

September greetings, everyone! I hope you are enjoying the final days of summer. I'm, at least, looking forward to less humidity and cooler days.

September traditionally marks the start of the GWG year. Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us for the following exciting activities.

17th Annual Fall Kickoff is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th at the Embassy Suites Verdae, 670 Verdae Boulevard. Reception starts at 5:30pm and Program at 6:15pm. Join us as we hear personal stories of how GWG's collective giving has impacted members of our community. **RSVP deadline is September 1st. Please make your reservation [here](#).** This is a great opportunity to invite guests to learn more about GWG. Just submit their names and email addresses along with your RSVP.

GWG Education Series: On Tuesday, September 20th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, join for an education session on 'Art for the Park and the Public Space'. Session will be held at the Younts Conference Center, Furman University. Speakers will be George P (GP) McLeer, Jr., Executive Director of the SC Arts Alliance & Mayor of Fountain Inn and Tracy Ramseur, Cultural Arts Manager, City of Greenville. **Make a reservation [here](#) and invite a friend by entering her (or his) name and email address, as well.**

Each One Bring One: The Membership Growth Committee will host an event at the home of Donna deKay on Thursday, September 29th, from 5:30pm to 7pm. It's a perfect opportunity to bring friends and engage in small group discussions. Invitations were emailed this morning.

Strictly Social Event: Please join us for a morning at the Greenville Zoo on Tuesday, October 4th, from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Enjoy meeting ambassador animals with their trainers and a special "behind-the-scenes" tour. Cost is \$25 per person and includes your zoo admission plus a box lunch. Following lunch, you are welcome to explore the zoo on your own. Invitations will be emailed soon.

The Membership Engagement Committee is bringing back – **The Gathering Spot** – this year which gives members a chance to meet and socialize in an informal setting. We'll gather at the reception before each event – colored balloons will indicate the designated spot. So if you're a new member – or someone who's been around for years – and want to make new friends, The Gathering Spot is the place to be!

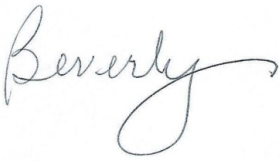
By now, you should have received the Annual Program Brochure in the mail. The GWG committees have worked diligently to plan a full year of interesting events. If you did not get the brochure, please let [Melanie Dixon](#) know and confirm that we have your correct mailing address.

Looking to get more involved in GWG? Join the **Grants Review Committee** and be part of the group (usually about 60+ women divided among our five granting areas) who will decide which organizations appear on the 2023 grants ballot. This

committee will be active between January and April. If interested in joining this committee, contact [Melanie Dixon](#).

As always, we appreciate your generosity and commitment to Greenville Women Giving!

Sincerely,



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