North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club

Sunday, April 22, 2018

9:00 a.m.

2018-2020 Board of Directors Meeting

GFWC-SC 2018 Convention Speakers



Jay Koon

Lexington County Sherriff

Sheriff Bryan "Jay" Koon was sworn in as the 39th sheriff of Lexington County April 24, 2015. Sheriff Koon began his law enforcement career as a reserve police officer for the University of South Carolina's Division of Law Enforcement and Safety in August 1993. In 1994, Koon began a 20-year career with the Town of Lexington Police Department where he served stints as a detective, patrol sergeant, watch commander, special operations lieutenant and, most recently, assistant chief of police. Koon is also a 2008 graduate of the FBI National Academy (Session 235). He also graduated from the 40th session of the FBI's National Executive Institute.

Koon was asked to join the transitional leadership team for the Lexington County Sheriff's Department by then Sheriff A. Lewis McCarty in June 2014.

Sheriff Koon is a 1990 graduate of Lexington High School, and a 1994 graduate of the University of South Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Koon is also a Leadership Lexington County graduate as well as an Eagle Scout.



Geanna Culbertson is the award-winning author of *The Crisanta Knight Series*.

Since *Book One's* release in May 2016, it has won a Mom's Choice Award for best family-friendly media, an IPPY award for accomplishment in e-books, and a Living Now Choice Award for "best lifestyle and world-changing books" in adventure fiction.

The Crisanta Knight Series is a proud sponsor of Girls on the Run, Los Angeles (GOTRLA). Driven by a heroine who is strong, smart, and bold, *The Crisanta Knight Series* is happy to be a continuous presence in the GOTRLA community, as both envision "a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential."

The series has been featured in *Girls' Life Magazine* as recommended reading for preteen and teen girls. Culbertson is also a regular speaker at schools for an array of age groups (from elementary schools to major universities).

Culbertson is a proud alumna of the University of Southern California where she earned her B.A. in Public Relations and triple minor degrees in Marketing, Cinematic Arts, and Critical Approaches to Leadership. She is a part of only 1.3% of her graduating class to earn the double distinction of Renaissance Scholar and Discovery Scholar. Her Discovery Scholar thesis "Beauty & the

Badass: Origins of the Hero-Princess Archetype” earned her acclaim in the School of Cinematic Arts, and helped fuel her female protagonist focused writing passions.

In addition to authoring The Crisanta Knight Series (set to be eight books with the final release in spring 2021), Culbertson is a full-time manager at a leading industry digital marketing firm, representing over 30 clients across the nation. When Culbertson is not working or writing, she can likely be found performing volunteer work at her local karate studio where she teaches martial arts (she is a black belt), going on adventures with her mother and best friend, and indulging her love of delicious food across the land.



Lighthouse for Life is a 501c3 non-profit organization seeking to take steps against sex trafficking. We desire to see everyone joined together to put a stop to the trafficking of our loved ones around us. We also desire to provide grace and restoration to victims being rescued from trafficking.