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Dear GFWC Southern Region Members:

It is my pleasure to issue your Official Call to the GFWC Southern Region Annual Meeting to be held October 20-23, 2016, ***“Down by The Riverwalk”*** at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. All of your *Southern Sisters* are invited, so please not only share this with your members but encourage them to attend! This letter, the Registration form and airport shuttle information will be posted on the Southern Region website soon!

The conference agenda includes presentations by our own GFWC Chairmen & Committee members and includes Communications and Public Relations, Leadership and the state’s LEADS graduates, important Legislation/Public Policy, Membership, our Capital Campaign, the Signature Juniors’ Special Programs, some ***“WOW”*** moments from our Past Region Presidents, and this President’s Special Project – ***“Just Too Sweet”***.

You will also have an opportunity to not only meet our 2016-2018 GFWC International President Shelia Shea and President-Elect Mary Ellen Brock, but hear them speak. There will be wonderful opportunities to learn/share information with your *Southern Sisters* from AL, FL, GA, MS, SC, and Aruba, shop with the conference vendors, take lots of photos (some by Joel) and renew/form new friendships with these fabulous ladies! On Friday, you will have two opportunities to sightsee – (1) go on a tour of and have lunch at ***“The Cummer”***, one of the premier museums and historic gardens in the Southeast or visit ***The Summer Women’s Show*** where you can visit booths on current fashion, beauty tips, health, lifestyle, shopping, prizes with lunch included! Florida State Night will once again involve the *River – the St. John’s-* with our meal at the fun destination of ***The River City Brewing Co.*** on the Southbank of Jacksonville with transportation there by water taxi! Since October is *Domestic Violence Month*, we are all asked to **wear all/something purple** to this event! Following this fun excursion, we will return to the hotel for more social time and visiting. Saturday will feature the business session and the presentation of our state flags – so inspiring. Our Saturday evening banquet, with the processional, will be unforgettable. Sunday you will have an opportunity to hear from the State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs and receive your invitation to our next annual meeting in Georgia! Dress for the tours will be GFWC casual with comfy shoes, the meetings are business casual, and the banquets, dressy/cocktail/after five. Door prizes, opportunities to own, GFWC merchandise, vendors galore- what fun! I look forward to seeing you all there!

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