



APRIL 2017



GFWC MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS:



Did you know that April is designated as the National Volunteer Month?

Denise and I admire you, the MCWC club members, for your volunteerism. The outstanding service **each of you** provides impacts our local and global communities. I recently came across the following quote by Eric Hoffer: *The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.* So, let's do the math for MCWC. Last year, our members volunteered 6,464 hours, made \$20,425 in-kind donations, and donated \$16,414!

How do we thank you for such an astonishing accomplishment? The simple truth is the "thank you's" that mean the most are the ones we'll never hear. It is the silent thanks of the art teachers in our school system, the homeless in metro Atlanta, the students in our local and global community, the clients at the Good Shepherd Clinic, the mothers and their babies in Haiti, the veterans who served our Nation, the victims of domestic violence, and all the other recipients of our outreach. Those moments, the ones that we'll probably never witness are the moments when your service is felt the most. On behalf of Denise and me, we loudly shout **THANK YOU** for all the service you do! We are proud and honored to call you our sisters!

Now, to celebrate our club's Spring District Awards! (13 members attended the district meeting)

As you were notified earlier, **all** of our Departments won 1st Place in the Category of 26 to 50 members.

Individual members also won with their arts submissions:

Student Art - Jenae Brittain	1st place
Quilting - Lorelei Bonner	1st place

These art items will go to the State meeting for judging as well as the photographs that were submitted. We await even more awards.

Now, to celebrate our club's Silver Awards!

Our Domestic Violence Project won the Macon Domestic Violence Award of Excellence and the Elaine Chandler GFWC Georgia President's Special Project Award (Domestic Violence).

Denise McCulley Martin was named the GFWC Georgia Central West District General Club Woman of the Year.

Congratulations!!! Well done, ladies!!!

Important Dates for GFWC:

- April 24 is GFWC Federation Day.
- April 23 – 29 is GFWC Volunteers in Action Week

Now, to celebrate our GFWC Georgia:

- Our State organization is composed of 108 women's clubs divided into 6 districts throughout the state of Georgia.
- To date, there are approximately 2,700 members throughout Georgia.

So, let's go meet some of these fellow GFWC Georgia sisters! Plan to attend the **2017 GFWC Annual Convention**. This meeting will be held at the Atlanta Marriott Century Center located at 2000 Century Blvd, NE. Opening session is Saturday, April 29, closing after the breakfast meeting on Sunday, April 30. The deadline for registration is April 14. The electronic Call to Convention was emailed to you; now you just need to make the decision to attend! It will be fun!



DENISE AND LOIS

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



ARTS

This section has been moved to the last page of the newsletter so that you can easily remove it for reference during the month.



CONSERVATION

April is *THE* month for conservation and care for God's creation. In 1970, the first official Earth Day was established. There are literally thousands of sites, events, and organizations

that pertain to environmental issues. I have listed but a few national, state, and local websites that might be of interest to you, your children, students, or grandchildren.

National Wildlife Week <http://www.nwf.org/>

National Garden Month <http://www.nationalgardenmonth.org/>

National Frog Month (Who Knew) http://familycrafts.about.com/od/holidays/p/National_Frog_Month.htm

National Arbor Day <https://www.arborday.org/>

Earth Day Resources for Kids <https://seasonal.theteacherscorner.net/earth-day/>

GEORGIA WILDLIFE FEDERATION <http://www.gwf.org/Home.aspx>

April 2017 CLAYTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

April 8 Eggstravaganza - Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and more from 1:00pm - 4:00pm! Free Event at Gerald Matthews Sports Complex 770-347-0200

April 8 Wild Azalea Festival 11:00am - 4:00pm Enjoy a guided hike, live animals, nature center exhibits, face painting, native azalea showcase, hands on workshops, native plant sales, informational booths from local environmental organizations and much more! Free Event 770-603-4188

April 13 Arts & Games Night 6:30pm - 8:00pm at South Clayton Recreation Center. - This event will consist of activities and materials in preparation of Spring. There will be take home crafts and family games. - Free Event

April 14 TR All White Affair at VIP Complex Clayton County International Park \$5.00 per person The annual "All White Affair" will be held at the International Park- The Beach in Clayton County on Friday April 14, 2017 between the hours of 7pm-10pm. The event will consist of light refreshments, music, dancing, games and more! This program is open to our participants' and their families they will dress in all white according to the theme. The program promotes socialization as well as independence and pre-registration is required. This event is designed specifically for our therapeutic participants' and their families. Participants who have not completed a parent/child interview with a TR supervisor will need to be with a parent or care provider.



