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## LEADERSHIP: LEARNING ABOUT YOUR LEADERS 2018-2020 - PART 2

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As we begin this new 2018-2020 Administration, I wish to share a few comments of introduction about family. My high school sweetheart, Ron Holland, and I are both natives of Toccoa and have been married 42 years. We are blessed in life with a wonderful daughter and son-in-law, Hilliary and Josh Bentley, who last year gave us a granddaughter, Lillian Mae, the new love of our life. During the last 15 months, Ron and I have experienced an overwhelming love being called "G-Pa and GiGi". Life cannot be better! Also, Ron and I are crazy about our Yorkie, Chloe, who is our second so-called child that keeps us entertained. Our family life revolves chiefly around church where Ron serves as a Deacon and we both teach Sunday School. Since 2005, I have been employed as an Executive Administrative Assistant at Patterson Pump Company, a world-wide leading supplier of quality pumps, located in Toccoa.

I became a member of the Junior Woman's Club of Toccoa in 1987 and a member of the Toccoa Woman's Club in April 2017 (it has taken me 30 years to mature). Little did I know that a simple springtime evening walk with a friend, who was an active member of Toccoa Junior Woman's Club, would be the beginning steps for my GFWC Georgia journey. All it took was her brief question "Would you like to be my guest at this month's meeting?" and my saying YES! Soon after joining the club, there came an offer to be Club Recording Secretary, followed by other offices and then asked to be Club President in 1992. Holding the office of Club President gave me an appetite that led to being 9<sup>th</sup> District Junior Director; to 9<sup>th</sup> District President in 2002-2004; to Director of Junior Clubs in 2008-2010; to currently serving as GFWC Georgia First Vice President during 2018-2020. I have found that I am happiest when I am busy and sharing life with others to make a difference in our communities.

## *Meet Shelby Holland 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*







I am honored to serve with each of you during the next two years. I would love an invitation to attend a club meeting or participate in a project with your club to allow me to get to know your members. I value this time as a learning opportunity and want you to know I am only a phone call away if you have questions. I am excited to be working with "Shelby's Sassy Six", the 2018-2020 District Presidents, which are a fabulous group of leaders. I look forward to seeing many of you in St. Louis in June at the GFWC International Convention.



I end with this quote from Walt Disney – "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." – a very good suggestion for our new 2018-2020 Administration!

In Federated Service,  
Shelby Holland, GFWC Georgia 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



## Meet Kim Sekulow 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



I was born in Alexandria, VA in 1959 where I lived until I went to college at the University of Virginia. I moved to Georgia the day after graduation for a job opportunity in sales, with American Hospital Supply, in 1981. In 1984, I married the boy next door (literally...our town homes shared a common wall!). Gary's mom predicted we would marry before we had ever met...she was scary good at those kind of things! Gary and I have lived all of our married life in the Stone Mountain and Smoke Rise areas. We have 2 children, Adam and Jenny, who are married to fabulous spouses, Kelli Banister and Ben Stringfellow. Adam and Kelli have our only granddaughter, Sloane, who is 2 1/2. I am her "Honey" and Gary is Pops, so together we are Honey-Pops! Jenny and Ben live in LA (not lower Alabama) and are both in the entertainment industry. You can see Ben's editing credit in the new movie Rampage, with The Rock, in theaters now. We are hoping opportunity will bring them back to the East Coast one day. My parents, Bobbie and Duane Brown, are also in the Stone Mountain area. I have one sister, Lynn Fazz, who lives with her husband in Yuma, Arizona.

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*Kim (on right) and her sister 1964*

I have been in sales of some sort all my adult life. After hospital sales, I sold business forms for Burroughs, including safety checks (ask me to teach you how to forge a signature!). In 1986, Gary and I decided to open lingerie stores in the Atlanta area. I had 2 stores, Lace N Things, in the Loehmann's plaza shopping centers in the Atlanta area. I can tell you some wild stories about customers and retail from that phase of my life! We sold the stores when our son, Adam, was born because it was too difficult to get to the markets with a newborn. Soon after, I accepted a job in the Corporate Office of Rich's Department Stores as a training manager. I trained commission sales people and middle management in that capacity as well as helping to develop training materials for Rich's. I left the workforce when our daughter, Jennifer, was born in 1993.





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When we married, we bought a home in Smoke Rise where Marty Bryan was a neighbor. She was an active member of the GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club. Marty invited me, numerous times, to visit and to join the club. Finally, probably just to stop her from asking, I did visit and fell in love with the women, the mission and the satisfaction from the work in our community. I have been a member now for more than 25 years! I have served in numerous chairmanships and offices for my club, district, and now state. I have worked also at the region level. Every job brings new growth and increases my love and appreciation for GFWC. The lesson is to **never stop** asking people to visit. If Marty hadn't persisted, I may have missed one of the most gratifying opportunities of my life.

My life is blessed. I have had incredible opportunities to travel, to meet interesting people, to have new and exciting experiences and to use my talents on many levels. I am a frustrated decorator, a quilter, a needlepointer, a tennis player, an at home chef and a traveler. I sing and I can play piano, flute and guitar although I do not use these talents enough to claim them! Gary will tell you my best talent is shopping and I am quite good at that! I rarely miss an opportunity to be with family and friends and often forget there is a difference. Friends are the family we choose.

I have loved my experience with GFWC Georgia and wouldn't trade the friends or the experiences I have had with our organization. I am looking forward to working with the CSPs the next two years and our theme will be *Orchestrate Success: Creating Symphony and Harmony in our Communities*. My philosophy is to get the job done, to do it well, and to have a great deal of fun doing it! I think we are in for a great ride!