EDUCATION

The Georgia Federation Women's Club has made available to us a structured reading program that is both educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. The Epsilon Sigma Omicron honorary society has compiled a reading list which is attached to the email sending this newsletter. All you readers, check it out and see how many of these wonderful books you have already read. Keep a list and add to it for some quality reading. In December we will have a "reward" for the member who has read the most books from this list.

As always, we appreciate the donation of used books, magazines, box tops and Campbell soup labels. These items are all recycled to the library, veterans' facility and schools.



FASHION SHOW

IMPORTANT: For those of you who have been upset about having to change caterers and paying too much for her (that includes Connie and I), we have great news. Renee knew some helpers to hire and help with the food. Our concern was that we don't have enough workers for the kitchen so this is solved. The menus will be similar to past years. Renee and Marjorie will be handling everything concerning food along with hired help. RENEЕ IS AN ANGEL!

Please bring ALL jewelry you have collected for the fashion show to the April meeting. We will be dividing it into table groupings for the tables.

You will be receiving a separate email with the list of jobs for the day of the fashion show and a list of important reminders. **PLEASE BE SURE TO READ EVERYTHING.** Thanks to everyone for your hard work.

Peggy Pruett & Connie Johnson



HOME LIFE



Home Life will host the program for the April meeting. A representative from the Bobby Dodd Institute Center in Jonesboro will be the presenter. Formerly known as WORKTEC, the Bobby Dodd Institute is a valuable resource for adults with disabilities. It sponsors training, job coaching, and mentoring.



Identity theft is an issue which we hear about on TV, and hope that it never happens to us! The Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC) is a non-profit organization established to support victims of identity theft in resolving their cases and to broaden public education and awareness in the understanding of identity theft, data breaches, scams, cyber security, and protecting yourself from these. Take a little time to explore the website www.idtheftcenter.org and its available services:

- provides assistance to victims-online consumers, elderly, children, military
- extensive articles and information on tips to protect yourself: creating strong passwords, credit cards vs debit cards, smartphone safety
- state by state resources with phone numbers, links, law enforcement

- national websites & links to them for information or assistance (for example: Better Business Bureau, Federal Trade Commission www.identitytheft.gov/)
- scam alerts
- Articles such as "Spring Cleaning Your Mobile Device" and "Talking to Teens about Identity Theft"

Phone: 888-400-5530 for assistance



Home Life is asking your support in collecting **cleaning** (laundry, bathroom, kitchen, dusters, etc) for gift baskets for new homeowners and **bottled water** for building teams.



supplies
Habitat's



Renee will be walking in the Relay for Life this month (Cancer Control Month), and she is asking us to support her with our individual donations. There are very few of us whose lives or families have not been touched by some form of cancer. This relay celebrates survivors, remembers loved ones lost, and raises money to help the American Cancer Society continue to take action against all cancers.



Food Pantry requests: spaghetti sauce & pasta, mac & cheese, cereal

HOME LIFE MEMBERS: Bring coffees, chocolates, and related items for opportunity basket for fashion show

****On-going collections: pop tops, eyeglasses, calendars, hats, bingo prizes**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Here is an easy way you can help spread the word to help prevent child maltreatment from Prevent Child Abuse Georgia March newsletter. **Sign-up for our thunderclap, which is a social media campaign that post the same message on everyone's social media page at once, creating greater impact. Signing up will allow us to post a pre-made message about the 1-800-CHILDREN Helpline. It's an easy way to spread the word about this great statewide resource.**

<https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/53935-child-abuse-prevention-month>

Domestic Violence Shelter Boxed Cereal Drive

Please bring a box of cereal for Haven House and Securus House to the April meeting.



PUBLIC ISSUES

AARP Senior Defensive Driving course

Charlie Griswell Senior Center – May 9 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1734 Society

The Club supports the GFWC headquarters home at 1734 N Street as a \$25 line item. It was customary in years past to ask members if they would like to donate \$1.75 or so to the cause as well. We haven't done this is the past year or two and would like to renew this activity. You may bring any amount donation to Club in April to add to our donation if you like.

Named for our esteemed Washington, DC address - 1734 N Street - the purpose of the 1734 Society is to ensure the preservation of GFWC Headquarters, a National Historic Landmark. By joining in the 1734 Society you maintain the structural integrity of this historic building which continues to serve as a vital center for women's issues and outreach all while demonstrating your pride and commitment to GFWC

Built in 1875, and established as GFWC Headquarters in 1922, the building has a rich history, serves as a residence to the International President during her administration, serves as professional office space, and houses the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center.

Veteran's socks

We will be giving out tube socks to be filled with items to be given to those Veteran's in the home Atlanta. There is a list of suggested items included with each pair of socks. Please fill these socks and return them at the May meeting. If you would rather make a donation, that option is available as well. Make your check out to the MCWC and we will share it with the Veteran's.

COMMITTEES



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to April 2017, and Spring Time!

It is April and we are all welcoming Spring, and readying ourselves for our 19th Annual Fashion Show. We are also working toward increasing our membership by seeking to find fun loving, hardworking, caring, and friendly ladies to join us in our Club fun and projects. Increasing membership allows us to do more for our community, while bringing in fresh new faces and ideas. What an opportunity!

Membership will be having a Salad Supper for Members and Guests at the June Meeting, beginning at 5:30 PM. We will ask for a \$5.00 donation from members and our guests will, of course, be free. We are hoping to have both member invited guests and ladies we have talked with at the Fashion Show. I will have invitations to the Salad Supper available for you at the April club meeting. Think about including the invitation with the Fashion Show tickets you sale. We want to encourage ladies to come and meet us and find out what a great group we have while discovering fantastic volunteer possibilities through Morrow Civic Woman's Club. (I realize not all of the ladies you have sold tickets to will receive an invitation for the Salad Supper since you have probably already delivered many ticket by this date.)

This same invitation will also be available at the Membership table at the Fashion Show. My goal is also to post the invitation on Facebook, and on the upcoming website when available. Trying hard to get the "word" out

about this great organization....this endeavor will take all of us! If you have any comments or suggestions, I gladly want to hear them. Thanks!

At the Membership Table, Membership Committee Members and Club Members will be talking to guests concerning our Club, the June Salad Supper and the June Club meeting that follows the Salad Supper. Our goal is to find ladies interested in The Morrow Civic Woman's Club. We will have a short name and address form for them to complete. This form will be placed in a box for a drawing for a \$25.00 Belk gift card. The drawing will be after the Fashion Show when all names have been gathered. Be sure you let your friends and family know to stop by the membership table and fill out a form for the drawing, especially if they are interested in our Club! The winner of the gift card will be notified by phone, email or notecard.



SCHOLARSHIP

We will be giving out flyers about the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship as soon as the website it up and running. The deadline of June 1th is fast approaching.

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Thanks to everyone who donated prom dresses, accessories and money. Connie and I delivered 35 dresses from MCWC and donations from the district. Prom is April 1 and I know there will be many happy girls.
Peggy Pruett



International Committee

Help assemble 100 Birthing Kits! Come to Marjorie Lacy's home at 389 Conyers Rd, McDonough at 10:00 am on **Saturday, April 8th**. If you are able to scrounge up some receiving blankets to donate, that would be wonderful. I have been buying all the receiving blankets that come into the Thrift Store, laundering and pressing- if you are not able to spend much on receiving blankets this is a good way to collect some. If you sew and have some flannel, receiving blankets are easy to make. Doughnuts and coffee will be on hand for volunteers.

	<i>Happy Birthday!</i>	<i>Happy Anniversary!</i>
<i>April</i>	4 <i>Mary Harmon</i> 15 <i>Carolyn Cochran</i>	30 <i>Peggy Wilson</i>



HOSTESSES FOR APRIL 6TH MEETING

<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Devotional</i>		
<i>Carolyn Cochran</i>	<i>Elaine Dorsey</i>	<i>Mary Harmon</i>	



MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

APRIL 26TH



State website: www.gafwc.org



National website: www.gfwc.org



Here are our Arts Offerings for April

Please send your volunteering hours and participation in the arts anytime during the year to wils4929@bellsouth.net. Sign-up sheets will be available at club meetings

Congratulations to everyone who placed first in the Arts at District meeting.

Student Art - Jenae Brittain	1st place
Quilting - Lorelei Bonner	1st place

**We will have the opportunity to enter the National Photo Contest in May
At this time Connie Johnson will be entering her PHOTO**

Please start taking pictures of your bulbs as they come up this spring for next year's photo contest!

Also take pictures of clubwomen doing or work around town. There is an art contest for that as well!!

Here's what the Arts have to offer you this month

Spivey Hall
(678) 466-4200

Saturday, April 1, 2017 7:30 PM

EBÈNE QUARTET

Pre-concert Talk 6:30 PM

\$60

“The superb Quatuor Ebène has made a name for itself not only as an elegant purveyor of classical fare but also for jazz performances,” playing “with no-holds-barred fervor” (*The New York Times*). The Ebène brings Debussy’s Quartet to life “with a refreshing muscularity, the kind of dynamism the composer wrote into the score” and “moments of real spikiness and angularity,” while keeping it “exceptionally fluid rhythmically” (*AllMusic.com*). In switching to jazz, there’s “no sudden stylistic leap...the players [sound] like themselves, intelligent, smooth, sensuous” (*Boston Classical Review*).*ebeneaudionotes*

Sunday, April 2, 2017 3PM
LOUIS LORTIE, PIANO
Pre-concert brunch – 1:15 PM • \$40
\$70

“All the Lortie stylistic trademarks – gorgeously luminous and rounded tone, limpid and pellucid legato and articulation, finely shaded nuances of touch and dynamics, impeccable senses of rhythm and tempo with just delicate hints of rubato – are present in spades,” rejoices *Fanfare* of Louis Lortie’s fourth CD release in his acclaimed Chopin cycle for Chandos. “Louis Lortie was eloquent, poised and incisive” (*Sydney Morning Herald*). “As a virtuoso Lortie is uniquely human, and yet the sounds that emanate from his instrument belong to the sphere of the divine” (*BachTrack.com*).

Saturday, April 8, 2017 7:30 PM
FRED HERSCH, PIANO
\$40

“Solo Hersch is a complete, self-sufficient, uniquely pure art form” (*Jazz Times*). As he amply demonstrates in recent releases including *Alone at the Vanguard* and *Fred Hersch—SOLO*, Hersch is “a pianist of unflinching imagination, who plays with a coherence of touch and conception... full of sparking images and an unimpeded sense of expression” (Audiophile Audition). Winner of a prestigious 2016 Doris Duke Charitable Foundation grant, Fred Hersch is “a master who plays it his way... Mr. Hersch has honed a solo piano concept second to none in jazz” (*The New York Times*) with “an intensity of intelligence and emotional directness unparalleled among his peers” (*The New Yorker*).

“When it comes to the art of solo piano in jazz, there are currently two classes of performers: Fred Hersch and everybody else” (*All About Jazz*)

Friday, April 21 & 22, 2017 7:30 PM
CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY MUSIC DRAMA: LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD
\$10 | \$10 adults / \$5 students *Free for CSU students, faculty, and staff with Laker Card. Tickets required.
Presented by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts/Division of Music

Seymour Barab: Little Red Riding Hood

DIRECTED BY DR. KURT-ALEXANDER ZELLER

CONDUCTED BY DR. RICHARD BELL

Students from CSU’s Music Drama Workshop present Seymour Barab’s witty operatic version of the timeless story of **Little Red Riding Hood**. Suitable for children but with some lessons for adults, too,

Barab’s story of a little girl who thinks the rules apply “to everyone but me,” a surprisingly spry grandma, and a ravenous wolf “with a delicate digestive tract” has something for everyone.

The spring Music Drama Workshop production is an operatic treatment of **Little Red Riding Hood**, written in 1964 by Seymour Barab (1921-2014). Mr. Barab, a noted ‘cellist who performed in the San Francisco Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, and the Galimir Quartet, was also an active composer, characterized by the **New York Times** as most “widely known for lighter one-act works whose accessibility, tunefulness and economy of scale made them among the most frequently performed operas in the world.” **Little Red Riding Hood**, an hour-long one-act treatment of the classic tale, is a

classic example of all of these qualities, and its witty presentation of a little girl who thinks that rules apply “to everyone but me,” a surprisingly spry and voluble grandma, and a wolf “with a delicate digestive tract” should delight children (elementary school age and up) and adults alike. The production, which features CSU Music Drama Workshop students in all the roles, will be staged by Director of Vocal Studies and Opera Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller and conducted by Director of Instrumental Studies Dr. Richard Bell, with design by Assistant Professor of Theatre Derrick Vanmeter and several of our Bachelor of Arts in Performing Arts Theatre students. Performances are at 7:30 in Spivey Hall on Friday and Saturday, 21 and 22 April 2017. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 stud

Sunday, April 23, 2017 3PM

**CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA
SOUTHERN CRESCENT YOUTH SYMPHONY**

FREE

Presented by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts/Division of Music

The Clayton State University Orchestra & The Southern Crescent Youth Symphony

Dr. Richard Bell, conductor

<https://mg.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.partner=sbc&.rand=bik20psi6he94>

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 11AM

**DIVISION OF MUSIC CURATED STUDENT RECITAL
FREE**

Presented by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts/Division of Music

ADMISSIONS POLICY

No one under the age of 12 is admitted to Spivey Hall concerts, unless the concert is specifically designated as being appropriate for younger children. Click here to learn more about Spivey Hall's Young People's Concerts for children in grades Pre-K through 12.

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 7:30 PM

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY JAZZ COMBO

FREE

Presented by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts/Division of Music

Clayton State University Jazz Combo

Stacey Houghton, director

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Thursday, April 27, 2017 7:30 PM

FAURÉ REQUIEM \$10

\$10 adults / \$5 students *Free for CSU students, faculty & staff with Laker Card.

Clayton State University Community Chorus

Dr. Michael Fuchs, conductor

Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra - Dr. Richard Bell, conductor

Sunday, April 30, 2017 3PM

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY CHORALE

FREE

Dr. Michael Fuchs, conductor

Presented by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts/Division of Music

Southside Theatre Guild

**"SUDS-The Rocking 60's Musical Soap Opera" at
STG**

Our next production, SUDS-The Rocking 60's Musical Soap Opera, has been cast and is now in rehearsal. The production will open on April 27, 2017 and run for two weekends. [Read more.](#)

Performance dates:

April 27, 28, 29, 30(matinee) May 4, 5, 6, 7(matinee), 2017.

Reservation link

Box Office Opens April 13, 2017.

Please note that messages directed to this e-mail address can only be checked and returned by Box Office workers during periods when the Box Office is open. For more information on dates when Box Office is open,

visit the reservations page @ <http://www.stgplays.com>

E-mail: boxoffice@stgplays.com

Phone: 770-969-0956

Clayton County Parks and Recreation

Wild Azalea Festival April 8, 2017. 11-4pm

Eggstravaganza April 8, 2017 1-4pm

Academy Theatre

Battle Acts Improv

<http://www.academytheatre.org/theatre-programs/featured-events#battleacts>

599 N Central Ave, Atlanta, GA 30354, USA

Tickets available at: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/104339>

Front Porch Player

Coming Attractions

Leading Ladies - June

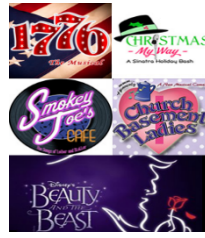
Driving Miss Daisy - August

Lying in State - November

Legacy Theatre

To go to this line up visit: <http://www.thelegacytheatre.org>

404-895-1473



Our Exciting 11th Season

Tickets on Sale Now!

There are several performances available, Smokey Joe's Cafe, Church Basement Ladies and Beauty & the Beast.

Henry Players



April 20-23, 27-30

Rated PG

"BIG FISH 12-Chair is the new, small-cast version (for 12-actors) of the Broadway musical. Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, BIG FISH centers on Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest... and then some! Edward's incredible, larger-than-life stories thrill everyone around him – most of all, his devoted wife Sandra. But their son Will, about to have a child of his own, is determined to find the truth behind his father's epic tales. Overflowing with heart, humor and spectacular stagecraft, BIG FISH is an extraordinary new Broadway musical that reminds us why we love going to the theatre – for an experience that's richer, funnier and BIGGER than life itself."

Our box office phone number is [770.892.9906](tel:770.892.9906)

All Showtime are Thurs, Friday & Sat @ 7:30; Sunday @ 2:30; **doors open 45 minutes prior to show**



The Box Office is open Tuesday-Saturday from 12-5 PM. Call 404.584.7450 to speak with a box office attendant.

Nobody Loves You March 17th - April 30th

Blackberry Daze July 17th - August 20th